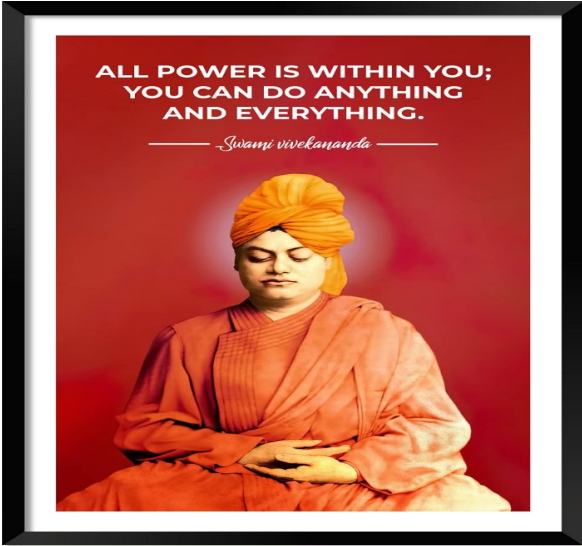
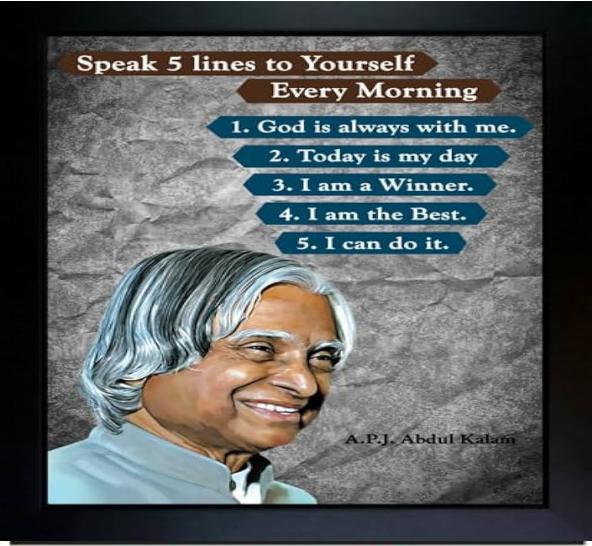




Sajjanar Urges Public to Stay Alert Amid Heavy Rain Alert



Hyderabad: Hyderabad Police Commissioner VC Sajjanar asked the people to stay vigilant in the wake of the weather department's warning that heavy rains are likely to lash the city until tonight, everyone must remain extreme-

ly cautious. "Avoid unnecessary travel unless it's an emergency. Do not step out of your homes. Those already outside should quickly wrap up their tasks before the rain intensifies and reach home safely," he said. "Traveling through water-

logged roads or low-lying areas prone to flooding is absolutely unsafe," he said, adding that drivers must reduce speed while driving and take appropriate precautions. In emergencies, stay alert and ensure everyone reaches home safely.

Jagan Slams Naidu over Politics of Vendetta



Amaravati: Yuvajana Sramika Rythu Congress Party (YSRCP) chief YS Jagan Mohan Reddy launched a scathing attack on Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu, alleging that the state has descended into "lawlessness" and a "jungle raj" characterised by a "politics of vendetta" against the opposition. In an extensive statement shared on social media platform X, the YSRCP chief questioned the recent

midnight police raids and arrests of party leaders, specifically highlighting the case of Alur MLA Virpakshi. Also Read - Crowd Online Debate "Lawlessness at its peak under Chandrababu Naidu regime. Protection for the attackers, criminal cases against the victims: Politics of Vendetta. Mr Naidu, what exactly is happening in Andhra Pradesh today? If those who perpetrate attacks belong to the ruling

party, they are protected. If the victims belong to the YSR Congress, criminal cases are filed against them. If public representatives stand by the victims, they too are booked." "Those who question the government are arrested. Those who dare to hold it accountable face midnight police raids, with their doors being broken open. Is this democracy? Is this justice? Is this the rule of law?" Jagan said.

2 Bangladeshis among 3 Held in Adilabad for Committing Burglaries

Hyderabad: The Adilabad district Police solved a burglary case that occurred at the residence of a prominent political leader in Kailash Nagar under the limits of Mavala police station with the arrest of three persons including two Bangladeshi nationals. The arrested has been identified Mohammed Jauni Ali alias Jani Ali (30) and Mohammed Ruman Ali (33), both natives of Bangladesh and residing at Jaipur in Rajasthan, Tarun Singh (29) of Bhopal in Madhya Pradesh. The investigation further revealed that after entering India from Bangladesh on July 11, he, along with his associates, travelled through Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra before



been involved in house burglaries and two-wheeler thefts across several states, including Rajasthan, Odisha, Karnataka, Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, and Telangana since 2015. He allegedly entered India illegally and obtained a fake Aadhaar card. The investigation further revealed that after entering India from Bangladesh on July 11, he, along with his associates, travelled through Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra before

reaching Adilabad where they committed the burglary in Kailash Nagar under Mavala police station limits. Also Read - Khammam: Govt Teacher Suspended For Making Reels, Resigns The accused used to pose as vendors selling pressure cookers and grinders conduct reconnaissance in residential colonies. At night, they would break open locks and commit burglaries. Jauni Ali was involved in more than 100 burglaries and return to Bangladesh to evade arrest.

Telangana is progressing to compete with developed nations:

Hyderabad: Telangana Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka attended the 19th ATA National Convention in Baltimore. Addressing the gathering at the grand 19th American Telugu Association (ATA) National Convention held at the Baltimore Convention Center in Maryland, USA, Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka called upon Non-Resident Indians (NRIs), who have crossed continents and achieved great success through hard work and perseverance, to contribute their knowledge and expertise towards the development of their



home state and native villages. He opined to compete not just with other Indian states but with developed nations globally, and urged NRIs to come forward and invest in the state. "We have estab-

lished a single-window system for you. All approvals will be granted swiftly, and the state government will extend full support. We will stand by you in every industrial and social initiative. The Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy has sent me here specifically to invite you," he assured. Resigns Bhatti Vikramarka said that under the leadership of Revanth Reddy, the

Congress government is moving forward with a clear vision to transform Telangana into a \$3 trillion economy by 2047. He noted that Telangana, once envisioned by Sonia Gandhi, is now being governed in line with the aspirations of its people, with optimal utilization of resources. The state is rapidly advancing in providing world-class infrastructure essential for investments and industries. Also Read - Sajjanar Urges Public to Stay Alert Amid Heavy Rain Alert As part of this, the 56-kilometer Musi River in Hyderabad is being rejuvenated and beautified on the lines of

the River Thames in London, ensuring clean water flow and transforming the city's landscape. He recalled that infrastructure projects like the Outer Ring Road and the international airport, developed during the tenure of late Chief Minister Y.S. Rajasekhara Reddy, have become major assets for Telangana. Also Read - NIMS Celebrates 1,000 Robotic Surgeries in Less than 3 Years He added that the government is now constructing the Regional Ring Road (RRR) beyond the Outer Ring Road to connect other districts, along with plans for 36 radial roads.

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Minister Seethakka Calls For Statewide Awareness During World Breastfeeding Week



Hyderabad: On the occasion of World Breastfeeding Week (August 1-7), Minister for Women and Child Welfare Dr. Danasari Anasuya Seethakka directed officials to conduct extensive awareness programs across the state to convey the importance of breastfeeding to every mother and every family. The minister stated that mother's milk is the first right of every child and the complete nourishment provided by nature. She explained that colostrum, which comes immediately after birth, acts as the newborn's first immunity booster. By initiating breastfeeding within the first hour of birth for every child, providing exclusive breastfeeding along with age-appropriate complementary foods up to two years, a strong foundation is laid for the healthy growth of

children, she said. Also Read - Cyberabad Corporation Gets 35 Public Grievances in Prajavani Minister Seethakka suggested that World Breastfeeding Week should be observed not merely as official programs but as a movement to raise awareness among the people. She directed that awareness meetings, door-to-door visits, and community programs be held in all Anganwadi centers, villages, and wards across the state to extensively promote breastfeeding. Anganwadi teachers, helpers, supervisors, Women and Child Welfare Department officials, ASHA workers, and medical and health department staff should coordinate to visit government and private hospitals and urged them to dispel myths about breastfeeding and provide scientific awareness, while also involving family members as

partners in these programs. The minister directed that coordination with hospital staff should ensure that every newborn receives mother's milk within the first hour of birth in every maternity hospital. She expressed hope that the Anganwadi system would play a key role in promoting breastfeeding and that every Anganwadi center would stand as a guiding hub for motivate hospitals and mother's milk serves as a strong foundation for every child to lead a healthy life, she added. infants under six months, and mothers of children under two years, the minister advised.

Deputy CM Pawan Kalyan Congratulates Team India



Amaravati: Andhra Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister K Pawan Kalyan on Monday congratulated the Indian team for securing an impressive medal tally of 39 medals in the Commonwealth Games 2026 that concluded on Sunday at Glasgow in Scotland. Taking to X, the Deputy CM said that this remarkable achievement reflects the unwavering determination, discipline and fighting spirit of the Indian athletes. Every medal earned is the culmination of years of sacrifice, relentless training and an unshakable belief in the dream of representing Bharat with honour, he wrote. Also Read - Crowd Behaviour After Vizag Airport Opening Sparks Online Debate "Behind every podium finish stand dedicated coaches, unwavering families, tireless support staff and countless unseen efforts that transformed aspirations

into achievements. From the opening event to the final contest, Team India displayed extraordinary resilience, sportsmanship and excellence. Every athlete who carried the Tricolour onto the global stage represented the hopes and aspirations of 140+ crore Indians, reminding the world that India's greatest strength lies in the courage and character of its people. As our athletes continue to scale new heights across disciplines, they are shaping a new era for Indian sports," he wrote. Also Read - Is This Jungle Raj?: Jagan Slams Naidu over Politics of Vendetta Their achievements inspire millions of young Indians to dream fearlessly, embrace hard work and believe that dedication can turn every challenge into an opportunity and every aspiration into history, he stated. "Heartiest congratulations to every

medal winner, every participant, every coach, every support staff member and every family whose sacrifices made this inspiring journey possible. Your achievements have filled every Indian heart with pride and strengthened our collective belief that the best of Indian sport is yet to come. May this remarkable campaign serve as a stepping stone towards even greater triumphs on the world stage, inspiring generations to wear the Tricolour with pride and strive for excellence in every arena, he stated in his message. After 11 days of intense competition, Glasgow unday. The 2030 Games will be held in Ahmedabad, and the Scottish officials handed over the CWG flag and baton to Indian representatives -- Olympic gold medalist Neeraj Chopra, IOA president PT Usha and Gujarat Deputy Chief Minister Harsh Sanghani.

Recently inaugurated Falaknuma bridge develops pothole

Hyderabad: Less than a year after the inauguration of the parallel Road Over Bridge (RoB) at Falaknuma, a large pothole has developed on the bridge, posing a serious threat to motorists and raising questions over the quality of construction. The bridge, inaugurated on October 3, 2025, was built to ease traffic congestion between Chandrayana and Charminar. However, commuters say the appearance of a large pothole within such a short period reflects poor workmanship and inadequate maintenance. The pothole, located on the carriageway, has become a nightmare for motorists, particularly two-wheeler riders. As vehicles usually gather speed while climbing the bridge, many riders fail to notice the damaged stretch until the last moment, increasing the risk of accidents.



“This bridge is not even a year old, yet such a huge pothole has appeared. It makes us wonder about the quality and standard of the construction work. Huge amount of public money has been spent, but the results are disappointing,” said Mohammed Abdul Rahman, a resident of Falaknuma. Another commuter, Syed Imran Ali, questioned the durability of the project. “A of rupees should last for

decades, not develop potholes within months. The authorities should fix the problem immediately and investigate whether proper construction standards were followed,” he said. Motorists also expressed concern over the danger during night hours when visibility is poor. “At night, riders may not notice the pothole while approaching the bridge at normal speed. If a two-wheeler suddenly

hits it, the rider can easily lose balance and fall onto the road, leading to serious injuries or even fatal accidents,” warned K. Ramesh, a daily commuter. Residents have urged the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) to repair the pothole on a war footing and conduct a comprehensive inspection of the bridge to prevent further deterioration and ensure the safety of commuters.

SIT On The Lookout For CI Nagaraju’s Aide Suresh

Vijayawada: The Special Investigation Team (SIT) probing the custodial death of Sai Krishna is searching for Suresh, a close associate of suspended Circle Inspector (CI) SSVV Nagaraju, who is reportedly absconding. According to sources, the investigation has revealed that Suresh allegedly played a key role in both Sai Krishna’s custodial death and the subsequent disappearance of his body. Following the incident, Suresh went into hiding along with constables Ashok and Nani. While the two constables later surrendered before the authorities, Suresh remains untraceable. The SIT has named six accused in the case and has so far arrested five of them.



Also Read - Deputy CM Pawan Kalyan Congratulates Team India On CWG 2026 Success It is reported that Suresh was known to have close relations with a political leader and frequently stayed at the leader’s office. Investigators have appealed to the public to

share any information regarding his whereabouts. A resident of Satyanarayanapuram in Vijayawada, Suresh reportedly handled several personal and financial matters for CI Nagaraju. He is also believed to have served as the officer’s driver and to have regularly

visited the Krishnalanka police station. Investigators are probing whether Suresh disposed of Sai Krishna’s body on Nagaraju’s instructions. Despite repeated notices being served at his residence, he has failed to appear before the SIT for questioning and is reportedly avoiding the

Jagan Accuses Govt of Vendetta Politics

Vijayawada: Former chief minister and YSRC president Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy on Sunday accused the N. Chandrababu Naidu-led Andhra Pradesh government of pursuing “vendetta politics” by allegedly protecting ruling party workers while registering criminal cases against YSRC leaders and victims. In a statement posted on X, Jagan Mohan Reddy alleged that law and order had deteriorated, claiming that Opposition leaders, public representatives and even citizens questioning the government were being targeted through false cases and midnight police action. Also Read - Deputy CM Pawan Kalyan Congratulates Team India On CWG 2026 Success Referring to the arrest of Alur MLA B. Virupakshi, Jagan questioned the alleged midnight police raid on the legislator’s residence and claimed that CCTV hard disks



had been seized to conceal evidence. He alleged that the MLA had gone to support the family of a YSRC leader after an alleged attack by TD workers in Nemakallu village but was instead booked along with party workers. The YSRC chief also referred to the arrests of former minister Seediri Appala Raju and former Guntur East MLA Shaik Mohammed Mustafa, alleging that

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tried to convince her stating they could not take it up as some people were creating hurdles, the Oracle woman said, “I am here to look into it. If anyone tries to create obstacles in it then they would bear the brunt and crush them under my feet.” “Don’t believe that I am happy. I am not at all happy...” she said. The priests assured that the idol installation process would be completed at the earliest this year. Later, the caparisoned elephant

Lakshmi procession with the portrait of Goddess Sri Mahankali and The priests assured that the idol installation process would be completed at the earliest this year. Later, the caparisoned elephant Manikyamma was organized from the temple. Smearing vermilion and turmeric paste on their bodies, potharajus dance to the pulsating drum beats in the front. This marked the culmination of the festival at Mahankali temple.

Heavy rains bring copious inflows in erstwhile Adilabad projects

Adilabad: Various irrigation projects received copious inflows following heavy rains that lashed erstwhile Adilabad district for the second day in a row on Thursday. Kaddam Narayana Reddy Project in Kadem mandal centre had inflows of 77,442 cusecs as per a bulletin released at 11 am. Water level of the project reached to 693 feet as against the storage capacity of 700 feet or 3.495 tmc. Surplus water was discharged downstream by lifting-minor irrigation projects six gates out of total 18 gates. People living in downstream areas were advised to be cautious about floods. Sripada Yellampalli Project at Gudipet village registered

inflows by 48,013 cusecs. The water level of the project touched 145.28 meters as against the storage capacity of 148 meters. The outflow was 12,875 cusecs. Swarna project recorded inflows of 10,000 cusecs. Water level of the project reached 1,176 feet out when compared with the total storage capacity of 1,183 feet. Saithadivagu, Gaddannavagu, Kumram Bheem, Purshottam Rao, Rallivagu, minor irrigation projects Nelwai, Bheemaram and other minor irrigation projects in Adilabad, Nirmal, Kumram Bheem and Asifabad



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copious inflows. Farmers expressed happiness over heavy rains and abundant water in irrigation projects. They said that the rains rejuvenated paddy, cotton and soy crops.

Steady Inflows Boost Srisailem Storage; Godavari Flows Ease



Hyderabad: The Srisailem reservoir, which had almost reached its dead storage level, has started receiving significant inflows from the upstream regions over the past few days. At present, the reservoir is receiving 1.52 lakh cusecs of inflows, while there are no outflows. The water level stood at 849.70 feet against the full reservoir level (FRL) of 885 feet. Power generation at both

the right and left bank power stations has not yet commenced. Also Read - Family in Panic after Man Stabs Wife, Flees with 2 Children in Jangaon The reservoir is steadily receiving inflows from the Almati and Narayanpur dams in Karnataka. The storage in the reservoir is increasing by more than 12 TMC per day. Almati is receiving 1.03 lakh cusecs of inflows and releasing 1.11 lakh

cusecs downstream. Similarly, Narayanpur is receiving 1.11 lakh cusecs and releasing the same quantity. At Jurala, 1.56 lakh cusecs, while 1.52 lakh cusecs are being discharged downstream. Consequently, the water level in the Srisailem reservoir rose to 849.70 feet as of 6 p.m. on Sunday. Also Read - Hyderabad: Cyber Case Registered Over Online Leak Of Private Hospital Patient

Data Meanwhile, inflows into the slowed considerably. The Sriramsagar Project (SRSP) is currently receiving 10,358 cusecs of inflows. The reservoir’s storage has reached 31.92 TMC, against its full storage capacity of 80.5 TMC. The Kadem Project is releasing 4,000 cusecs, while the Sripada Yellampalli Project is receiving 8,326 cusecs of inflows.

10 Injured, Seven Critical After Cooking Gas Cylinder Explodes In Tamil Nadu's Thanjavur

Thanjavur: At least 10 people, including a 15-year-old girl, sustained severe burn injuries after an LPG cooking gas cylinder exploded on Thursday while locals were attempting to extinguish a house fire at Chinna Ammankudi in Thanjavur district, police said. Seven of the injured are currently undergoing treatment in the ICU at the Thanjavur Medical College Hospital, they said. The incident occurred around 2 am at the thatched residence of Murugayan, a local farmer from the Lakshmipuram area. According to eyewitnesses, the fire broke out in the thatched structure at Chinna Ammankudi near Thiruvonam while the family was asleep. Neighbours noticed the flames, alerted the family to evacuate, and rushed to douse the blaze using water. While several local men gathered around the structure to control the flames, an LPG cooking



cylinder kept inside the thatched kitchen area unexpectedly exploded. The impact of the blast injured Murugaour children outside to safety while the men brought water to put out the fire. No one knew a cylinder was inside, and it sudden-

ly exploded," she said, adding that some of the injured suffered over 80 per cent burn injuries. Firefighters from yan, his daughter Abhinaya, and several neighbours who were assisting in the fire-fighting efforts. They were identified as Kasinathan,

Rajasekhar, Palanivel, Vembaiyan, Kalaiyarasi, Bhuvaneshwaran, Selvaraj and Kaliammal. Recounting the incident, Durgadevi, a local resident, told PTI Videos that neighbours woke them up after seeing the thatched house on fire. "We rushed

our children outside to safety while the men brought water to put out the fire. No one knew a cylinder was inside, and it suddenly exploded," she said, adding that some of the injured suffered over 80 per cent burn injuries. Firefighters from Karambakudi arrived at the scene and rescued the victims. Three of the injured were admitted to the Pattukottai Government Hospital, while seven critically injured individuals were transferred via 108 ambulances to the Thanjavur Medical College Hospital, where they remain in intensive care. The Thiruvonam police have registered a case and initiated an investigation into the accident. Police personnel have been deployed to maintain security at the Thanjavur Medical College Hospital emergency department as large crowds of relatives gathered following the inci-

Congress Suspends Ex-Datia MLA Rajendra Bharti Over 'Anti-Party Activities'



Datia: Troubles continue to mount for former Datia MLA Rajendra Bharti. After losing his Assembly membership, refusing to contest the bypoll and staying away from the election campaign, he has now been suspended from the Congress' primary membership following a complaint by the party's bypoll candidate. The Congress suspended Bharti on Sunday evening after allegations that he indulged in "bheetarghaat" (anti-party activities). The action is believed to have been taken following a complaint lodged by the Congress candidate in the Datia by-election. Bharti had earlier lost his Assembly membership after the Madhya Pradesh High Court sentenced

him to three years' imprisonment, resulting in his disqualification under the law. His disqualification led to the Datia Assembly by-election, for which polling was held on July 30. Following the announcement of the bypoll, Bharti had publicly urged the Congress not to field either him or any member of his family as the party's candidate. Subsequently, the Congress nominated Ghanshyam Singh from Datia just before the nomination process concluded. During the election campaign, several senior Congress leaders, including Madhya Pradesh Congress president Jitu Patwari, camped in Datia to campaign for the party. However, Bharti remained absent from all campaign events.

After polling concluded on July 30, Congress candidate Ghanshyam Singh submitted a complaint to the party high command in New Delhi, accusing Bharti of working against the party and colluding with the BJP. Singh also demanded Bharti's expulsion from the Congress. On Sunday, a day before the Congress national general secretary and Madhya Pradesh in-charge Harish Chaudhary issued an order suspending Bharti from the party's primary membership. The timing of the action is widely seen as a response to the complaint filed by the Congress candidate. Bharti has not yet reacted to the suspension, though he had earlier dismissed all allegations against him as baseless.

2nd SIT Will Analyse Afresh Evidence Related To Theft Of Offerings At Ayodhya Ram Temple

Ayodhya: The second Special Investigation Team (SIT) constituted to probe the alleged theft of offerings at the Ram temple in Ayodhya will expand its investigation to examine several aspects of the temple trust's administrative functioning, sources said. According to the sources, the SIT, headed by Lucknow Range Inspector General Kiran S, is likely to seek additional documents and carry out a fresh analysis of evidence related to the alleged diversion of devotees' offerings. The team is expected to visit Ayodhya shortly. The SIT also include Ayodhya Range DIG Somen Barma and Ayodhya SSP Gaurav Grover. A forensic auditor and another expert have also been associated with the investigation. Sources said the SIT will examine the role of Shri Ram Janmabhoomi Teerth Kshetra Trust functionaries in light of statements already recorded and evidence collected during the investigation. It is also conducting a fresh scrutiny of State Bank of India officials, outsourced staff and other personnel connected with the collection and counting of donations to ascertain whether any



of them had any involvement in the alleged offence.

The new SIT has issued notices to more than 200 people for questioning, sources said, adding that former trust general secretary Champat Rai and trustee Anil Mishra may also be questioned.

The FIR in the case was registered based on a pre-

liminary report submitted by the first SIT headed by Lucknow Divisional Commissioner Vijay Vishwas Pant. Police had arrested eight accused in connection with the alleged theft and recorded statements of trust office-bearers. Sources further claimed that the scope of the probe has widened to include alleged financial irregularities in expenditure on religious ceremonies and festivals at the temple. The latest developments come as the trust has stepped up surveillance over the handling of donations. Trust member Mahant Dinendra Das on Saturday has widened to include alleged financial irregularities in expenditure on said the investigation into the alleged irregularities involving gold, silver and other offerings

had reached its final stage. Since July 25, every stage of the donation handling process has been placed under continuous video-graphic surveillance, while additional CCTV cameras and an eight-member monitoring team have been deployed to enhance transparency. Worship and darshan at the temple continue as usual, he had said.

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20 Ministers To Be Inducted, Swearing-In Likely By 4 PM Today

Bengaluru: After a prolonged delay, twenty ministers will be inducted into Karnataka Chief Minister D K Shivakumar's cabinet and are expected to be sworn in on Monday, pending approval from the Congress central leadership for this list of names.

The swearing-in of the new ministers will take place at Lok Bhavan here by 4:05 pm on Monday, the Chief Minister's office said. AICC general secretary (Organisation) K C Venugopal has sent a communication to Shivakumar about the Congress high command approving 20 names to be inducted into the Cabinet.

G S Patil to be the new Speaker of Karnataka Assembly, while A S Ponnanna has been named



for the position of Deputy Speaker. Saleem Ahmed is set to be the new Chairman of the state Legislative Council, with Umashree, the only woman minister on the list, appointed as the Deputy Chairperson, according to official

sources.

The 20 names that have been approved by the Congress high command are: P M Narendraswamy, Shivraj Tangadagi, Rudrappa Lamani, K S Basavanthappa, Nagendra,

Raghumourthy, B Z Zameer Ahmed Khan, Rizwan Arshad, Santosh Lad, Madhu Bangarappa, Putturangashetty, Mankala Vaidya, Ajay Singh, N Chaluvaraya Swamy, K M Shivalinge Gowda, H C Balakrishna, Gayathri Shanthegowda, Basvaraj

Rayareddi, Vijayanand Kashappanavar and Laxman Savadi.

Shivakumar was sworn in as the chief minister along with 13 ministers on June 3, following Siddaramaiah's resignation as CM on May 28. The sanctioned strength of Karnataka's ministry is 34, including the CM.

Preparations for the oath-taking ceremony have already begun. Sources in the Chief Minister's Office said instructions have been issued to Lok Bhavan officials to make necessary arrangements for the swearing-in function. The Governor is also said to have kept his evening schedule free in anticipation of the Cabinet expansion.



Dholpur: The sight of two friends carrying a 101-litre kanwar filled with Ganga water on their shoulders before offering 'jalabhishek' to Lord Shiva at a temple on the first Monday of Shravan was both rare and heartwarming. While one of them was a Hindu, the other was Saddam Khan, a Muslim youth who, without any hesitation, joined the pilgrimage and shared the weight of the sacred water. Residents along the route applauded the gesture, describing it as a powerful symbol of harmony between two communities. The unique display of communal harmony and India's shared cultural heritage unfolded at the historic Mahadev Temple in Saipau, Rajasthan's Dholpur district. The two friends, accompanied by four other youths, carried the 101-litre kanwar before per-

forming 'jalabhishek' at the temple. Rajasthan's Saddam Khan Carries Kanwar With Friends For 250 Kms, Sends Across Message "It is heartening to see young people spreading the message of unity and mutual respect," said several locals who witnessed the group during the journey. Devotees welcomed the Kanwar pilgrims at various places and encouraged them along the route. The six-member group had set out five days earlier for Soron Dham to collect holy Ganga water. They walked nearly 250 kilometres before reaching the historic Mahadev Temple in Saipau, where they performed the ritual in accordance with traditional cus-

Manish Kumar, one of the participants, said it was Saddam Khan who had first proposed undertaking the Kanwar Yatra together. "We travelled as one group and spread the message of brotherhood throughout the journey," he said. Expressing his thoughts, Saddam said the pilgrimage was not confined to religious faith alone but was also intended to promote love, harmony and mutual respect among communities. "India's identity lies in its sharManish Kumar, one of the participants, said it was Saddam Khan who had first proposed undertaking ed culture and Ganga-Jamuni tehzeeb, where people of different faiths have lived together peacefully for generations. At a time when intolerance and divisions are increasing, we should respect one another's beliefs and strengthen the spirit of brotherhood," he said, earning praise from people across the region.

Fire Breaks Out In Passenger Train In Bihar's Simri Bakhtiyarpur Station, No Casualties Reported

Saharsa: Panic gripped passengers at Simri Bakhtiyarpur railway station in Bihar's Saharsa district after a fire broke out in the engine of the Samastipur-Saharsa train early morning today and soon spread to three coaches. According to the officials, the incident took place at around 3:25 AM on Platform No. 2. No injuries or casualties have been reported so far. Fire Breaks Out In Passenger Train In Bihar's Simri Bakhtiyarpur Station, No Casualties Reported (ETV Bharat)



As per preliminary information, the fire started near the engine and quickly spread to three coaches. Thick smoke and high flames soon filled the train, creating a stampede-like situation. Dozens of passengers were on board when the fire broke out. As soon as they noticed the flames, they started getting off the train. All passengers managed to escape in time, preventing a major tragedy. Fire Breaks Out In Passenger Train In Bihar's Simri Bakhtiyarpur Station, No Casualties Reported (ETV Bharat)

One of the passengers, Mohammad Yusuf, a resident of Supaul, said he first felt severe heat coming from underneath the coach. When he got down to check, he saw flames and immediately alerted other passengers. "The first thing we felt was intense heat coming from underneath the coach. When we got

down, we saw flames slowly engulfing the train. We immediately alerted the other passengers, and soon everyone got out safely." Another passenger, Sonu Kumar, said he had boarded the train at Mansi station and was travelling to Simri Bakhtiyarpur. He said that when the train stopped at Simri Bakhtiyarpur, he noticed a small fire near the engine. The flames soon grew rapidly. Immediately, the station master was informed and passengers were asked to vacate the coaches. Also, several fire tenders reached the spot and initiated efforts to bring the blaze under control. Railway and local administration officials are monitoring the operation. Meanwhile, the mishap has disrupted train services at the station. Simri Bakhtiyarpur Station Superintendent Sanjay Kumar Sajjan said the Kosi Express (Saharsa-Patna), Janki Express (M an ihari-Jaynagar), Sa harsa-Samastipur passenger and Shravani Special (Sa harsa-Deoghar) trains were delayed due to the incident. "As per preliminary investigation, a short circuit is suspected to have triggered the fire. After the incident, railway and local administration officials immediately reached the spot and monitored the relief work. The Railways has started an investigation to determine the actual cause of the accident," the official said. Sajjan said the damage to the three affected coaches will be assessed. The biggest relief so far is that there is no informa-

Vizhinjam Seaport Gets Final Customs Clearance For EXIM Operations

New Delhi: A Delhi court on Monday acquitted former Wrestling Federation of India (WFI) chief and ex-BJP MP from Uttar Pradesh's Kaiserganj, Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh, in the sexual harassment case filed by six women wrestlers, putting an end to one of the closely watched legal battles in Indian sport. The court also acquitted former WFI assistant secretary Vinod Tomar. While Additional Chief Judicial Magistrate (ACJM) Ashwini Panwar announced the judgment, a detailed order is awaited. Singh described his acquittal by Delhi's Rouse Avenue Court as a "moment of happiness". "The honourable judge said that Brij Bhushan Singh and Vinod Tomar are acquitted with honour. From the very first day, I had said that if even a single allegation against me was proved, I would be ready to face the harshest punishment," Brij Bhushan told reporters. "Today, the court has acquitted us with honour, and it is a matter of happiness for me. What I had said on the first day has turned out to be true. I did not know what the other side was thinking, but my first reaction was that the truth would prevail. Today is a moment



of happiness," he added.

The Delhi Police had registered an FIR and subsequently filed a chargesheet before the court. The case stemmed from allegations made by women wrestlers against Singh during his tenure as WFI chief. After completing its investigation, Police had filed a 1500-page chargesheet against Singh on June 15, 2023, alleging offences including sexual harassment, assault or criminal force against women and criminal intimidation. The chargesheet invoked provisions under Sections 354, 354A, 354D and 506(1) of the Indian Penal Code. Tomar was also named as a co-accused in the case. The proceedings

today were conducted in a closed courtroom. Following the completion of the final arguments from both sides, Additional Chief Judicial Magistrate (ACJM) Ashwani Panwar reserved the judgment after hearing detailed submissions from the prosecution and defence. The court has also directed the counsels to file their written submissions within two weeks. During the final argument, senior advocate Rebecca John advanced arguments on behalf of the complainants, while the defence team led by advocate Rajiv Mohan, assisted by Rehan Khan and Rishabh Bhati, completed their submissions on June 30. The case is linked to an

FIR registered by Delhi Police following a protest by women wrestlers at Jantar Mantar, where allegations of sexual harassment during Singh's tenure as WFI chief were raised. court had earlier recorded the statement of a Special Investigation Team (SIT) member on May 12 along with the deposition of the investigating officer during the course of trial proceedings. Trials were held in connection with allegations made by women wrestlers from India and abroad, who had accused Singh of sexual harassment during his tenure at the helm of the Wrestling Federation of India.

Willie Walsh Assumes Charge As IndiGo CEO

New Delhi: Willie Walsh on Monday took charge as the CEO of the country's largest airline IndiGo. A pilot and an aviation industry leader who just completed his tenure as the Director General of the global airlines' grouping IATA, Walsh's appointment as the CEO was announced by IndiGo on March 31. In a release on Monday, IndiGo said Walsh has assumed charge as the CEO to lead the airline's next era of growth and global ambition. The appointment of Walsh was announced on March 31, less than three weeks after the sudden exit of Pieter Elbers against the backdrop of massive operational disruptions at the airline in December last year. As CEO, IndiGo said Walsh would lead the airline's overall management and strategic direction, with a focus on accelerating its global growth trajectory, driving operational excellence, strengthening network and commercial strategy, and further



enhancing customer experience. "IndiGo has built a remarkable legacy over the last two decades, establishing itself amongst the largest airlines in the world in a short span of time. "With India becoming one of the world's fastest-growing aviation markets, the opportunities ahead for IndiGo are immense. There could not be a more exciting

and opportune time for me to join IndiGo than now," Walsh said. IndiGo Managing Director Rahul Bhatia said Walsh's extensive global experience in the aviation industry, combined with his operational and strategic expertise, will be instrumental as IndiGo accelerates its international expansion strategy. Walsh has served as the CEO of Aer Lingus,

British Airways and International Airlines Group. He also served as the Director General of the International Air Transport Association (IATA). With more than 430 planes, IndiGo operates nearly 2,200 daily flights. Shares of IndiGo rose 3.72 per cent to Rs 5,363.35 apiece while broader Sensex was nearly 1 per cent higher in the morning trade on the BSE.

Supreme Court Asks Centre To Preserve Ammunition Log Of RAF Used In NEET Protests

New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Thursday asked the Centre to preserve the ammunition log of RAF deployed at Jantar Mantar during students' protest against the NEET paper leak. The top court questioned one of the prayers sought in a plea filed by former Central Information Commissioner and retired IPS officer Yashovardhan Azad and two victims seeking a complete ban on use of metallic pellet guns to deal with law and order situations. It referred to the advisory of the Bureau of Police Research and Development (BPRD) and said police are empowered to use pellet guns in exceptional situations. A bench comprising Chief Justice Surya Kant and justices Joymalya Bagchi and V Mohana took note of the submissions of senior



advocate Vrinda Grover and asked the Delhi government to provide the best treatment to those who suffered pellet injuries during the NEET paper leak protest here. The bench, however, said it was ready to examine the use of pellet guns in the July 20 protests called by

Cockroach Janta Party (CJP). Taking note of the submissions of Grover, the bench asked the Centre, represented by Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, to preserve the ammunition log of RAF (Rapid Action Force) deployed at Jantar Mantar during the protest. Azad has approached the

Supreme Court seeking a nationwide ban on the use of wholly or partly metallic pellet ammunition fired from pump-action or projectile action guns for dispersing civilian assemblies, contending that such weapons are inherently incompatible with constitutional standards governing the use of force. The PIL, filed under Article 32 of the Constitution, has been jointly instituted by Azad along with two individuals who claim they sustained pellet injuries during the "Sansad Chalo" protest in central Delhi on July 20. The petition also seeks exemplary compensation, comprehensive medical treatment and rehabilitation for all persons allegedly injured in the incident.



New Delhi: With counting underway after by-elections in Bihar's Bankipur, Gujarat's Manjalpur, and Madhya Pradesh's Datia constituencies, early trends indicate that Bharatiya Janata Party is ahead in two of three segments. The counting of votes began at 8 AM on Monday amid tight security arrangements. The voting took place on July 30. The Bankipur by-election saw a voter turnout of 34.30 per cent, a decrease of more than seven per cent from the 41.45 per cent recorded in the last assembly elections. On the other hand, the Manjalpur by-election recorded a voter turnout of 37.5 per cent. Among all three constituencies, Madhya Pradesh had the highest voter turnout, accounting for 71.44 per cent. Bankipur bypoll Jan Suraj Party candidate Prashant Kishor was leading by a margin of 862 votes over BJP's Neeraj Kumar Sinha in the early trends of Bankipur by-election results, officials said. While politica strategist-turned-politician Kishor bagged 2,225 votes, Sinha got 1,363 votes, while RJD's Rekha Gupta stood third with 505 votes after the first

round of counting. A total of 31 rounds of counting will be held. by-election was necessitated following the resignation of BJP national president Nitin Nabin, who gave up the seat in April upon election to the Rajya Sabha. A total of 26 candidates are in the fray this time. Nabin had won the assembly seat for the fifth consecutive time in November 2025, defeating nearest rival Rekha Gupta of the RJD by over 50,000 votes. The RJD again nominated Gupta for the by-election. Prashant Kishor, a former poll strategist who launched the Jan Suraj Party a few years ago, is contesting his first election, while the BJP, which has never lost the assembly segment since 1995 when it was known as Patna West, has fielded low-key youth wing leader Neeraj Kuar Sinha. Manjalpur bypoll BJP candidate Satish Patel surged ahead by more than 8,000 votes over his Congress rival after four of 19 rounds of counting in the Manjalpur assembly by-election in Gujarat, officials said. Patel secured 12,941 votes after the end of four rounds, while his

nearest rival, Congress candidate and former minister Bhikhabhai Rabari, polled 4,568 votes, giving the BJP nominee a lead of 8,373 votes, according to officials. The by-election to the Manjalpur assembly seat in Gujarat's Vadodara was necessitated after the death of senior BJP MLA and former Gujarat minister Yogesh Patel on June 2 following a prolonged illness. The counting exercise commenced at 8 AM on Bhavan's School premises in the Makarpura area as per Election Commission guidelines, with Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs) being taken up for counting under multi-layered security arrangements. The by-election witnessed a direct contest between the ruling BJP and the Opposition Congress. The BJP fielded former Vadodara Municipal Corporation councillor Satish Govindbhai Patel, while the Congress nominated its Gujarat vice president and former minister Bhikhabhai Rabari. Polling was conducted at 260 polling stations across 62 locations and passed off peacefully without any untoward incident. The constituency had recorded a voter turnout of 60.15 per cent in the 2022 Gujarat assembly elections. Yogesh Patel, an eight-term BJP legislator, represented the Raopura assembly constituency in Vadodara five times between 1990 and 2007 before shifting to the newly created Manjalpur seat after delimitation. He won the Manjalpur seat in 2012, 2017 and 2022, completing eight consecutive victories in

the Gujarat assembly over a span of 36 years. Datia bypoll Early trends in the Datia Assembly by-election show the BJP leading after the first round of counting. Bharatiya Janata Party's candidate Ashutosh Tiwari surged ahead by a margin of 1,184 votes over Congress-fielded Ghanshyam Singh and Aazad Samaj Party (Kanshi Ram's) Damodar Yadav 'Mandal'. Tiwari bagged 4,551 votes after the end of the first round, while his rival Ghanshyam Singh got 3,367 votes and Yadav secured 1,917 votes, according to ECI data. A total of 15 rounds of counting will be held. The bypoll was necessitated after a Delhi court in April this year sentenced Bharti to three years' imprisonment in a cheating case, leading to the termination of his assembly membership. The counting process began at 8 AM at the Polytechnic College under tight security, starting with postal ballots before moving on to Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs). A total of 21 tables, including 20 for counting of EVMs, were set up at the facility, an official said. The Congress fielded Ghanshyam Singh from the seat while the BJP nominated Ashutosh Tiwari. Nineteen other candidates also contested the bypoll. Bharti had defeated BJP leader and former state home minister Narottam Mishra by over 7,700 votes in the 2023 assembly elections. In the 230-member Madhya Pradesh assembly, the BJP has 164 MLAs, the Congress 64 and the Bharat Adivasi Party one legislator. The outcome of the bypoll



Second Phase Of Polling Concludes In PoK Amid Rigging Allegations

Lahore: The second phase of the so-called legislative elections in Pakistan-occupied Kashmir concluded on Sunday, marred by rigging allegations and violence. New Delhi maintains that the entire Union Territories of Jammu and Kashmir, and Ladakh, including the areas "currently under Pakistan's illegal and forcible occupation, are integral and inalienable parts of India". On July 28, India described the elections as an attempt by Pakistan to camouflage its illegal occupation and hide its "grave" human rights violations in the region. Early on Sunday, polling personnel were escorted to polling stations in "military-guarded convoys" with each vehicle accompanied by security personnel. Besides the local police, a large number of officers from Punjab and Sindh provinces were deployed to assist election security. Despite the extensive security arrangements, protesters associated with the banned Joint Awami Action Committee (JAAC) maintained road blockades across several neighbourhoods and prevented voting in protest against the prevailing political situation. Protesters continued to block roads in densely populated localities, including Gujra, Tariqabad, Upper Plate, Centre Plate, Lower Plate, Saman Bandi and Chehla Bandi, leaving the city on edge. The demonstrators also criti-



cised the media for what they described as "inadequate coverage of their grievances." The JAAC is a collective of activist groups staging demonstrations for nearly two months over 12 contentious seats of the legislative assembly. It alleges that the establishment manoeuvres these seats to install a prime minister of its choosing. According to the JAAC, 37 people were killed in clashes with security personnel in the first phase of polls a week ago. In the second phase, low turnout was witnessed for nine seats of Muzaffarabad and 12 refugee seats. According to Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) Chairman Bilawal Bhutto-Zardari, the region's 'president' Chaudhry Latif Akbar, who is also a PPP candidate, came under attack, while a party worker was also shot dead in an alleged targeted attack. In a statement, Bhutto-Zardari blamed Pakistan's ruling Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) for the attacks. He also alleged election rigging by the PML-N in the region, saying if the party wins, "it will erode

the people's trust in the state." PPP senior leader and former prime minister Raja Pervez Ashraf said the party presented proof of rigging but claimed that the election commission was in "no mood to take stock of such complaints". No one will accept the election results if transparency is not ensured, he said. There are a total of 45 seats in the region on which polls are being held in three phases, primarily to offset the impact of JAAC protests across the region. In the first phase, polls were held on 13 seats in Mirpur division on July 27. The PML-N grabbed a majority by securing nine seats, while the PPP got four. The third phase of polling on nine seats will be held on August 10 in Poonch division. Separately, Punjab police detained dozens of protesters, including women, in Lahore as they rallied in solidarity with the people of PoK who are raising their voices for their rights. Several people in the region have voiced frustration with mainstream political parties.

"They are not true repre-

sentatives of the public. Even if they enter the assembly with a handful of votes, at least our conscience will be clear that we did not support this government," said Omar Bokhari, a resident of Muzaffarabad, adding that politicians frequently switch parties while ignoring public issues. "If we don't vote, at least we will know we were not part of what we consider an unjust system," he said. First-time voter Hasan Raza said the ongoing unrest has left him disillusioned. "At this point, I don't see any politician worthy of my vote. None of them is speaking about the issues people are facing." The violence in the region was condemned by Jamiat Ulema-e-Islam-Fazl chief Maulan Fazlur Rehman, who, in a video message, said that the government has chosen the path of violence and opened fire on unarmed civilians. "According to the information available to me, the number of Kashmiris killed in violence (since early June) has reached 80," he said. Rehman appealed to the JAAC for more time to resolve the issue and urged them to refrain from taking any major step and give one more opportunity for a peaceful solution. "The government must realise the gravity of the situation, and our state institutions must also recognise its seriousness. I urge them to consider our appeal with sincerity and move forward to resolve the issue," he said.

Bullets That Killed 2 Bystanders At Seattle Festival Weren't From Teen Shooter's Gun

Tehran: A coordinated military operation by the United States and Saudi Arabia targeted multiple locations in Iraq, resulting in the deaths of at least four members of Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC), according to Iranian state media. Iran's Mehr News Agency reported that four IRGC personnel, identified as Ali Asghar Astaneh, Abolfazl Motaqi, Morteza Akbari, and Amir Abbas Darhamforoush, were killed during overnight bombardment in the northern Diyala province. The report added that all four individuals hailed from Kashan in central Iran, though specific details regarding their operational roles were not disclosed. Al Jazeera, citing Iranian sources, separately confirmed that four IRGC-affiliated individuals died in the joint action. Concurrently, The New York Times, citing an unnamed US official, reported that roughly 20 Iranian advisers, including technical experts and IRGC personnel, were killed. The official stated



that the target locations were intentionally selected due to the presence of these advisers, aiming to dismantle the capability of Tehran-aligned militias to deploy missiles and unmanned aerial vehicles. In Iraq, the Popular Mobilisation Forces (PMF) announced that at least 20 of its personnel were killed and 32 others wounded across seven provinces, including Baghdad, Diyala, Kirkuk, and Basra. Confirming the engagement, US Central Command (CENTCOM) stated that the joint operation targeted "logistics and weapons

sites" throughout eastern Iraq. CENTCOM highlighted that the action was executed following more than 30 drone strikes over a 72-hour period, which it alleged were directed by the IRGC against US troops and Saudi energy facilities. The military action followed statements from Riyadh confirming that Saudi air defence systems had intercepted and downed multiple drones aimed at oil infrastructure in its Eastern Province. Saudi authorities attributed the attacks to Iran-aligned groups operating out of Iraqi territory. Reactions from Baghdad

remained critical. Iraq's National Security Council denounced the joint military action as "an unacceptable aggression", as reported by the Iraqi News Agency. The council noted that the bombardment occurred while Iraqi officials were actively engaged in discussions with US and Saudi representatives regarding the security situation. While US President Donald Trump asserted that the strikes were executed in coordination with Iraqi authorities, Baghdad has rejected any actions that compromise its national sovereignty.

They Are All There: Trump Says He Can Take Down Top Iranian Leaders With 'One Shot' At Khamenei Funeral

New Delhi: US President Donald Trump has said that he has been following the funeral of former Iranian Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, adding that he could take all the leadership of Iran in "one shot", but would not do so, so that negotiations continue, Axios reported.

"They are all there. One shot [and we can take them all out], but we are not going to do that because then we would have nobody to negotiate with," Trump said, according to Axios. He added that he was surprised to see mourners grieving at Khamenei's funeral, saying he had believed people disliked the former Iranian leader. "Maybe it's fake tears," Trump said, as reported by Axios. Khamenei was assassinated on the first day of the war in a joint US-Israeli operation. The US President also said Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has requested a meeting at the White House that could take place as early as next week after his return



from the NATO summit, Axios reported. "We get along very well. [Netanyahu] knows who the boss is," Trump said in a brief phone interview with Axios, referring to himself. According to the report, the proposed meeting would be the first between the two leaders since their February meeting in the White House Situation Room, where Netanyahu presented a plan for a joint war against Iran. An Israeli official told Axios that next week could be too soon for the visit because of Trump's trip to Turkey for the NATO summit scheduled for July 7-8, adding, "It might take place the

week after." The Israeli Prime Minister's Office said Netanyahu called Trump on Friday to congratulate him on the 250th anniversary of the United States' independence. "During their conversation, the Prime Minister said that the United States is a guarantor of global freedom, and that Israel greatly values the close relationship between the two nations. Prime Minister Netanyahu and President Trump agreed to meet soon in the United States," Netanyahu's office said. The report said people within Trump's inner circle have become increasingly sceptical of

Netanyahu in the months following their February meeting. "Many of Trump's closest advisers think that Bibi was wrong about everything," a US official told Axios. According to the report, Trump also criticised Netanyahu during a phone call last month over Israel's escalation in Lebanon, describing the Israeli Prime Minister as "crazy" and accusing him of ingratitude. Axios reported that the differences between the two leaders have widened in recent months, with disagreements over regional security, Iran and domestic political priorities. Despite Netanyahu's reserva-

Ceuta Grapples With Aftermath of Border Surge After Most Migrants Leave Spanish Territory

Ceuta: Ceuta over the weekend no longer looked like a city on edge, but residents were still rattled by the events of the week. Most of the 60,000 migrants who swam, scrambled and later charged into the tiny Spanish exclave in North Africa this week had walked back to Morocco by Sunday, but some stayed on in the hills surrounding the city.

Spanish authorities continued searching for bodies in the waters near the stretch of urban beach that tens of thousands of migrants had breached days earlier. Shops in Ceuta reopened, and the usual blend of residents and tourists in the city of 84,000 was filling the open-air terraces, restaurants and cafes. At least 72 migrants died, including some who drowned and others who were killed in a stampede to cross a breakwater barrier, Spanish authorities said Sunday. Morocco reported 11 deaths on its side of the border, but it wasn't immediately clear if these were in addition to those reported by Spain. The kingdom's authorities blamed misinformation and human traffickers for the breach, adding that they were investigating the events. But the city that prides itself on being home to four cultures was still grappling with the aftermath of the border surge, with locals disagreeing on what caused it and who exactly is to blame. "It's not the young men's fault," said Mohamad Abdelkader Driss, 44, a waiter at a fish restaurant in town. "If you open the border, of course everyone comes in, but the young men aren't to blame. The authorities are responsible." Some migrants who returned to Morocco described a border that was effectively open and said authorities did little as



they watched thousands of people cross. The unauthorized arrivals on Thursday and Friday of 50,000 to 60,000, mostly young men, swelled Ceuta's population by more than half. Abdelkader lamented what happened, but said that those who breached the border behaved relatively well. "It could have been much worse," he said. Far-right politicians call for remaining migrants to be expelled. The humanitarian crisis caused by the sudden rush of people reignited a debate around immigration in Europe and beyond. Over the weekend, far-right Alvisé Pérez, a far-right Spanish politician and member of the European Parliament, called on Srnment for the surge in migrant arrivals, which he called "an invasion." "The frontiers of Ceuta and Saturday evening for migrants to be expelled as he faced an angry crowd of rival protesters. Pérez eventually had to shelter in a bar as residents banged on the winht, anti-immigrant Spanish politicians and well-known right-wing influencers descended on the city, sparking counterprotests that included members of the

Spanish city's large Muslim population, many of whom are of Moroccan descent. Alvisé Pérez, a far-right Spanish politician and member of the European Parliament, called on Saturday evening for migrants to be expelled as he faced an angry crowd of rival protesters. Pérez eventually had to shelter in a bar as residents banged on the windows, until police escorted him away. Among the counter-protesters on Saturday was 20-year-old Ceuta resident and student Noor Ahmed. She denounced the protest and presence of figures like Pérez in her city as opportunistic. "They just want to take advantage of the humanitarian crisis Ceuta is currently experiencing," Ahmed said. Santiago Abascal, the leader of the far-right Vox party, visited Ceuta on Sunday, slamming the Spanish government for the surge in migrant arrivals, which he called "an invasion." "The frontiers of Ceuta and Melilla are the walls of our home and homeland, and they are not being protected by a corrupt and traitorous government," he said.

UK Announces £250-Mn Package To Protect Jewish Community

London: Britain's government on Monday announced more than £250 million to boost police protection of the Jewish community, which in recent months has been targeted by a series of attacks. The fresh package will help fund the deployment of more than 500 police officers in districts where a lot of British Jews live, including 300 officers in London. It will also fund more police patrols outside synagogues and Jewish schools, and more plain-clothed officers. Prime Minister Keir Starmer said: "The rise in anti-semitism we have seen in recent years is a test



of our values as a country and tackling it has been central to my leadership from day one." This latest package is intended to be spent over a three-year period. Part of it will finance education measures in the fight against anti-semitism. "Jewish communities are facing an exceptional threat with

rising hate crime alongside terrorism and interference from hostile states," said Matt Jukes, Deputy Commissioner of London Metropolitan Police. In late April, two Jewish men were stabbed in London's predominantly Jewish Golders Green district, which the police said was a terrorist attack. It

was one of a series of incidents in spring that included arson and attempted arson attacks on Jewish targets, including London synagogues. An October 2025 attack on a synagogue in Manchester, northwest England, killed two people. The government statement said £59 million would go to Britain's anti-terrorist police to tighten security and response to state threats. After April's Golders Green attack, Starmer pledged extra funding, at the same time accusing Iran of wanting "to harm British Jews". In May, London's Metropolitan Police announced the

Stamps of Nature — India's silent ambassadors of conservation



Since Independence, Indian postal stamps have quietly blossomed into miniature ambassadors of nature, carrying the splendour of India's flora and fauna across villages, cities and continents. Tiny in size yet immense in influence, these colourful stamps transformed envelopes into travelling galleries of the wild, introducing generations to majestic tigers, graceful cranes, rare orchids, medicinal plants, coral reefs, butterflies, forests and endangered species that many people had never seen in real life.

saving wildlife and wilderness Through every carefully engraved issue, the postal service nurtured curiosity and pride for India's extraordinary natural heritage, while subtly reminding citizens of the urgent need for conservation.

Collecting Nature Growing up in Bangalore during the 1970s was sheer bliss. The city was a cool, green paradise where towering trees seemed to outnumber people, and life moved at a gentler pace. With no smartphones, the internet and endless television channels to distract us, our days were filled with simple pleasures like reading Enid Blyton adventures, cycling through leafy lanes and, above all, collecting postage stamps. The arrival of the postman was often the highlight of the day. As letters poured in from relatives across India and from pen pals in distant places, we would eagerly gather around, less interested in the contents of the letters than in the colourful stamps adorning the envelopes.

Stamps were miniature windows to the world, showcasing wildlife, flowers, monuments, leaders and faraway countries. Almost every classmate was an avid collector, proudly trading duplicates and displaying treasured finds in albums. What began as a childhood hobby often grew into a life-long passion, with some friends eventually building remarkable collections. In an age when communication travelled at the speed of a letter, stamp collecting nurtured patience, curiosity, knowledge and a sense of connection with the wider world — qualities that seem even more

precious in today's instant digital age.

Nature Delivered

Long before wildlife documentaries, nature channels and social media flooded our screens, postage stamps were miniature windows into the wild. These tiny works of art carried the forests, mountains and grasslands of India into homes, classrooms and collectors' albums, awakening curiosity and admiration for the country's remarkable natural heritage. For generations of children, naturalists and philatelists, stamps became silent ambassadors of conservation, narrating stories of biodiversity, endangered species and environmental stewardship through the simple act of sending a letter. They transformed everyday communication into a journey of discovery, planting the seeds of awareness long before ecology became a global concern. I vividly remember how stamps shaped my own understanding of wildlife. Until my 20s, the only panda I knew was the giant panda of China, the iconic black-and-white bear admired across the world. It was through Indian postage stamps that I first discovered another enchanting cousin, the red panda, a flame-coloured, bushy-tailed marvel inhabiting the misty forests of the Eastern Himalayas. Its fox-like face, chestnut-red coat and gentle appearance instantly captivated me. A decade later, while exploring the remote mountains of India, I was fortunate enough to see a Red Panda in its natural habitat in Darjeeling. The encounter was exhilarating, sobering, and thrilling because a stamp had come alive before my eyes, yet deeply moving because this charming creature was struggling to survive in a world of shrinking forests and mounting threats. In that moment, I realised how a humble postage stamp had not only introduced me to a species but had also quietly nurtured a lifelong appreciation for wildlife conservation.

Long before the digital age, India relied on its vast postal network of stamps, postcards, letters and special postmarks to encourage people to par-

ticipate in the national census. From the first census after Independence in 1951 to today's digital census, postal campaigns have helped build public trust, spread awareness, and promote the census as a vital tool for nation-building, development, and democratic planning.

By 1970, India had more than 1,00,000 post offices delivering mail to nearly 6,00,000 villages, making the postal system the country's most extensive communication network. According to the India Post website, there were 1,64,999 post offices as of March 31, 2025. When viewed through the lens of philately, India emerges not merely as a nation that prints stamps, but as one of the world's most fascinating custodians of natural and cultural heritage. Among the great philatelic nations of the world, India occupies a uniquely distinguished position, where every postage stamp serves as a miniature canvas portraying the country's astonishing biodiversity, ancient wisdom, wildlife wealth, and ecological treasures. India's philatelic journey began with the legendary Scinde Dawk of 1852, Asia's first adhesive postage stamp, placing the nation among the pioneers of global postal history. Since then, Indian stamps have evolved into vibrant chronicles of nature and civilisation. While collectors worldwide admire the celebrated classics such as the Inverted Head Four Annas and the rare issues of the princely States, an equally remarkable chapter lies in India's unparalleled thematic philately devoted to wildlife, forests, medicinal plants, birds, butterflies, rivers, mountains, and conservation. Few countries can rival India in the sheer diversity of subjects depicted on its stamps. From the majestic Bengal tiger stalking through dense jungles and the mighty Asian elephant wandering ancient forests, to the elusive Snow leopard of the Himalayas and the endangered red panda of the Eastern Himalayas, Indian stamps have introduced generations of collectors to creatures many would otherwise

never encounter. Delicately engraved orchids, rhododendrons, lotuses, medicinal herbs, mangroves and rare endemic plants have transformed stamp albums into botanical gardens in miniature.

For countless school-children growing up during the 1960s, 1970s, 1980s and 1990s, stamps became their first field guides to the natural world. Before wildlife channels and the internet existed, a colourful stamp depicting a hornbill, a lion-tailed macaque, a blackbuck, and a Siberian crane often sparked a lifelong fascination with nature. Many naturalists, bird-watchers, botanists and conservationists trace their earliest encounters with India's flora and fauna not to a forest or wildlife sanctuary, but to a humble postage stamp affixed to a letter.

On the international exhibition circuit, Indian philatelists have earned increasing recognition through numerous awards and special distinctions at exhibitions conducted across the globe. Indian exhibitors are particularly respected in thematic philately, postal history, traditional philately and philatelic literature, often presenting world-class collections that blend scholarship with storytelling.

Today, despite the decline of traditional correspondence in the digital age, Indian philately remains vibrant among collectors, researchers and exhibitors. Increasingly, these tiny pieces of paper are being appreciated not just as collectables, but as enduring historical documents and powerful educational tools. They remind us that long before social media campaigns and environmental documentaries, India's postage stamps were already carrying messages of conservation, biodiversity and sustainable living to every corner of the world.

My favourite stamp is India's first scented postage stamp, honouring the prized Sandalwood (Santalum album), which was issued by India Post on 13 December 2006. Designed by Sankha Samanta and printed at the India Security Press, Nashik, the Rs 15 stamp

Opinion: Honouring Telangana's legacy—a story of identity, culture and self-



You cannot understand Telangana by looking at it on a map. You can truly understand it only by listening to the heartbeat of its people. Many tried to mock our language, erase our history, and belittle our culture. Yet Telangana has never remained silent. This land was born out of struggle, strengthened by sacrifice, and shaped by self-respect.

: Save Indigenous languages Telangana is not merely a State; it is a living philosophy woven together by history, culture, language, literature, folklore, struggle, and self-respect. Every step on this soil carries the memory of sacrifice. Every lake reflects a rich civilisation. Every village preserves a unique cultural legacy. Respecting Telangana's identity, therefore, is not about recognising a geographical region — it is about honouring the resilience of a people who safeguarded their language, heritage, and dignity through generations of struggle.

Ridiculed for Decades For decades, the Telugu spoken in Telangana was ridiculed and reduced to comic relief in mainstream cinema. The history of the region rarely found the space it deserved in textbooks. The glorious legacy of the Kakatiyas and the sacrifices of leaders such as Sardar Sarvai Papanna, Komaram Bheem, and Chakali Ailamma did not receive the recognition they truly deserved.

Telangana was often portrayed as backward and underdeveloped. Discrimination in employment, water allocation, financial resources, and administration was not merely a political issue; it was a lived reality that affected countless families.

In an era of globalisation, preserving regional identities is more important than ever. When a language survives, culture survives, and when culture survives, history endures. Just as the formation of Andhra State from the erstwhile Madras State is recognised in history, Telangana's distinct identity deserves equal respect. Acknowledging the history, language, and culture of Telangana is not regionalism; it is an affirmation of India's rich diversity. India's

greatest strength lies not in uniformity but in embracing its many identities with equal dignity.

History has repeatedly shown that injustice cannot last forever. The people's accumulated pain eventually transformed into a movement for self-respect. Students, farmers, employees, writers, artists, intellectuals, and women stood together with a common purpose. The Telangana movement was not merely a political struggle for statehood; it was a cultural renaissance through which a society reclaimed its history, language, and identity.

Understanding Telangana To understand Telangana, one must first respect its language. Language is not merely a tool of communication; it carries the memories, emotions, experiences, and collective wisdom of a people. Asking a community to abandon its language is, in many ways, asking it to surrender its identity.

Respecting the Telangana dialect is, therefore, an act of respecting the dignity of its people. This transformation is clearly visible in contemporary Telugu cinema. A language that was once ridiculed is now celebrated as the soul of storytelling. Films portraying Telangana's rural life, traditions, and authentic speech have earned widespread appreciation.

The reentbate surrounding the title 'Idupu Kayitham' once again drew attention to the richness of Telangana's linguistic heritage. While some mocked the local expression, others defended it as a symbol of the region's cultural wealth. The discussion demonstrated how even a film title can spark a meaningful conversation about language and identity. Likewise, 'Balagam' introduced global audiences to Telangana's family values, village life, customs, and emotional depth.

'Jai Bolu Telangana' reflected the spirit of the statehood movement, 'Maa Bhoomi' portrayed the history of the peasant armed struggle, 'Razakar' revisited the Telangana liberation movement, and 'Daasi' exposed the oppression of women under the feudal order.

Together, these films prove that Telangana cinema is much more than entertainment—it is a powerful cultural medium that preserves and carries forward the region's history, language, heritage, and collective memory.

Living Foundations Since the formation of the State, Telangana has established its presence across literature, cinema, music, folk arts, science, and several other fields. A language that was once dismissed is now heard with respect. A culture that was once overlooked is today celebrated with pride. This transformation reflects not merely the passage of time but the growing confidence and self-belief of Telangana society.

Yet traces of prejudice still remain. Some continue to feel uncomfortable with the growing recognition of Telangana's language, history, and achievements. However, the progress of one State should never be viewed as a loss for another. The development of Telangana contributes to the progress of India as a whole. Mutual respect, rather than rivalry, strengthens democracy.

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history endures. And when history endures, a civilisation preserves its identity for generations. Speaking the language of Telangana is not a sign of backwardness; it is a matter of pride. Celebrating its traditions is not regionalism; it is the preservation of a priceless cultural legacy. Comfortable with the growing recognition of Telangana's language, history, and achievements. However, the progress of one State should never be viewed as a loss for another. The development of Telangana contributes to the progress of India as a whole. Mutual respect, rather than rivalry, strengthens democracy.

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In an era of globalisation, preserving regional identities has become even more important. When a language survives, culture survives. When culture survives, The response of Telangana is never driven by anger; it is guided by self-respect. Attempts to erase its history, ridicule its language, or undermine its culture will never silence its spirit. Telangana stands not for hatred towards anyone but for the dignity of its people. To understand Telangana, one must look beyond maps and statistics and into the hearts of its people. Telangana is not merely an address. It is our breath, our pride, and our identity.

‘No Shortcuts To Success’, Says Yashvir Singh After Bagging Javelin Bronze At CWG 2026



The ninth day of the ongoing Commonwealth Games 2026 saw India bagging both silver and bronze medals in the javelin throw. While Neeraj Chopra bagged the gold, promising Rajasthan athlete Yashvir Singh won the bronze. After winning the bronze, Yashvir told ETV Bharat that this medal is not just a personal achievement but the result of years of hard work, family sacrifices and constant struggle. He said that when the tricolour flies high, and one gets the opportunity to win a medal for the country, all those years of hard work feel worthwhile. He shared that his sporting career began at home under his father, Rai Singh, a former athlete who currently trains athletes for the Railways. Watching his father practice and train athletes from a young age, he developed an interest in javelin throw. He said, "My father was my first coach. He taught me the nuances of the sport and always emphasised the importance of discipline, hard work and patience. Without his guidance, I probably wouldn't have reached this position

today." Yashvir said that his father never showed him the easy path and always encouraged him to work hard. That's why his dream of winning a medal for the country on the international stage has come true. He explained that he began throwing the javelin in Rajasthan and practised regularly at the Sawai Mansingh Stadium in Jaipur. In his early days, practising for hours daily was a part of his daily routine. From state-level competitions to the national level, he consistently represented Rajasthan, winning medals in numerous junior and senior competitions. He added that after his strong performance at the state level, he was granted the opportunity to train at various high-performance centres across the country, where modern technology, international-level facilities and never lost courage. He said, "I always believed that hard work would pay off." Emphasising that there are no shortcuts to success in sports, he underlined the importance of consistent practice, discipline, fitness and mental strength. He

explained that an athlete's life isn't limited to just performing on the field. Behind the performance lies years of rigorous practice, overcoming injuries, mental pressure and the constant challenge of improving oneself. "There were times when the goal seemed far away, but the faith of my family," He said, "I always believed that injuries while practising and work would payinjuries while practising off." Emphasising that there are no shortcuts to success in sports, he underlined the importance of consistent practice, discipline and coach never let me and the guidance of experienced coaches shaped his performance. This preparation led him to the podium at the Commonwealth Games. Recalling his struggles, Yashvir shared that he initially lacked access to a professional javelin. Due to the high cost, he practised injuries while practising with a makeshift bamboo javelin for a long time. He said that initially, resources were scarce. He even sustained injuries while practising with the bamboo javelin

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India's Tourism Growth Story Intact, More GST Cuts On Hotels, Restaurants Will Help: SOTC Travel MD



Further rationalisation in goods and services tax (GST) on domestic hotels and restaurants could help fuel tourism growth in India, even as the country's travel market continues to grow despite global uncertainties, according to SOTC Travel Managing Director and CEO Vishal Suri. The GST Council had last year reduced GST on hotel rooms with tariffs of up to Rs 7,500 per night to 5 per cent from 12 per cent, without input tax credit, to make accommodation more affordable and support tourism. The new rates came into effect from September 22 last year. Suri said the govern-

ment's decision to reduce the tax collected at source (TCS) on overseas tour packages to a uniform 2 per cent was a positive step for the industry. "The government has already reduced TCS on overseas tour packages to 2 per cent (uniform rate) and can further consider GST rationalisation on domestic hotels & restaurants," Suri told PTI in an interview. He said tourism has the potential to emerge as a major contributor to India's economic growth, employment generation and regional development, and called for continued investment in tourism infrastructure, improved last-mile con-

nectivity, destination development and policy measures that simplify regulations and encourage investment. The MD-CEO of the travel service provider said India's domestic tourism story remains underpinned by strong structural fundamentals, supported by improving infrastructure, expanding airport networks, better road and rail connectivity, and government investments that are making travel more accessible across the country. On the impact of higher airfares, he said travellers have become more value-conscious rather than cutting back on travel. "Higher airfares have certainly

made customers more value-conscious, but rather than reducing travel, they are adapting through earlier bookings, flexible travel dates and destination choices that offer better overall value," he said, adding that consumers are increasingly evaluating the overall holiday experience instead of focusing solely on airfare. Thailand, Vietnam, Bali, Japan, Singapore, Switzerland, France, Australia, and New Zealand continue to remain among the preferred outbound destinations for Indian travellers, while demand is also rising for premium, experience-led holidays such as luxury rail jour-

RBI Likely To Hold Rates In Aug, Maintain Hawkish Tone As Inflation Risks Persist: Economists



economists believe resilient domestic demand could prompt a modest upward revision in the FY27 GDP growth forecast, while others expect no change. A few anticipate a slight downgrade due to weak global demand, higher energy costs and geopolitical uncertainty.

Gaura Sengupta, economist at IDFC FIRST Bank, said the inflationary pressures are largely supply-driven and therefore may not warrant an immediate monetary policy response.

"The risk to inflation is supply-side led. Monetary policy is not the appropriate tool as it works via the demand side. Fiscal policy will be the main response to manage inflation pressures," she said, while adding that the RBI is likely to reiterate that it only seeks to curb excessive volatility in the rupee rather than target a specific exchange rate.

On liquidity, the majority of respondents do not expect any major measures in the August policy. However, some believe the RBI could continue fine-tuning operations through variable-rate repo auctions and open market operations, if required, to ensure orderly money market conditions. "No, but measures are expected closer to September when liquidity infusion picks up," Sengupta said.

: The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) is expected to keep the benchmark repo rate unchanged in its August monetary policy review on elevated inflation risks and pending the closure of the FCNR(B) deposit scheme, a poll of 10 economists and treasury heads has revealed. Most respondents anticipate that the central bank will maintain its policy stance as 'Neutral' while adopting a hawkish tone amid rising inflation risks from geopolitical tensions, elevated crude oil prices and an uneven monsoon. Economists said the central bank will remain in a "wait-and-watch" mode as it assesses the evolving inflation outlook.

"As of now, trimmed core inflation remains benign and suggests a status quo is the best policy option for the time being, with caution being expressed through the policy tone," said Aditi Nayar, chief econ-

omist at ICRA. In recent media outings, Governor Sanjay Malhotra has reiterated that inflation will be the central bank's foremost priority going ahead, pointing out that progress of the monsoon is a key factor to watch out for. Gopal Tripathi, head of treasury at Jana Small Finance Bank said the central bank will wait for the monsoon to play out and for the success of the FCNR (B) scheme. The MPC will meet between August 3 and August 5 to decide on the policy rates. The central bank has reduced the repo rate by 1.25 per cent since last year to aid growth. Despite expectations of a pause in August, the majority of respondents see the policy rate moving higher over the course of FY27. Most participants expect at least two rate hikes during the fiscal year if inflationary pressures intensify. "The RBI is expected to maintain a

hawkish pause, balancing resilient domestic growth with supply-led inflation. Since inflation is largely driven by external shocks rather than demand, keeping rates unchanged allows the RBI to assess evolving risks like monsoon developments and geopolitical disruptions before taking further action," said Balasubramanian R, head of treasury at Dhanlaxmi Bank. Most respondents expect no change in the central bank's inflation forecast despite the recent spike in crude oil prices, although a few foresee an upward revision if geopolitical tensions persist. Balasubramanian expects the RBI to raise its FY27 retail inflation projection to 5.1 per cent, citing imported inflation risks from higher energy prices.

Expectations on growth projections also remained divided. Some

Sudhir Golla Dismisses Allegations Against Him As Baseless, Seeks Transparent Probe



Hockey coach Sudhir Golla has dismissed all the allegations levelled against him by former Indian women's hockey team captain Asunta Lakra as baseless. Stating that he has always respected Asunta, he said that serious allegations like bad touch and sexual harassment have caused a deep mental trauma not only to him but also to his family. He said that his professional

career has also been hampered. Asunta, a national selector, had reportedly submitted a letter to the authorities in Jharkhand on June 29 alleging that Golla sexually harassed players, used casteist slurs and enjoyed the protection of the top officials running hockey affairs in Jharkhand. The letter was signed by 31 national and international hockey players.

Golla said that from 2024 to 2026, he worked diligently to promote hockey in Jharkhand and played a role in helping the state win several gold medals. He worked tirelessly to improve the players' performance and bring national recognition. He said that allegations are being levelled against him to tarnish his image, which is completely unjustified. Golla said the play-

ers had never complained to him of any misconduct. They had only requested an additional coach from the state government. He stated that if this matter is not investigated impartially, he will consider other legal options. He questioned why such a complaint had not surfaced earlier. Originally from Hyderabad in Telangana, Golla said that he is being made to feel that he is being maligned and driven away from Jharkhand because he is an outsider. He stated that he was unaware of the dispute between Asunta and the authorities running the hockey administration in Jharkhand or India. He claimed that dragging his name into the controversy was wrong. He stated that he had received death threats in Ranchi and had submitted audio recordings to the Sports Department and the Sports Directorate.

Deepika Padukone Shares Funny Post On Pregnancy Struggles With Daughter Dua



Deepika Padukone is giving fans little glimpses of her pregnancy journey, and her latest Instagram Story is something many parents may instantly relate to. The actor, who is expecting her second child with husband Ranveer Singh, recently reshared a funny video on Instagram that highlighted the challenges of being pregnant while taking care of a toddler. The clip featured a pregnant woman lifting her little child in her arms. The video came with a simple but relatable caption: "Don't lift anything over 20 pounds during pregnancy. Me this entire pregnancy."

Deepika shared the post with a Spider-Man sticker, adding a playful touch to the relatable moment. While Deepika did not directly name her daughter in the Story, the post is being seen as a reference to her toddler, Dua. The little one will soon turn two, and Deepika has often spoken about how much she enjoys being a mother. Deepika Padukone Shares Funny Post On Pregnancy Struggles With Daughter Dua (Photo: Instagram)

In an earlier interview with a newswire, she described her daughter as her "obsession", making it clear how central motherhood has become in her life. Dua is Deepika and Ranveer's first child. The couple welcomed their daughter in 2024 after tying the knot in 2018 in a wedding ceremony at Lake Como, Italy. The couple announced their pregnancy in April this year. In a sweet announcement, they shared a picture of Dua holding a pregnancy test kit showing a positive result. The post quickly attracted attention from fans and

friends, who congratulated the couple on the growing family. Deepika has largely kept her pregnancy away from the spotlight and has not been regularly sharing pictures of herself on social media. Her latest post comes at a time when fans are waiting to see her return to the big screen. Deepika has several projects lined up, including Siddharth Anand's highly anticipated King, where she will share screen space with Shah Rukh Khan again. She is also set to be part of Atlee and Allu Arjun's Raaka, which will mark her first major collaboration with Allu Arjun.

Pamala Serena Reveals Fiance Cheated On Her Before Wedding



As the finale of Lock Upp 2 draws closer, the contestants were given one of the toughest tasks of the season. They had to reveal painful secrets from their personal lives. During the task, informer Apoorva Mukhija selected Pamala Serena to share her secret. Given the code word "fiancé," Pamala became emotional as she opened up about a heartbreaking chapter from her life. She revealed that her former fiancé had cheated on her and had even impregnated another woman while they were engaged. Recalling the incident, Pamala said, "5 years ago, I was in a long-term relationship. It was almost 8 years. We were from the Indian-UK background. We were engaged and about to get married. He was a big businessman, so he used

to work abroad." She then shared that her fiancé suddenly fell seriously ill after returning from a work trip. "He was once returning via flight, and when he landed, he had a big infection in his stomach. When he was taken to the hospital in an emergency, we found out that he had a huge abscess inside his stomach. It was the size of a melon, and he had to be operated on immediately or else it could burst," she said. Pamala revealed that while she was taking care of him in the hospital, she came across a shocking truth. "Anyway, the operation was over, and we were by ourselves. Our families were in London, and so his phone was with me. After a few weeks, I got a call from a girl, and she revealed that she had been in a relationship with him for the last 2

years and was pregnant with his baby." The revelation left Pamala devastated. However, despite the betrayal, she chose not to leave him immediately because of his medical condition. "I was very upset, and I thought of leaving, but how could I do that in such a condition, after 7-8 years with him? So I stayed back and took care of him for another month and a half. When he became healthy, I packed my bags and left without turning back," she shared.

Pamala also admitted that the incident changed her forever and made it difficult for her to trust anyone again. "My trust broke, and I never trusted anyone again. I had relationships again, but that trust never happened. I always question myself in case I get close to someone, if I should

trust them or not," she said. Pamala did not reveal the identity of her former fiancé. Pamala Serena rose to fame with Netflix India's Desi Bling. Born in the United Kingdom to Indian parents, she later moved to Dubai in 2012 and made a name for herself in the beauty pageant world. She won the titles of Mrs Universe Dubai 2021 and Mrs UAE World 2022. Meanwhile, Lock Upp 2 has become more intense ahead of its finale. The latest episodes saw former contestants Harshad Chopda and Yogesh Rawat return to the show after winning comeback tasks against Sufi Motiwala and Dheeraj Dhoopar, respectively. Hosted by Farah Khan and Riteish Deshmukh, the reality show is streaming on Netflix.

Spider-Man Brand New Day Box Office Day 4



Spider-Man: Brand New Day is showing no signs of slowing down at the Indian box office. The Tom Holland-led Marvel film has turned its opening weekend into a major box-office event, with the movie crossing the Rs 200 crore net mark in just four days. As per the latest figures available at the time of publishing, the film has collected around Rs 239.65 crore net in India, while its India gross collection stands at approximately Rs 285.63 crore. The film opened strongly on Thursday and has managed to maintain impressive momentum through the weekend. The film started its theatrical run with a massive Rs 60.60 crore net on day 1. It then collected Rs 49.35 crore on Friday. Instead of seeing a major weekend jump, the film exploded on Saturday. Day 3 brought in around

Rs 70.25 crore, making it the biggest day of the opening weekend. On Sunday, the film continued its strong run. Its day 4 collection stood at around Rs 59.45 crore net by the time of publishing, with some late shows still left to report. The numbers underline the film's extraordinary hold. Even after a huge opening, it managed to deliver another Rs 70 crore-plus day on Saturday and remained close to the Rs 60 crore mark on Sunday. Box Office Breakdown Day Collection (India Net) Day 1 (1st Thursday) Rs 60.60 Cr Day 2 (1st Friday) Rs 49.35 Cr Day 3 (1st Saturday) Rs 70.25 Cr Day 4 (1st Sunday) Rs 59.45 Cr (early estimates) Total Rs 239.65 Cr Data Source: Sacnilk Taran Adarsh calls it a

'tsunami' at the box office. Film trade analyst Taran Adarsh has also highlighted the film's remarkable performance. Reacting to its Saturday business, he described the run as a "tsunami at the box office" and pointed out that Saturday had surpassed the film's historic opening day. Adarsh also suggested that Sunday could emerge as the biggest day of the extended weekend based on the trends. Another major milestone is already within reach. According to Adarsh, Avengers: Endgame collected Rs 260.40 crore in its first seven days in India, while Spider-Man: Brand New Day is expected to cross that figure as early as its fifth day. That would give the Marvel release another major benchmark in the Indian market. Hollywood records con-

tinue to fall. The film has already created a strong opening record for a Hollywood release in India. Its weekend performance has further strengthened its position as one of the biggest Hollywood theatrical events in the country. The film had also shown strong ticket-booking momentum on BookMyShow. It crossed the four-million-ticket mark on the platform, while its rapid weekend growth put the movie on course to potentially cross one million ticket sales within a 24-hour period. The strong response is particularly notable because the film is not simply relying on its opening-day fan rush. The sharp jump on Saturday indicates that the movie has been attracting a wider audience as the weekend progressed. The film is now eyeing a four-day

Aditi Sharma Files Domestic Violence Complaint Against Husband Abhineet Kaushik, In-Laws

: Television actor Aditi Sharma period mentioned in her com-



has filed a complaint against her husband, actor Abhineet Vidyanand Kaushik, and her in-laws, alleging physical and mental harassment, domestic violence and misuse of her bridal jewellery. Based on her complaint, Goregaon Police registered an FIR against Abhineet, his mother Urmila Kaushik and sister Kirti Kaushik. The case is now under investigation. According to the complaint, Aditi has alleged that she faced harassment at the couple's Goregaon residence. The

plaint stretches from November 12, 2024, to March 9, 2025. Aditi and Abhineet reportedly first met during an online acting class in 2021. Their friendship later developed into a relationship. According to her complaint, the two began living together in Goregaon West in September 2024 and got married on November 12 that year, with the consent of both families. However, Aditi has alleged that things changed soon after the marriage. According to her state-

ment, arguments began over several issues, including her clothing. She has also alleged that her husband did not contribute adequately towards household expenses and would regularly take money from her. One incident mentioned in the complaint allegedly took place on January 1, 2025. Aditi has claimed that an argument over coffee escalated and was followed by further problems in the relationship. She has also alleged that her husband became suspicious about her character and accused her of having an affair. According to the complaint, he would check her mobile phone and eventually started sleeping in a separate room. Aditi has further alleged that she was prevented from speaking to her parents. The actress has also accused her mother-in-law of retaining her bridal jewellery, which she has described as part of her stridhan. The jewellery allegedly includes gold chains, rings, a diamond ring, a mangalsutra and bangles. Aditi's complaint, she repeatedly asked for the jewellery to be returned but did not receive it. The police have registered the case and started an investigation into the allegations. No response from Abhineet Kaushik or his family has been made public so far. For the unversed, the actor has appeared in several Hindi television shows and is known for performances in Kaleerein, Yehh Jadu Hai Jinn Ka! and Rabb Se Hai Dua. Aditi has also worked across films and digital projects. She began her career with modelling assignments and music videos before making her mark on television. She appeared in the Hindi film Ladies vs Ricky Bahl and later featured in the Punjabi film Angrej.