

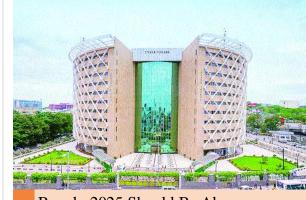


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Cabinet clears 44,000 more acres for Amaravati development

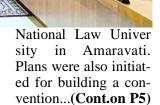
The Capital News Amaravati, June 24: The Andhra Pradesh Cabinet has approved the second phase of land pooling for Amaravati, clearing the acquisition of an additional 44,000 acres. Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu, who chaired the meeting. To increase awareness of the government's policies, Naidu directed ministers to hold district-level meetings to explain the "One-Year Rule," with MLAs expected to complete constituency outreach by the end of

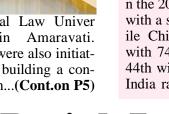
- Naidu criticizes Telangana over water projects, promises reforms
 - One-Year Rule outreach begins July 1



this month. Starting July 1, alliance leaders will launch door-todoor campaigns.The Cabinet approved for-

mation of committees for Swarnandhra P4 and agreed to lease land to the Bar Council of India to establish a





India enters top 100 in global SDG rankings for first time

The Capital News New Delhi, Jun 24: India has for the first time secured a place a mong the top 100 out of 167 countries ranke d for their progress in achieving the Sustaina ble Development Goa ls (SDGs), according t o a report published o n Tuesday. According t o the UN Sustainable Development Solutio ns Network's 10th and latest Sustainable Dev elopment Report (SD R), India ranks 99th o n the 2025 SDG Index with a score of 67, wh ile China ranks 49th with 74.4 and the US 44th with 75.2 points. India ranked 109th in



2024, 112th in 2023, 121st in 2022, 120th i n 2021, 117th in 2020, 115th in 2019, 112th i n 2018 and 116th in 2017.Among India's neighbours, Bhutan ta kes 74th place with 7 0.5 points, Nepal rank s 85th with 68.6, Bang ladesh 114th with 63.9

and Pakistan 140th wi th 57 points.India's ma ritime neighbours, Ma ldives and Sri Lanka, stood at 53rd and 93rd places, respectively.T he SGDs were adopted in 2015 with the id ea that to save the pla net, no one should be (Cont.on P3)

AP girl Jahnavi becomes first Indian picked for space flight ! (K Varaprasada Rao take place from the u Shubhanshu to blast off to ISS tomorrow

The Capital News) Vijayawada, June 24:

(Sriram) Remanded to 14-Day Judicial Custody in Drug Cas

Chennai: Actor S rikanth, popularly known as Sriram, has been remande d to 14 days of jud icial custody by a Chennai court in connection with a drug trafficking ca se. The arrest follo ws an extensive ei ght-hour interroga tion by the Nunga mbakkam police, (Cont.on P3)



Phone Tapping Probe: BJP MP Etala Rajender Summoned by SIT

Hyderabad: The i nvestigation into t he phone tapping s candal is intensify ing, with the Speci al Investigation Te am (SIT) questio ning key individua Is linked to the cas e. On Monday, SI T officials issued notices to BJP MP Etala Rajender, su mmoning him to (Cont.on P2)

India evacuates more Indians from Iran, Israel New Delhi: India on Tuesday evacuated 292 citizens from Iran and 366 nationals from Isr ael amid escalating tensions betwe en the two countri es following the U S bombing of thre e Iranian nuclear sites.With the fre sh batch of evacue es from Iran, India has brought back

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Trump says both Iran, Israel violated ceasefire

The Capital News Washington, Jun 24: President Donald Tru mp told reporters that Israel and Iran violated ceasefire terms with a ttacks following an ear ly Tuesday deadline to cease hostilities.He wa rned Israel to bring its pilots home as he tried to sustain a ceasefire b etween Israel and Ir an.That was in a post on Truth Social Tuesd

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NHRC notice to AP govt over death of two workers at waste treatment plant

ay.Speaking before de parting for the NATO summit at The Hague, Trump expressed disappointment about the continued attacks."The y violated it but Israel violated it too," Trump said. He added, "I'm n ot happy with Israel." At around the same ti me, he said in a Truth post: "ISRAEL. DO N **OT DROP THOSE** (Cont.on P5)

"As a child, I believed the Moon followed m e. I didn't know it was leading me here," wrot e Jahnavi Dangeti, a 23 -year-old from Palakol lu, West Godavari, wh o just made history as the first Indian selecte d for the prestigious Ti tans Space orbital miss ion, scheduled for 202 9. Jahnavi, who studie d Electronics and Com munication Engineerin g at Lovely Profession al University, Punjab, will join the Astronaut Candidate (ASCAN) program under Titans



Lokesh orders probe into use of students in YSRCP dharna

The Capital News Amaravati, June 24: Minister for IT and HR D Nara Lokesh came down heavily on the alleged involvement of former YSRCP MLA Alajangi Jogarao in fo rcibly taking schoolchi ldren to a political dhar na in Parvathipuram, c alling it a criminal act. Responding to a post on social media platfor m 'X' by a user named

Shyam, Lokesh said th e incident reflects a hei nous misuse of childr en for political gain an d ordered officials to urgently investigate an d submit a detailed rep ort. He assured that the injured students would receive proper medical treatment. According t o the post, students fro m an MPP school were taken to participate in a (Cont.on P5)

Box Remains in India New Delhi: Union Civ il Aviation Minister K. Rammohan Naidu on Tuesday dismissed spe culation that the black box from the ill-fated Air India Flight AI171 had been sent to the U nited States for analysis.The Dreamliner air craft, which was en ro ute from Ahmedabad to London on June 12, tragically crashed sho rtly after takeoff, resul ting (Cont.on P3)

Air India Crash: Union

Minister Clarifies Black



Space, a private US-ba sed space agency. She previously completed NASA's International Air and Space Progra m and has been mentor ed by top scientists at NASA and ISRO. She will begin her training in 2026 under retired NASA astronaut Col.

William McArthur Jr. who will also lead the 2029 flight as Chief As tronaut. The mission w ill include two full Ear th orbits, offering over three hours of zero gra vity, and a rare chance to witness two sunrises and two sunsets from space. The flight will

ed to be ready within four years. Jahnavi de scribed the opportunity as a "tremendous hono ur", saying, "This program prepares us physically, mentally, and te chnically for everythin g space demands." She is already a Young Ach iever Award recipient from ISRO's World Sp ace Week, and won N ASA's People's Choice Award at the Space Ap ps Challenge. Her rise from a small Andhra to wn to the global space stage is inspiring a (Cont.on P5)

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CM Revanth Reddy confident of 2028 Congress win in Telangana

The Capital News Hyderabad, Jun 24: Expressing confidence that the ruling Congre ss would return to pow er in Telangana in 202 8, Chief Minister A Re vanth Reddy on Tuesd ay exhorted party wor kers to reach out to the public and strive for its victory.During a meeting of the Political Aff airs Committee (PAC) and the officer bearers

of the state Congress h ere, he highlighted upc oming challenges, incl uding delimitation of constituencies, women 's reservation and simu ltaneous elections to Assembly and Lok Sa bha.He noted that the TDP and Congress wer e in power for two ter ms each from 1994-20 04 and 2004 to 2014 r espectively, in undivid ed (Cont.on P5)





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appear as a witness. He is expected to appear at the SIT office in Marred pally for questioning.Meanwhile, Congress leaders Billa Sudheer Reddy (Warangal) and Medchal DCC President Singireddy Harshavardhan Reddy recorded their statements with the SIT. After their questioning, both leaders addressed the media and revealed that SIT officials had asked, "Are you using a number listed in the tapping data? Have you ever suspected your phone was being tapped?"Sharing their experiences, they spoke about alleged surveillance during the 2023 Assembly elections. Harshavardhan Reddy, who was in charge of Congress affairs in Kamareddy, stated, "It often felt like we were being shadowed by plainclothes police, monitoring whom we were speaking to and where we were going."Several political leaders believe the phone tapping scandal reflects deliberate political misuse of state machinery, with concerns growing over violation of privacy and political targeting.



MP Kesineni Shivanath Marks One Year with Major Development Push in Vijayawada

The Capital News Amaravati, June 24: Marking one year since taking office, Vijayawada MP Kesineni Sivanath (Chinni) emphasized that significant strides in development and public service have been made across the constituency. He stated that the past year reflects the first step towards good governance under the new administration.Highli ghting key achievements, the MP said that railway stations in the Vijayawada Parliament segment have been modernized, and major road development projects have been completed. He also noted the revamp of the Autonagar layout and simplified lorry entry systems, permit aimed at improving infrastructure and ease of business. Speaking about religious and civic infrastructure, Chinni said development that works are underway at Durgagudi temple to handle increased pilgrim footfall over the next 40 years. He added that preparations for the upcom-Krishna ing Pushkaram festival have already begun. Efforts are also underway to resolve drinking water issues in hilly areas, he said. In terms of law enforcement and public safety, the MP highlighted the widespread installation of CCTV cameras across colonies and apartment complexes under the Vijayawada Police Commission erate. In particular,



nine colonies under the Patamata Police Station have received new CCTV surveillance. The cameras were inaugurated by MP Kesineni Chinni, MLA Gadde Ram mohan, and Police Commissioner Rajasekhar Babu via remote control.ACP Damodar and CI Pawan Kishore honored the dignitaries with saplings as part of a green initiative. During the event, MP Kesineni Chinni expressed his gratitude to the people and said, "It's been a year since I took oath as MP, and I am happy to be part of this meaningful initiative today." He extended special thanks to CM Chandrababu Naidu, Minister Nara Lokesh, Deputy CM Pawan Kalyan, MP D. Purandeswari, and other alliance leaders for their encouragement and guidance. He applauded Police Commissioner Rajasekhar Babu for revitalizing the Command Control Room and effectively utilizing drones and technology to curb

crime. Chinni stressed the crucial role of the police durfloods ing and Dussehra celebrations, and commended their ability to conduct reviews remotely using advanced tech. He cited the Satyanarayanapuram Police Station as a model and announced his intent to advocate with Home Minister Vangalapudi Anitha to replicate this model across all police stations in the NTR District. MP Chinni praised the generosity and spirit of service shown by the people of Vijayawada during times of crisis, such as the recent floods. He credited the installation of CCTV cameras to public donations and added that with continued support from donors, surveillance coverage will be expanded further. Concluding, he affirmed, "As a public representative, I will always stand by the police and the people, ensuring our combined efforts bring greater development and security to the region."

Telangana will safeguard state's interests against Andhra's river-linking project: Minister

The Capital News Hyderabad, Jun 23: Telangana government on Monday said it would take all measures to safeguard the state's interests against the Godavari-Banaka charla riverlinking project proposed by neighbouring Andhra Pradesh.Briefing reporters late on Monday after a state cabinet meeting, Inf ormation and Public Relations Minister Ponguleti Srinivas Re ddy said that Telan gana government is not ready to forego "even a drop of water" from its share of Godavari river water and that it would take measures

in accordance with law to protect the state's interests. Con tending that the riverlinking project is against the interests of Telangana, Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy recently met Union Jal Shakti Minister C R Patil in Delhi and conveyed the state government's objections. Srinivas Reddy said the cabinet has decided to submit all details to the judicial commission, which is probing the alleged irregulariin the ties Kaleshwaram project built during the previous BRS government, as per the panel's request to do so before June 30.State



Sports Minister Vakiti Srihari said the cabinet approved a sports policy that includes providing incentives sportspersons, to grooming them to achieve medals in Olympics and increa sing sports quota. State Transport Mini ster Ponnam Prabha kar said the government has decided to prepare a vision for the state's growth by 2047 as the

stayed back at the air-

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efforts, Iran reopened

its airspace, enabling

six Mahan Air flights

between June 20-22

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1,568 Indian nation-

als, followed by

another flight on June

22, he added.Srikanth

noted that Andhra

Centre is moving ahead with the goal of 'Viksit Bharat' by 2047.He added that the cabinet has decided to app oint famous oncologist and Padma Shri award recipient Nori Dattatreyudu to advis e the state government on measures to curb the spread of cancer and to stren gthen medical facilities for cancer patients.

17 Telugu evacuees arrive in New Delhi from Iran with APNRTS coordination

The Capital News New Delhi /Amara vati, Jun 24: As many as 20 Teluguspeaking people were safely evacuated from war-affected Iran under Operation Sindhu so far, and 17 of them have reached New Delhi, early Tuesday, Andhra Pradesh Bhavan Commissioner in Delhi, Arja Srikanth, said.Launched by the Ministry of External Affairs, the operation has facilitated the return of 1,713 Indians amid the Iran-Israel conflict, using alternate routes via Armenia and Turkmenistan, he said."Evacuees were



first relocated from Tehran to safer cities like Mashhad and Qom, with the Indian Embassy coordinating transport, and 17 members have arrived in Delhi from Iran today (Tuesday) before 6 am," said Srikanth in a press release.Of them, 10 checked into Andhra Bhawan, while the remaining seven

Pradesh Bhavan has arranged reception, lodging, meals, healthcare, and onward transport for all Andhra Pradesh evacuees. Coordination is underway with Andhra Pradesh Non-Telugu Resident Society (APNRTS) and other volunteer groups to offer psychological and logistical support, the release said.He said that efforts continue to evacuate the remaining 800 Indians, prioritising students and vulnerable individuals still stranded in affected regions.

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National Human Rights Commission

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working during the night shift at an effluent waste treatment plant of a pharmaceutical company in Anakapalli district of Andhra Pradesh, on 11th June". Reportedly, the victims collapsed after inhaling the poisonous gas, suspected to have been released during the waste treatment process, it said.Therefore, the Commission has issued notices to the chief secretary, of the government of Andhra Pradesh and the superintendent of police of Anakapalli, seeking a detailed report in two weeks, the rights panel said.The report is expected to include the status of the health of the injured, who was reportedly undergoing treatment at a hospital and compensation, if any, provided to him and the next of kin of the deceased, it added.

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Bonalu 2025 Should Be Above Politics: Minister Ponnam Prabhakar



The Capital News The minister revie Hyderabad, June 24 wed last year's : Telangana Ministerarrangements to idenin-Charge Ponnam tify shortcomings and Prabhakar has called strengthen planning for the grand celebrafor this year. He contion of Bonalu 2025 gratulated the temple Secunderabad's committees and volunteers for their dedihistoric Ujjain Mahankali temple to cation and stated that be conducted with all efforts are being devotion and unity, made to ensure a devoid of political seamless experience overtones. He chaired for directions issued dura review meeting on ing the meeting Tuesday to oversee included:Laying new preparations and ensure smooth conunderground cable duct of the festival. lines within temple Addressing the offipremises to avoid cials, Ponnam emphaelectrical sized that the success hazards.Installation of Bonalu lies in comof a strong safety jali munity cooperation, (mesh) to manage regardless of governcrowds.Guaranteeing ment efforts. "Let us continuous water supcelebrate this cultural ply in festival areas, festival without poliespecially as the celetics. The spirit of brations rotate weekly Bonalu belongs to the across various temples.Ensuring hospipeople, and their involvement is the tality for visiting key," he said. devotees, especially

those from outside Hyderabad.He reiterated that those carrying Bonams are the top priority, and urged VIPs to visit during non-peak hours to avoid inconveniencing pilgrims. "Bonalu is about faith, not protocol," he remarked.The minister said 3600 temples across Telangana are participating in Bonalu this year, and events will take place weekly at major sites including Golconda, Ujjain, Mahankali, Balkampet, and Lal Darwaza. Special arrangements are also being made for Jogins, traditional devotees who play a key role in the festival.He lauded the efforts of organizations like the Deccan Manava Seva Samiti for their service during Bonalu, and appealed to all citizens to contribute and participate with devotion.MLA Talasani Srinivas Yadav, Collector District Harichandana, and Deputy Mayor Mothe Srilatha were present at the review meeting, alongside key officials from all departments.

The Capital News Vijayawada, June 24: : The Andhra Pradesh Chambers of Commerce and Industry Federation (AP Chambers) wrote Mr. to Sanjay Malhotra, Governor of the Reserve Bank India of and expressed its gratitude to the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) and the Union Government for establishing an **RBI** Regional Office in Vijayawada. AP Chambers also welcomed the appointment of Mr. Attah Omar Basheer as Regional Director and expressed confidence in his leadership. In its representation to RBI Governor, AP Chambers called this move a vote of confidence in the State's economic potential.



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The Chambers stated that it is a monumental step for Andhra Pradesh's financial ecosystem and reflects RBI's commitment to decentralised financial governance and inclusive development. AP Chambers submitted key suggestions to strengthen the MSME sector, which is vital to Andhra Pradesh's growth. Some of the key suggestions that AP Chambers submitted to RBI are: to expand access to

and alternate credit scoring MSMEs, and offer financial literacy and risk training for MSMEs. The Chambers suggested extending lending incentives to banks and NBFCs that actively lend to Guarantee women-led, SC/ST, Fund Trust for Micro and Small Enterprises and rural MSMEs. AP Chambers requested agricultural land as RBI to conduct regular 'Town Hall' meetloan collateral for ings to address the MSMEs, cap SME loan interest rates at concerns of MSMEs. 9%, reduce credit rat-AP Chambers expre ing dependence for ssed its readiness to MSMEs, extend NPA work closely with the classification period new RBI Regional to 180 days, establish Office in Vijayawada a permanent MSME to strengthen indusloan restructuring try-regulator dialogue framework, mandate and support financial TReDS participation literacy and inclusion for large corpo initiatives at the rates/PSUs on onbo grassroots level. arding of MSMEs on Potluri Bhaskara Rao

SAAP chairman congratulates Archery medalists

(The Capital News)Vijayawada, June 25: SAAP Chairman Ravinaidu congratulated archers T. Ganesh Maniratnam and B. Shanmukhi Nagasai for their exceptional performance at the Archery Asia Cup Leg-2, held in Singapore from June 15 to 20.Ganesh Maniratnam won a silver medal in the compound event, while Shanmukhi Nagasai bagged three silver medals-in the individual, mixed team, and team categories. The medal-winning archers met Chairman Ravinaidu at the SAAP office in Vijayawada on Tuesday and shared details of their achievements. Ravinaidu lauded their hard work and



talent, encouraging them to strive for greater success at the national and international levels, and to continue bringing honour to the state and the country.Volga Archery Academy President Cherukuri Satyanarayana, archery coach Chiranjeevi, and other dignitaries were also present during the meeting.





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Upper caste men tonsure head of two preachers in UP's Etawah, four arrested

The Capital News Etawah (UP), Jun 24: A group of upper caste men allegedly tonsure d the head of a religio us preacher and his ai de after finding that the y hailed from the Yada v caste in Dandarpur village of Uttar Prade sh's Etawah district, p olice said. The incident of tonsuring took place on the intervening nig ht of Sunday and Mon day, and the accused w ere arrested on Monda y. After the video of th e tonsuring went viral on social media, police swung into action and arrested four persons, including the main acc used.The victims were 'katha vachak' (narrato r of holy texts) and had gone to the village for a 'Bhagwad Katha'.Sen

ior Superintendent of Police, Etawah, Brijes h Kumar Srivastava sa id, "A video pertaining to Bakewar police stati on went viral on social media on Monday, in which it could be seen that after the Bhagwat Katha, villagers were misbehaving with two people, and cutting th eir hair despite their un willingness". Taking co gnisance of the video, a police force reached the spot, and identified the person, whose hair was cut.Based on the complaint lodged by the victim, a case was registered at Bakewar police station in Etaw ah district, the SSP sai d, and added that four persons, including the main accused, have be en arrested. The four a



ccused have been identified as Ashish Tiwari, Uttam Kumar Awasthi, Nikki Awasthi, Manu Dubey, all residents of Dandarpur.In the vide o, which was also shar ed on X by Samajwadi Party chief Akhilesh Yadav, the accused wer e purportedly heard sa ying, "You are getting punished for coming to the village of Brahmin s".Speaking to reporter

s, the assistant 'katha v aachak' identified as Sant Singh Yadav said, "Earlier, I used to run a private school but the government got the sch ool closed. So I engag ed myself in performing Bhagwat Katha, an d I became an assistant to 'katha vaachak' Muk ut Mani Yadav."Elabo rating about the incide nt, he said, "We were called to perform a Bh

agwat Katha in Dandar pur village beginning June 21 (Saturday). We were questioned over our caste. It was said th at we are 'chamar' (sch eduled castes), but I said I am not a 'chama r', I am Yadav"."They also asked me to show my ID. They then said that being a Yadav, you have come in a village of Brahmins to perform Bhagwat Katha. I was tortured throughout the night, and my hair was completely shaved," he alleged."U rine was sprinkled over me, and I was told that now I have become pur e. They also said that how dare you come to a village of Brahmins," he said.SP chief Yadav said, "During a Bhagw at Katha in Dandarpur village of Bakewar are a of Etawah, when the 'katha vaachak' and his assistants were asked about their caste, they said they belonged to the PDA caste. Some dominant people beh aved indecently with them, got their hair cut, their noses rubbed and the area purified.""Our Constitution does not allow caste discrimination," he said, adding all accused should be arrested immediately and a case should be re gistered under appropriate sections."If str ict action is not taken in the next three days, we will call for a big movement to 'protect the honour of PDA'. Nothing is bigger than the value of PDA!" Yadav said on X.

Colab Platforms makes a foray into digital sports market

The Capital News New Delhi, Jun 24: Sports-tech company Colab Platforms has announced its entry int o the fast-growing esp orts market with plans to build a competitive gaming ecosystem, a company official said on Tuesday. This new venture will focus on building a skill-based esports infrastructure, designed for both casu al and pro gamers, Col ab Platforms Managi ng Director Puneet Sin gh said. The company is building a player-fi rst competitive gaming platform for India's digital-first generation, he said.The platform will feature low-entry, high-frequency competitive formats, creato r-led tournaments, and proprietary game serve rs-starting with Coun ter-Strike 2 and expan ding into AAA and mo



bile titles, he added. Esports has rapidly ev olved from a niche su bculture to a billion-do llar global industry. In 2024, the global Espor ts market surpassed U SD 1.7 billion, with pr ojections of reaching o ver USD 6 billion by 2030, Singh said.BSElisted Colab Platforms has a presence in spor ts commerce, athlete development, fan eng agement tools, and spo rts-tech innovation. Th e company recently la unched a Rs 25 crore accelerator program me to drive sports-tech innovation in India.

Police to walk with Kanwar pilgrims in UP's Shahjahnpur to ensure safety

The Capital News Shahjahanpur (UP), Jun 24: In a bid to en sure the safety of 'kanwar' pilgrims passing through Uttar Pradesh 's Shahjahanpur distr ict, local police will w alk alongside the devot ees, install CCTV cam eras along the route, and deploy drones for aerial surveillance, offi cials said on Tuesday. Kanwar Yatra is an ann ual pilgrimage of Lord Shiva's devotees, kno wn as kanwars, who fe tch holy waters of Ri ver Ganga during the auspicious Hindu mon th of Shravan. This ho ly water is then offered to Lord Shiva.Accordi ng to officials here, pilgrims from Shahja hanpur fetch water fro m Panchal Ghat in Far rukhabad and undertake a 160-km journey to perform 'jalabhishe



k' at the Shiva temple in Gola Gokarannath. Around 100 km of this route passes through Shahjahanpur, where the district police will be responsible for the security arrangement s."Approximately 100 km of the pilgrimage route within the district will be covered by CCTV cameras conne cted to both mobile u nits and a central con-



ice camps will be set u p outside every police station located along the route. Officers stationed there will escort the Kanwar groups up to the boundary of their jurisdiction and inform the next police station as the pilgrims advance. Additionally, Police Response Vehic les (PRVs) will patrol t he route for added saf ety," he said.SP Dwive di said senior officers

will oversee deployments according to a duty roster and will al so mark their attendan ce online to ensure ac countability.When as ked whether heighten ed security was due to any intelligence alerts, Dwivedi said, "There is no specific intellig ence input. This is a ro utine responsibility of the police to ensure K anwar pilgrims reach their destination safely. A tracking vehicle h as also been requested and will be provided shortly."He further sta ted that traffic along th e route will be strictly regulated."This stretch is accident-prone, so all drivers have already been instructed to maintain controlled speeds and follow traffic regulations during the Kanwar Yatra," he added.

Farooq Abdullah welcomes ceasefire between Iran and Israel, calls it 'good step' The Capital News

Srinagar, Jun 24: Na tional Conference (NC) president Farooq Abd ullah Tuesday welco med the ceasefire betw een Iran and Israel, sa ying it was a good ste p, and expressed hope that it lasts so that inno cent people do not get killed.Meanwhile, Jam mu and Kashmir Chief Minister Omar Abdull ah said that the ceasefire should come into effect at the earliest as the war had caused "lar ge-scale destruction".T alking to the reporters at Dooru in south Ka shmir's Anantnag district, Farooq Abdullah said. "I am thankful to the Almighty if there is indeed a ceasefire. It is



whether the US surrendered before Iran, the NC chief said the decision stemmed from hu manity, but there was global pressure on the US."Nobody has surre ndered before anyone, neither Iran nor Amer ica. But out of humanity, they said that this

good the people (here) are and about the beauty that the Almighty h as blessed this place wi th," the former chief minister of the erstwh ile state said.Talking about the evacuation of the Indian students, the chief minister said that the war was a maj or concern in the Unio n territory as many students were stuck in the middle of the war." Th ere were difficulties as flights could not operate due to the closure of the airspace. We ho pe that a big batch of our students will return tonight and our evacuation process will be completed," he said." We would want a cease fire as early as possi-

trol room. Locations for camera installatio ns have already been identified, and drone cameras will also mon

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ble. It has been 11 days (since war broke out) and there has been massive destruction in these days," he added.

India enters top 100 in... (From Page 1)

left behind in the overall development matrix by 2030. The score measures progress on a scale of 0 to 100 where 100 indicates a country has achieved all 17 goals and 0 means no progress has been made. The report's authors flagged that SDG progress has stalled at the global level, with only 17 per cent of the 17 targets projected to be achieved by 2030."Conflicts, structural vulnerabilities and limited fiscal space impede SDG progress in many parts of the world," said the report, with world-renowned economist Jeffrey Sachs as its lead author. European countries, especially the Nordic nations, continue to top the SDG Index, with Finland ranking first, Sweden second and Denmark third. A total of 19 out of the top 20 countries are in Europe. Yet even these countries face significant challenges in achieving at least two goals, including those related to climate and biodiversity, largely due to unsustainable consumption, the authors said.East and South Asia have outperformed all other global regions in terms of SDG progress since 2015 largely due to rapid socioeconomic development. The countries in East and South Asia that have demonstrated the fastest progress since 2015 (in points) include Nepal (+11.1), Cambodia (+10), the Philippines (+8.6), Bangladesh (+8.3) and Mongolia (+7.7). The other countries showing rapid progress among their peers include Benin (+14.5), Peru (+8.7), the United Arab Emirates (+9.9), Uzbekistan (+12.1), Costa Rica (+7) and Saudi Arabia (+8.1). Though only 17 per cent of the targets are on track to be achieved worldwide, most UN member states have made strong progress on targets related to access to basic services and infrastructure, including mobile broadband use (SDG 9), access to electricity (SDG 7), internet use (SDG 9), underfive mortality rate (SDG 3) and neonatal mortality (SDG 3). Five targets show significant reversals in progress since 2015. These are obesity rate (SDG 2), press freedom (SDG 16), sustainable nitrogen management (SDG 2), the Red List Index (SDG 15) and the Corruption Perceptions Index (SDG 16). The report said the top three countries most committed to the UN multilateralism are Barbados (1), Jamaica (2) and Trinidad and Tobago (3). Among G20 nations, Brazil (25) ranks highest, while Chile (7) leads among the OECD countries. The United States, which recently withdrew from the Paris Climate Agreement and the World Health Organization (WHO) and formally declared its opposition to the SDGs and the 2030 Agenda, ranks last (193rd) for the second year in a row. The report, which comes ahead of the fourth International Conference on Financing for Development (FfD4) in Seville, Spain, (June 30-July 3) noted the global financial architecture (GFA) is broken."Money flows readily to rich countries and not to the emerging and developing economies (EMDEs) that offer higher growth potential and rates of return. At the top of the agenda at FfD4 is the need to reform the GFA so that capital flows in far larger sums to the EMDEs," it said.

India evacuates more..... (From Page 1)

2,295 Indians from the Persian Gulf nation so far.India brought back 161 Indians in a chartered flight from Amman that landed at 8:20 am. The Indians were moved from Israel to Jordan through land border crossings. Another group of 165 Indians were flown back to New Delhi from Amman in a C-17 military transport aircraft. They were received at the airport by Union Minister L Murugan. Two-hundred-ninety-two Indian nationals were evacuated from Iran on a special flight that arrived in New Delhi from Mashhad at 3:30 am, External Affairs Ministry spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said.Sharing details about India's evacuation mission Operation Sindhu that was launched following fresh wave of hostilities between Iran and Israel, he said, "2,295 Indian nationals have now been brought home from Iran". Two-hundred-ninety Indian nationals and one Sri Lankan were evacuated from Iranian city Mashhad on a special flight last night.India launched Operation Sindhu last week to bring back Indians from Iran and Israel in view of increasing hostilities between the two nations.Israel and Iran have fired hundreds of missiles and drones at each other's cities and military and strategic facilities since the hostilities began over a week back. The tensions escalated significantly following the US bombing of three major Iranian nuclear sites on Sunday morning.India has evacuated its nationals on chartered flights operated from the Iranian city of Mashhad, the Armenian capital of Yerevan and the Turkmenistan capital of Ashgabat since Wednesday.Iran lifted airspace restrictions on Friday to facilitate three chartered flights from Mashhad. The first flight landed in New Delhi late on Friday with 290 Indians, and the second one landed in the national capital on Saturday afternoon with 310 Indians. Another flight arrived from the Armenian capital city of Yerevan on Thursday. A special evacuation flight from Ashgabat landed in New Delhi on Saturday morning.

Fresh case filed against Jagan...(From Page 1) the case and issued 41A CrPC notices to Jagan and several YSRCP leaders.

Jagan had visited the chilli yard on February 19 to interact with farmers. Police allege that the visit took place without official permission, in violation of the Model Code of Conduct in place for the MLC polls. They also claim that political speeches were made inside the yard, which is managed by the Marketing Department, without due clearance. Along with Jagan, cases have been filed against YSRCP leaders Ambati Rambabu, Lella Appireddy, Kavati Manohar Naidu, Modugula Venugopal Reddy, and others who accompanied him. The police have summoned all the accused to appear at the Nallapadu Police Station for questioning. This development comes close on the heels of a previous case filed against Jagan over the death of Cheeli Singayya during his tour in Rentapalla, which has already triggered a political row.

Tamil Actor Srikanth (Sriram) Remanded...(From Page 1

during which significant evidence was reportedly uncovered linking the actor to a wider drug network. According to sources, the investigation gained momentum following a brawl last month at a bar in Nungambakkam. On Monday, the police arrested and questioned several individuals, including AIADMK leaders Prasad and Ajay Vandaiyar from Mylapore. Following allegations of drug consumption, the suspects revealed details about the source and supply chain of the narcotics. The interrogation led to Pradeep Kumar, a key suspect in a cocaine supply case, who confessed that Prasad had supplied drugs to actor Srikanth through him. The police confirmed that Srikanth had purchased cocaine, with digital payment records as proof. After collecting this information, police took Srikanth into custody on Monday and conducted medical tests. His blood sample tested positive for drug use, confirming narcotics consumption.Srikanth, who rose to fame in Telugu cinema with the film 'Rojapoolu', went on to act in several notable films such as 'Okariki Okaru', 'Aadavari Matalaku Arthale Verule', 'Maska', 'Rama Rama Krishna Krishna', 'Kandireega', and 'Bhale Manchi Roju'. He has also appeared in the popular web series 'Harikatha'.

Air India Crash: Union Minister..(From Page 1)

in the death of 270 people, including 241 passengers. Speaking to the media, the minister said, "All these are mere speculations. The black box is in India and is currently being examined by the Aircraft Accident Investigation Bureau (AAIB)."When asked about when the data from the black box might be available, Rammohan Naidu stated that the AAIB is conducting a comprehensive investigation, and the decoding process will reveal critical details about the moments leading up to the crash.Earlier, the minister had emphasized that retrieving and decoding the black box was crucial to understanding the exact cause of the tragedy.









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PHOTO FEATURE

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Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu and other council of ministers participating in AP cabinet meeting at AP secretariat on Tuesday



SAAP chairman Ravi Naidu congratulating Volga Archery Academy president Cherukuri Satyanarayana and archers T Ganesh Maniratnam, B Shanmuka Sai in Vijayawada on Tuesday for their success in the recent Singapore archery tournament



The leaders of CPM staging protest at Mandadam panchayat office on Tuesday demanding the government to provide drinking water

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US carrier strike group will embark on scheduled deployment amid Middle East tensions

Norfolk (US), Jun 24 (The Capital News): The United States' most advanced aircraft carrier leaves Virginia for a regularly scheduled deployment on Tuesday that could position it near Israel after the US inserted itself in Israel's war to destroy Iran's nuclear programme. The US was already planning to deploy the USS Gerald R. Ford when American warplanes bombed three Iranian sites early Sunday to support Israel's goals. Iran retaliated with a limited missile attack on a US military base in Qatar on Monday. But later on Monday, President Donald Tru mp said on social media that Israel and Iran have agreed to a "complete and total ceasefire" to be phased in over 24 hours.

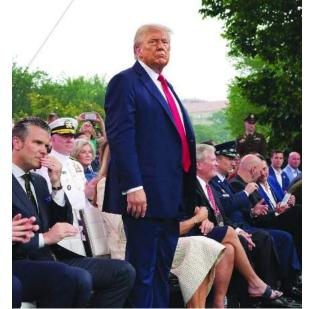
Trump said on Truth Social that the ceasefire would bring an "Official END" to the war. The Ford will sail for the European theater of command, which includes waters off Israel's Medite rranean coast. The presence of the aircraft carrier and its accompanying warships giv es Trump the option of a third carrier group in the Middle East if needed.The US has been shifting military aircraft and warships into and around the region to protect Israel from Iranian attacks. Nearly 4,500 sailors will depart Tuesday morning from the nation's largest Navy base in Norfolk, which sits near the southern edge of Chesapeake Bay. The carrier strike group includes guided-mis-



sile destroyers and several squadrons of fighter jets. The Ford is the first in the new Ford class of aircraft carriers, which use an electromagnetic system for launching pla nes instead of steam catapults to increase flying missions. The ships are also designed to carry a wider variety of planes and operate with several hundred

fewer sailors. The Ford was previously sent to the Eastern Medite rranean to be within striking distance of Israel after Hamas' October 7 attacks in 2023. The carrier stay ed in the Eastern Mediterranean while its accompanying warships sailed into the Red Sea, where they repeatedly intercepted ballistic missiles fired at Israel and attack drones fired at the ships from Houthicontrolled Yemen. Fro m November 2023 until January 2025, the Iranian - backed Houthis waged persistent missile and drone attacks against commercial and military ships in the region in what the group's leadership described as an effort to end Israel's war against Hamas in the Gaza Strip. The US-led campaign agai nst the rebels included Navy fighter jets and turned into the most intense running sea battle the Navy has faced since World War II. US Navy sailors saw incoming Houthilaunched missiles seconds before they were destroyed by their ship's defensive systems. Pentagon officials talked last year about how to care for the sailors when they returned home, including counselling and treatment for possible post-traumatic stress. The Houthi rebels recently said they would resume attacks on US vessels in the Red Sea if the Trump administration joined Israel's military campaign against Iran. The Houthis paused such attacks in May under a deal with the US.

Trump says Iran, Israel to have ceasefire to be phased in over 24 hours



Washington, Jun 23 (The Capital News) President Donald Trump said Monday on social media that Israel and Iran have agreed to a "complete and total ceasefire" to be phased in over 24 hours. The US president said on Truth Social that the ceasefire would bring an "Official END" to the war, a major change in the hostilities that

follows a US strike over the weekend on three Iranian nuclear sites."On the assumption that everything works as it should, which it will, I would like to congratulate both Countries, Israel and Iran, on having the Stamina, Cour age, and Intelligence to end, what should be called, THE 12 DAY WAR," Trump posted.

Significance of Trump's Israel, Iran name for Israel-Iran war

Washington, Jun 24 (The Capital News) On social media, US President Donald Tru mp called the war between Israel and Iran the "12 Day War". That recalls the 1967 Mideast war, known by some as the "Six Day War," in which Israel fought a group of Arab countries including Egypt, Jordan and Syria.Trump's reference carries emotional weight for the Arab world, particularly Palestinians.In the 1967 war, Israel cap-



the Sinai to Egypt, it still holds the other territories, setting the stage for decades of conflict that continue to reverberate today. Qatar Airways resumes ster Abbas Araghchi its flights Qatar had over the Iranian attack on Al Udeid Air Base. Flight-tracking data showed commercial aircraft again flying in Oatari airspace early Tuesday, signalling the

accept ceasefire Beersheba (Israel), capital believed the Jun 24 (The Capital threat on the energyrich nation had passed. Israeli airstrikes targeted Iran's capital up until 4 am local time

News) Israel and Iran on Tuesday accepted a ceasefire plan proposed by US President Donald Trump to end their 12-day war that roiled the Middle East, after Tehran launched a retaliatory limited missile attack on a US military base in Qatar. The acceptance of the deal by both sides came after Tehran launched a final onslaught of missiles targeting Israel that killed at least four people early Tuesday morning, while Israel launched a blitz of airstrikes targeting sites across Iran before dawn.

Israeli forces fire on people waiting for aid in Gaza, killing 25: witnesses, hospitals

Deir al-Balah (Gaza Strip), Jun 24 (The Capital News) Israeli forces and drones opened fire toward hundreds of people waiting for aid trucks in central Gaza early Tuesday, killing at least 25 people, Palestinian witnesses and hospitals said. The Israeli military did not immediately comment.



Ahmed Halawa. He The Awda hospital in said tanks and drones the urban Nuseirat fired at people, "even refugee camp, which as we were fleeing. received the victims, Many people were motionless and many said the Palestinians either martyred or others wounded as he were waiting for the wounded". Hossam Abu fled the site. The Awda October 7, 2023, attack trucks on the Salah al- Shahada, another eye-Din Road south of witness, said drones Wadi Gaza. Witnesses were flying over the told The Associated area, watching the Press that Israeli forces crowds first, then there opened fire as people was gunfire from tanks were advancing east- and drones as people ward to be close to the were moving eastward.

said it received the bodies of six people who were killed in the same incident.The deaths were the latest in Israel-Hamas war in Gaza which killed about 56,000 Palestinians, according to the strip's health ministry. The ministry doesn't distinguish between civilians and combatants but say more than a half of the dead were women and children.Israel launched its campaign in Gaza after Hamas' on southern Israel, in which militants killed around 1,200 people, mostly civilians, and took another 251 hostages.Most of the hostages were released by ceasefire agreements.

Aqsa Martyrs hospital

tured the West Bank and east Jerusalem from Jordan, the Gaza Strip and the Sinai Peninsula from Egypt, and the Golan Heights from Syria. Though Israel later gave back

says Tehran will stop shut down its airspace its attacks if Israel stops its airstrikes by 4 am local time. The comment marked the first official remarks by Iran to Trump's clai med ceasefire between Iran and Israel.

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foreign minister says

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nospital said another 146 Palestinians were wounded. Among them were 62 in critical condition, who were transferred to other hospitals in central Gaza, it said. In the central town of approaching trucks."It He described a "chaotic Deir al-Balah, the Al-

people were attempting

to escape.He said he

saw at least three peo-

ple lying on the ground



Lokesh orders(From Page 1) YSRCP youth protest held at the Collectorate on Monday. The students, dressed in school uniforms, were reportedly taken without parental consent. While returning, some students met with an accident, with two critically injured, the post claimed. Shyam demanded action against the MEO and headmaster who allegedly allowed the students to attend the political event. Minister Lokesh echoed that sentiment, warning sternly, "Schools must not be misused for selfish political interests. Any such interference will face serious consequences." The minister directed the education department to examine the role of officials and school staff in allowing students to attend the protest and submit a fact-based report immediately.

CM Revanth Reddy ...(From Page 1) Andhra Pradesh.Similarly, after the formation of Telangana, BRS was in power for two terms from 2014 to 2023. The delimitation of constituencies, women's reservation and simultaneous polls would usher in more political opportunities for party leaders, he added. The Congress rule during the last 18 months has been a golden period as it has implemented numerous welfare schemes and programmes. He expressed his readiness to visit villages to reach out to people and instructed partymen to gear up for the by-poll in Jubilee Hills assembly constituency in Hyderabad. The by-poll was necessitated as sitting BRS MLA Maganti Gopinath died recently due to ill-health.

Trump says both Iran..(From P1)

BOMBS. IF YOU DO IT IS Á MAJOR VIOLATION. BRING PILOTS HOME, YOUR NOW!"The truce faltered on Tuesday when Israel accused Iran of launching missiles into its airspace after the ceasefire was supposed to take effect and vowed to retaliate.Iran's military denied firing on Israel, state media reported ---but explosions boomed and sirens sounded across northern Israel midmorning, and an Israeli military official said two Iranian missiles were intercepted. The conflict, now in its 12th day, began with Israel targeting Iranian nuclear and military sites, saying it could not allow Tehran to develop atomic weapons - and that it feared the Islamic Republic was close. Iran has long maintained that its program is peaceful.Many worried the war might widen after the US joined the attacks by dropping bunker-buster bombs over the weekend and Israel expanded the kinds of targets it was hitting.But after Tehran launched a limited retaliatory strike on a US military base in Qatar on Monday, Trump announced a ceasefire.Both sides accepted the agreement, but it is now unclear if it will hold."Tehran will tremble," Israeli Finance Minister Betzalel Smotrich warned on X, raising the spectre that the war might continue.

AP girl Jahnavi **becomes..**(From P1)

generation of young Indians, especially girls, to dream bigger.

Shubhanshu to fly to ISS on June 25 :

While Jahnavi prepares for space, another Indian will be heading there tomorrow. Group Captain Shubhanshu Shukla is set to become the first Indian astronaut to reach the International Space Station, and only the second Indian in space since Rakesh Sharma in 1984. NASA, along with Axiom Space and SpaceX, has confirmed a revised launch time of 2:31 am EDT on June 25 (12:01 pm. IST) from Launch Complex 39A at the Kennedy Space Center, Florida. Shukla will fly aboard SpaceX's Dragon spacecraft launched on a Falcon 9 rocket, as part of the Axiom Mission 4 (Ax-4). Shukla will serve as Pilot alongside Commander Peggy Whitson (US). Other crew members include Slawosz Uznanski-Wisniewski (Poland) and Tibor Kapu (Hungary). Docking is scheduled for 7 a.m. EDT on June 26. During the mission, Shukla will conduct advanced experiments on microalgae-based space nutrition, developed through a collaboration between ISRO, DBT, and NASA. These studies will explore how space radiation and microgravity affect nutrient-rich algae — a potential food source for deep-space missions. The launch had been delayed multiple times due to maintenance on the Russian Zvezda service module aboard the ISS. From Jahnavi's childhood wonder to Shukla's orbital science, these milestones mark a powerful moment for India's space story, where youth, talent, and ambition are rewriting history beyond Earth's orbit.

Cabinet clears 44,000 more acres.. (From Page 1)

centre to host major State events. Praising the recent Machilipatnam Beach Festival, Naidu emphasized the importance of boosting temple and coastal tourism through large-scale events. He also called for converting 6,497 mini Anganwadi centres into full-scale units and establishing Anna Canteens in every constituency. A monitoring committee is proposed to oversee their operation and manage voluntary contributions. The government has allocated Rs 250 crore under the Price Stabilisation Fund to support tobacco, mango, and cocoa farmers during market downturns. Notably, tobacco procurement through Markfed is now underway, reportedly the first of its kind at this scale in the country. Ministers and MLAs were urged to encourage farmers to explore alternative commercial crops and promote agricultural reforms.Naidu announced that the foundation stone for the ArcelorMittal steel plant in Anakapalle will be laid in September, highlighting the state's commitment to industrial growth alongside rural upliftment and urban infrastructure.Naidu slams Telangana over irrigation projects :Addressing recent disputes, Naidu accused Telangana of politicizing irrigation projects such as Polavaram and Banakacharla. He alleged Telangana was constructing without central clearance, while Andhra Pradesh was using only its share of surplus water. Naidu said Andhra's stance should be clearly communicated by alliance leaders, and a Centrefacilitated meeting would be sought if needed. Minister Nara Lokesh called for expedited decisions on all pending infrastructure projects. The Cabinet also approved urban planning reforms based on the Gujarat model to simplify building regulations. In a show of support for sports, the government announced a Group-1 job for tennis player Saket Myneni in recognition of his achievements. Revenue resolution in one year :Naidu directed officials to resolve all pending revenue issues within a year, citing the significant backlog of land-related cases. He called for coordinated action across departments to fast-track resolution. To mark the government's one-year milestone, the Chief Minister reiterated that all MLAs must begin door-to-door campaigns from July 1 to showcase progress and policy initiatives. He urged full participation from all alliance partners to ensure message consistency and strengthen public engagement.









SPORTS - MOVIES

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Pant reprimanded by ICC for showing dissent at umpire's decision

Leeds, Jun 24 (The Capital News) India wicket-keeper batter Rishabh Pant has been reprimanded by the ICC for showing dissent at an umpire's decision during the third day's play of the ongoing opening Test against England here. Pant, who had an exceptional outing with the bat during the Headingley Test with hundreds in both the innings, was reprimanded for his onfield conduct during England's first inni ngs.The 27-year-old was found to have breached Level 1 of the ICC Code of Conduct."Pant was found to have breached Article 2.8



of the ICC Code of incident happened in Conduct for Players the 61st over of and Player Support England's innings, when Harry Brook Personnel, which and Ben Stokes were relates to showing dissent at an Umpire's batting. Pant was seen decision during an having a discussion International Match," with the umpires regarding the condithe ICC said in a statement.In addition tion of the ball.When to this, one demerit the umpires refused point has been added to change the ball to Pant's disciplinary after checking it with record, for whom it the ball gauge, the was the first offence wicket-keeper in 24 months. The showed his dissent by

throwing the ball on the ground in front of umpires.There the was no disciplinary hearing as Pant admitted to the offence and accepted the sanction proposed by ICC match referee Richie Richardson. The charges were brought in by the onfield umpires, Chris Gaffaney and Paul Reiffel, along with the third umpire Sharfuddoula Ibne Shahid and the fourth umpire, Mike Burns. Level 1 breaches carry a minimum penalty of an official reprimand, a maximum penalty of 50 per cent of a player's match fee, and one or two demerit points.

Indian cricket fraternity mourns death of Dilip Doshi



New Delhi, Jun 24 (The Capital News) "heartbroken' Α Indian cricket fraternity came together in grief and reverence to pay tribute to former left-arm spinner Dilip Doshi, who died following a cardiac arrest in London. Despite spending much of his early career in the shadow of the great Bishan Singh Bedi, Doshi carved a niche for himself with his unwavering resolve. He died at the age of 77 on Monday. Leading the tributes for him was the great Sachin Tendulkar, who recalled his first meeting with the "warm-hearted" Doshi during a tour of the UK in 1990."I met Dilip bhai for the first time in the UK in

1990, and he bowled to me in the nets on that tour. He was really fond of me, and I reciprocated his feelings."A warm-hearted soul like Dilip bhai will be deeply missed. I will miss those cricketing conversations which we invariably had. May his soul rest in peace. Om Shanti," Tendulkar posted on X.Former India allrounder and head coach Ravi Shastri, who shared the field with Doshi, remembered him as "always immaculate, a gentleman to the core and a fine, fine bowler". "Heartfelt condolences to his family. May his soul rest in peace. Really sad to hear about the passing of Dilip Doshi." Doshi made his Test

Bedi's retirement and played the last of his 33 games in 1983. In those matches, he took 114 wickets with six five-wicket hauls and was exceptional at home during the first three seasons, completing 100 scalps in just 28 Tests.Former India cricketer and selector Sunil Joshi also a leftarm spinner like Doshi shared a poignant memory. "Still can't believe it, we spoke just last Wednesday, and he sounded well. Heartbroken by the passing of Dilip Doshi Sir a legend on the field, a true gentleman off it, he meant a

debut in 1979 after

to bear this loss. Nayan, thinking of you buddy."Former Indian keeper-batter Parthiv Patel wrote, "I'm heartbroken and still in shock about Dilip uncle...he was truly special. Nayan (Doshi's son), thinking of you all with love and strength." Manoj Tiwary echoed the collective sense of loss."It's a shock! legendary India's cricketer Dilip Doshi passed away at the age of 77 due to a cardiac arrest in London. May God give his family and close ones the strength to deal with this. May his soul rest in peace." Former cricketers Pragyan Ojha and Harbhajan Singh also paid their respects. "Saddened to hear about the passing of Dilip Doshi sir, a distinguished left-arm spinner who served Indian cricket with grace and grit. My heartfelt condolences to his family and friends. May his soul rest in peace," said Ojha. "RIP Dilip Doshi sir Condole nces to family," Harbhajan wrote.

Victory Venkatesh Sets Stage for a Grand **Comeback with Four Films in a Year**

fter a lull at the box office, Victory Venka Htesh made a strong comeback with Sankranthiki Vasthunnam, the highest-grossing regional Telugu film released this past Sankranthi. Riding on its success, the veteran star is now lining up four major projects within a year, signaling a powerful career resurgence.First up is a special appearance in Mega157, starring Chiranjeevi and directed by Anil Ravipudi, set for Sankranthi 2026. This will be followed by Venkatesh's first full-fledged collaboration with Trivikram Srinivas, a family entertainer slated for Summer 2026, produced by Haarika & Hassine Creations.The much-loved Dru shyam franchise will return Ravipudi will team up again



egina Cassandra, who appeared this year in Vidaamuyarchi, Jaat, and Kesari Chapter 2, has three more films lined up: Mookuthi Amman 2 (Tamil), Section 108 (Hindi), and Flash Back (Tamil).

In her latest photoshoot, Regina brings a playful edge to effortless style. She is wearing a pink and white checked mini-dress with thin straps and a cute neckline. She matched it with green and gold earrings and carried a fancy handbag in some photos.

She also wore white wedge sandals. Her poses are fun and confident, sometimes smiling with her eyes closed, sometimes showing off her dress proudly. With her hair tied back, her whole look feels fresh, trendy, and very charming.

lot to me, and this loss is deeply personal. My heartfelt condolences to Nayan & the Doshi family," Joshi tweeted.Former India captain Anil Kumble, who was among the first to pay his tribute to the late cricketer, too, expre ssed his sorrow: "Heartbreaking to hear about Dilip bhai's passing. May God give strength to his family and friends

with Drushyam 3, planned for an October 2026 release in Malayalam, Telugu, and Hindi. Shooting begins with the Malayalam version later this year.Finally, Venkatesh and

Malli Sankranthiki for Vasthunnam, targeting Sankranthi 2027 release.With these strategic choices, Venkatesh is poised to enter one of the most exciting phases of his career.

Dhanush's Kubera Struggles in Tamil Market

Palmeiras comes back to tie Inter Miami 2-2, sending both teams to Club World Cup round of 16

Gardens Miami (US), Jun 24 (The Capital News) Palme iras came from behind to play Inter Miami to a 2-2 draw in front of an electric crowd at Hard Rock Stadium, and both clubs advanced to the Club World Cup round of 16.A tie was enough to send both teams to the knockout round after they entered Monday's match tied atop the Group A standings with four points apiece.For a while, it looked like Inter would Miami advance as winners of the group after taking a 2-0 lead deep into regulation on goals

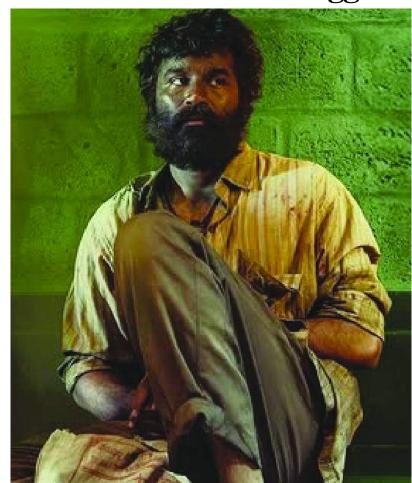


the 16th and veteran equalizer Luis Suarez in the 65th.The historic Brazilian club Palmeiras clawed back, with a goal from Paulinho in the numerous

Brazilian from Mauricio a couple minutes before the end of regulation. Messi, who turns 39 on Tuesday, had AP SSC chances

Monday despite the crowd chanting his name throughout the match.Key moment Messi was seen shaking his head just after Mauricio hammered the tying goal past goalkeeper Oscar Ustari in the 87th minute, as Miami's lead had slipped away in a matter of minutes.Takeaways Palmeiras finished as winners of Group A and will face fellow squad Botafogo in the round of 16, while Inter Miami will face Group B winner and Messi's former club Paris Saint-Germain.

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- ubera, the much-antici- director Sekhar Kammula, pated collaboration enjoyed a strong opening weekbetween Dhanush and end following its release last

Friday. While initial concerns loomed over the film's Monday performance, trade analysts confirm it passed the weekday test in the Telugu market with flying colors. However, the film's reception hasn't been as positive in Tamil Nadu. Despite Dhanush's strong fan base, Kubera witnessed a sharp dip at the Tamil box office on Monday, continuing the downward trend seen over the weekend. Analysts suggest that Sekhar Kammula's limited reach among Tamil audiences and lukewarm word-of-mouth have contributed to the underwhelming response. Trade estimates place the worldwide gross on Day 4 at approximately ?9 crore, bringing the total to just over ?80 crore. While the Telugu version is driving momentum, industry the insiders remain hopeful that the film could still enter the Rs.100 crore club in the coming days.Also featuring Rashmika Mandanna, Nagar juna Akkineni, and Jim Sarbh, Kubera is jointly produced by Puskur Ram Mohan Rao and Suniel Narang.

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