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Tamil Actor Srikanth (Sriram) Remanded to 14-Day Judicial Custody in Drug Case

Chennai: Actor Srikanth, popularly known as Sriram, has been remanded to 14 days of judicial custody by a Chennai court in connection with a drug trafficking case. The arrest follows an extensive eight-hour interrogation by the Nungambakkam police. (Cont.on P3)



Phone Tapping Probe: BJP MP Etala Rajender Summoned by SIT

Hyderabad: The investigation into the phone tapping scandal is intensifying, with the Special Investigation Team (SIT) questioning key individuals linked to the case. On Monday, SIT officials issued notices to BJP MP Etala Rajender, summoning him to (Cont.on P2)

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-to-door 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

National Law University in Amaravati. Plans were also initiated for building a convention... (Cont.on P5)

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 among the top 100 out of 167 countries ranked for their progress in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), according to a report published on Tuesday. According to the UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network's 10th and latest Sustainable Development Report (SDR), India ranks 99th on the 2025 SDG Index with a score of 67, while 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 in 2021, 117th in 2020, 115th in 2019, 112th in 2018 and 116th in 2017. Among India's neighbours, Bhutan takes 74th place with 70.5 points, Nepal ranks 85th with 68.6, Bangladesh 114th with 63.9 and Pakistan 140th with 57 points. India's maritime neighbours, Maldives and Sri Lanka, stood at 53rd and 93rd places, respectively. The SDGs were adopted in 2015 with the idea that to save the planet, no one should be (Cont.on P3)



India evacuates more Indians from Iran, Israel

New Delhi: India on Tuesday evacuated 292 citizens from Iran and 366 nationals from Israel amid escalating tensions between the two countries following the US bombing of three Iranian nuclear sites. With the fresh batch of evacuees from Iran, India has brought back (Cont.on P3)



Trump says both Iran, Israel violated ceasefire

The Capital News Washington, Jun 24: President Donald Trump told reporters that Israel and Iran violated ceasefire terms with attacks following an early Tuesday deadline to cease hostilities. He warned Israel to bring its pilots home as he tried to sustain a ceasefire between Israel and Iran. That was in a post on Truth Social Tuesday. Speaking before departing for the NATO summit at The Hague, Trump expressed disappointment about the continued attacks. "They violated it but Israel violated it too," Trump said. He added, "I'm not happy with Israel." At around the same time, he said in a Truth post: "ISRAEL. DO NOT DROP THOSE (Cont.on P5)

AP girl Jahnvi becomes first Indian picked for space flight!

(K Varaprasada Rao The Capital News) Vijayawada, June 24:

"As a child, I believed the Moon followed me. I didn't know it was leading me here," wrote Jahnvi Dangeti, a 23-year-old from Palakolu, West Godavari, who just made history as the first Indian selected for the prestigious Titans Space orbital mission, scheduled for 2029. Jahnvi, who studied Electronics and Communication Engineering at Lovely Professional University, Punjab, will join the Astronaut Candidate (ASCAN) program under Titans

Shubhanshu to blast off to ISS tomorrow



Space, a private US-based space agency. She previously completed NASA's International Air and Space Program and has been mentored 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 Astronaut. The mission will include two full Earth orbits, offering over three hours of zero gravity, and a rare chance to witness two sunrises and two sunsets from space. The flight will

take place from the upcoming Orbital Port Space Station, expected to be ready within four years. Jahnvi described the opportunity as a "tremendous honour", saying, "This program prepares us physically, mentally, and technically for everything space demands." She is already a Young Achiever Award recipient from ISRO's World Space Week, and won NASA's People's Choice Award at the Space Apps Challenge. Her rise from a small Andhra town to the global space stage is inspiring a (Cont.on P5)



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

The Capital News New Delhi, Jun 24: The NHRC on Tuesday said it has issued notice to the government of Andhra Pradesh and a senior police officer over reports that two employees died and another was hospitalised after inhaling poisonous gas while working at a waste treatment plant of a pharmaceutical company in Anakapalli district. The NHRC has examined that the content of the news report, if true, raise serious issues of violation of the human rights of the victims. The Commission in a statement said it has taken "suo motu cognisance of a media report that two employees died and another was hospitalised after inhaling poisonous gas (Cont.on P2)



Lokesh orders probe into use of students in YSRCP dharna

The Capital News Amaravati, June 24: Minister for IT and HRD Nara Lokesh came down heavily on the alleged involvement of former YSRCP MLA Alajangi Jogarao in forcibly taking school children to a political dharna in Parvathipuram, calling it a criminal act. Responding to a post on social media platform 'X' by a user named

Shyam, Lokesh said the incident reflects a heinous misuse of children for political gain and ordered officials to urgently investigate and submit a detailed report. He assured that the injured students would receive proper medical treatment. According to the post, students from an MPP school were taken to participate in a (Cont.on P5)



Air India Crash: Union Minister Clarifies Black Box Remains in India

New Delhi: Union Civil Aviation Minister K. Rammohan Naidu on Tuesday dismissed speculation that the black box from the ill-fated Air India Flight AI171 had been sent to the United States for analysis. The Dreamliner aircraft, which was en route from Ahmedabad to London on June 12, tragically crashed shortly after takeoff, resulting (Cont.on P3)



CM Revanth Reddy confident of 2028 Congress win in Telangana

The Capital News Hyderabad, Jun 24: Expressing confidence that the ruling Congress would return to power in Telangana in 2028, Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy on Tuesday exhorted party workers to reach out to the public and strive for its victory. During a meeting of the Political Affairs Committee (PAC) and the officer bearers

of the state Congress here, he highlighted upcoming challenges, including delimitation of constituencies, women's reservation and simultaneous elections to Assembly and Lok Sabha. He noted that the TDP and Congress were in power for two terms each from 1994-2004 and 2004-2014 respectively, in undivided (Cont.on P5)

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Phone Tapping Probe: BJP MP

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appear as a witness. He is expected to appear at the SIT office in Marredpally 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.



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when they were 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.

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. Highlighting 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 permit systems, aimed at improving infrastructure and ease of business. Speaking about religious and civic infrastructure, Chinni said that development works are underway at Durgagudi temple to handle increased pilgrim footfall over the next 40 years. He added that preparations for the upcoming Krishna 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 Rajasekhara 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 Rajasekhara Babu for revitalizing the Command Control Room and effectively utilizing drones and technology to curb

crime. Chinni stressed the crucial role of the police during floods 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 Vangalapati 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."

Bonalu 2025 Should Be Above Politics: Minister Ponnam Prabhakar



The Capital News Hyderabad, June 24: Telangana Minister-in-Charge Ponnam Prabhakar has called for the grand celebration of Bonalu 2025 in Secunderabad's historic Ujjain Mahankali temple to be conducted with devotion and unity, devoid of political overtones. He chaired a review meeting on Tuesday to oversee preparations and ensure smooth conduct of the festival. Addressing the officials, Ponnam emphasized that the success of Bonalu lies in community cooperation, regardless of government efforts. "Let us celebrate this cultural festival without politics. The spirit of Bonalu belongs to the people, and their involvement is the key," he said.

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, District Collector Harichandana, and Deputy Mayor Mothe Srilatha were present at the review meeting, alongside key officials from all departments.

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 river-linking project proposed by neighbouring Andhra Pradesh. Briefing reporters late on Monday after a state cabinet meeting, Information and Public Relations Minister Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy said that Telangana 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. Conceding that the river-linking project is against the interests of Telangana, Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu 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 irregularities in the Kaleshwaram project built during the previous BRS government, as per the panel's request to do so before June 30. State



Sports Minister Vakili Srihari said the cabinet approved a sports policy that includes providing incentives to sportspersons, grooming them to achieve medals in Olympics and increasing sports quota. State Transport Minister Ponnampalapati Prabhakar said the government has decided to prepare a vision for the state's growth by 2047 as the Centre is moving ahead with the goal of 'Viksit Bharat' by 2047. He added that the cabinet has decided to appoint famous oncologist and Padma Shri award recipient Nori Dattatreya to advise the state government on measures to curb the spread of cancer and to strengthen medical facilities for cancer patients.

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

The Capital News New Delhi /Amaravati, Jun 24: As many as 20 Telugu-speaking 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 Bhavan, while the remaining seven stayed back at the airport to catch connecting flights for their onward journey, he said. After diplomatic efforts, Iran reopened its airspace, enabling six Mahan Air flights between June 20-22 that brought back 1,568 Indian nationals, followed by another flight on June 22, he added. Srikanth noted that Andhra

Pradesh Bhavan has arranged reception, lodging, meals, healthcare, and onward transport for all Andhra Pradesh evacuees. Coordination is underway with Andhra Pradesh Non-Resident Telugu 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.

AP Chambers Welcomes Establishment of RBI Regional Office in Vijayawada

The Capital News Vijayawada, June 24: The Andhra Pradesh Chambers of Commerce and Industry Federation (AP Chambers) wrote to Mr. Sanjay Malhotra, Governor of the Reserve Bank of India 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.



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 submitted to RBI are: to expand access to Credit Guarantee Fund Trust for Micro and Small Enterprises (CGTMSE), accept agricultural land as loan collateral for MSMEs, cap SME loan interest rates at 9%, reduce credit rating dependence for MSMEs, extend NPA classification period to 180 days, establish a permanent MSME loan restructuring framework, mandate TReDS participation for large corporates/PSUs on onboarding of MSMEs on

TReDS platform, promote digital lending 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 women-led, SC/ST, and rural MSMEs. AP Chambers requested RBI to conduct regular 'Town Hall' meetings to address the concerns of MSMEs. AP Chambers expressed its readiness to work closely with the new RBI Regional Office in Vijayawada to strengthen industry-regulator dialogue and support financial literacy and inclusion initiatives at the grassroots level. 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.





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



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 Trump 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 Mediterranean coast. The presence of the aircraft carrier and its accompanying warships gives 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 planes 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 Mediterranean to be within striking distance of Israel after Hamas' October 7 attacks in 2023. The carrier stayed 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 Houthi-controlled Yemen. From 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 against 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 Houthi-launched 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, Courage, and Intelligence to end, what should be called, THE 12 DAY WAR," Trump posted.

Significance of Trump's name for Israel-Iran war

Washington, Jun 24 (The Capital News) On social media, US President Donald Trump 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 captured 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



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 its flights after it shut down its airspace over the Iranian attack on Al Udeid Air Base. Flight-tracking data showed commercial aircraft again flying in Qatari airspace early Tuesday, signalling the

capital believed the threat on the energy-rich nation had passed. Israeli airstrikes targeted Iran's capital until 4 am local time. Intense Israeli airstrikes targeted Tehran and other areas until 4 am local time. Israel in other conflicts typically steps up its strikes just before ceasefires take effect. Tehran will stop its attacks if Israel does by 4 am, Iran's foreign minister says. Iranian Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi says Tehran will stop its attacks if Israel stops its airstrikes by 4 am local time. The comment marked the first official remarks by Iran to Trump's claimed ceasefire between Iran and Israel.

Israel, Iran accept ceasefire

Beersheba (Israel), Jun 24 (The Capital 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.



The Awda hospital in the urban Nuseirat refugee camp, which received the victims, said the Palestinians were waiting for the trucks on the Salah al-Din Road south of Wadi Gaza. Witnesses told The Associated Press that Israeli forces opened fire as people were advancing eastward to be close to the approaching trucks. "It

was a massacre," said Ahmed Halawa. He said tanks and drones fired at people, "even as we were fleeing. Many people were either martyred or wounded". Hossam Abu Shahada, another eyewitness, said drones were flying over the area, watching the crowds first, then there was gunfire from tanks and drones as people were moving eastward. He described a "chaotic

and bloody" scene as people were attempting to escape. He said he saw at least three people lying on the ground motionless and many others wounded as he fled the site. The Awda hospital 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 Deir al-Balah, the Al-

Aqsa Martyrs hospital 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' October 7, 2023, attack 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.



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 A MAJOR VIOLATION. BRING YOUR PILOTS HOME, 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 mid-morning, 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 Jahnvi becomes... (From P1) generation of young Indians, especially girls, to dream bigger. Shubhanshu to fly to ISS on June 25 : While Jahnvi 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 Jahnvi'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 slammed 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 Centre-facilitated 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.

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 on-field conduct during England's first innings. 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 Conduct for Players and Player Support Personnel, which relates to showing dissent at an umpire's decision during an International Match," the ICC said in a statement. In addition to this, one demerit point has been added to Pant's disciplinary record, for whom it was the first offence in 24 months. The

incident happened in the 61st over of England's innings, when Harry Brook and Ben Stokes were batting. Pant was seen having a discussion with the umpires regarding the condition of the ball. When the umpires refused to change the ball after checking it with the ball gauge, the wicket-keeper showed his dissent by

throwing the ball on the ground in front of the umpires. There 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 on-field 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) A "heartbroken" 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 all-rounder 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

debut in 1979 after 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 left-arm spinner like Doshi shared a poignant memory. "Still can't believe it, he 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 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, expressed his sorrow: "Heartbreaking to hear about Dilip bhai's passing. May God give strength to his family and friends

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! India's legendary 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 Pragyans 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 Condolences to family," Harbhajan wrote.

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

Miami Gardens (US), Jun 24 (The Capital News) Palmeiras 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 Miami would advance as winners of the group after taking a 2-0 lead deep into regulation on goals



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

80th and then the equalizer from Mauricio a couple minutes before the end of regulation. Messi, who turns 39 on Tuesday, had numerous chances

but did not score 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 Brazilian squad Botafogo in the round of 16, while Inter Miami will face Group B winner and Messi's former club Paris Saint-Germain. AP SSC



Regina Flaunts Flirty Style in Pink

Regina 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.

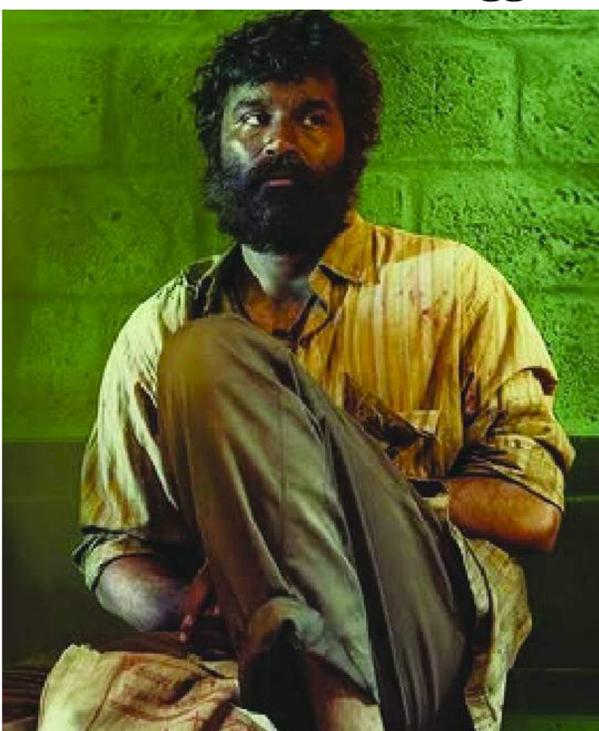
Victory Venkatesh Sets Stage for a Grand Comeback with Four Films in a Year

After a lull at the box office, Victory Venkatesh made a strong comeback with *Sankranthiki Vasthunnam*, the highest-grossing regional Telugu film released this past Sankranti. 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 *Mega 157*, starring Chiranjeevi and directed by Anil Ravipudi, set for Sankranti 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



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 Ravipudi will team up again for *Malli Sankranthiki Vasthunnam*, targeting a Sankranti 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



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 the momentum, industry insiders remain hopeful that the film could still enter the Rs.100 crore club in the coming days. Also featuring Rashmika Mandanna, Nagarjuna Akkineni, and Jim Sarbh, *Kubera* is jointly produced by Puskur Ram Mohan Rao and Suniel Narang.

Kubera, the much-anticipated collaboration between Dhanush and director Sekhar Kammula, enjoyed a strong opening weekend following its release last