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PM Modi-Trump G7 Meeting After 16 Months, Here's Why Markets Will Watch Trade Talks & Investment Signals Closely?

Mumbai: Prime Minister Narendra Modi and US President Donald Trump are set to hold bilateral talks on the sidelines of the G7 Summit, marking their first formal meeting in nearly 16 months. While the meeting is primarily diplomatic, investors will closely monitor the outcome because the US remains India's largest trading partner and one of the biggest sources of foreign investment. Indian markets generally react positively when India-US relations strengthen. Any progress on a proposed trade agreement, technology cooperation, defence partnerships or investment commitments could improve investor confidence.



Sectors such as information technology, defence, manufacturing, renewable energy and electronics could benefit if both countries announce deeper economic cooperation. Foreign investors also view strong India-US ties as a sign of policy stability and long-term growth prospects. The most important issue for markets will be discussions around the India-US

trade agreement. If leaders indicate faster progress towards a trade pact, it could improve sentiment across export-oriented sectors. Indian companies that depend on US demand, particularly IT services, pharmaceuticals and engineering goods, may see renewed investor interest. A positive outcome could also support foreign portfolio inflows into Indian equities. Market experts believe the immediate impact may be limited unless concrete announcements emerge from the meeting. Investors will

look for specific outcomes rather than general statements. Any agreement related to tariffs, market access, supply chains or investment flows could have a stronger influence on stock prices. Without major announcements, the meeting may simply improve market sentiment rather than trigger a sharp rally. Investors should focus on four key areas: progress on the trade deal, fresh investment commitments, technology partnerships and geopolitical cooperation.

Pawan Kalyan participates in 'Sena Prasthanam for National Integrity', calls to 'discourage divisiveness'

New Delhi: Andhra Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister and Jana Sena Party chief Pawan Kalyan on Monday arrived in the national capital to participate in the 'Sena Prasthanam for National Integrity' programme, asserting that strengthening national unity and discouraging divisive forces remain central to his party's ideology. Speaking to reporters, Kalyan said, "Janasena's commitment is that any kind of divisiveness should be discouraged. National integrity has to be strengthened. This was the main agenda today." As part of the programme, Kalyan vis-

ited the National War Memorial in New Delhi, where he paid tribute to the personnel of the Armed Forces who laid down their lives in the service of the nation. Sharing his thoughts in a post on X, the Andhra Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister said, "As part of Sena Prasthanam - For the National Integrity (Sena Prasthanam - Desha Samagratha Kosam), I stood at the National War Memorial with profound humility and reverence, paying tribute to the brave men and women of our Armed Forces who made the ultimate sacrifice in service of Bharat." He said that every name in-

scribed at the memorial symbolised extraordinary courage, selfless devotion and an unwavering commitment to the country. "Their sacrifice has safeguarded our freedom, protected our sovereignty, and strengthened the unity and integrity of India," Kalyan stated. Reflecting on his visit to the memorial, Kalyan said it served as a reminder that the nation's strength stems not only from its achievements but also from the sacrifices of those who placed national duty above personal interests. "Standing before that sacred memorial, I was reminded that the strength



of Bharat lies not only in its achievements, but also in the valour of those who placed the nation above self and duty above all else," he said. Expressing gratitude to the fallen heroes, Kalyan added, "With deep gratitude, I bowed to our fallen heroes and drew inspiration from their legacy."

High-level BJP meeting held at Rajnath Singh's residence

New Delhi: A high-level Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) meeting was held at the official residence of Union Minister Rajnath Singh on Monday. Senior BJP leaders, including Union Home Minister Amit Shah, party president Nitin Nabin, and Union Minister JP Nadda, were present at the meeting. The meeting, reportedly, comes amid speculation of a reshuffle in the party's leadership positions. Notably, the high-level meeting was held ahead of the up-

coming Parliament Monsoon Session 2026. Last month, the BJP appointed new presidents for the party's state units in Punjab, Haryana, Delhi, and Tripura. The party appointed minister of state (MoS) Harsh Malhotra as the President of the BJP's Delhi state unit. Kewal Singh Dhillon was named the president of the BJP's Punjab unit, while BJP leader Archana Gupta will take the helm in Haryana. Additionally, the party had appointed Abhishek Debroy to

lead its Tripura State Unit. These appointments were finalised under the leadership of the party's national president Nitin Nabin. The party also announced New District Presidents for five Uttar Pradesh districts. Dilip Dev Patel has been appointed as the District President of Awadh's Ambedkar Nagar, while Ram Sakal Patel and Kashi Nath Singh have been named to head the Varanasi and Chandauli districts, respectively. Furthermore,

Ramesh Prasad Gupta has been given charge of the Gorakhpur Metropolis, while Kali Prasad has been named the District President of Deoria. The new appointments signal a prominent reshuffle in the central team of the BJP as the party gears up for the Assembly elections in Uttar Pradesh, Goa, Uttarakhand, Punjab, Manipur, Gujarat and Himachal Pradesh next year. The party will look to save its power in Goa, Uttarakhand,



Uttar Pradesh, Gujarat, and ethnic violence-torn Manipur, while attempting to unseat the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) in Punjab and Congress in Himachal Pradesh.

'Talliki Vandanam' Scheme to Be Implemented in Third Week of July



From Our Staff Reporter Amaravati, June 16: Andhra Pradesh Minister for Education Nara Lokesh has directed officials to gear up for the early implementation of the 'Talliki

Vandanam' scheme, which provides financial assistance to mothers of students studying in government and private schools. The minister held a review meeting with senior Educa-

tion Department officials in Amaravati on Tuesday and primarily discussed the implementation of the scheme. Officials informed Minister Lokesh that the Aadhaar verification process for the mothers of students has been almost completed and that all arrangements are being made to launch the scheme in the third week of July. Minister Lokesh also instructed officials to take additional measures to increase student enrolment in government schools. During the review meeting, he decided to organize the Shining Stars programme

on June 29 to identify and encourage talented students, and a Mega Parent-Teacher Meeting (PTM) in the third week of July. He further directed officials to ensure the timely conduct of various state-level entrance examinations (CETs). Lokesh emphasized the need to issue notifications promptly and complete the admissions process within the stipulated timeframe. He also advised officials to finalize the examination schedule by taking into account the dates of national-level examinations and entrance tests being conducted in neighboring states.

CM Chandrababu Unveils 'CBN@361 Degrees - Polymath' Book in Singapore



From Our Staff Reporter Amaravati, June 16: Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu continued his second day of engagements in Singapore and attended a programme organized by the Kakatiya Cultural Association. On the occasion, he unveiled the book titled "CBN@361 Degrees - Polymath." The Chief Minister presented the first copies of the book to Indian High Commissioner Shilpak Ambule. He later handed

over copies to Minister P. Narayana and representatives of the Association. The book has been authored by Shakamuri Srinivasa Prasad, Chief Editor of Repatikosam, and translated into English by retired IAS officer K.V. Satyanarayana. The work analyzes Chandrababu Naidu's decisions and leadership from the perspective of a visionary statesman. The book has been written to reflect Chandrababu's long-term vision for the develop-

ment of Andhra Pradesh and the construction of Amaravati. The author observes that Chandrababu's leadership style resembles that of leaders such as Lee Kuan Yew and Jacinda Ardern. Organizers stated that the book includes several aspects of his leadership that are not widely known to the outside world. The Kakatiya Cultural Association also presented Chandrababu Naidu with a commemorative silver coin

marking the birth centenary of Lee Kuan Yew. The organizers announced that the book will soon be released in Telugu, Hindi, and other Indian languages. The Association noted that the previously released book, "Chandrababu X.0," had achieved over 8 million downloads. Organizers expressed the view that the new publication would be useful for political researchers and management students.

Pawan Kalyan Meets Union Minister Bhupender Yadav; Key Issues Discussed

New Delhi, June 16: Andhra Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan continued his visit to New Delhi on Tuesday. During the visit, he met Union Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change Bhupender Yadav and discussed several key issues relating to the Andhra Pradesh Forest Department, including environmental clearances for various projects. Speaking to the media after the meeting, Pawan Kalyan said that several important proposals concerning Andhra Pradesh had been submitted to the Union Minister. He stated that the state government has sought support for establishing modern facilities at the proposed Aranya Bhavan for the Andhra Pradesh Forest Department, including a Human-Animal Conflict Mitigation Centre (HANUMAN), a Great Green Wall Monitoring Centre, a Command and Control Centre, and a State

Tiger Monitoring Centre. Pawan Kalyan further said that additional funds had been requested to increase the number of tiger protection base camps in forest areas from the existing 90 to 150. He noted that these camps would generate employment opportunities for around 300 youth from the Chenchu tribal community. He also said that the Centre's assistance had been sought for providing motorcycles, dry rations, and other essential resources required for forest patrolling operations. With the tiger population in the state increasing, discussions were held on bringing six female tigers from other states to maintain genetic diversity (DNA diversity), he added. The Deputy Chief Minister said that the Union Government had been requested to send a team from the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) to assess pollution levels in the



Godavari River and recommend appropriate remedial measures. He expressed confidence that the Centre would extend support in tackling the issue. Pawan Kalyan also stated that the Andhra Pradesh Government is undertaking plantation activities along nearly 450 kilometres of the state's

1,050-kilometre coastline, focusing on mangroves, casuarina, and palm trees. According to Pawan Kalyan, Union Minister Bhupender Yadav assured full support from the Central Government for Andhra Pradesh's environmental conservation and forest development initiatives

Feed Price Hikes Will No Longer Be Allowed Without Government Approval: Minister Atchannaidu

From Our Staff Reporter Parvathipuram Manyam, June 16: Andhra Pradesh Minister K. Atchannaidu warned that the government would not tolerate any increase in feed prices without prior approval. He made it clear that unauthorized hikes in feed prices have been stopped. The minister participated in various programmes during his visit to Parvathipuram Manyam district on Tuesday. Speaking on the occasion, Atchannaidu outlined the government's measures aimed at protecting the in-

terests of aqua farmers. **Making Every Issue Political Is the Nature of the Axe Party President** Minister Atchannaidu mocked YSRCP chief Y.S. Jagan Reddy, alleging that making every small issue political is his nature. He stated that during the YSRCP regime, only Rs.750 crore was provided as power subsidy. In contrast, he said, the coalition government is providing Rs.1,170 crore annually as electricity subsidy to shrimp farmers. He acknowledged that the prices

of soybean and fish oil have indeed increased but emphasized that the burden of rising raw material costs cannot be passed on to farmers all at once. He said that feed prices will henceforth be determined only through a committee comprising the government, officials, farmers, and manufacturers. Atchannaidu said that safeguarding the interests of shrimp farmers is the primary objective of the government. He stated that the zonal, non-zonal, and 10-acre limit restrictions have been removed. He



added that electricity is being supplied to every aqua farmer at a subsidized rate of Rs.1.50 per unit. Referring to the previous government, the minister said that there had been publicity about laboratories, but no corresponding facilities were available on the ground.

EDITORIAL

This is the light of
life for the world

A film poet once wrote a song saying, 'The way of God, which shines in the temple... Homes are the light of life in this world.' It is literally true. Can a housewife, who wakes up before everyone else in the house, observes what each person needs, serves them accordingly, and not only cooks three meals a day, but also does all the housework, value the services she provides? We easily dismiss her as staying at home and not working. The Supreme Court recently issued a historic verdict that will shatter such patriarchal ideas. It has made it clear that the services of housewives cannot be underestimated in the calculation of compensation for the death of housewives in road accidents. It has described housewives as 'nation builders' rather than just housewives. It has set a new milestone by valuing their home care services at a minimum of Rs. 30,000 per month and paying compensation. This is a crucial step that will change the face of hundreds of claim cases across the country. The words spoken by the bench comprising Justice Sanjay Karol and Justice Kotishwar Singh in this judgment are making everyone think.

Usually, when someone dies in a road accident, the courts calculate the insurance compensation based on their monthly earnings. If the deceased is a housewife, then since she has no formal income, the old method of taking a very small amount equal to the minimum wage of unskilled laborers as nominal income is followed. This method has now been rejected by the Supreme Court. On this occasion, the bench made a wonderful observation. 'It is a fact that the household earners depend on the housewife for their livelihood. But unfortunately, that fact has not been given due recognition in the society. A housewife contributes a lot not only to the growth of a family, but also to the growth of an individual and thus indirectly to the progress of the country. That is why this work cannot be linked to the notification of minimum wages alone. The court has clarified that from now on, claims under the 'Law of Domestic Care' should be supplemented by at least Rs. 30,000 per month. This amount should be increased by 10 percent every three years. Legally, the court explained that this is in addition to the compensation limits in the famous 'Pranay Sethi' case. The verdict came during the appeal hearing of an old case from Punjab. When a woman died in an accident in 2001, the tribunal announced a compensation of only Rs. 2.42 lakh. Even though the High Court increased it to Rs. 8.43 lakh, the victims were not satisfied and approached the Supreme Court. On this, the Supreme Court took Rs. 30,000 as the base income per month under the Law of Domestic Care and, taking into account all future possibilities, granted a compensation of Rs. 62.77 lakh. In fact, the services of housewives have not been recognized in society for the last few centuries.

Antoinette Brown Blackwell, the first female Protestant minister in America, brought this issue to the forefront. Legal experts Robin Invest also denounced the injustice done to housewives. Sociologists Eileen Boris and Lichel Parinag argued that it is necessary to protect women's economic rights in society. The 2001 census did not count housewives who do domestic work as workers. The 2011 census estimated that only 5.8 million of the 159.9 million women had domestic work as their main occupation. According to the NSO 2019 Time Use in India report, the average Indian woman spends 299 minutes a day doing unpaid work, while the average man spends only 97 minutes. A 2009 study revealed that the value of unpaid work by Indian women is more than \$600 billion per year. The situation of housewives has remained largely unrecognized for the past century. Until the mid-19th century, no country recognized the rights of housewives and their own earnings. English common law stipulated that any work a married woman did for her wages legally belonged to her husband. It took many hard-fought reforms to ensure that women had a right to the income they earned through their own work. Although attempts were made to form a Housewives Association in 2010, it was rejected by the trade union, as domestic service is not a profession or industry. In 2012, when the UPA government proposed to pay a certain amount of monthly salary to a housewife, it was criticized that it would create an employer-employee mentality and interfere with the marital bond. However, in the hearing of cases like Arun Kumar Agarwal (2010), Rajendra Singh (2020), etc., the Supreme Court ruled that the services of a housewife are invaluable and cannot be measured in monetary terms. At the same time, it is noteworthy that compensation was announced for a housewife under the Motor Vehicle Act.

Did Trinamool Congress Collapse
For Want Of Clear Ideology?

West Bengal politics continues to shock and surprise every day following the historic electoral upset in May, when the BJP secured a massive victory of 208 seats, ending the 15-year Trinamool Congress rule. The Trinamool has since fragmented. On June 14, 20 of its 28 Lok Sabha MPs led by Kakoli Ghosh Dastidar rebelled and sought to merge with the NCPI (Nationalist Citizens Party of India) to support the NDA. Several Rajya Sabha members too have resigned from the Trinamool. Earlier, soon after the results, around 58 to 60 of the party's 80 MLAs submitted letters to the Assembly Speaker supporting expelled leader Ritabrata Banerjee. Reports suggest more than 100 Trinamool councillors left municipal bodies across the state. So, the disintegration is across all levels. The dramatic collapse of the Trinamool in West Bengal following the poll defeat has reignited a debate - was the party's collapse inevitable because it never possessed a coherent ideological foundation of its own? The answer is partly yes, but not entirely. The Trinamool's current crisis appears to be the consequence of a political model built more around cult leadership, welfare populism and anti-Left sentiment than around a durable ideological framework. Such a model can deliver electoral victories for years, but it becomes vulnerable once power is lost. There is also a lesson for other regional parties.

Fragility of slogans

The slogan 'Maa, Maati, Manush' was one of the most powerful political slogans in modern Indian politics. It helped the Trinamool mobilise public anger against the Left

Front over Singur, Nandigram, land acquisition and perceived political arrogance. The slogan became synonymous with grassroots empowerment and ultimately helped bring the Trinamool to power in 2011. To be fair to the Trinamool, the party did cultivate a distinctive political identity based on Bengali regional pride, welfare-oriented governance and opposition to what it portrayed as excessive centralisation from New Delhi. Alas, simultaneously, Trinamool local strongmen and goons established a parallel governance structure in West Bengal by controlling local economies through extortion rackets. They enforced a system where citizens and businesses were forced to pay unofficial 'taxes', fundamentally looting public funds and resources. After fifteen years in power, the Trinamool faced the same challenge that every long-ruling party faces - perceptions of arrogance, factionalism and distance from ordinary citizens. The anti-establishment movement gradually became the establishment itself. Besides, the majority of Trinamool cadre were political turncoats from CPM and other parties, thus loyalty factor was missing. A slogan succeeds when people believe it represents a mission. A slogan fails when people begin to see a gap between the promise and reality. People eventually became more concerned about jobs, industrial investment and youth migration than about symbolic political battles. When young people feel compelled to seek opportunities elsewhere, emotional appeals about regional pride become less persuasive.

Core ideological pillars

A party held together by ideology can survive electoral defeats because members remain committed to a larger cause. The BJP survived decades on the margins in the states and at national level before coming to power. The Left in Bengal survived several electoral setbacks because cadres remained ideologically motivated. Many regional parties in India are built around charismatic leaders. The Trinamool's experience resembles that of the BRS (Bharat Rashtira Samithi) in Telangana. The BRS dominated Telangana politics for nearly a decade. Its central narrative was statehood and regional pride. Once that mission was accomplished and governance issues became dominant, the party's aura weakened considerably. A movement can win power. Ultimately, the government must deliver. Contrarily, the DMK offers an interesting contrast. Whether one agrees with its ideology or not, it possesses a clear ideological framework rooted in the Dravidian movement, social

justice and Tamil identity. As a result, the party often survives setbacks because supporters see it as more than an election machine. This is why ideology matters. Not because ideology wins every election, but because it helps parties survive defeats. In Maharashtra, the continuing friction in the Shiv Sena UBT is a classic example of ideological shifts and controversial leadership decisions. There are sparking rumours of 'Trinamool-style' rebellion and potential crossovers to the rival Eknath Shinde Sena.

The recent mass defection of 7 out of 10 AAP (Aam Aadmi Party) Rajya Sabha MPs, who merged with the BJP, is another example of vanishing ideology. Defecting leaders openly cited toxic work environments, suppression of hard work, and a departure from the party's core founding principles as the primary reasons for their exit. The regional parties in north India like Janata Dal United and Rashtriya Janata Dal in Bihar and Samajwadi Party in Uttar Pradesh have survived because

of their core ideology rooted in socialism, secularism, and social justice. Over years, through various social coalitions, they have managed to develop their traditional vote banks. The events of 2026 may ultimately be remembered as a lesson for regional parties across India. Charismatic leadership can build a movement. Welfare schemes can create a voter base. Electoral victories can sustain unity. But when defeat arrives, only strong institutions and a shared ideological commitment can keep a party together. Indian voters are among the most politically aware in the world. And no party is invincible. The Trinamool's implosion suggests that for many within the organisation, power was the glue. Many of those who later rebelled had previously benefited from the Trinamool's expansive coalition-building strategy. Once the party lost power, the incentives that had united disparate factions weakened dramatically. Once that glue called 'power' dissolved, the structure collapsed like a pack of cards.

Inside The "Rational Frenzy" Driving The AI Super-Cycle

When Elon Musk stood in a SpaceX hangar in Texas on June 12th and set the Nasdaq's trading day in motion, he ended it as the world's first trillionaire. The flotation pulled in \$75 billion, more than any listing before it, ahead of Saudi Aramco in 2019 and NTT back in 1987. The stock rose 19% before the close, which put a price of roughly \$2.1 trillion on the business. Take that in and pause.

SpaceX booked \$18.7 billion of revenue last year and lost \$4.9 billion in the process.

Set those two figures side by side and sit with the gap, because that gap is the argument of this entire market.

The Gap is itself the Reality

For three years, the investing world treated artificial intelligence as a riddle to be solved from the outside. How big was the bubble, which trades would it ruin, where were the winners hiding. Commentators of all kinds opined from end of humanity doom narratives to "it's a bubble" valuation analysis. The show went on.

The larger shift was the one happening to the floor they were standing on. AI has stopped being one corporate theme among many and turned into something closer to a macroeconomic engine. Pimco has estimated that AI-related spending could add as much as \$14 trillion to global investment over five years, a sum it puts at roughly an eighth of world output. The big American cloud companies are on course to pour something like \$800 billion into AI data centres this year.

Kevin Warsh, newly installed at the Federal Reserve, has spoken of AI as a force that could dampen inflation and clear room to cut

rates. Once a single theme begins to move output, prices and the cost of money, a portfolio can no longer treat it as optional. It turns into the climate everyone invests inside.

Elon Musk's rockets are not alone in defying gravity. So are AI valuations.

Whatever makes AI impossible to avoid is also what has quietly disabled its pricing and this is missed by most folks. As the giants come to market, several index compilers have loosened their own rules so the shares qualify for inclusion sooner.

The big low-cost tracker funds that shadow those benchmarks then have to buy, on schedule, regardless of the number on the screen. Credit markets are warping in parallel, with Amazon, Alphabet and Meta said to have roughly doubled their borrowings to around \$300 billion in a matter of months, smudging the line that used to separate equity risk from debt risk.

The OECD has reached for a coined term, the "equitification" of corporate debt. Bond desks that traditionally limit how much of any one issuer they will hold are now struggling to digest borrowing on this scale. Behind the plumbing sits one plain fact. A swelling share of the world's capital is being placed into these names by rule, not by anyone's considered judgement.

This is also a reason for India's FII drought because at this stage we are not a vanguard economy.

No JOMO only FOMO A market bid by rule is a peculiar thing. Strategists at Lombard Odier have made the point that when funds stop deciding what a share is actually worth, the task of weighing how concentrated a



portfolio has become falls to the dwindling number of people still doing that work by hand. When you are structurally unable to be left out of something, you stop asking what it costs. Inclusion stands in for valuation. Buying on a schedule, at whatever price the tape prints, is the natural enemy of return. The investor setting the marginal price at the top is paying for a narrative, and lined up behind that narrative is a queue of money with no licence to do anything but follow. Return to those two SpaceX figures, and to the question any patient holder ought to put to himself.

What is the \$2.1 trillion actually a price on?

Not the past year's sales, which would imply a multiple fit for a mental ward. Plainly not earnings, given the loss. Starlink, the satellite broadband arm, is the one that turned a profit at all, around \$4.4 billion last year by the firm's account.

The rest of the valuation is a wager on terminal value, on a future still over the horizon. Server farms in orbit carried up by a Starship that is running behind. A chip plant Musk has nicknamed the Terafab and has not yet been

built. Settlements on Mars. What more?

A rocket climbs only while its engines are lit, and the thrust under this market flows, the mechanical index demand and a capital-spending boom that keeps feeding itself. Fundamentals are the gravity. The thing no one can yet read is how much fuel is stacked behind the thrust, and by Katie Martin's own reckoning in the Financial Times, that is something the market tends to discover only once it is far too late to act on. Filing the whole episode under mania and leaving it there would be too easy. SpaceX has spent two decades doing things that careful people insisted could not be done. Putting a privately built liquid-fuelled rocket into orbit, recovering boosters to fly them over and over, running the internet down from a constellation of more than ten thousand satellites after every dotcom-era version of that idea collapsed into bankruptcy. Brains on their own settle nothing in markets, yet Musk has produced more of them, and more luck, than his critics ever built into their models. The genuinely awkward thought is that this may be

the most rational frenzy ever financed or the most ruinously costly one, and the market has stepped back from the very work that would tell the two apart. From where India's savers sit, none of this is a far-off American show. The same automatic-inclusion logic reaches them through international and feeder funds, through the global passive complex, and through the simple reality that equity sentiment everywhere now follows a small cluster of American mega-caps. A salaried earner dropping a few thousand rupees into a monthly SIP, and a household whose retirement pot quietly tracks an index it has never inspected, are steadily riding the exact same financial wave without once being consulted. Gravity, when it eventually does its work, will not pause to check passports. A bubble is the easy word for this, though it captures only half the truth. The ordinary kind drains away once somebody decides the price is mad; they simply walk. This one is far harder to step out of, pumped up by purchases that happen on autopilot, in a market that has handed the act of pricing to almost no one left to do it.

'Peddi' Movie Should Be Banned for Hurting Tribal Sentiments: Tribal Leader Dr. Parashika Appanna Babu

Rampachodavaram, Pen Power, June 16: Tribal leader Dr. Parashika Appanna Babu has demanded that the makers of the recently released "Peddi" movie immediately remove dialogues that allegedly insult the tribal community and issue a public apology to tribal people.

Speaking on Tuesday, he expressed concern that the phrase "Konda Na Kodaka," which is reportedly used several times in the movie, is derogatory and offensive to the entire tribal community. He stated that such language has deeply hurt the sentiments and self-respect of tribal people. Dr. Appanna Babu urged the film's producers and directors to respond promptly by removing the objectionable dialogues and apologizing to the tribal community. Failing this, he warned that legal action would be initiated

under the SC/ST (Prevention of Atrocities) Act and that a legal battle would be pursued until the movie is banned.

He emphasized that films should inspire society and promote positive values rather than demean any community, caste, or ethnic group. He also called upon the government and the censor authorities to take appropriate action against content that hurts the dignity and sentiments of tribal people.



Public Welfare and Development Are Coalition Government's Priorities: Minister



Ongole, June 16: State Energy Minister said that resolving public grievances and delivering welfare and development ben-

efits to every household are the primary objectives of the coalition government.

Participating in a public grievance redressal programme at Puttavariipalem in Santamaguluru Mandal on Tuesday, the Minister received petitions from people of various villages and reviewed them with concerned officials. He directed officials to take immediate action on public issues and ensure effective coordination among departments for speedy resolution of grievances.

The Minister stated that the government is committed to bringing welfare and development programmes closer to rural communities and remains accessible to people for addressing their concerns.

Collector Calls for Strict Vigilance on Misuse of Scanning Centres

Kakinada, June 16: District Collector M.N. Harendhira Prasad directed officials to maintain strict vigilance against the misuse of ultrasound scanning centres for illegal fetal sex determination. Chairing the District PC-PNDT Coordination Committee meeting on Tuesday, he said that sex determination tests are a punishable offence and warned of strict action against centres violating the law.

Officials were instructed to conduct decoy operations and inspections in areas with low sex ratios to prevent female foeticide. The committee approved registrations for three new scanning centres, renewal of licences for nine centres, and closure of three centres. Authorities urged the public to report illegal activities through the toll-free number 1800 425 3365 or WhatsApp number 9494113365.



Collector Inspects KGBV School, Stresses Quality Education



Rampachodavaram, June 16: Polavaram District Collector K. Dinesh Kumar conducted a surprise inspection of the Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya (KGBV) on Tuesday and emphasized that providing quality education to students is the responsibility of teachers. He reviewed attendance records, hostel facilities, food quality, classrooms, kitchen, sanitation, and drinking water facilities.

The Collector interacted with students to understand their concerns regarding education, health, and accommodation. He also had lunch with the students and directed officials to ensure nutritious food, maintain cleanliness, strictly follow the prescribed menu, and provide all educational materials on time. Senior education and health department officials accompanied him during the inspection.

CS Calls for Greater Public Satisfaction in Land Issue Resolution

Ongole, June 16: State Chief Secretary G. Sai Prasad directed district collectors to focus on improving public satisfaction in resolving land-related issues. During a video conference held on Tuesday, he reviewed the disposal of 22A land cases, re-survey progress, PGRS grievances, natural farming initiatives, and preparedness for possible weather-related challenges.

He instructed officials to ensure speedy resolution of land disputes through field-level inspections by Tahsildars and to complete the re-survey process within the stipulated timelines. The Chief Secretary also advised district administrations to prepare in advance for the possible impact of El Niño on agriculture and to promote natural farming across the state.



Lab on Wheels' Launched to Promote Scientific Temper Among Students



'Amalapuram, June 16: State Labour Minister Vasamsetti Subhash on Tuesday inaugurated the "Lab on Wheels" programme at SLB Municipal High School in Amalapuram. The initiative, organized jointly by the Andhra Pradesh State Skill Development Corporation (APSSDC) and Infosys Springboard, aims to enhance scientific thinking, creativity, and technical skills among students.

The mobile learning lab provides hands-on training in STEM subjects, including robotics, electronics, and microcontroller-based projects. The Minister said the programme would help rural students gain exposure to modern technology and foster innovation. The initiative will be conducted in Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Konaseema district from June 16 to August 16.

Immediate Resolution of Public Grievances is the Goal: Minister

Amalapuram, June 16: State Labour Minister received 46 petitions from the public during a Praja Darbar programme held at his camp office in Ramachandrapuram on Tuesday.

People from various villages submitted grievances related to welfare, infrastructure, and personal issues. The Minister reviewed each petition and directed concerned officials to take immediate action. He said the main objective of the Praja Darbar is to understand public problems directly and ensure their speedy resolution, reaffirming the government's commitment to addressing citizens' concerns in a transparent manner.



Provide 125 Days of Employment to Every Job Card Holder: Collector

Rampachodavaram, June 16: Polavaram District Collector K. Dinesh Kumar directed officials to ensure 125 days of employment under the MGNREGS for every eligible job card holder in the district. During a review meeting with MPDOs, APOs, engineers, and technical assistants on Tuesday, he instructed officials to complete all sanctioned works as per the action plan and ensure each beneficiary family earns up to ₹30,000 annually through the scheme.

The Collector also ordered the completion of Jaladhara and Jalaharathi works by June 30, acceleration of feeder channel projects, and implementation of plantation activities across 9,000 acres this financial year. He warned that strict departmental action would be taken against officials who fail to achieve the prescribed targets.



Five Selected from Polavaram District for State-Level Yoga Competitions



Rampachodavaram, June 16: Five yoga practitioners from Polavaram district have been selected to participate in the State-Level Yoga Competitions being organized as part of the "Yogandhra-2026" programme ahead of International Yoga Day, Joint Collector and Nodal Officer Surapati Prashanth Kumar said.

The selected participants are M. Komaram Srinivas Ram Susanth Dora and Korsa Sindhu (Junior Category), Thondam Jyothi and Pallab Bala Prasad Reddy (Youth Category), and G. Jagannatha Rao (Senior Category). The state-level competitions will be held at Don Bosco School, Guntupalli, Amaravati, from June 18 to 20.

Free Artificial Limb Camps for Persons with Disabilities

Anakapalli, June 16: Anakapalli District Collector Vijaya Krishnan urged persons with disabilities and accident victims in need of artificial hands to make use of the free "Cheyutha" artificial limb distribution camps being organized across Andhra Pradesh. She unveiled the campaign poster at the District Collectorate on Tuesday.

The camps are being conducted jointly by the Red Cross Committee, Vizianagaram, and Rotary Club under the LN-4 Project. The camps will be held on August 2 in Guntur, August 23 in Vizianagaram, and September 6 in Anantapur. Eligible beneficiaries can attend the nearest camp and receive artificial hands free of cost.



Yoga Essential for a Healthy Life: Joint Collector



Srikakulam, June 16: District Joint Collector Farman Ahmed Khan said that yoga is essential for maintaining a healthy lifestyle and should become a part of daily life. Participating in a tourism yoga programme held at the Dutch Building in Srikakulam as part of the "Yogandhra" initiative ahead of International Yoga Day, he highlighted the physical and mental health benefits of regular yoga practice. He stated that yoga helps reduce stress, improves fitness, and promotes mental well-being. Urging people to practice yoga regularly, he said even 15 to 30 minutes of daily exercise can bring significant positive changes to one's lifestyle. Several officials, students, and members of the public participated in the programme.

Collector Reviews Arrangements for Yogandhra Programme



Markapuram, June 16: District Collector Vijaya Sunitha and Joint Collector Puli Srinivasulu inspected the arrangements for the "Yogandhra" programme scheduled to be held on June 18 near the Sri Bala Tripura Sundari Devi Temple in Markapuram.

The officials reviewed venue preparations, sanitation, drinking water facilities, security arrangements, and other amenities for participants. They directed concerned departments to ensure smooth conduct of the event and appealed to the public to participate in large numbers. Several district and mandal-level officials attended the inspection.

Remove Unauthorized Flex Banners Immediately: Collector

Kakinada, June 16: District Collector M.N. Harendhira Prasad directed municipal commissioners to immediately remove all unauthorized flex banners erected in Kakinada and other municipalities across the district. He said banners placed on road dividers, electric poles, and busy junctions without permission are causing inconvenience to motorists and pedestrians and may lead to accidents.

The Collector instructed officials to recover removal costs and impose penalties on those responsible for installing such banners. He also warned of strict action against repeat violators who continue to erect flex boards without approval.



Revenue Services Association Seeks Grand Celebration of Revenue Day



Srikakulam, June 16: Representatives of the Andhra Pradesh Revenue Services Association met the District Collector and requested that Revenue Day celebrations on June 20 be organized grandly across all revenue offices in the district.

They suggested involving employees, public representatives, and citizens in the programme. The association also discussed several issues, including reducing employee workload, budget allocation for administrative activities, funds for court cases, challenges in the re-survey programme, and staff training needs. The representatives stated that the Collector responded positively to their requests and assured necessary support.

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Prabhas Set to Deliver a Triple Blast in Just One Year?

Pan-India superstar Prabhas could be gearing up for one of the biggest release streaks of his career if everything falls into place as planned. The actor currently has an exciting lineup of films, and industry circles are buzzing about the possibility of three massive releases arriving within a span of just one year. First in line is Fauji, which is expected to resume and speed up its shooting schedule very soon. The makers are reportedly targeting a December release, aiming to bring the film to audiences by the end of the year. On the other hand, Spirit, directed by Sandeep Reddy Vanga, is also moving steadily towards production. As things stand now, the film is almost locked for a March 2027 release, making it one of the most anticipated projects in Prabhas' upcoming slate. Adding even more excitement is Kalki 2, the much-awaited sequel to Kalki 2898AD. While an official release date is yet to be announced, there is strong speculation that the film could arrive in Decem-



ber 2027. If this schedule materializes, Prabhas fans will witness three huge releases within

roughly a year. Such a feat would be remarkable even by industry standards and could

further strengthen Prabhas' position as one of Indian cinema's biggest box-office forces.

Joint Collector Reviews NEET Exam Arrangements

Ongole, June 16: Joint Collector Kalpana Kumari inspected examination centres in Ongole on Tuesday and directed officials to ensure fool-proof arrangements for the NEET Medical Entrance Examination scheduled on June 21.

She reviewed preparedness at six examination centres, including PM Shri Kendriya Vidyalaya, DS Government Women's Degree College, DA Government Polytechnic College, PM Shri Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya, DRRM Municipal High School, and PVR Municipal Corporation Boys



High School. Officials were instructed to make all necessary

arrangements for the smooth conduct of the examination.

MoU Signed to Promote Women Entrepreneurship



Vijayawada, June 16: An MoU was signed between dalitphilanthropy.org and

rtih.co.in in the presence of Joint Collector S. Ilakkiya to promote women entrepreneur-

ship, inclusive innovation, livelihood development, and social enterprises. Under the partnership, both organizations will work together to support women, youth, and marginalized communities through skill development, self-employment opportunities, and entrepreneurship promotion. The initiative is expected to strengthen women's empowerment and inclusive economic growth in the district.

Faculty Development Programme on Human Values Concludes

Gandepalli, June 16: An eight-day Faculty Development Programme (FDP) on Universal Human Values (UHV) concluded successfully at adityauniversity.in, Surampalem. Former Mumbai University professor Dr. Ila Manoj Dediya served as the chief resource person, while Dr. Sunitha Talluru from RVR & JC Engineering College participated as co-resource person.



The programme focused on self-exploration, natural acceptance, ethics, and social responsibility. Organizers said the training would help faculty members promote positive val-

ues and responsible attitudes among students. Participants pledged to incorporate human values into their teaching practices.

Door-to-Door Voter Survey Begins in District: Collector



Vijayawada, June 16: District Collector Dr. G. Lakshmisha announced that the door-to-door voter sur-

vey under the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls has commenced across the district. Booth

Level Officers (BLOs) will visit households until July 14, distribute Enumeration Forms, and collect the completed forms. The Collector urged citizens to actively participate in the process to ensure an error-free voter list. Draft electoral rolls will be published on July 21, while claims and objections can be submitted from July 21 to August 20. The final voter list is scheduled to be released on September 22.

How Nag Ashwin Controls Anger On Sets

Nag Ashwin is one of the most talented filmmakers in Telugu cinema. With his three films, he caught the attention of many across the nation. His recent production venture, Sing Geetham, is a hit, and the film is currently doing well in the Telugu states. As part of the promotions, the team is aggressively promoting the film and during an interaction, Nag Ashwin explained as to how he keeps his calm on the film's sets. Film sets are places where the pressure has no limit. Everyone is always on their toes, doing one or the other work to meet the tight deadlines. In the process, the directors usually tend to lose their temper, and it has happened many times in the past. Nag Ashwin revealed



that he usually doesn't show it to others, while also agreeing that he gets worked up at times.

"I don't scold other people or yell at someone on the sets for two reasons. One is that

once I do it, there is a chance that the work may even become worse, while the other one is that everyone is working towards achieving the same vision, and sometimes, things run out of control, and there could be many reasons for that. But, I also get worked up and feel upset," he said. Another beautiful thing that Nag Ashwin shared is that most of the times, he identifies the problem much before but fails to spot it in the right time for which he gets angry with himself. When you are handling huge projects like Mahanati and Kalki, things go out of control at times but when the captain of the ship loses it, that surely will leave an impact on others. Instead, Nag Ashwin does the right thing by being calmer.

Kalki 2 Is Getting Bigger & Better!

The buzz around Kalki 2 continues to grow, and the sequel is shaping up to be even bigger and more ambitious than the first installment. Following the massive success of Kalki 2898 AD, fans are eagerly waiting to see what director Nag Ashwin has planned next. One of the biggest talking points is the reported casting changes. According to ongoing industry speculation, Sai Pallavi is expected to replace Deepika Padukone. While there has been no official confirmation yet, the rumor has already sparked discussions among fans across social media. Adding to the excitement, Alia Bhatt is reportedly being considered for a special role in the film. If the reports turn out to be true, her inclusion could bring another layer of star power to the highly anticipated sequel. Disha Patani, who appeared in the first film, is also expected to return and continue her journey in the futuristic universe. On the male front, the lineup remains incredibly strong. Prabhas will once again lead the story, while Kamal Haasan and Amitabh Bachchan are expected to play crucial roles. There is also speculation that Vijay Deverakonda could return, especially if the sequel explores flashback sequences connected to the events of the first film. With such exciting possibilities, Kalki 2 is already generating enormous anticipation among movie lovers.



Keerthy Suresh set for Anil Ravipudi's multistarrer launch



Keerthy Suresh appears to be regaining momentum in Telugu cinema with a couple of high-profile projects coming her way. The actress is already playing the female lead opposite Vijay Deverakonda in "Rowdy Janardhana," a film that marked a significant opportunity for her at a crucial stage in her career. The project gained added attention as it became one of her first major Telugu commitments after her marriage to businessman Antony Thattil. Now, Keerthy has secured another prestigious project. She will be sharing screen space with Venkatesh Daggubati in director Anil Ravipudi's upcoming multistarrer, which is set to go on floors. The film will be formally launched on June 18 at Ramanaidu Studios in Hyderabad. Preparations for the launch ceremony have already been completed, and the team is gearing up to begin production shortly. For Keerthy Suresh, the project comes as another major boost, as Anil Ravipudi and Venkatesh have delivered multiple successful films together in the past. The combination is expected to generate strong interest among family audiences. Interestingly, both "Rowdy Janardhana" and the Venkatesh-Anil Ravipudi film are expected to hit theaters during the early months of 2027. If the release plans remain unchanged, Keerthy will have two major Telugu releases arriving within a short span of time. With these projects, the actress is positioning herself strongly in Tollywood once again. After a relatively quiet phase in Telugu cinema, 2027 could well mark a significant comeback year for Keerthy Suresh.