



Nepal Govt Estimates Over NPR723.31bn to Recover from Damages

The Nepal government estimates that over NPR723.31 billion (\$4.74 billion) will be needed to recover from the damages suffered in the wake of the devastating floods in the Bhotekoshi River area of Rasuwa on August 26. The figure comes from a Rapid Damage and Needs Assessment prepared by a joint technical team from the National Planning Commission and the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Authority. Of the total, NPR473.57 billion (\$3.10 billion) is expected to be required to restore infrastructure, which accounts for about 75% of overall recovery needs. Energy and transport infrastructure suffered the heaviest damage. The floods affected 13 hydropower projects with a combined capacity of 759MW and five solar plants with a total capacity of 24MW. The assessment puts the cost of restoring the damaged energy infrastructure and power grid at NPR390.62 billion (\$2.56 billion).

Roads and bridges were also badly hit. Around 69 km of roads were damaged, while 33 motorable bridges were washed away and another four suffered partial damage. Of the 64 suspension bridges in the affected areas, 53 were damaged. The recovery of transport infrastructure is estimated to cost NPR73.34 billion (\$480.33 million). The floods also caused extensive damage to homes and other social infrastructure across Rasuwa, Nuwakot, Dhading, Gorkha and Chitwan. A total of 7,570 private houses were damaged, along with 48 public buildings, 18 schools, seven health facilities and 30 cultural heritage sites. The government estimates that NPR103.55 billion (\$678.19 million) will be needed to restore social infrastructure.

The productive sector, including businesses, banks and agriculture, will require a further NPR50.77 billion (\$332.51 million). The floods affected 1,806 hectares of agricultural land, 17 bank branches and around 4,800 businesses.

Among the 15 affected local government units across the five districts, Bidur Municipality in Nuwakot recorded the highest number of damaged private homes, with 3,026 houses affected. The assessment also estimates that NPR94.75 billion (\$620.56 million) will be needed for disaster-risk reduction and river management, while NPR515.4 million (\$3.38 million) will be required to clear and manage the mud and debris left by the floods.

The reconstruction programme has been divided into two phases.

For immediate relief and short-term reconstruction over the next six months, the government estimates that NPR8.74 billion (\$57.24 million) will be needed. Long-term reconstruction is expected to cost NPR714.58 billion (\$4.68 billion). The assessment is the government's initial estimate of the resources required to restore infrastructure, public services, economic activity and disaster-management systems in the areas affected by the August 26 floods.

The Prime Minister's Disaster Relief Fund currently has a total balance of NPR12.433 billion (\$81.43 million), according to the Office of the Prime Minister and Council of Ministers.

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PM Calls Upon IFS Officer Trainees To Build Strong Grassroots-Level Engagement



A group comprising 50 Officer Trainees of 2025 Batch of Indian Foreign Service (IFS) called on Prime Minister Narendra Modi at Seva Teerth on August 24, 2026.

The Prime Minister called upon young diplomats to build strong grassroots-level engagement in their countries of posting and deepen India's connection with local communities. The PM emphasised that Indian Missions should foster meaningful relationships not only with governments and institutions but also with people at the community level.

He encouraged the Officer Trainees to expand their networks beyond traditional diplomatic circles and deepen engagement with people. The Prime Minister encouraged them to combine India's civilisational strengths with technology, innovation and effective communication to further strengthen India's global engagement.

The PM called upon the Officer Trainees to serve as catalysts for India's economic engagement with the world emphasising the importance of strengthening the digital presence of Indian Missions. He urged them to work towards making India a more attractive global tourism destination by showcasing its civilisational, cultural and geographical strengths.

He suggested leveraging the "Bharat ko Janiye" (Know India) Quiz to generate greater interest in India among young people across the world and encouraged the use of AI and gaming to make such initiatives more engaging.

The Officer Trainees shared their experiences from training and Bharat Darshan. They also spoke about the importance of understanding India's civilisational and cultural links with the world.

Tukaram Mundhe Leaves Maha CM & Dy CM Behind On Social Media



Though it doesn't matter for bureaucrats but now a days social media is not only a fad but also provides report cards to many. The number of followers too assess performance of a person. By this yardstick, Tukaram Mundhe (IAS: 2005: MH), Commissioner of the Food and Drug

Administration (FDA), has surpassed the numbers of the top political leaders of Maharashtra including Chief Minister Devendra Fadnis and Deputy Chief Minister Eknath Shinde in Instagram followers and engagement metrics.

Data released in August 2026 highlights his significant social media growth, fuelled by his strict administrative style as Maharashtra's FDA Commissioner. Despite sharing only a few posts, to be specific only 13 posts over a 60-day period, Mundhe's audience engagement sits at 20.35%. This outpaces the engagement rates of Maharashtra CM (0.50%) and Dy CM (0.24%).

R S Thakur Appointed as Manipur CS



As anticipated after Rajeev Singh Thakur (IAS: 1995: RJ) was sent to Manipur on inter-cadre deputation, he has been appointed as the next Chief Secretary of the state. He was serving as an Adviser in NITI Aayog before being sent to Manipur. He has replaced Dr Puneet Kumar Goel (IAS: 1991: AGMUT) who superannuated on 31.08.2026. In addition to his

prime responsibilities as Chief Secretary (DP/Cabinet/Planning), he also holds the additional charge of Chief Vigilance Commissioner and Principal Resident Commissioner of Manipur Bhawan, New Delhi.

The decision is significant in view of 2027 Manipur Assembly elections. The move is also important at a crucial time as the state continues its efforts towards restoring peace and normalcy following the prolonged ethnic conflict.

Puneet Rastogi Is The New Special DG, BSF



Puneet Rastogi (IPS: 1995: TR), ADG, BSF, has been appointed as Special Director General, BSF (Level-16 in the pay matrix) up to the date of his superannuation i.e. 30.06.2030.

S S Khandare Appointed as BSF's Special DG



Satish Shriramaji Khandare (IPS: 1995: AGMUT), ADG, BSF, has been appointed as Special Director General, BSF (Level-16 in the pay matrix) up to the date of his superannuation i.e. 30.06.2031 by restoring

the temporarily downgraded post of Spl. DG in BSF.

P S Ranipise in-situ Appointed Special DG, CISF



Padmakar S Ranipise (IPS: 1995: OD), ADG, CISF, has been appointed as Special Director General (Level-16 in the pay matrix) in CISF on in-situ basis by temporarily upgrading the post for a tenure up to

his superannuation i.e. 31.05.2028.

Sandeep Khirwar Appointed as Special DG, CRPF



Sandeep Khirwar (IPS: 1995: HY), ADG, CRPF, has been appointed as Special Director General, CRPF (Level-16 in the pay matrix) up to his superannuation i.e. 31.05.2033.

Jag Mohan : IB Gets A New Special Director



Jag Mohan (IPS: 1995: BH), Addl. Director, IB, has been appointed as **Special Director**, IB (Level-16 in the pay matrix) up to the date of his superannuation i.e. 30.06.2031.

Kanthi Rana & Vishal Gunni are back

Andhra Revokes Suspension Of Two IPS Officers



The Andhra Pradesh government revoked suspension of two senior IPS officers — Kanthi Rana Tata (IPS: 2004: AP) and Vishal Gunni (IPS: 2010: AP) — and reinstated them into service. Both the officers had been placed under suspension since September 2024. The latest extensions were valid until September 4, 2026. It may be recalled that the two IPS officers were suspended over the alleged high-handed handling of a case involving Mumbai-based actress and model Kadambari Jethwani. In 2024, the State government suspended five police officers, including the then DGP (Intelligence) P Sitharama Anjaneyulu (Retd IPS: 1992: AP).

V M Khalate Is The New NCB Dy DG



Vikram M Khalate (IPS: 2008: NL) has been appointed as Deputy Director General in the Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB), in Level-14 in the Pay Matrix, for a period of five years.

Chinmoy Naik Appointed As High Commissioner To Guyana



Chinmoy Naik (IFS: 2004), presently serving as Deputy High Commissioner, High Commission of India, Ottawa, on August 3, 2026 has been appointed as the next High Commissioner of India to the Cooperative Republic of Guyana.

Rahul Navin : ED Director Gets One-Year Extension



The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) has approved extension in the tenure of Rahul Navin (IRS IT: 1993) as Director in the Directorate of Enforcement for a period of one year beyond 13.08.2026 i.e. up to 13.08.2027.

Navin was regularised as ED Director for a period of two years on August 14, 2024. He was officiating as ED chief while working as Special Director in ED. Navin was appointed as in-charge Director of ED on September 15, 2023 following the end of the tenure of S K Mishra (Retd IRS IT: 1984).

ACC Appoints Key Postings

The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) order issued in August 2026 approved several key bureaucratic changes, secretary-level reshuffles, and foreign postings.

- Key Secretary-Level Reshuffle**
- Pallavi Jain Govil** (IAS, MP:94): Moved from Secretary, Department of Youth Affairs to **Secretary, Ministry of Corporate Affairs**.
 - Deepti Gaur Mukerjee**: Shifted from Corporate Affairs to **Secretary, Department of Higher Education**.
 - VL Kantha Rao** (IAS): Appointed Officer on Special Duty (OSD) in the Department of Official Language, scheduled to take over as Secretary on September 30, 2026.
- Additional Senior Appointments (Late August 2026)**
- Sanjay Rastogi** (IAS, OR:91): Appointed **Director General, National Archives of India** (Ministry of Culture).
 - Anil Kumar Singhal** (IAS, AP:93): Appointed **CEO, National Rainfed Area Authority** (Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare).
 - Sudeep Jain** (IAS, TN:94): Appointed **Member Secretary, National Commission for Women**.





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Corridors of Power



Mr.Jaju meets top brass in New Delhi

Chief Secretary to Government of Telangana, Sanjay Jaju, IAS met Shri V. Umashankar, Secretary, Ministry of Road Transport & Highways, Government of India, in New Delhi. They discussed key issues relating to road infrastructure and connectivity in Telangana. Moreover Mr.Jaju also met Defence Secretary Rajesh Kumar Singh and Satyendra Singh, IAS, Secretary, Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, Government of India, in New Delhi . The meeting focused on key urban development issues and matters concerning Telangana.



85th Convocation of Osmania University Dr.Naina Jaiswal Awarded Gold Medal in LL.M

Governor of Telangana and Chancellor of Osmania University Shri Shiv Pratap Shukla addressed the 85th Convocation of Osmania University at Tagore Auditorium, Hyderabad, and called upon graduates to continuously upgrade their skills and contribute to the nation's progress through innovation, research, entrepreneurship and social responsibility. The Governor emphasised that while Artificial Intelligence and emerging technologies are transforming society, technology must always remain guided by human values, ethics, compassion and sensitivity. He urged the graduates to move beyond being job seekers and become job creators, contributing to the vision of Viksit Bharat by 2047.

During the convocation Gold Medal is been awarded to Dr.Naina Jaiswal in LL.M. (Master of Laws). Governor presented the award in the presence of Vice-Chancellor Shri Kumar Molugaram, and Dr. Krishna Ella, Founder & Chairman of Bharat Biotech. From being an international table tennis player to achieving excellence in law and academics, Dr. Naina continues to inspire young minds with her determination, discipline and commitment.

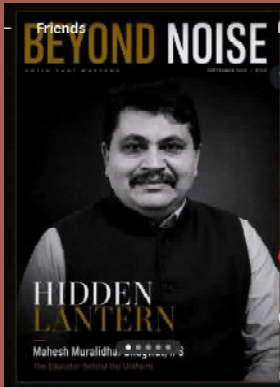


DGP calls for field-oriented policing & strict timelines

NCRB Director Amit Garg visited the DGP's office to review implementation of the new national criminal laws in Telangana and the various associated portals, including ICJS, Nyaya Shruti and Nyaya Samhita. Several aspects, including integration issues, the role of key stakeholders such as the judiciary, prisons, prosecution and forensic agencies, budgetary requirements, support required from Delhi, and Telangana's transition to the advanced CCTNS 2.0 were discussed. The DGP CV.Anand expressed hope that Telangana would improve upon its present 34th ranking and move towards better rankings in the days to come. He said that he was following up with the officers concerned to ensure that the required improvements are achieved.

Another news is, DGP calls for field-oriented policing, strict timelines and a hawkish approach to organised crime.He directed police officers to strictly adhere to professional standards in crime investigation and policing. Crime reviews should not be confined merely to statistics, but should involve an in-depth analysis of the causes behind each crime, the modus operandi of offenders, the quality of investigation and the disposal of cases, he said. Addressing the half-yearly crime review meeting held with senior police officers of all units at the DGP Office , the DGP said that the special focus had been placed on the Crime and Criminal Tracking Network & Systems (CCTNS) in recent times.

Mahesh Bhagwat: The Mentor Behind Thousands of Success Stories



Beyond Noise has published a cover story on UPSC mentorship works with title 'Hidden lantern', another endorsement for ADGP L&O Mahesh Bhagwat. He conveyed his thanks to team of mentors associated with him for the noble cause of giving back to society including Shailendra Deolankar, Vivek Kulkarni,Supriya Devasthali,Rekha Raikarkumar,Anand Patil,Nilkanth Avhad,Sameer Unhale,Vikas Kharage,Shubham Aggarwal,Dr.Deepak Deshmukh,Kalyan Taware,Raj Deshmukh,Sachin Itkar,Nitish Pathode,Shreyas Srivastava,Sunil Limaye,Anand Ganu and Devanand Telgote.

Another news is , eight years ago, The Better India wrote about a Mr.Bhagwat, who was guiding UPSC aspirants through WhatsApp — for free.Today, his mentorship network reaches thousands of civil services aspirants across the country. In UPSC Civil Services 2025, 331 of the 958 selected candidates had been mentored by his team — more than one in three successful candidates.

The numbers are even more striking in the Indian Forest Service. In 2025, 84 of the 148 selected candidates — more than half — credited Bhagwat's mentorship. For three consecutive years, from 2023 to 2025, the All India Rank 1 in the Indian Forest Service came from his groups.

And in the UPSC Central Armed Police Forces examination in 2024, 66 of 459 selected candidates were mentored through the programme, with All India Ranks 2, 5, 13, 20 and 35 among them.

Applauds To TG SAFE Commissioner Avinash Mohanty



Senior IPS officer Avinash Mohanty, a 2005-batch officer, has been appointed as the Commissioner of Telangana SAFE (Telangana Standards Authority for Food and Essential Drugs). Mohanty, who was earlier serving as the Director General of the Drugs Control Administration, Telangana, will hold the new position in addition to his normal duties.

Since he took over the charge, TG SAFE suspended the FSSAI licences of five food establishments in Hyderabad's Kukatpally area following a special enforcement drive.

During the inspections, officials examined 20 food outlets, including restaurants, bakeries, sweet shops and hostels. Ten teams, each comprising Food Safety Officers and police personnel, identified multiple violations related to food safety and hygiene. Finally TG SAFE

To The Moon & Beyond



US Ambassador to India Sergio Gor had a Productive chat with ISRO Chairman Dr. V. Narayanan on taking U.S.-India space cooperation even further, including in the human spaceflight program. Nasa's recent invitation to bring ISRO into its Moon Base program signals how far this partner-

ship can go – to the Moon and beyond. Received the Truly glad and grateful for this milestone, wrapped in grace, gratitude & golden pride.



Miss You Hyderabad, Says Mr.Gareth

UK Dy.High Commissioner Gareth Wynn Owen has moved from Hyderabad after serving 4 years. In his post he told that “as I prepare to move on, I find myself reflecting on the many people, friendships and experiences that have shaped this incredible chapter in Telangana and Andhra Pradesh.” “Sad to say goodbye after many wonderful trips and lots of happy memories, thank you Hyderabad for a wonderful four years. We will miss you....!”

Dr.Andrew : Committed & Hardcore



Dr Andrew Fleming, UK Dy.High Commissioner to East & N.E is one of the highly committed and hardcore diplomat. As per his post “I enjoyed attending my first AGM of Ibsa Kolkata under the leadership of Reetasri Ghosh.Record number of events (38) & 400 members for the first time is really amazing. He also congratulated new Chief Patron Subrata Gupta.



Constructive meeting at Dubai

“I was pleased to meet His Excellency Dr. Vishnu Vardhan Reddy, IFS, Consul General of India in Dubai, for a cordial and constructive exchange of views on matters of mutual interest”. Said Dr. Nawab Mir Nasir Ali Khan, Honorary Consul of the Republic of Kazakhstan in Hyderabad for Telangana and Andhra Pradesh, India.

The meeting provided an opportunity to discuss avenues for further strengthening the bonds of friendship, cooperation and goodwill between the Republic of India and the Republic of Kazakhstan, and to reaffirm the importance of continued diplomatic engagement. I appreciate His Excellency's warm reception and look forward to continued dialogue and cooperation in the spirit of mutual respect and understanding.



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Residents Should Install eco-friendly clay Ganesh idols

HYDRAA Commissioner A.V. Ranganath appealed to Hyderabad residents to use eco-friendly clay Ganesh idols to protect the city's lakes from pollution during the festival. Commissioner Ranganath urged citizens and large celebration organizers to choose traditional clay idols instead of Plaster of Paris (PoP) variants.

HYDRAA planned special 'baby ponds' near city water bodies so smaller idol immersions would not contaminate main lakes. Authorities specifically banned direct idol immersions in the ecologically sensitive Kapra Lake to preserve its wetland habitat and migratory bird population

Malkajgiri Police Commissioner

Ahead of Ganesh Utsav 2026, Malkajgiri Police Commissionerate led by Smt. B. Sumathi emphasized complete safety, inter-departmental coordination, and smooth immersion arrangements.

Smt. B. Sumathi chaired high-level review meetings in Nagole alongside HYDRAA Commissioner A.V. Ranganath, civic bodies, and festival organizers.

Discussions prioritized designated procession routes, smooth traffic management, crowd control, emergency medical access, and peaceful idol immersion.

Organizers were instructed to strictly adhere to prescribed safety advisory guidelines, including proper electrical wiring, fire safety precautions, and mandatory CCTV installations at mandapams.



MoU for Gig Workers Welfare

New beginning! To build a safer support system for gig workers welfare a MoU is been signed in the presence of Special Chief Secretary Jayesh Ranjan at , Malkajgiri Municipal Corporation. Corporation Commissioner T.Vinay Krishna Reddy can also be seen in the picture. The MMC, in collaboration with Zepto, entered into an MoU focused on improving the welfare, safety and basic amenities of unorganised and gig workers, including delivery partners. As part of the initiative, Transit/Support Stations under Zepto's CSR programme will be facilitated to provide essential amenities and support to delivery partners while on duty. The initiative brings together government and industry to create safer, more supportive working conditions for the workforce that keeps our cities moving.

Accurate Land Survey Is Mandatory



Nagarkurnool District Collector Hemanta Keshav Patil, IAS , directed officials to expedite the ongoing land re-survey across 70 villages in 20 mandals of Nagarkurnool district.

He directed the officials to ensure accurate recording of Government & Forest land and to verify boundaries, extent and survey numbers at field level. He asked to maintain land records accurately to prevent future disputes and also to follow the prescribed rules and guidelines throughout the process.



Hanamkonda District

Hanamkonda district Collector Smt.Chahat Bajpai and KUDA Chairperson G.Sudharani has actively promoted and distributed eco-friendly clay Ganesh idols to local citizens and officials to reduce water pollution.

Distribution of natural clay Ganesh idols to encourage sustainable celebrations and avoid Plaster of Paris (PoP). The program in Hanamkonda involved local district authorities and public distribution efforts led under administration.

Warangal District

Warangal district Collector Dr.Satya Sharada and local committees actively urge citizens to use eco-friendly clay Ganesh idols to prevent water pollution during Ganesh Chaturthi.

Local student groups, NGOs, and radio networks regularly organize rallies and distribute free clay idols door-to-door to promote sustainable celebration.



Narayanpet District

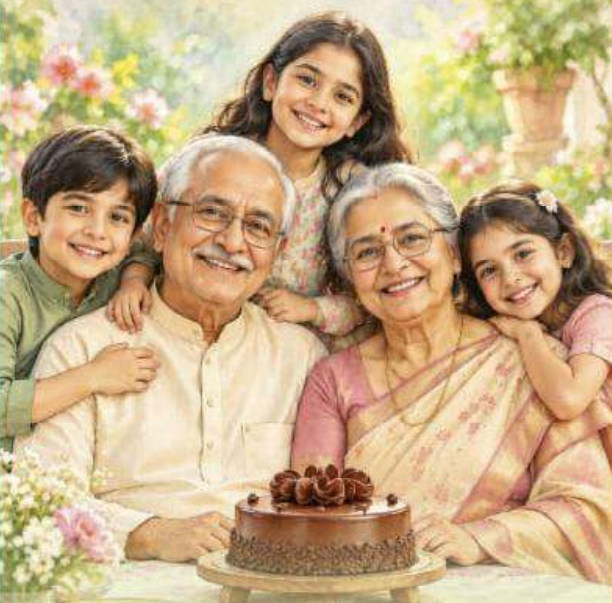


The Narayanpet police deploy heavy surveillance and force deployments, instructing all personnel to stay alert and monitor procession routes via CCTV and the Narayanpet Police Update command control.

Hundreds of police personnel, including additional SPs, DSPs, Circle Inspectors, Sub Inspectors, armed reserve forces, special parties, mobile patrol units, and blue coats, are deployed across key routes

The Superintendent of Police (SP) Yogesh Gautam instructs all police personnel to remain fully alert to prevent untoward incidents and efficiently regulate traffic

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REC Limited Wins First Prize for Official Language Policy



REC Limited has been awarded the First Prize for its outstanding implementation of the Official Language Policy for 2025-26. The recognition was conferred during the Hindi Salahkar Samiti meeting of the Ministry of Power, Government of India. The prestigious honour was presented by Union Minister of Power and Housing and Urban Affairs Manohar Lal. Shri Jitendra Shrivastava, IAS, CMD of REC, received the award on behalf of the organisation in the presence of senior leaders and officials.

The award recognizes REC's sustained efforts towards promoting Hindi as an official language and ensuring effective compliance with the Official Language Policy. REC earned this distinction among Central Public Sector Enterprises and organisations under the Ministry of Power. The recognition reflects the collective efforts of REC's officers and employees in creating a work culture that encourages the effective use of Hindi. REC's innovative initiatives and strong implementation practices have further strengthened its leadership in official language implementation. The First Prize reinforces REC Limited's leading role in implementing the Official Language Policy and marks another proud national recognition for the organisation and its employees.

BHEL Pays Rs 283.56 Crore Final Dividend to Govt for FY26



Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL) has paid a final dividend of Rs 283.56 crore to the Government of India for FY 2025-26, reflecting a significant increase in the dividend payout compared with the previous financial year.

The cheque towards the final dividend on the 58.17% equity stake held by the Government of India was presented to Union Minister of Heavy Industries and Steel H. D. Kumaraswamy by K. Sadashiv Murthy, Chairman and Managing Director of BHEL. The presentation took place in the presence of Kamran Rizvi, Secretary, Heavy Industries.

Times the amount paid for FY 2024-25. The sharp increase highlights the company's stronger dividend distribution to its majority shareholder, the Government of India.

Directors on the BHEL board and senior officials from the Ministry of Heavy Industries were also present on the occasion. The dividend payment represents the government's share of the company's final dividend based on its equity holding.

The total dividend paid by BHEL to all its shareholders for FY 2025-26 amounted to Rs 487.49 crore. The payout underscores the company's commitment to delivering returns to shareholders while continuing its operations in India's power equipment and industrial manufacturing sectors. As a major public sector engineering and manufacturing company, BHEL plays an important role in India's energy and infrastructure ecosystem. The company's dividend payment to the government also contributes to the broader returns generated by central public sector enterprises for the national exchequer.

The substantial increase in the final dividend for FY 2025-26 marks a notable development for BHEL and its shareholders, with the Government of India receiving Rs 283.56 crore based on its majority equity holding in the company. BHEL's Rs 283.56 crore final dividend payment to the Government of India for FY 2025-26 reflects a significant rise in shareholder returns, with the company's total dividend payout reaching Rs 487.49 crore.

MRPL Wins GEEF Global WaterTech Award 2026 for Efficiency



Mangalore Refinery and Petrochemicals Limited (MRPL) has been conferred the prestigious GEEF Global WaterTech Award 2026 in the category of Water Efficiency Management Company of the Year, recognising the company's efforts towards sustainable water management and improved resource efficiency.

MRPL emerged as the winner among organisations from diverse industry sectors, highlighting the impact of its initiatives aimed at strengthening water efficiency, resource optimisation and sustainable environmental practices. The recognition reflects the company's continued focus on adopting responsible approaches to water management within its operations.

The award was received on behalf of Team MRPL by Prasanna Kumar T, General Manager – HSE, at a ceremony held in New Delhi on August 21, 2026. The honour was presented by Dr Syamal Kumar Sarkar, former Secretary, Jal Shakti, Government of India, and Dr Diana Daczi, Counsellor for Science and Technology at the Embassy of Hungary. The GEEF Global WaterTech Award 2026 recognises MRPL's continued efforts towards sustainable water management, resource efficiency and environmentally responsible industrial growth.

PNB Signs MoU with Oriental Insurance for Salary Package Benefits

Punjab National Bank (PNB) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Oriental Insurance Company Limited (OICL) to provide a comprehensive salary package to serving OICL employees. The partnership brings enhanced insurance coverage, banking benefits, concessional retail loans and other value-added services. The offering extends to OICL employees and their families, with benefits including dedicated education and marriage-related covers for children. Employees can also access preferential locker rent, salary-linked overdraft facilities, zero-balance family accounts and complimentary essential banking services.

The MoU also provides concessions on processing and documentation charges for home, education and vehicle loans. Additional benefits include Hospicash facilities, family banking privileges and complimentary credit cards, creating a broader package beyond conventional salary account services. PNB MD & CEO Ashok Chandra said the agreement strengthens the relationship between two leading public sector financial institutions and will provide customised financial solutions to OICL employees and their families. OICL CMD Sanjay Joshi said the partnership reflects a shared commitment to convenience, security and value while strengthening cooperation between the two institutions.

RailTel Holds Rajbhasha Sammelan



RailTel Corporation of India Limited organised an Akhil Bharatiya Rajbhasha Sammelan in Kolkata to promote the effective and progressive use of Hindi as the Official Language. The programme also provided a platform to discuss emerging opportunities and challenges in the use of Hindi in official communication.

The event began with the National Song, ceremonial lamp lighting and Saraswati Vandana. Shri Zakir Hussain Siddiqui, Principal Executive Director, RailTel Eastern Region, highlighted the organisation's efforts to expand Hindi usage. A presentation on RailTel's Official Language initiatives was followed by the release of a special issue of its magazine, Tavishi.

RailTel CMD Shri Sanjai Kumar stressed the importance of encouraging employees from non-Hindi-speaking regions to learn and use Hindi in their daily official work. At the same time, he emphasised that equal respect should be given to all Indian languages, reinforcing the importance of linguistic diversity. A key session featured "Artificial Intelligence and Official Language: Opportunities, Challenges and the Future", delivered by Shri Balendu Sharma 'Dadhich', CEO, AILGO Technologies, Dubai. The programme also included expert discussions, news-reading and Hindi quiz competitions, further strengthening RailTel's focus on knowledge-sharing and language development. The Rajbhasha Sammelan reinforced RailTel's commitment to wider Hindi usage while promoting linguistic diversity, knowledge-sharing and technology-driven approaches to official language initiatives.

HUDCO Posts Record FY26 Performance, Profit Rises 49%



Housing and Urban Development Corporation Limited (HUDCO) has reported its strongest-ever operational and financial performance for FY 2025-26, reinforcing its role as a major financier of India's housing and urban infrastructure. At its 56th Annual General Meeting, CMD Sanjay Kulshrestha highlighted the company's growth despite global economic and geopolitical uncertainties.

HUDCO recorded record loan sanctions of Rs 1,64,758 crore, up 29 per cent from the previous year, while disbursements rose 28 per cent to Rs 51,194 crore. Its loan book expanded to Rs 1,60,724 crore from Rs 1,24,828 crore, while total income increased 29 per cent to Rs 13,327 crore. Net profit reached a record Rs 4,034 crore, registering nearly 49 per cent growth. Net worth stood at Rs 21,977 crore, while gross NPA and net NPA remained contained at 1.04 per cent and 0.05 per cent respectively. HUDCO also maintained a strong capital adequacy ratio of 39.93 per cent.

The company is expanding its urban development role through the Urban Invest Window (UiWIN), PPP projects and diversified resource mobilisation. Looking ahead, HUDCO plans to support projects spanning housing, transport, logistics, water, sanitation, urban mobility, climate-resilient infrastructure and digital infrastructure, contributing to the vision of Viksit Bharat @2047. HUDCO's record FY26 performance strengthens its financial position and supports its expanding role in financing India's urban transformation and infrastructure growth.

WCL Concludes TEJAS Programme to Develop Future Coal Leaders



Western Coalfields Limited (WCL) under the aegis of Ministry of Coal concluded its TEJAS leadership development programme, following the successful completion of two training modules and a computer-based assessment. The initiative is designed to nurture leadership capabilities, innovation, strategic thinking and organisational understanding among young executives. The concluding ceremony was attended by Dr Hemant Sharad Pande, CMD, WCL, Shri Indra Dev Narayan, CMD, MECL, and Shri Bikram Ghosh, Director (Finance & Human Resources), WCL. Dr Pande urged participants to apply their learning in professional work and become responsible, courageous and visionary leaders.

Shri Indra Dev Narayan appreciated WCL's efforts to develop future leaders and said programmes such as TEJAS can strengthen leadership capabilities and strategic thinking while preparing executives to address future organisational challenges. Shri Bikram Ghosh also congratulated participants and highlighted the programme's objectives and opportunities.

The event featured presentations of the top three papers prepared by participants, while faculty members and outstanding performers were felicitated. Participants also presented cultural performances, with senior WCL officials, General Managers, faculty members and jury members attending the ceremony. WCL's TEJAS programme strengthens its leadership pipeline by equipping young executives with skills in innovation, strategy and responsible organisational leadership.

GAIL Launches Three-Month Preventive Vigilance Campaign

GAIL has formally inaugurated its three-month Preventive Vigilance Campaign 2026, which will run till November 16 as a precursor to Vigilance Awareness Week 2026. CMD Deepak Gupta inaugurated the campaign at GAIL's Corporate Office in the presence of senior management, vigilance officials and employees participating from various work centres through video conferencing. Addressing employees, Gupta highlighted the campaign theme Probity for Prosperity, stressing that integrity and ethical conduct are essential for sustainable growth, organisational excellence and public trust. He encouraged employees across GAIL to actively participate in the campaign and contribute to strengthening ethical practices across the organisation. The CMD said preventive vigilance goes beyond compliance, serving as a proactive approach to strengthening systems, mitigating risks, preventing irregularities and promoting good governance. The campaign will focus on five key areas: disposal of complaints, disposal of cases, capacity-building programmes, digital initiatives and contract management.

A series of workshops, awareness programmes and employee engagement activities will be organised across GAIL offices and project sites during the campaign. The initiatives are aimed at embedding integrity, transparency and accountability into GAIL's organisational culture and strengthening systems that support responsible and efficient functioning. GAIL's Preventive Vigilance Campaign 2026 reinforces its commitment to probity, transparency and accountability, supporting sustainable growth and stronger organisational governance.

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HIMTEX 2026 Opens in Hyderabad

The 9th edition of the Hyderabad International Machine Tool & Engineering Exhibition (HIMTEX) 2026 was inaugurated by Swathi Chalamalasetty, Director, Ace Urban Group & AM Green and Rajesh Kumar Yadav, Additional Director, MSME DFO, Hyderabad at the HITEX Exhibition Centre, Madhapur, Hyderabad. The five-day exhibition brought around 300 exhibitors together and more than 20,000 visitors visited from across India.

HIMTEX 2026 showcased the latest advancements in machine tools, robotics, engineering solutions and industrial automation. The exhibition brings together leading manufacturers, technology providers, industry experts and decision-makers, providing opportunities to explore cutting-edge technologies, build strategic partnerships and identify new business opportunities across the manufacturing ecosystem.

Speaking to media Swathi Chalamalasetty, Director, Ace Urban Group said that, Manufacturing is entering a transformative phase, driven by automation, digitalisation and advanced engineering technologies. Platforms like HIMTEX play a vital role in bringing these innovations closer to Indian industries and enabling businesses to explore practical solutions for their evolving needs.



Vidyatraa Celebrates Independence Day

Vidyatraa Celebrates Independence Day at GHS Trishul Park Vidyatraa, founded by Sourav Kumar and K. Akhila, along with a team of engineering students, celebrated Independence Day at GHS Trishul Park, Bolarum. Over 200 students participated in more than 10 activities, including essay writing, quiz, map pointing, talent show, poster presentation, slow cycling, musical chairs, statue dance, octopus race, knee balloon challenge and hop-leg race. 30 students were selected and recognised with certificates, mementos and stationery kits. The initiative was supported by Rotary Club of Hyderabad Mid-town, led by President Seema Kumar, with Nidhi also representing the club; Srmat Swamy Ranganadhan Foundation and Charitable Trust, led by President Mr. Premji; ISN Foundation, led by President Mr. I. Kiran; and Nagi Reddy Organisation. Mr. Premji announced support for meritorious students pursuing higher education. Mr. I. Kiran announced ₹ 5,000 each for five meritorious Grade X students completing their studies this academic year. Seema Kumar also announced support for technical education and employability guidance. The programme aimed to recognise student talent and create better educational opportunities for deserving students.



Pasala Foundation Announces "Youth Empowerment Fest"

Pasala Foundation announced its upcoming "Youth Empowerment Fest", scheduled to be held on October 18, 2026, with the objective of empowering youth through education, skill development, career guidance, leadership opportunities and community participation.

The announcement and Poster Unveiling was made during an event organized by Pasala Foundation in press club, Somajiguda. The event focused on the importance of creating meaningful opportunities for young people and strengthening their role in the social and economic development of Telangana. The upcoming Youth Empowerment Fest will provide a platform for young people, students, educators, professionals and community representatives to come together, exchange ideas and explore opportunities related to education, employment, entrepreneurship, technology, leadership and personal development.



Golden Jubilee Celebrations of ISKON Temple

The Nampally Industrial Exhibition Grounds witnessed a mesmerizing evening of classical devotion as "Krishn Anjali – An Offering to Lord Krishna" took center stage. Presented by Jyothi Kalakshetram School of Arts, the grand Kuchipudi performance marked the culmination of the Golden Jubilee Celebrations of Sri Sri Radha Madan Mohan Mandir (ISKCON Abids, Hyderabad).

Performed before an audience of thousands, the recital was led by accomplished artistes Smt. Godi Vijetha Devi Sathish Reddy, Godi Anagha Devi, and Palagiri Sri Vaishno Devi. Godi Anagha Devi, a 10th-class student of Sri Chaitanya Techno School, Nizampet Branch, showcased her talent and dedication to Kuchipudi as part of this prestigious spiritual celebration.

Expressing her profound joy following the landmark performance, Smt. Godi Vijetha Devi shared, "Performing KrishnAnjali on such a momentous milestone as the Golden Jubilee of ISKCON Abids, in front of thousands of devoted souls, is a truly divine and humbling blessing for all of us." Adding a poignant historical legacy to the evening, Sri Vaishno Devi is the great-granddaughter of the late G. Pulla Reddy, whose esteemed contributions helped foster the development of ISKCON in Hyderabad.

The divine performance was brought to life through the exceptional artistic collaboration of renowned accompanying musicians, including Natya Guru & Nattuvangam Smt. Jyothi Reddy, vocalist Sri Mantha Srinivas, mridangist Sri Nageswara Rao, flutist Sri Prakash, and violinist Kum. Indusri Sravya.

Hosted under the patronage of Mr. Godi Sathish Reddy and Mrs. Godi Vijetha Devi, the event stood out as a vibrant highlight of the jubilee finale, blending spiritual devotion with classical Indian heritage. -



Barbie themed event hosted

The Glam Squad Ladies Club, led by Shazia Bakal, hosted a vibrant Barbie-themed event at Forge Brew-Hous, bringing together members for an evening of glamour, fun and camaraderie. Dressed in stylish Barbie-inspired outfits, the ladies added a touch of pink glamour to the celebrations, enjoying lively interactions, entertainment and a memorable time together. The event showcased the club's spirit of friendship, fashion and togetherness.



HYDRAA Commissioner Releases MR Edition

The versatile & the happening HYDRAA Commissioner Mr.A.V.Ranganath,IPS have released MR's special edition.

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DHEER CHARAN SRIVASTAV Honored With Influential Leader Award-Entertainment

Popular Hyderabad actor and comedian Dheer Charan Srivastav, best known as Ismail Bhai from The Angrez, was honoured with the Influential Leader Award – Entertainment at the Goalfest Conclave 2026, organised by Herald Global and presented by BARC. The award, presented at Grand Kakatiya, Hyderabad, recognises his contribution to entertainment and his role in taking Hyderabad humour and Deccani culture to audiences across India and beyond. Speaking on the occasion, Srivastav said: "Hyderabad is my jaan. This city gave me Ismail Bhai, and Ismail Bhai gave me the world. I am deeply grateful for this honour." With his distinctive Hyderabad style and comic timing, Dheer Charan Srivastav continues to be one of the memorable faces of Hyderabad cinema.

Teej Event Organised

Vishwa Sindhi Seva Samiti along with Secunderabad Durbar celebrated pre Teej event with lots of fun games & music. The lady members had a good time over the event.



Hlynur Atlason Debuts New Collections for DWR Design Residency

Hlynur Atlason did not grow up knowing he would become a designer. Raised in Reykjavík, where no design school existed when he left, he found his way to Paris, and then New York, earning a BFA in Industrial Design from Parsons School of Design. In 2023, the Smithsonian’s Cooper Hewitt Design Museum awarded him the National Design Award for Product Design, the highest honor in American design. This spring, Design Within Reach named him the inaugural resident of the DWR Design Residency, an immersive 18-month collaboration pairing leading designers with DWR’s product team, research insights, and full production support.

For Debbie Propst, President of Global Retail for MillerKnoll, DWR’s parent company, the program champions the creative voices whose work is redefining contemporary living. “Each residency welcomes a new global thought leader—a designer poised to become a future master—and gives them the space, resources, and platform to bring visionary ideas to market,” she says.

The Designer

Nobil is deliberate about who earns a place in the DWR catalog. “Our roster of designers reads like the Design Hall of Fame,” he says. “It is a huge responsibility to make sure whoever we add to it is building on that lineage. Hlynur’s values and ethos as a designer align with DWR’s. He has an extraordinary level of rigor in his design practice and an innate understanding of beauty.” Atlason, Nobil adds, removes the unnecessary while elevating comfort, tactility, and purpose.

He has built a practice around comfort, material curiosity, and close attention to shifting behaviors. He has never designed a product with a hard edge. “I don’t see furniture as an exercise in form alone, but as a response to the way we actually live right now,” he says. Over the next three years, he will introduce more than 20 DWR collections, a significant contribution to the brand’s portfolio. “It’s been a gratifying two-year period of intense study and design work,” Atlason says. “Now, we get to see a number of new pieces start making their way into the world.”

To mark the Residency launch, Atlason introduces two collections as part of DWR’s Summer 2026 assortment, joining the Atlason Composed Modular Sofa, which debuted earlier this year. Designed to connect and expand, the Composed accommodates a range of configurations. “It’s a sofa that adapts, almost like it’s alive,” Atlason says.

The Atlason Americano Sofa draws from the Italian tradition of open, flexible construction, reinterpreted for the American home. “I’m always interested in how our lives are shifting—how we dress, how we relax, how we host, how we move through the day,” Atlason says. Loose cushions and surfaces wide enough to settle into come in nine configurations with more than 90 fabric options. Two seat depths offer a choice between a more upright position and a deeper, more relaxed one. “It’s luxurious in a way that you can spread out and find your own place,” he says. The Atlason Organic Slab Coffee and Side Tables were conceived to accompany modular and curved arrangements. Their oblong stone tops come in two hand-selected marbles, each singular by nature. Cipollino Ondulato originates from the Apuan Alps of Tuscany, where it has been quarried since antiquity, its surface a compression of cream, sage, and charcoal that shifts with available light. “Romans used it in temples,” Atlason says. “Formed over millions of years under heat and pressure, each slab is a geological record. It is like an abstract painting or an ever-changing view, one you could get lost in.”

Nero Marquina, from the Basque Country of Spain, is a deep black stone threaded with fine white veining. “It is a stone of restraint, chosen for exactly that quality,” he says. Both are polished to a mirror finish. Solid ash legs finished in black hold the composition: the stone sits within the leg structure rather than on top of it, and the legs extend the silhouette beyond the stone, each element defining the other. “I’m excited to see the pieces find their place amongst all the beautiful classics we know and love,” Atlason says.



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नीदरलैंड के केंद्रीय बैंक De Nederlandsche Bank (DNB) ने अपने गोल्ड रिजर्व को लेकर बड़ा रणनीतिक बदलाव किया है। बैंक ने उत्तरी अमेरिका से करीब 86 मीट्रिक टन सोना हटाकर उसका बड़ा हिस्सा लंदन में स्थानांतरित किया है। बैंक के मुताबिक, इस कदम का मकसद संभावित वित्तीय संकट के दौरान सोने को ज्यादा आसानी से और तेजी से इस्तेमाल करने योग्य बनाना है। DNB ने करीब 59 टन सोना न्यूयॉर्क में बेचा और उसके बराबर मात्रा में सोना लंदन में खरीदा। इसके अलावा 27 टन से ज्यादा सोना भौतिक रूप से नीदरलैंड के जीस्ट स्थित कैश सेंटर के जरिए स्थानांतरित किया गया।

लंदन को क्यों चुना ?

लंदन दुनिया के सबसे बड़े गोल्ड ट्रेडिंग केंद्रों में शामिल है। बैंक ऑफ इंग्लैंड में रखा बुलियन अंतरराष्ट्रीय बाजार में कारोबार के लिए जरूरी मानकों को पूरा करता है। इसका मतलब है कि जरूरत पड़ने पर वहां रखे सोने को अपेक्षाकृत तेजी से अंतरराष्ट्रीय बाजार में इस्तेमाल किया जा सकता है। कथित ने बताया कि इस स्थानांतरण से उसके गोल्ड रिजर्व की ट्रेडेबिलिटी और तत्काल उपलब्धता बेहतर होगी। खासकर किसी संभावित सिस्टमेटिक क्राइसिस यानी बड़े वित्तीय संकट के दौरान यह व्यवस्था बैंक के लिए उपयोगी हो सकती है।

डेढ़ करोड़ में एक चमत्कार, महिला ने एक जैसी चार बच्चियों को दिया जन्म, डॉक्टर बोले— ये 'दुर्लभ व अविश्वसनीय' मामला



ऑस्ट्रेलिया में एक बेहद दुर्लभ और चौंकाने वाला मामला सामने आया है। यहां 34 वर्षीय जेनिटर साउ नाआमोआना ने एक जैसी चार बच्चियों को जन्म दिया है। डॉक्टरों के अनुसार यह गर्भावस्था इतनी दुर्लभ है कि प्राकृतिक रूप से इसकी संभावना करीब डेढ़ करोड़ में एक मानी जाती है। यह डिलीवरी क्वींसलैंड स्थित रॉयल ब्रिसबेन एंड विमेन्स हॉस्पिटल में पिछले सप्ताह हुई। मां और चारों बच्चियां स्वस्थ हैं। नाआमोआना पहले से ही चार बच्चों की मां हैं और अब

उनके परिवार में कुल आठ बच्चे हो गए हैं।

अस्पताल की विशेषज्ञ डॉक्टर डॉ. एलेक्सा बेंडाल ने बताया कि यह गर्भावस्था पूरी तरह प्राकृतिक थी। एक ही निषेचित अंडा गर्भ में चार हिस्सों में विभाजित हो गया, जिससे चारों बच्चियां बिल्कुल एक जैसी पैदा हुईं। उन्होंने कहा कि मेडिकल साइंस में ऐसे मामले बेहद दुर्लभ होते हैं और ऑस्ट्रेलिया में इससे पहले इस तरह का कोई मामला दर्ज होने की जानकारी नहीं है। डॉ. बेंडाल ने इस घटना को 'अविश्वसनीय' बताते हुए कहा कि इस तरह की प्राकृतिक गर्भावस्था दुनिया में बहुत कम देखने को मिलती है। उन्होंने कहा कि पूरी मेडिकल टीम के लिए यह एक यादगार और अनोखा अनुभव रहा।

दुनिया की सबसे बुजुर्ग महिला म्जीमस ने मनाया 117वां जन्मदिन, लंबी जिंदगी और खुशी का बताया सीक्रेट



दो विश्व युद्ध, टाइटेनिक का दौर और छह ब्रिटिश सम्राटों का शासन, एक सदी से ज्यादा लंबी जिंदगी की गवाह बन चुकी एथेल कैटरहैम (Ethel Caterham) अब 117 साल की हो गई हैं। दुनिया की सबसे बुजुर्ग जीवित व्यक्ति के तौर पर Guinness World Records में दर्ज म्जीमस ने 21 अगस्त को इंग्लैंड में अपना जन्मदिन परिवार और दोस्तों के साथ मनाया। उनकी जिंदगी का सबसे दिलचस्प पहलू सिर्फ उनकी उम्र नहीं, बल्कि लंबी जिंदगी को लेकर उनका बेहद सरल

नजरिया है। म्जीमस Caterham का जन्म 21 अगस्त 1909 को इंग्लैंड के Hampshire के Shipton Bellinger में हुआ था। वह आठ भाई-बहनों में से एक थीं। 2025 में ब्राजील की नन Inah Canabarro Lucas के 116 साल की उम्र में निधन के बाद म्जीमस दुनिया की सबसे बुजुर्ग जीवित व्यक्ति बनी थीं। 117 साल की उम्र पूरी करने के साथ वह ब्रिटेन के इतिहास में 117 साल की उम्र तक पहुंचने वाली पहली व्यक्ति भी बन गई हैं। Guinness World Records उन्हें दुनिया की सबसे बुजुर्ग जीवित महिला और व्यक्ति के तौर पर मान्यता देता है। म्जीमस ने अपना 117वां जन्मदिन Surrey स्थित अपने बंतीवउम में परिवार और दोस्तों के साथ मनाया। रिपोर्टों के अनुसार, जश्न में Frank Sinatra के impersonator ने भी प्रस्तुति दी। अपने जन्मदिन के संदेश में म्जीमस ने कहा कि इस साल भी उन्हें कई नए अनुभव हुए। इनमें एक llama को सहलाना और King Charles III का हाथ पकड़ना भी शामिल रहा। सितंबर 2025 में म्जीमस ने ब्रिटेन के King Charles III से मुलाकात की थी। उस मुलाकात में उन्होंने 1969 में हुए Charles के Prince of Wales बनने के समारोह की अपनी यादें भी साझा की थीं।

पाकिस्तान में 100 साल पुराने हिंदू मंदिर तोड़े जाने से भड़का भारत, कहा — दोषियों के खिलाफ कार्यवाही हो



भारत ने बुधवार को पाकिस्तान के नरोवाल क्षेत्र में 100 साल से ज्यादा पुराने एक हिंदू मंदिर को कथित तौर पर नष्ट किए जाने की कड़ी निंदा की और इस्लामाबाद से मांग की कि वह इस घटना की तुरंत जांच करे तथा इसके लिए जिम्मेदार लोगों को पूरी तरह जवाबदेह ठहराए। नई दिल्ली ने यह भी कहा कि पाकिस्तान को तुरंत सुधारात्मक कदम उठाने चाहिए और अपने सभी अल्पसंख्यक नागरिकों तथा उनकी सांस्कृतिक विरासत की सुरक्षा, संरक्षा एवं भलाई सुनिश्चित करने की अपनी मुख्य जिम्मेदारी पूरी करनी चाहिए।

विदेश मंत्रालय के प्रवक्ता रणधीर जायसवाल ने कहा, 'हमने पाकिस्तान में नरोवाल जिले के सिराज गांव में एक ऐतिहासिक हिंदू मंदिर के तोड़े जाने की परेशान करने वाली खबरों पर गहरी चिंता जताई है। हम अल्पसंख्यक समुदाय के इस एक सदी पुराने पूजा-स्थल पर की गई तोड़-फोड़ की घटना की कड़ी निंदा करते हैं।' उन्होंने कहा, 'अधिकारियों की साफ तौर पर दिख रही उदासीनता और एक सदी पुराने इस मंदिर की सुरक्षा करने में विफलता चिंताजनक है।'

जायसवाल इस घटना के बारे में मीडिया के सवालों का जवाब दे रहे थे। उन्होंने कहा, 'हम पाकिस्तान सरकार से मांग करते हैं कि वह इस घटना की तुरंत और पारदर्शी जांच करे तथा यह सुनिश्चित करे कि इसके लिए जिम्मेदार लोगों को पूरी तरह जवाबदेह ठहराया जाए।'

ISRO का न तो निजीकरण होगा और न ही महत्व घटेगा, अफवाहों पर स्पेस एजेंसी ने दिया स्पष्टीकरण



भारतीय अंतरिक्ष अनुसंधान संगठन (ISRO) ने देश के स्पेस सेक्टर में हो रहे सुधारों के बीच अपनी भविष्य की भूमिका को लेकर मीडिया में चल रही अटकलों और अफवाहों पर रविवार को एक बड़ा स्पष्टीकरण जारी किया है। स्पेस एजेंसी ने साफ तौर पर कहा है कि वह भारत के स्पेस प्रोग्राम के केंद्र में बनी हुई है और राष्ट्रीय प्रयासों का नेतृत्व करती रहेगी।

अफवाहें पूरी तरह बेबुनियाद और गलत

इसरो ने सोशल मीडिया प्लेटफॉर्म 'X' पर एक विस्तृत पोस्ट साझा करते हुए कहा कि मीडिया के कुछ हिस्सों में इसरो के निजीकरण करने या उसकी भूमिका को कम करने को लेकर गलत जानकारी फैलाई जा रही थी। स्पेस एजेंसी ने इन सभी दावों को पूरी तरह से बेबुनियाद बताते हुए खारिज कर दिया है। इसरो ने स्पष्ट किया कि न तो इसरो का निजीकरण किया जाएगा और न ही इसका महत्व कभी कम होगा। यह संस्था देश के एडवांस्ड स्पेस रिसर्च, रणनीतिक मिशनों, स्पेस साइंस और खोज के लिए भारत की मुख्य संस्था बनी रहेगी।

प्राइवेट सेक्टर की भागीदारी से बढ़ेगी ताकत

इसरो ने स्पष्ट किया कि स्पेस सेक्टर में निजी क्षेत्र (प्राइवेट सेक्टर) की भागीदारी का मतलब इसरो की भूमिका को कम करना बिल्कुल नहीं है। इसका मुख्य उद्देश्य इसरो को भारत के स्पेस प्रोग्राम की अगली पीढ़ी की तकनीकों पर अधिक ध्यान केंद्रित करने में मदद करना है, जबकि मैथ्योर हो चुकी तकनीकों को बढ़ाने का काम इंडस्ट्री करेगी। बदलाव इसरो के महत्व में नहीं, बल्कि भारत के स्पेस इकोसिस्टम के पैमाने और ढांचे को बड़ा बनाने के लिए हो रहा है।

स्पेस विजन 2047 को साकार करने की तैयारी

साल 2020 से शुरू किए गए सुधारों, इंडियन स्पेस पॉलिसी 2023 और एफडीआई (FDI) नीति में ढील का मकसद एक मजबूत और वैश्विक स्तर पर प्रतिस्पर्धी भारतीय स्पेस इकोसिस्टम तैयार करना है। इसरो का कहना है कि उद्योगों और स्टार्ट-अप को स्पेस वैल्यू चेन में शामिल करने से इसरो की क्षमताएं और मजबूत होंगी।

इसरो के वैज्ञानिकों और तकनीकी कर्मचारियों को अब अगली पीढ़ी की लॉन्च टेक्नोलॉजी, मानव अंतरिक्ष-उड़ान, भारतीय अंतरिक्ष स्टेशन, चंद्रमा और ग्रहों की खोज जैसे जटिल और रणनीतिक राष्ट्रीय मिशनों पर ध्यान केंद्रित करने का अवसर मिलेगा। यह पूरा बदलाव वास्तव में 'इसरो के नेतृत्व वाले राष्ट्रीय स्पेस 'कोसिस्टम' की दिशा में आगे बढ़ने का प्रयास है।



Tourism

Bhutan issues rules for tourist lodgings

Bhutan's Department of Tourism, which functions under the country's Ministry of Industry, Commerce and Employment, has issued a notification stating that only service providers approved and certified by the tourism department should provide accommodation to tourists across the country.

On August 26, the department's standards and compliance division issued the notification, saying that "all tourist night halts, including camping and outdoor stays, must take place only at Department of Tourism-approved and certified accommodation or designated sites."

"Overnight stays at non-certified premises, private properties, or unauthorised open areas are strictly prohibited," the notification reads.

Sources said it was issued in consonance with the country's Tourism Rules and Regulations (TRR) of 2024.

"This policy has been taken to ensure the safety of visitors, to promote authentic hospitality and to maintain quality standards," said a source. Bhutan, which shares borders with India, gets the highest number of tourists from India every year.

The notification also mentions that if any accommodation meant for tourists is being built or visitors are housed in such places without prior approval and other formalities, the property's owner will be fined.

All approved and certified establishments should carry a valid star rating certificate and it should be renewed on time.

Tourism industry stakeholders in north Bengal who regularly send tourists to Bhutan have welcomed the initiative.

"It will help in providing safe accommodations to tourists. Also, consistent monitoring by the authorities concerned will ensure that quality services are provided to the tourists," said Tanmoy Goswami, general secretary, Himalayan Hospitality & Tourism Development Network.

Vizag to host 41st IATO meet, boost Andhra Pradesh tourism prospects

In a major push to position Andhra Pradesh as a premier global destination while empowering local businesses, Minister for Tourism, Culture, and Cinematography Kandula Durgesh announced that Visakhapatnam will host the 41st National Annual Convention of the Indian Association of Tour Operators (IATO) from September 10 to 12.

Addressing a press conference at the Secretariat, the Minister revealed that under the leadership of Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu and Deputy Chief Minister K Pawan Kalyan, the coalition government secured major financial concessions from the national travel body to ensure local travel and hospitality stakeholders gain direct access to nationwide business networks.

IATO, the country's apex body representing over 2,000 inbound tourism operators, has launched a special drive for Andhra Pradesh by completely waiving its standard one-time admission fee of Rs 10,000 plus GST for all State-based tour operators, hoteliers, homestay owners, transport operators, and travel agents. Eligible stakeholders can apply for this free membership through the official portal until December 31, 2026. Furthermore, the state government has slashed convention registration fees for local delegates to a flat concessional rate of Rs 3,000, down from the standard Rs 6,000 for existing members and Rs 8,500 for non-members. The three-day summit will bring over 1,000 top-tier inbound tour operators, aviation executives, and hotel chains to Visakhapatnam, offering regional entrepreneurs a direct channel to promote the State's coastal, spiritual, and eco-tourism offerings without marketing overheads.







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