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## 'India's Youth are making their mark across various sectors'

### PM Modi Celebrates Youth-Led Development As NDA Government Completes 12 Years



**New Delhi:** As the NDA government marked 12 years in office, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday highlighted the role of India's youth in shaping the country's growth story, describing youth-led development as one of the defining features of the past decade. The NDA Government is one that is strongly working towards youth-led development. One of the defining features of the last 12 years has been the confidence with which India's youth have pursued their aspirations. In a message shared on social media, the prime minister said the confidence and aspirations of

young Indians have played a crucial role in the country's progress over the last 12 years. He noted that the government has focused on creating opportunities for young people through a range of initiatives aimed at encouraging innovation, entrepreneurship and skill development. "Through initiatives such as Startup India, Digital India, Skill India and Atal Innovation Mission, an ecosystem has emerged that encourages innovation, entrepreneurship and enterprise," Prime Minister Modi said. The NDA Government is one that is strongly working towards youth-led development. One of the defining features of the last 12 years has been the confidence with which India's youth have pursued their aspirations. The prime minister pointed to India's emergence as one of the world's leading startup destinations, stating that many of the country's startup success stories are being driven by young entrepreneurs. "Today, India is among the

world's leading StartUp destinations and many of these success stories are being scripted by our Yuva Shakti and that too from smaller towns and villages," the prime minister said. He noted that innovation is no longer confined to major metropolitan centres, with talented youth from smaller towns and villages increasingly making their presence felt in the startup ecosystem. PM Modi also highlighted the growing contribution of young Indians across sectors that are expected to play a significant role in the future economy. "India's youth are making their mark across various sectors, from science and technology to manufacturing, space, semiconductors and drones. It is heartening to see young Indians contributing to areas that will shape the future of our nation and the world," the prime minister said. Apart from technological and entrepreneurial achievements, Modi also praised the performance of young athletes who have represented the country on international

platforms. He said Indian sportspersons have consistently brought glory to the nation through their performances in global competitions, strengthening the country's standing on the world stage. The prime minister added that better sports infrastructure and improved support for athletes have opened up new avenues for budding athletes. As per him, better facilities and institutional support are prompting more youngsters to take up sports as a career choice.

## Indian Air Force's AN-32 Transport Aircraft Crashes In Assam's Jorhat, Five Killed

**Jorhat :** An Indian Air Force (IAF) AN-32 transport aircraft crashed and caught fire at the Air Force Station in Assam's Jorhat on Saturday morning killing five personnel. The Air Force confirmed five casualties in the mishap and shared details. The personnel who lost their lives in the crash have been identified as Sqn Ldr Prashant Singh, Flt Lt Shubham Kumar, Sgt Jitendra Sharma, Agniveervayu Khemaram Kumawat and Agniveervayu Danish Alam. "An IAF An-32 aircraft met with an accident during a routine sortie today at approximately 1000h at Jorhat, Assam. Crash site management and initial en-

quiries are on at this time. IAF deeply regrets the loss of lives and stands firmly with the bereaved families in this time of grief," a post from the IAF stated. According to initial reports, the AN-32 aircraft went down within the Air Force Station premises while landing, triggering a fire after the crash. Emergency response teams were immediately deployed to the site to control the blaze and assess the situation. The cause of the crash is yet to be ascertained. Further information is awaited as Air Force has begun investigation into the AN-32 crash. "We are aware of the IAF transport aircraft accident in Jorhat. We are await-



ing further details," Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma said. The Antonov AN-32 is a rugged, twin-engine turboprop military transport aircraft that serves as the "workhorse" of the Indian Air Force. First built in the Soviet Union specifically for Indian requirements, the IAF operates a fleet of

about 100 of these aircraft. The AN-32 is designed to excel in extreme environments, functioning perfectly in high-altitude airfields and hot tropical climates. It can transport up to 7.5 tons of cargo, 50 passengers, or 42 paratroopers, and it is extensively used for supply drops in remote regions.

## 'As Soon As It Came To My Notice, I Ordered An FIR': Yogi On Defamatory Posts Against Akhilesh's Daughter



**Lucknow:** Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Saturday strongly condemned defamatory and malicious social media posts targeting the daughter of Samajwadi Party chief Akhilesh Yadav, saying that daughters should never become the subject of toxic public dis-

course. Addressing a gathering during the inauguration and foundation-laying of development projects worth more than Rs 955 crore in Azamgarh, Yogi said derogatory comments against any daughter are unacceptable, regardless of political affiliations. 'A Daughter Is a Daugh-

ter' Referring to the controversy, the Chief Minister said he immediately directed authorities to take action after learning about the posts. "I saw recently that some people were making comments on social media against Akhilesh Yadav ji's daughter.

## The axe party is obstructing the development of AP: Kollu Ravindra



**Amaravati, June 13 :** Andhra Pradesh Mines, Mineral Resources and Excise Minister Kollu Ravindra has expressed his anger at YSRCP chief YS Jagan Mohan Reddy. He said that the axe party has sacrificed 30,000 lives by violating the liquor ban

promise and using adulterated liquor. Kollu Ravindra spoke to the media in Amaravati Saturday. He said that Jagan has stabbed his own sister who sought justice by protecting her father-in-law's murderers. He accused her of increasing electricity charges 9 times and imposing an unbearable burden of Rs 32,000 crore on the people. He criticized that he has caused 4,100 unemployed suicides in five years by stalling the mega DSC and job calendar promises. He said that by bringing GO No. 117, the government schools of BC, SC, ST and minorities were closed, darkening the future of 12 lakh people. He accused Jagan of doing great injustice to the backward classes by

reducing the reservation of BC local bodies from 34 percent to 24 percent. He was angry that the Polavaram project was neglected and the interests of the state were damaged. He mentioned that the people of AP have put an end to Jagan's anarchic rule by giving a historic victory to the alliance with 94 percent of the seats in the 2024 elections. He said that the people of AP have put an end to the anarchic rule of the alliance, erasing the destruction of the last five years. He said that the state is on a path of excellent welfare and progress during the two-year alliance rule. He explained that due to the positive policies of the alliance government, AP has received 25 percent of the to-

tal foreign investment in the country in two years. He said that pensions are being provided to 65 lakh people, which is unprecedented in the history of the state. In two years, their government has directly distributed Rs. 65 thousand crores to the poor, they revealed. After the approval of the Mega DSC file with the first signature of the coalition government, Minister Kollu Ravindra clarified that 16,430 teacher and 6,000 constable posts have been filled. He flagged that the Godali party is conspiring against the Mega DSC. He revealed that free travel facilities have been provided to 71 crore women so far through the free bus travel scheme (Stree Shakti). He said that 4.26 crore cylinders have been successfully

distributed under the Deepam-2 scheme. He explained that in a short period of 24 months, Rs. 23 lakh crore investments have been attracted. He said that a clear plan is being made to create 21 lakh jobs. He emphasized that if 85 percent of the promises were trampled under Jagan's rule, the coalition government has fulfilled 90 percent of the Super Six promises within two years. He flagged that they are trying to create a rift between castes and religions. They flagged that the Goddali Party was obstructing the development of AP. Minister Kollu Ravindra expressed his deep anger, saying that the Goddali Party was trying to deceive the people once again by playing dirty tricks.

## Jagan is the ultimate beneficiary in the AP liquor scam: Dola Veeranjanya Swamy

**Amaravati, June 13:** Social Welfare Minister Dola Bala Veeranjanya Swamy has lashed out at the previous YSRCP government for allegedly turning alcohol into a complete source of income by promising to ban it. He accused it of looting Rs 3500 crore in the liquor scam and engaging in diversionary politics. He commented that the ultimate beneficiary of the liquor scam is the Godali party leader Jagan. He alleged that 30,000 women were killed by making adulterated liquor. He said that people's lives are not a matter of concern to the person who killed his younger brother.

The minister said that they made films and businesses with the money looted from adulterated liquor. He accused former YSRCP minister Karumuri Nageswara Rao of looting liquor transportation. He was furious that Rs. 400 crores were looted by increasing transportation charges through shell companies. He said that quality liquor was made available through the Suraksha app in the coalition government. He said that the leaders of the Godali party should remember that the people rejected the Godali party. He said that the coalition



government scored a super hit with Super Six. He said that the ED touched the Tadepalli gate in the liquor scam. Dola Bala Veeranjanya Swamy commented that the people have permanently closed the Godali party in the state.

## Public response reflects anger over govt failure: YSRCP

**Guntur:** The YSR Congress Party has claimed that the Vennupotuku Rendellu protest programme is a grand success and the overwhelming response to the call given by the YSRCP chief YS Jagan Mohan Reddy reflects growing public anger against the coalition government and its failure to fulfil election promises. Addressing the media at the YSRCP Central office in Tadepalli on Friday, YSRCP state coordinator Sajjala Ramakrishna Reddy said people from all sections of society feel cheated as several

promises made during the elections remain unfulfilled. At the same time, welfare schemes introduced during the YSRCP government have either been discontinued or diluted, causing difficulties for beneficiaries, he alleged. He congratulated people for participating in large numbers despite police restrictions and urged citizens to question the ruling alliance during its house-to-house outreach programme about the status of its promises. He described the coalition's Tirupati meeting as a publicity exercise disconnected

from ground realities. He claimed that beneficiary numbers under schemes such as Talliki Vandanam, pensions and Annadata Sukhibhava have been reduced, while other schemes have either not taken off or have been weakened. He criticised claims relating to free bus travel, Anna Canteens and DSC recruitment, alleging exaggeration and irregularities. The coalition government's poor governance and failure on multiple fronts were reflected in the success of the 'Vennupotuku Rendellu' protest programme, he added.

## Quality medical services for all communities: Minister Satyakumar

**Vijayawada, June 13:** Minister Satyakumar revealed that the coalition government is providing development in all areas and welfare schemes for all sections. Speaking to the media on Saturday, he said that CM Chandrababu and Deputy CM Pawan Kalyan had said the same thing in a public meeting held in Tirupati yesterday (Friday). He said that they are telling the people about the development and plans made in the health sector in the last two years. He said that the coalition government is taking steps to ensure that quality medical services are provided to all sections. He said that new changes have

been made in everything from OP services to medical services. He said that whoever comes to the hospital, the record has been digitalized. The Minister said that significant changes have been made in the health sector in two years. He said that people are expressing satisfaction with these services and it is a great thing. He thanked all the officials who have provided cooperation for this. He thanked everyone working in the health department from the lowest to the highest levels. Today, a satisfactory atmosphere has been created among the people. He said that Arogyaandhra

Pradesh is playing a key role in the goal of Swamandhra 2047. He thanked CM Chandrababu for providing them with all kinds of support. He criticized that there is no responsible opposition in AP. In the last five years, Jagan has turned the health department into a disease department. He said that they have worked very effectively by weakening all the systems. He also thanked Jagan for assigning them a challenging task. The minister said that CM Chandrababu Naidu has brought many reforms in the health department today. He said that a predictive approach has been brought from the reactive



and curative levels. He said that 45 types of medical tests are being conducted free of cost by going to the people. He said that their problems are being identified in advance and necessary medicines are being provided. He said that doctors are answering the doubts of the people

through telemedicine. He said that the media has also played a key role in their development. He said that wherever there is any problem... they bring it to their attention and ensure that it is resolved. He said that the number of people visiting government hospitals today has increased significantly.

## EDITORIAL

What a burden it is to  
'buy' education!

The opening of schools from the 15th of this month is making the hearts of students' parents race. They are worried about how much they will have to spend on school fees, other necessities, and transportation. There are 14,000 private schools in the state of Telangana. There are about 24 lakh students studying up to class 10. 74% of them study in private schools. While 60% of the students are in the Hyderabad area, more than half of them are middle class and lower middle class. However, the income of these families is less than Rs. 30 thousand to Rs. 50 thousand per month. In these circumstances, how can they afford to spend a few lakhs and educate their children? Statistics show that Hyderabad city is second in the country when it comes to collecting fees of private schools. In 2017, the then BRS government formed a committee with Professor Tirupati Rao as its chairman to regulate the fees of private schools in the state. The committee proposed that managements could increase fees by up to 10%, but that the government would have to decide if it exceeded 15%. Although a report was submitted to the then state government in 2020, it remained pending. After the Congress government came to power, discussions were held under the auspices of a cabinet sub-committee on fee regulation in July 2024. The Telangana Private and Unaided School Regulatory and Monitoring Commission Draft Bill 2025 was submitted to the government. It proposed that school managements should be allowed to increase fees by 8% every two years, and government permission would be mandatory if fees were to be increased by more than 9%. Chief Minister Revanth Reddy advised the officials to set up a state-level committee to regulate fees, and to cancel the permission if fees are collected beyond the norms and ensure that the relevant money is recovered from the educational institutions. But so far, it has not been implemented. With this, it seems that the burden of fees will have to be borne this year too.

Currently, a student studying in the fifth grade in regular schools in the state had to pay an annual fee of up to Rs. 70,000 last year, but from this year onwards, they will have to pay up to Rs. 1.10 lakh. In corporate schools, the fee, which was Rs. 2.75 lakh, has been increased to Rs. 3.50 lakh. In one model school, fees of up to Rs. 1 lakh are also being charged. The management is saying that the fees have to be increased due to the increase in wages, provision of AI education, increase in laboratory and infrastructure costs. The rates of school buses and autos have also increased to take students to schools and return them to their homes. They say that the minimum fare per kilometer is Rs. 15,000 per month. Last year, this fare was up to Rs. 10,000. The fares of school buses have been increased by 30 to 60 percent. School managements are claiming that diesel prices have increased due to the impact of the US-Iran war, which is why transportation fares are also having to be increased.

Now, the notebooks and workbooks sold in schools have to be purchased at higher prices. Parents say that some electronic gadgets are also being used for AI-related lessons. School managements are pressuring that even a second-grade student needs AI education. Last year, the fee was Rs. 90,000, but this year it is Rs. 1.30 lakh, and they have been charged Rs. 12,000 for some software gadgets for this education, said a family from Hyderabad. They are worried that they will have to go into debt to cover all these expenses and have to use credit cards. They are questioning how the common man will be able to educate his children if the fees are increasing without any hindrance every year. On this occasion, it is necessary to mention what steps the Tamil Nadu government has taken to curb the exploitation of fees in private schools. Within a month of the TVK government coming to power, the Tamil Nadu Schools (Regulation of Fees) Amendment Bill was unanimously approved in the Assembly. A seven-member committee was formed under the leadership of a retired High Court judge. One member was provided from the parents' association. The fees finalized by the committee will be in force for three years. The proposals approved by the government have to be clearly and clearly displayed on the notice board, website and admission forms. If these rules are violated, the recognition of schools will be cancelled. The functioning of the Fee Determination Committee is completely different. This committee does not decide a single general fee for all schools in the state of Tamil Nadu. Instead, it examines each educational institution separately as per the Private Schools Act. It finalizes the fee policy of that school based on the infrastructure, investment, salaries of teachers and daily running costs of the respective schools. It is being said that if the fee policy is decided in the same manner in Telangana too, it will provide some relief to the parents.

India's Credit System Is Failing  
The Businesses It Claims To Champion

India's political class loves to talk about financial inclusion. Governments boast about hundreds of millions of bank accounts opened under Jan Dhan. Ministers celebrate record digital transactions. Banks advertise their expanding reach. Fintech companies promise to democratize credit. Every budget speech, economic survey and policy document carries some version of the same message: India has successfully brought its excluded citizens into the formal financial system. The narrative is comforting. It is also increasingly detached from reality. A new study by the National Institute of Public Finance and Policy (NIPFP) lays bare a truth that policymakers would rather not confront: India's financial inclusion revolution has succeeded in creating customers, not necessarily borrowers; account holders, not necessarily entrepreneurs; participants in the financial system, but not beneficiaries of it. The most damning statistic in the study is not that 36.16 percent of India's unincorporated enterprises are fully credit-constrained. Nor is it that another 28.80 percent are partially constrained. It is that nearly two-thirds of India's small businesses continue to face significant obstacles in obtaining credit after more than a decade of relentless financial inclusion campaigns, dozens of lending schemes, billions of rupees in subsidies and endless declarations about empowering entrepreneurs.

At some point, policymakers must ask an uncomfortable question: if 65 percent of businesses still struggle to access finance, what exactly has India's financial inclusion project achieved? The answer appears to be visibility rather than empowerment. India has

become extraordinarily good at counting people inside the financial system. It remains remarkably poor at ensuring the system actually works for them. The contradiction is stark. The same government that speaks endlessly about entrepreneurship presides over a financial architecture in which the smallest entrepreneurs are systematically disadvantaged. The same policymakers who invoke MSMEs as the backbone of the economy continue to tolerate a credit ecosystem that treats them as an afterthought. The same institutions that describe manufacturing as India's future continue to starve small manufacturers of capital. The NIPFP findings expose a reality that economic rhetoric often obscures: India's credit system does not reward productive potential. It rewards existing strength.

Banks lend most readily to those who already possess assets, records, collateral, scale and financial history. Those who lack these advantages are told to formalize first, grow first, build credibility first—and only then may they qualify for the credit they needed in the first place. This is not financial inclusion. It is financial gatekeeping disguised as inclusion. Nowhere is this contradiction more glaring than in manufacturing. For years, India has proclaimed its ambition to become a global manufacturing hub. "Make in India" has been marketed as both an economic strategy and a national mission. Policymakers speak of absorbing labour from agriculture, creating millions of jobs and positioning India as an alternative to China in global supply chains. Yet the study finds that 53.64 percent of manufacturing enterprises are fully credit-constrained. Read that figure again. More than half the sec-



tor that policymakers claim will drive India's economic transformation cannot access adequate credit. This is not a policy gap. It is a policy failure. The absurdity becomes even clearer when one examines the distribution of loans. Manufacturing accounts for just 15.4 percent of outstanding credit among unincorporated enterprises. Services command over 52 percent. Trading activities receive another 32 percent.

In other words, the financial system is doing precisely the opposite of what industrial policy demands. Capital is flowing not where economic transformation is most needed but where risk is lowest. That may be rational banking. It is disastrous development economics. The result is a country that wants factory jobs but finances consumption; that talks about production but rewards trading; that celebrates industrialization while denying industrial enterprises the oxygen of growth. The irony is almost painful. India's policymakers frequently compare the country with China, Vietnam and

South Korea. Yet one lesson from every successful industrial economy is that finance followed national development priorities. India's credit system increasingly behaves as though development priorities are somebody else's problem. The study also demolishes another cherished assumption: that financial exclusion is primarily a rural problem.

For decades, policymakers have designed interventions around the belief that geography is the principal barrier. Rural India, they argued, lacked access to banking infrastructure. Today, that argument is becoming harder to sustain. Rural enterprises appear less credit-constrained than urban ones. More rural enterprises access formal credit than their urban counterparts. This should set off alarm bells in New Delhi. The country's policy machinery has spent years looking in one direction while exclusion has quietly evolved elsewhere. Millions of urban informal enterprises have fallen into a bureaucratic no-man's land. They are too small

for conventional banking, too complex for microfinance and too informal for formal lending frameworks. As a result, they exist in a permanent state of financial limbo—visible enough to be regulated, invisible when it comes to support. But perhaps the most troubling findings concern who remains excluded. Despite years of speeches about women's empowerment, female entrepreneurs remain significantly more likely to face credit constraints. Despite decades of affirmative-action policies, entrepreneurs from Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Other Backward Classes remain disproportionately disadvantaged. This is where the study moves beyond economics and into the realm of political accountability. Governments routinely announce schemes targeted at women and marginalized communities. Banks proudly publish lending figures. Ministries release impressive statistics about beneficiaries. Yet the outcomes tell a different story.

The 'Great Settlement' That Could Decide  
Price Of Iran War World Will Pay

*The promise of a 'great settlement' from President Trump has been enough to pull oil prices lower, calm equity markets and revive hopes that the Strait of Hormuz may return to normal traffic. Yet it shows how fragile the relief remains. A diplomatic opening can move prices in an instant, but a durable settlement is still measured not by words, but by tanker movements, insurance rates, military restraint and the willingness of adversaries to accept terms that each can sell at home.*

*The stakes are unusually large because Hormuz is not merely a regional waterway. It is one of the principal arteries of the world economy, carrying a share of oil and gas flows large enough to affect inflation, fiscal policy, trade balances and political stability far beyond the Gulf. In 2024, oil flows through the strait averaged about 20 million barrels a day, equal to roughly one-fifth of global petroleum liquids consumption. Much of that flow is directed towards Asia, making the crisis especially consequential for import-dependent economies such as India, China, Japan and South Korea.*

*That is why analysts' warning of oil reaching \$150 a barrel if the closure extends beyond 30 days cannot be treated as another speculative upper bound. Oil markets can absorb shocks for a time through inventories, rerouting, emergency releases, weaker demand and covert shipments. But the longer a chokepoint disruption continues, the more those buffers erode. The danger is not a straight-line rise in prices; it is a non-linear break in confidence once traders conclude*

*that the shortage is no longer temporary. At that point, the market prices not only lost barrels but also fear, insurance, military risk and the cost of replacing secure supply chains with improvised ones.*

*A \$150 oil price would be an unmitigated setback for a global economy already conditioned by years of war, sanctions, supply-chain redesign and high borrowing costs. Energy-importing countries would face a direct deterioration in their current accounts, while governments would confront the old dilemma of either passing costs to consumers or absorbing them through subsidies. The first option raises inflation and public anger; the second worsens fiscal balances. Central banks, already wary of declaring victory over inflation too early, would find it harder to cut rates. Companies would delay investment. Households would reduce discretionary spending. For poorer countries, the shock would be sharper because fuel imports compete directly with food, debt service and development spending.*

*The crisis also exposes a structural imbalance in globalisation. The world has diversified technology supply chains, financial flows and manufacturing platforms, but energy security still rests on narrow maritime corridors. Alternative routes exist for some Gulf output, yet they are not sufficient to replace Hormuz at scale, especially for liquefied natural gas. A prolonged closure would therefore hit crude, LNG, petrochemicals, fertilisers and shipping costs simultaneously. The effect would move through the economy in waves: first through oil prices, then trans-*

*port and electricity costs, then food prices, industrial margins, consumer confidence and sovereign risk.*

*The Institute for Economics & Peace estimate that the Iran war could reduce global GDP by about 0.6 per cent in its first year is striking precisely because it captures only the measurable part of a much wider shock. A fraction of global output may sound small in isolation, but at current world GDP levels it represents hundreds of billions of dollars in lost activity. The estimate also sits beside a more revealing figure: successful diplomacy that prevents further escalation could generate about \$2.2 trillion in economic benefits globally. That is the real price tag of peace. It turns diplomacy from a moral preference into a macroeconomic asset.*

*Trump's political instinct has always been to frame diplomacy as transaction, spectacle and personal leverage. That approach can be destabilising when it compresses complex conflicts into claims of imminent breakthroughs. Yet in this case, the market reaction shows that even the hint of a settlement has practical economic value. Oil fell sharply on expectations of a deal because traders understand that the largest risk premium in the market is not geological scarcity but political obstruction. If Hormuz reopens credibly, the war premium can unwind quickly. If the talks fail, the same premium can return with greater force because disappointed markets often reprice risk more aggressively than markets that never believed in relief.*

*The hard question is what kind of settlement would be durable. A narrow deal that*

*merely restores commercial transit could lower oil prices and ease immediate pressure, but it would not necessarily resolve the military and nuclear questions that produced the crisis. A broader deal would need to address shipping guarantees, sanctions relief, frozen assets, nuclear limits, regional proxies and the security concerns of Gulf states as well as Israel. Each item carries domestic political costs for one or more parties. Iran cannot appear to surrender control of its strategic leverage. Washington cannot appear to reward escalation. Gulf states need continuity of exports without becoming permanent hostages to the next confrontation. Israel will judge any settlement by whether it reduces or merely postpones threats.*

*That is why the 'great settlement' appears both instant and distant. It is instant because markets, governments and publics are desperate for a release valve. A single credible signal can change the price of oil, the tone of diplomacy and the calculations of shipping firms. It is distant because the underlying architecture of mistrust remains intact. The Gulf crisis is not only about a blocked strait; it is about the collapse of confidence that rules, deterrence and diplomacy can still contain regional rivalry before it becomes systemic economic warfare.*

*For India and other Asian economies, the lesson is immediate. The exposure is not limited to the pump price. It extends to fertiliser costs, aviation fuel, shipping insurance, remittances, Gulf employment, trade finance and the rupee's vulnerability to higher import*

*costs. A Hormuz shock would arrive through inflation before it arrives through official growth data. It would test fiscal discipline, monetary policy and emergency planning at once. Strategic reserves and diversified suppliers can soften the blow, but they cannot fully neutralise a prolonged disruption in a corridor through which such a high share of Asian energy demand moves. The wider geopolitical implication is that peace has become an economic infrastructure issue. Pipelines, ports, tankers and reserves matter, but so do channels of communication between enemies. A world that spends more on weapons while relying on fragile chokepoints for energy is structurally exposed to sudden repricing of risk. The IEP's \$2.2 trillion diplomacy dividend is therefore not an abstract peace advocacy number; it is a measure of avoided recessionary pressure, avoided inflation, avoided fiscal distress and avoided escalation.*

*The settlement, if it comes, will not erase the war's consequences. It will merely decide whether the world absorbs a severe but contained shock or enters a longer phase in which energy insecurity becomes the organising principle of global economics. The immediate drama is whether Trump can convert a claim of imminent peace into a verifiable opening of Hormuz. The deeper issue is whether the world economy can keep treating peace as a diplomatic afterthought when the cost of failure is counted in oil prices, GDP losses and the stability of nations far from the battlefield.*

## Faculty Development Programme Concludes Successfully



**Gandepalli, June 13:** A week-long Faculty Development Programme on "Data Analysis Using Python Programming", organized by the EEE Department of Aditya University, Surampalem, concluded successfully. Deputy Pro-Chancellor Dr. Medapati Srinivasa Reddy said the programme was aimed at enhancing teaching skills, research capabilities, and awareness of modern technologies among faculty members. Speaking at the valedictory session, Head of the Department Dr. V. Srinivasa Rao emphasized the need for faculty to con-

tinuously update their knowledge of emerging technologies to provide quality education to students. Several experts from different fields served as resource persons and delivered both theoretical and practical training sessions during the programme. Certificates were distributed to the participating faculty members. University officials, including Vice-Chancellor Prof. M.B. Srinivas, Registrar Dr. G. Suresh, Pro Vice-Chancellors Dr. S. Ramasri and Dr. A. Ramesh, attended the event.

## Yoga Helps Relieve Mental Stress: Bapatla Collector



**Bapatla, June 13:** District Collector Dr. V. Vinod Kumar emphasized the importance of yoga in relieving mental stress and maintaining good health while participating in the Yogandhra programme held at the Nanchaaramma Temple premises in Addanki, Parchur Mandal. A large number of people attended the event, where the Collector performed various yoga asanas along with officials and members of the public. Addressing the gathering, he said yoga is a time-tested practice that promotes physical fitness, mental clarity, and emotional well-being. He shared that regular meditation and yoga have helped him stay healthy and focused over the years. The Collector also highlighted the government's efforts to promote public health through the Yogandhra initiative and encouraged citizens to make yoga a part of their daily lives. Officials noted that practicing yoga regularly improves concentration, self-confidence, discipline, and overall quality of life.

## Collector Urges Public to Utilize Free Eye Care Camps

**Vijayawada, June 13:** District Collector Dr. G. Lakshminsha has urged the public to take advantage of free eye care camps and not delay treatment for cataracts, which can significantly affect vision if left untreated. Releasing a poster for a free cataract surgery camp being organized with the support of the Indian Red Cross Society and Shankara Nethralaya, the Collector emphasized the importance of eye health and regular check-ups. He noted that cataracts commonly develop with age and can cause blurred vision, difficulty in reading, glare sensitivity, and poor night vision. Dr. Lakshminsha said cataract surgery is a safe and effective treatment that can restore vision and improve quality of life. He encouraged people experiencing vision problems to visit nearby gov-



ernment hospitals for eye examinations and treatment. For details about the camp, the public can contact 9440029999.

## CM Chandrababu Naidu to Attend International Yoga Day Celebrations in Vijayawada



**Vijayawada, June 13:** Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister

will attend the International Yoga Day celebrations as the chief guest on June 21 at the , District Collector Dr. G. Lakshminsha announced. During an inspection of the venue on Saturday, the Collector directed officials to make comprehensive arrangements for the event, which is expected to attract around 5,000 yoga practitioners, students, and members of the public. Authorities have been instructed to ensure adequate drinking water, medical facilities, sanitation, power supply, traffic management, and security.

As a contingency measure in case of rain, officials have been asked to keep the ready as an alternative venue. District-level officers from various departments have been directed to coordinate and complete all preparations for the successful conduct of the event.

## Women's Economic Empowerment Strengthens Families: Collector

**Vijayawada, June 13:** District Collector Dr. G. Lakshminsha said that a family becomes stronger when women are economically empowered. He was speaking at an awareness programme on Solar Drying Powder Processing organized for women at the RISE Centre in Gollapudi on Saturday. The Collector emphasized the importance of skill development and self-employment opportunities for women's empowerment. He noted that the growing demand for natural food products offers significant income-generating opportunities through solar drying technology, which can be used to process fruits, vegetables, and agricultural produce into value-added products. He encouraged women, especially members of Self-Help Groups, to make use of such training programmes



and government support schemes to improve their livelihoods. Experts at the programme explained solar drying techniques, product preparation, quality standards, and marketing opportunities. DRDA Project Director N.V. Nanchara Rao, industry representatives, and SHG members participated in the event.

## Teachers' Thematic Yoga Programme Held Grandly in Kakinada

**Kakinada, June 13 (Pen Power):** As part of the Yogandhra-2026 initiative, a thematic yoga programme for teachers was organized successfully in Kakinada on Saturday. Around 900 teachers from various schools across the district participated enthusiastically in the yoga session. MLC Karri Padmasri, Civil Supplies Corporation Chairman Thota Sudhir, KUDA Chairman Talatam Satya, former MLC Chikkala Ramachandra Rao, District Collector M.N. Harendira Prasad, Joint Collector Apoorva Bharat and other officials attended the event. Speakers emphasized the importance of incorporating yoga into daily life and highlighted the key role of teachers in promoting yoga awareness among students. The programme featured a Common Yoga Protocol conducted with the support of yoga experts and representatives from various organizations. Officials also urged citizens to participate in the ongoing



Citizen Registration drive and district-level yoga competitions being held until June 14.

## Special 'Jala Dhara-Jala Harathi' Event Planned in Ongole on June 18



**Ongole, June 13 (Pen Power):** Prakasam District Collector P. Rajababu reviewed preparations for a special 'Jala

Dhara-Jala Harathi' programme to be held in Ongole on June 18, showcasing the development and welfare initiatives undertaken during the two years of the coalition government. The event, expected to witness participation from around 5,000 people, will highlight achievements in water resource management, including desilting of tanks, feeder canals and irrigation improvements. Photo exhibitions and video presentations will display the progress made and future benefits for farmers and the public.

Earlier, Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu and Water Resources Minister Nimmala Ramanaidu held a video conference with district collectors, stressing that water security for farmers and citizens remains the government's key objective. Officials from irrigation and other departments attended the review meeting.

## Collector Reviews Arrangements for Elite Business Meet on June 22

**Ongole, June 13:** District Collector P. Rajababu has directed officials to focus on arrangements for the proposed Elite Business Meet to be held on June 22 to attract investments to the district. The meeting will be organized at SGVS Convention Hall, Ongole, from 5 p.m. On Saturday, the Collector reviewed preparations with concerned officials at his camp office and instructed them to ensure the event's success. He directed officials to invite industrialists from various sectors by highlighting the district's natural resources, skilled manpower, and investment opportunities. Senior officials from the Revenue, Industries, Mines, Fisheries, and APIIC departments attended the review meeting.



## Collector Calls for Expansion of AYUSH Healthcare Services



**Bapatla, June 13:** District Collector V. Vinod Kumar con-

ducted a surprise inspection of the AYUSH Health Centre at Upputur village in Parchur Mandal on Saturday and stressed the need to expand AYUSH healthcare services in rural areas. During the visit, villagers informed the Collector that the health centre was functioning from a small room in the village secretariat and requested the construction of a dedicated AYUSH hospital building. The Collector inspected the proposed site and directed officials to immediately shift the facility to a more suitable location to ensure uninterrupted healthcare services.

He also instructed officials to prepare and submit proposals for the construction of a new AYUSH hospital building. RDO A. Harikumar, AYUSH District Nodal Officer Dr. D. Chandrasekhar, and District Medical and Health Officer Dr. S. Vijayamma were among those present during the inspection.

## Assam CM Himanta Biswa Sarma Announces End To Routine Aadhaar Issuance For Adults Above 18 To Curb Illegal Immigration

**Guwahati:** In a significant move aimed at curbing illegal immigration, the Assam Cabinet has decided to stop the routine issuance of Aadhaar cards to individuals above the age of 18. Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma announced the decision on Saturday, saying the measure is intended to prevent illegal immigrants from obtaining the identity document. Addressing a press conference after chairing a Cabinet meeting, Sarma said adults seeking Aadhaar enrolment will now have to undergo an additional layer of scrutiny. In exceptional cases, district commissioners will have to send proposals to the state government seeking approval before Aadhaar cards can be issued. In national interest, Assam has decided to ban issuance of Aadhaar cards to all adults above 18 years so that no illegal can legitimise themselves. The ST and Tea Garden community will get an extension till 31 March

2027 to enrol themselves under Aadhar. The Chief Minister said Aadhaar enrolment in Assam has reached saturation levels, with coverage crossing 100 per cent in some districts. According to him, the development has raised concerns over the identities of those obtaining additional Aadhaar cards. "We must ascertain who these people are who are taking the additional Aadhaar cards. The step is being taken to ensure that no illegal Bangladeshi obtains an Aadhaar card," Sarma said. The decision reflects the state government's continuing focus on addressing concerns related to illegal immigration from neighbouring Bangladesh. The administration has repeatedly maintained that stricter verification measures are necessary to safeguard official identity systems from misuse. Despite the new restrictions, certain sections of society will con-

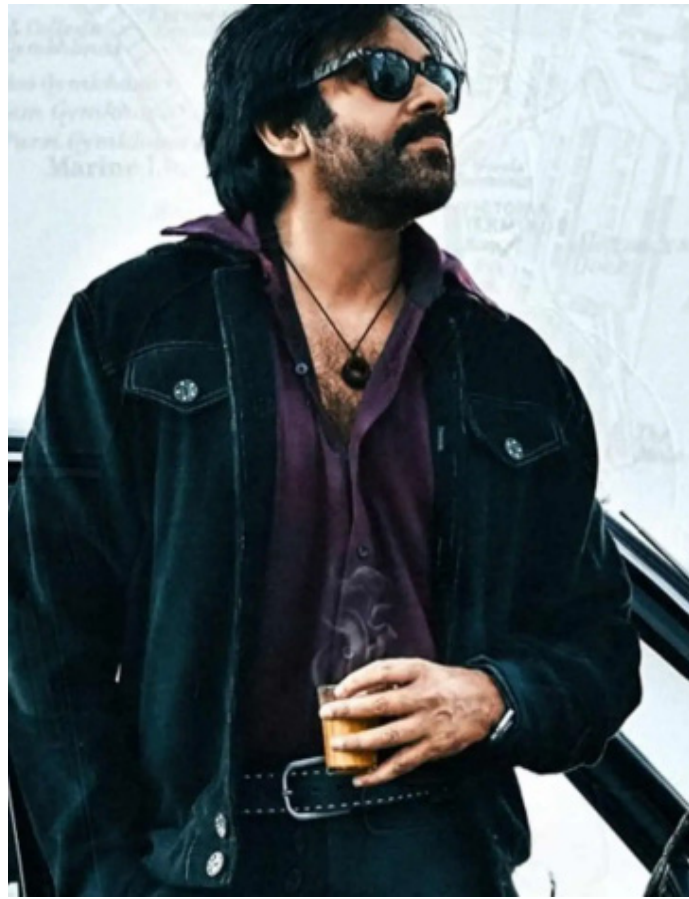


tinue to be eligible for Aadhaar enrolment. Sarma said members of the tea garden Tribes, Scheduled Castes and persons with disabilities will continue to receive Aadhaar cards, as many individuals in these groups are yet to be enrolled. However, the exemption will only remain in force until March 31, 2027. "From April 1, 2027, people from these communities above the age of 18 will also stop receiving Aadhaar cards," the Chief Minister said. Aadhaar enrolment for individuals below the age of 18 will continue without any change. Sarma had earlier indicated that the state government would adopt a strict approach towards Aadhaar issuance and make it difficult for illegal immigrants to obtain the document.

## OG 2: Pawan Kalyan Shouldn't Repeat The Same Mistake!

After the disappointment of Ustaad Bhagat Singh, Pawan Kalyan fans mentally prepared themselves for a long wait because there are no immediate movies that are ready to go on floors. Moreover, the busy political commitments have made it clear that Pawan is no way going to concentrate on movies in the coming months.

But, one recent update has changed the mood of fans all of a sudden. That is about the much anticipated sequel/prequel to his gangster drama OG, directed by Sujeeth. Pawan Kalyan's production house hinted that the story sittings for the sequel will kick off once Sujeeth returns to India from his foreign trip. As OG proved that Sujeeth knows exactly how to present Pawan Kalyan to satisfy both his fans and mass audiences, the sequel plans have already sparked a huge anticipation even before the script has been formally locked. While hype starts building because of the murmurs that OG2 will go on floors towards the end of this year, Pawan Kalyan shouldn't repeat the same mistakes which he did for the first part for the sequel to create more theatrical impact and to shatter bigger box office records. First things first, Pawan Kalyan should make sure that the shooting schedules won't suffer due to his non uniform dates. It is true that the first part faced criticism in some segments as Sujeeth was forced to compromise because of Pawan Kalyan's unavailability. With the stakes set to be much higher for the sequel, Pawan Kalyan should allocate a dedicated and continuous block of dates to Sujeeth so that the desired output can be achieved through a seamless shoot. Moreover, Pawan Kalyan currently has no other film commitments. However, he must align those dates in a way that allows him to oversee his administrative responsibilities as Deputy Chief Minister, given the significance of his duties. If the structural mistakes of the first part are rectified, OG 2 has a strong chance to surpass all expectations and create a benchmark for regional action movies.



## Suriya's Karuppu Trolled for Face-Swap VFX

Suriya and RJ Balaji teamed up for the prestigious project titled Karuppu. The film was also released in Telugu as Veerabhadru. During its theatrical run, the film became the biggest grosser and delivered a huge success for Suriya. Now, the film has landed on Prime Video. During the current OTT release, the audience is pointing out the flaws that were overlooked during the theatrical release. One of the biggest flaws that easily puts off some fans is the use of face-swapping with VFX. The film is now getting trolled for the same reason as the technique was used for the normal fight sequences.

The technique used for such sequences has completely ruined the viewing experience. Surprisingly, these weren't raised during the theatrical run, which was a big blessing for the movie. If these complaints had come more during the theatrical run, it would have shown a negative impact on the film's revenue. The film tells the story of a lawyer who becomes possessed by a deity and battles injustice affecting marginalized communities. Trisha and RJ Balaji are also a part of the film's cast. SR Prabhu and SR Prakash Babu produced the film under the Dream Warrior Pictures banner.



## Keerthy Suresh Wants Another 'Mahanati'

Actress Keerthy Suresh has expressed her desire to take on more performance-driven roles similar to her National Award-winning portrayal in Mahanati. While balancing commercial entertainers, she hopes filmmakers continue offering strong, content-rich characters that challenge her as an actress and leave a lasting impact on audiences.



## Netflix bags OTT rights of Sing Geetham



Netflix has secured the digital streaming rights of "Sing Geetham", the latest film from veteran filmmaker Singeetham Srinivasa Rao, which released in theaters yesterday. The film has opened to highly positive reviews and strong word-of-mouth on social media. Given that the project was backed by producer Nag Ashwin and the prestigious Vjayanthi Movies banner, the OTT deal was finalized well before the theatrical release. Industry sources indicate that the film's non-theatrical rights were sold for nearly Rs 14 crore. While "Sing Geetham" has started its theatrical run on a promising note, the box-office numbers are yet to fully reflect the widespread appreciation it has received. However, such content-driven films often rely on word-of-mouth and tend to gather momentum gradually over the weekends and in the days ahead. Featuring newcomers and emerging talent in the lead roles, the film has struck a chord with audiences and critics alike, raising hopes for stronger collections in the coming days.

## Disha Patani's Glam Game Is on Extreme Level

Whether it's fiery red or striking blue, Disha Patani makes any color work, and this time she went green. She stunned in a backless, sequined green gown with a high front slit, thin straps, and a daring cutout waist, paired with strappy heels and loose wavy hair. The shimmering embellishments caught the light perfectly, giving the look a glamorous, mermaid-like finish from every angle.

Disha effortlessly balanced sensual and elegant in this outfit, proving once again why she remains one of the most photographed faces in fashion right now.

On the work front, the trailer for her much-awaited film Welcome To The Jungle is finally out, marking Disha's return to the big screen after a two-year gap. Fans can expect her signature style and screen presence in full force.



## Mrunal Thakur's Floral Embroidery Steals The Show

Her hair was left open in soft waves, and she wore statement gold jhumka earrings with green stone drops. Her makeup was simple with a glowing base and a bold red lip, completing the festive look against a backdrop of pink flowers. Looking ahead, the buzz around Mrunal is only growing. She has openly expressed hope of working with Allu Arjun, and reports suggest she may be part of his upcoming sci-fi film Raaka, directed by Atlee, alongside Allu Arjun and Deepika Padukone. If this collaboration comes through, it could mark one of her biggest career moments yet.

