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Rhea Chakraborty finds 'chaos' behind shoots 'magical'
Actress Rhea Chakraborty shared a sneak-peek into the behind-the-scenes world of shooting and tagged the experience as both chaotic and magical. Taking to Instagram, Rhea shared some BTS moments.

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Hindi Diwas on September 14 marks the historic moment when, in 1949, the Constituent Assembly granted Hindi the prestigious status of the official language. The day is not just a celebration of our cultural heritage but a symbol of Hindi's.

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Grooving to the melodies at New Orleans' iconic music venues
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P7 SPORTS/NATION
Esha wins women's air pistol gold
Olympian and reigning mixed team pistol world champion Esha Singh ended India's medal drought at the ISSF World Cup Rifle/Pistol, clinching gold in the women's 10m air pistol here on Saturday.

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WINDOWS



Impose tariffs on countries buying Russian oil: US to G7

WASHINGTON: The United States has asked G7 countries to impose tariffs on countries purchasing oil from Russia, asserting that only "unified efforts" that cut off funding to Moscow's war machine at source can apply sufficient pressure to end "the senseless killing." US Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent and the United States Trade Representative Ambassador Jamieson Greer were on a call with G7 Finance Ministers on Friday when they reiterated President Donald Trump's call to the bloc's partners about imposing tariffs on countries purchasing oil from Russia. François-Philippe Champagne, Canada's Minister of Finance and National Revenue, chaired a meeting of G7 Finance Ministers to discuss further measures to increase pressure on Russia to end its war against Ukraine.

FIR over AI video by Congress on Modi, his mother



NEW DELHI: The Delhi Police on Saturday registered an FIR on a BJP worker's complaint over an AI-generated "deepfake" video posted by the Bihar Congress unit on its X handle that allegedly tarnished the image of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his late mother, an official said. The complaint was filed on Friday by Sanket Gupta, convenor of the BJP Delhi Election Cell, at the North Avenue Police Station, who alleged the video "maligned the Prime Minister's image, grossly violating law, morality and women's dignity". The clip was posted on the official X handle of the Indian National Congress, Bihar unit, on September 10, the complaint said.

GOVT TRANSFERS 14 IPS OFFICERS ACROSS THE STATE

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IRREGULAR by MANJUL



Revolutions don't happen every day — that's why I'd choose a Rajya Sabha nomination over the PM's post

NE is India's growth engine: PM

The Prime Minister said that the Northeast was earlier called a frontier state, now the region has become a front runner

AIZAWL

PRIME Minister Narendra Modi said on Saturday that the Northeast region is a growth engine of India and it progressed a lot during the past 11 years. Inaugurating the ambitious 51.38-km Bairabi-Sairang railway project, flagging off three new trains connecting Aizawl with Delhi, Kolkata and Guwahati and laying the foundation stone and inaugurating multiple development projects worth over Rs 9,000 crore, the Prime Minister



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3-hour pit stop is not compassion: Cong targets Modi's Manipur visit

NEW DELHI: Terming Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to Manipur a "pit stop", the Congress on Saturday alleged that the trip is "tokenism" and a "grave insult" to the people of the state.

Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge accused Modi of organising a grand

welcome ceremony for himself and claimed that it "is a cruel prick" to the wounds of those still suffering. "In the words of your own... Where is your Rajdharma?" Kharge asked on X just before Modi's Manipur visit. "Narendra Modi ji, your 3-hour pit stop in Manipur is not compassion

-- it's farce, tokenism, and a grave insult to wounded people. Your so-called roadshow in Imphal and Churachandpur today, is nothing but a cowardly escape from hearing the cries of people in relief camps!" the Congress chief said in his post on X.

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Want to make Manipur symbol of peace & prosperity, says Modi

People have chosen the path of peace and given priority to development: PM

CHURACHANDPUR: Urging various outfits to shun violence, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday asserted that his government stood firmly with the people of Manipur and was working towards the goal of making the strife-torn state a symbol of peace and prosperity. Addressing a public meeting in Kuki-dominant-



ed Churachandpur district during his first visit to the state after ethnic violence broke out in May 2023, Modi hailed Manipur as the land of hope and aspiration, and said that "unfortunately, violence had cast its shadow on this beautiful region". "A short while ago, I met the affected people at a relief camp.

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PM interacts with IDP Kukis, Meiteis

IMPHAL/CHURACHANDPUR: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday interacted with a section of the people belonging to the two warring communities, Kuki and Meitei, who were displaced due to the ethnic violence in Manipur, officials said. Modi

listened to the concerns of the families of internally displaced persons (IDPs) at the historic Kangla Fort complex in Imphal and Peace Ground in Churachandpur, and assured them of the Centre's commitment to restore peace and normalcy in the state, they said.

Over 6-cr Income Tax returns filed so far

NEW DELHI

MORE than six crore income tax returns for Assessment Year 2025-26 have been filed so far, the Income Tax department said on Saturday. The last date to file ITRs without penalty is September 15. "Thank you taxpayers & tax professionals for helping us reach the milestone of 6 crore Income Tax Returns (ITRs) as of now and still counting," the I-T department said in a post on X. To assist taxpayers for ITR filing, tax payment and other related services, our helpdesk is functioning on a 24x7 basis, and the department is providing support through calls, live chats, WebEx sessions & Twitter/X, it added.

It also asked taxpayers who haven't filed ITR for AY 2025-26 to file at the earliest to avoid a last-minute rush. The Income Tax department in May announced an extension of the due date for filing ITRs for Assessment Year (AY) 2025-26 (for income earned in financial year 2024-25) by individuals, HUFs and entities who do not have to get their accounts audited from July 31



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to September 15.

The extension was on account of "structural and content revisions" in the income tax return (ITR) forms, which was notified in late April and early May. The changes made in the ITR form for AY 2025-26 also need modifications to be made in ITR filing utilities and the back-end system. ITR filings have shown consistent growth over the years, reflecting rising compliance and the widening of the tax base. For AY 2024-25, a record 7.28 crore ITRs were filed up to July 31, 2024, compared to 6.77 crore in AY 2023-24, registering a 7.5 per cent year-on-year growth.

Low-pressure area to trigger rains in AP

HANS NEWS SERVICE VIJAYAWADA

A low-pressure area over the west-central Bay of Bengal and adjoining north-west Bay of Bengal, along the North Andhra-South Odisha coasts, is expected to persist, says Prakhar Jain, Managing Director of the State Disaster Management Authority. According to him, this system is likely to

move west-northwestwards over South Odisha, North Andhra, and South Chhattisgarh in the next 48 hours. A trough is also extending from this system through Chhattisgarh and Vidarbha to South Maharashtra.

Under the influence of these weather systems, light to moderate rains accompanied by thunderstorms and lightning are expected in some parts of the state



on Sunday. Winds with speeds of 30-40 km/hr are also likely along the coast. So, Jain has advised people in low-lying areas to be

vigilant and warned against standing under trees.

On Sunday, Srikulam, Konaseema, East Godavari, West Godavari, Eluru, Krishna, Guntur, Bapatla, Kurnool, and Nandyal districts are likely to experience light to moderate rain with thunderstorms and lightning. The remaining districts may receive light rainfall in a few places.

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Karki is shining example of women empowerment: Modi



NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday congratulated Nepal's interim PM Sushila Karki on assuming office, calling her appointment "a shining example of women empowerment".

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UN congratulates new Nepal PM Sushila Karki

KATHMANDU: The United Nations on Saturday sent a congratulatory message to Nepal's newly-elected prime minister Sushila Karki who has been appointed to lead an interim government following a week of violent anti-government protests. Hanna Singer-Hamdy, UN Resident Coordinator in Nepal, said, "At this pivotal moment, the United Nations stands alongside the people of Nepal in their aspirations for peace, justice, transparency, accountability and progress."

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LS Speaker to open women lawmakers' meet in Tirupati

HANS NEWS SERVICE TIRUPATI

LOK Sabha Speaker Om Birla will inaugurate a two-day national conference of the Committee on Empowerment of Women Parliament and State and Union Territory Legislatures scheduled here from September 14(Today). Andhra Pradesh Governor S Abdul Nazeer, Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu and several others will attend the conference. "Lok Sabha Speaker will chair the inaugural and concluding sessions



(of the conference)," said Andhra Pradesh Legislature Secretary General Prasanna Kumar Suryadevara in an official release. Following the deliberations, the two-day conference will culminate with a declaration on September 15.

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'STUDENTS USED THEIR POCKET MONEY FOR DRUGS'

HARISH ANGADI HYDERABAD

AS Mahindra University authorities continue to reel from the shock of a recent drug bust involving some of its students, fresh revelations from the Telangana Anti-Narcotics Bureau (TANB) point to a

larger, more complex network operating across several premier institutions in the city. Senior officials involved in the probe told 'The Hans India' that the case had "only scratched the surface of a city-wide racket".

It may be recalled that on August 27, four persons,

including two students, were arrested for operating a drug racket inside the Mahindra University here. During a prior raid at Shivalayam Colony in Suraram, police officials seized 1.15 kg of ganja, 47 grams of high-grade OG weed, packaging material, a digital weighing machine and

multiple mobile phones used for trafficking.

Officials probing the ramifications of the case said the racket had established a supply chain reaching from inter-state suppliers to student peddlers on campus, with nearly 50 students now under investigation for consump-

tion. The officials revealed that the key accused, identified as a Nigerian national known as "Nick", is still absconding. "If we can get him, there are many other major drug racket links we can uncover," said one senior officer, pointing to an international chain of operations. Continued on Page 4



Pawan cautions people against falling prey to caste conspiracies

- Says attempts are being made on social media to sow discord between castes and religions, urging vigilance to avoid anger and confrontation that could achieve the provocateurs' goals
- Citing a recent Machilipatnam incident involving offensive language on a YouTube channel, Kalyan stresses on pursuing criminal cases under the law rather than conflict, and calls for complaints against those instigating such acts
- Orders an internal party investigation into the incident with notices to involved parties, and advocated countering malicious propaganda democratically and legally to preserve harmony



create unrest and insecurity through their deceitful tactics, for the past decade," Kalyan said in a statement. "Do not fall into their trap, give in to anger, or allow for a confrontational atmosphere. If you show anger, the conspirators will achieve their desired outcomes."

Kalyan cited the recent

events in Machilipatnam as an example. He noted that a person on a YouTube channel used offensive language, and argued that the malicious intent behind preparing and promoting such a person must be identified.

"We should proceed with criminal cases under the law," he stated. "Rushing into another path and engaging in conflict will only complicate the problem. Provocative leaders will emerge and spoil the harmonious atmosphere among the people."

The Deputy Chief Minister called for legal action against those who spread division. He urged Jana Sena and coalition leaders to file complaints to ensure that those who provoke and speak offensively, whether on social

media or in other forms, are brought to justice under the Indian Justice Code.

"Complaints must also be filed and cases registered against those who are behind them, systematically instigating these conspiracies," he added.

Kalyan also revealed that he has ordered an internal investigation by the party leadership into the Machilipatnam incident. He said notices would be served to those involved to seek an explanation.

"The public must be vigilant against the party and its leaders who have a malicious nature and engage in conspiracies," he said. "Let's counter their malicious propaganda democratically and legally."

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MANGALAGIRI

DEPUTY Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan on Saturday warned citizens against falling for conspiracies designed to create discord and animosity within the state.

He urged people in a statement here to remain vigilant against those who are sowing discord between different castes and religions, particularly through social media and YouTube channels. "We have seen the nature of these individuals, who

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NEED FOR INDUSTRIES-GOVT COOPERATION STRESSED

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TIRUPATI

INDUSTRIES and government must work together to place Andhra Pradesh

among the leaders in Ease of Doing Business at the global level, said industries department principal secretary Dr N Yuvaraj.

Addressing industrialists virtually at a regional awareness conference here on Saturday, Dr Yuvaraj stressed on simplifying systems, online facilities, and trust-based policies to achieve double-digit growth. He recalled that Andhra Pradesh has introduced initiatives like the Single Window System, Mee Seva centres, and Guarantee Act but noted that further improvement is required. "We must benchmark our state with global leaders like Singapore

and European nations," he said. Calling for industry associations such as CII and SMEs to provide clear suggestions, he assured government support including grants for common testing and processing facilities. He also underlined that MSMEs, particularly micro and small units, need assistance to meet quality standards.

"India is destined to emerge as the world's top three economy by 2025 and move into the top two within the next 10-15 years," he said. District collector Dr S Venkateswar, who attended the event, said industrial development is a top state priority and pledged speedy redressal of investor issues through an online grievance platform. He announced

a special meeting for solving issues at Gajulamandayam IT Park and promised action on local civic infrastructure.

Govt transfers 14 IPS officers across the state

HANS NEWS SERVICE
VIJAYAWADA

THE state government issues orders transferring and posting of 14 IPS officers effective immediately on Saturday. Chief secretary K Vijayanand issued GO No 1690 to this effect.

As per the order, Prakasam district SP A R Damodar has been transferred to Vizianagaram while Vizianagaram SP Vakul Jindal has been appointed as Guntur SP.

Annamayya district SP Vidhya Sagar Naidu has been relocated to the position of Krishna district SP and Dr BR Ambedkar Kona-seema district SP B Krishna Rao has been reassigned to Palnadu district. Guntakal railway SP Rahul Meena has been designated as the new Dr BR Ambedkar Konaseema District SP.

Other notable transfers include Tirupati Urban SP V Harsha Vardhan Raju, who has been moved to Prakasam district SP. Additionally, Visakhapatnam DCP (L & O)

Ajitha Vajendla has been appointed as Nellore district SP, while Red Sanders Anti Smuggling Task Force, Tirupati SP L Subbarayudu has been appointed as Tirupati SP. Bapatla SP Tushar Dudi has been transferred and appointed as Chittoor district SP. Further, CID SP (admin) B Uma Maheswara Rao has been shifted to Bapatla, and Alluri Sitarama Raju district additional SP Dheeraj Kunubili has been transferred with a promotion to Annamayya district SP.

Intelligence SP Shelke Nachiketh Vishwanath has been posted as YSR Kadapa SP, Greyhounds Group Commander Suneel Sheoran has been reassigned as Nandyal district SP, and Guntur urban SP Sathish Kumar has been transferred and appointed as Sri Satya Sai district SP.

The GO indicated that posting orders for officers who have been transferred but have not yet received new assignments will be issued separately.

TTD EO calls for adoption of modern tech

HANS NEWS SERVICE
TIRUMALA

THE TTD executive officer Anil Kumar Singhal carried out surprise inspections at various areas in Tirumala on Saturday morning.

He first inspected the Common Command Control Centre and directed the officials concerned to utilize advanced technology to provide better services to devotees. He instructed that new software and modern technology should be adopted in line with rapidly changing advancements.

The EO emphasized the need to strengthen the process of tracing missing persons in Tirumala by making it faster and more effective

Inspects Common Command Control Centre, instructs officials to implement facial recognition technology for real-time identification of individuals and monitoring of incidents



TTD EO Anil Kumar Singhal interacts with devotees at Vaikuntham Queue Complex-2

and suggested enhancing the capacity of the Common Command Control Centre by deploying staff in such a way that every inch of Tirumala can be monitored.

He instructed officials

to implement facial recognition technology for real-time identification of individuals and monitoring of incidents. On this occasion, the EO also discussed with L&T staff the effective use of technology. Later, the EO inspected the luggage centres and interacted with the devotees. He enquired them about the time taken between receiving the darshan tokens and completing darshan. The devotees expressed satisfaction with the services being provided by TTD to them.

Subsequently, he visited Vaikuntham Queue Complex-2 and reviewed the facilities offered to devotees. On this occasion, he interacted with Srivari Sevaks from Srikakulam, Nanded in Maharashtra and appreciated their services to devotees. The EO also instructed the Chief PRO Dr T Ravi to provide enhanced training to Srivari Sevaks so that they can extend better services to the scores of devotees. CVSO Muralikrishna and heads of departments and other officials accompanied the EO during these inspections.

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OnlineProposalNo.: FP/AP/OTHERS/454129/2023 Dated: 19/08/2025

To,
The Special Chief Secretary to the Government of Andhra Pradesh, Environment, Forests, Science & Technology Department, Government of Andhra Pradesh, Room No.268, 1st Floor, 4th Block, Andhra Pradesh Secretariat, Velagapudi, Amaravati Guntur District-522503.

Subject: Proposal for diversion of 0.02 ha of forest land in Billagondipenta Chenchugudem Village, Compartment No.154, Markapur RF, Veerabadrapuram Beat, Y.Palem Range, Project Tiger Division, Markapur, Prakasam District for construction of 4G Telecom tower under 4G saturation Project in favour of DGM (Pig), M/s. Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited, Gunturu.

Sir/Madam, I am directed to refer to the online proposal No.FP/AP/OTHERS/454129/2023 received on 14/12/2023 seeking prior approval in accordance with section' 2' of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980. The proposal was granted "In-Principle" (Stage-I) approval by the Central Government online on 06/03/2024. The Government of Andhra Pradesh have reported/submitted the complete compliance report on 14/08/2025 to the conditions stipulated in the "In-Principle" approval and requested for grant of final approval.

After careful consideration of the compliance report furnished by the Government of Andhra Pradesh online dated 14/08/2025, I am directed to convey the "Final approval" under section 2' of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 for the proposal for diversion of 0.02 ha of forest land in Billagondipenta Chenchugudem Village, Compartment No.154, Markapur RF, Veerabadrapuram Beat, Y.Palem Range, Project Tiger Division, Markapur, Prakasam District for construction of 4G Telecom tower under 4G saturation Project in favour of DGM (Pig), M/s. BSNL, subject to the following conditions:

| 1.General Conditions | |
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| S.No | Conditions |
| 1.1 | Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged |
| 1.2 | At the time of payment of the Net Present Value (NPV) at the then prevailing rate, the User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to pay the additional amount of NPV, if so determined, as per the final decision of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India. |
| 1.3 | The period of diversion under this approval shall be co-terminus with the period of lease to be granted in favor of the user agency or the project life, whichever is less. |
| 1.4 | No additional or new paths will be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work. |
| 1.5 | No labor camp shall be established on the forest land. |
| 1.6 | The User Agency shall provide fuels preferably alternate fuels to the laborers and the staff working at the site so as to avoid any damage and pressure on the nearby forest areas |
| 1.7 | The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the proposal. |
| 1.8 | The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government. |
| 1.9 | The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agency, department or person without prior approval of the Central Government. |
| 1.10 | No damage to the flora and fauna of the adjoining area shall be caused. |
| 1.11 | The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed 0.02 ha. |
| 1.12 | The State Government shall complete settlement of rights, in terms of the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006, if any, on the forest land to be diverted in accordance with the relevant guidelines issued by the MoEF&CC. |
| 1.13 | The concerned Divisional Forest Officer will monitor and take necessary mitigate measures to ensure that there is no adverse impact on the forest in the surrounding area. |
| 1.14 | The User Agency shall submit the annual self-compliance report in respect of the above stated Conditions to the State Government and Regional Office by the end of March every year. |
| 1.15 | Any other condition that the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change may stipulate from time to time in the interest of conservation, protection and development of Forest and Wildlife. |
| 1.16 | Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 and action would be taken as prescribed under the Act, Rules and Guidelines relevant. |

| 2.Standard Conditions | |
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| S.No | Conditions |
| 2.1 | N/A |

| 3.Specific Conditions | |
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| S.No | Conditions |
| 3.1 | The State Government shall raise 100 saplings and maintain with the funds realized from user agency towards compensatory afforestation at the identified location. |
| 3.2 | The KML file of the forest area to be diverted and CA area shall be uploaded on the e-green watch portal with all requisite details and same shall be submitted along with GPS id. |
| 3.3 | The State Govt./User Agency shall ensure that the conditions stipulated by SC-NBWL is strictly complied with. |
| 3.4 | The User Agency has made payment Rs. 4,01,060/- towards CA and NPV (Rs.27,800/- towards CA, and Rs.1,22,860 /- towards NPV). The levies paid by the UA shall be utilized for the same as per the approved plan/scheme. |
| 3.5 | The User Agency shall provide CA in NFL area for compensatory afforestation in lieu of the forest area diverted, if applicable, based on the final outcome in the WP No.1164/2023, which is currently pending before the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India. The State Forest Department shall ensure that an undertaking from the user agency is obtained in this regard. |

Your's faithfully
(Balaji Kari)
Assistant Inspector General of Forests (Central)

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| 1.3 | The period of diversion under this approval shall be co-terminus with the period of lease to be granted in favor of the user agency or the project life, whichever is less. |
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| 1.11 | The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed 0.02 ha. |
| 1.12 | The concerned Divisional Forest Officer will monitor and take necessary mitigate measures to ensure that there is no adverse impact on the forest in the surrounding area. |
| 1.13 | The User Agency shall submit the annual self-compliance report in respect of the above stated conditions to the State Government and Regional Office by the end of March every year. |
| 1.14 | The user agency shall comply with all the provisions of the all Acts, Rules, Regulations, Guidelines, Hon'ble Court Order (s) and NGT Order (s) pertaining to this project, if any, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project. |
| 1.15 | Any other condition that the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change may stipulate from time to time in the interest of conservation, protection and development of Forest and Wildlife. |
| 1.16 | The conditions required to be adhered under the Forests Right Act, 2006 as per the rules/guidelines issued under Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 shall be strictly complied with. |
| 1.17 | Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 and action would be taken as prescribed under the Act, Rules and Guidelines relevant. |

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| 2.1 | N/A |

| 3.Specific Conditions | |
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| S.No | Conditions |
| 3.1 | Compensatory afforestation for raising of 100 plants and maintenance shall be taken up by the State Government in the identified degraded forest land at the project cost. |
| 3.2 | The User Agency has made payment Rs. 4,21,867/- towards CA and NPV (Rs.27,800/- towards CA and Rs.1,43,667/- towards NPV). The levies paid by the UA shall be utilized for the same as per the approved plan/scheme. |
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S.No. 1.; Tender No.: Y/SG/36/2025-26/18; **Dated:** 11.09.2025; **Name of the work:** Hyderabad Division: Replacement of Non RDSO Version Fire Detection and Alarm System with RDSO make in Relay Room, Equipment Room and Battery Rooms over Hyderabad Division.; **Approx. Value(Rs.):** 3,86,28,654.40; **EMD(Rs.):** 3,43,200/-

Sr. Divisional Signal & Telecom Engineer, Hyderabad

E-Tender Notice No. 33-2025 Dt: 11.09.2025

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S.No: 1, Tender No. Engg-GTL-West-1939, Description of work: Guntakal Division Augmentation of Coach watering arrangements and Quick watering facilities at Dharmavaram Station. **Advised Value in Rs. 9,00,95,470.00, Earnest Money Deposit in Rs 6,00,500**

S.No: 2, Engg-GTL- South-1940, Description of work: Guntakal Division: Sr.Den/South Jurisdiction: ADEN/HX Sub-Division: SW:1: Yerraguntla (YA)-Nandyal (NDL) Section: Additional Loop line at S.Uppalapadu (SUPP), SW:2: RU-GY Section: Provision of Commonloop arrangements at Mangampatan Station. **Advised Value in Rs 3,52,68,880.77, Earnest Money Deposit in Rs 3,25,400.00**

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Tender notice

Sealed tenders are invited for the purchase of equipment's, tools for the AICTE IDEA Lab. For details visit https://vemu.org/uploads/news_events/12_09_2025_1151987760.pdf

Last date for submission 30- 09-2025 (5:00 PM- through register post).

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| 1. | Loan A/c. No(s). : HL03K0000055246 1. Mr/Mrs. Aqib Junaid Shaik 2. Mr/Mrs. Laddu Pasha Add: H. No. 5-140-A1, Gaffar Street, Osmania College Road, Kurnool, 518001. Also At: Sy No. 72/1 & 72/3 D. No. 91/4-46-3-S-S-G4 Sai Sadan Apartment Near Keshava Reddy School Kallur - 518003. | RS. 27,01,571/- (Rupees Twenty-Seven Lakhs One Thousand Five Hundred and Seventy-One Only) due as on 11.11.2024 | Property situated Kurnool District, Kurnool Sub Registration District, Kurnool Municipal corporation Area, Ward No. 91, Balaji nagar, Statanapuram Grama Panchayath, Ma-midhalapadu Village Survey No. 72/1 & 72/3 in which an extent of Undivided and un-specified share of 19,388 Sqyds of site out of total extent of 1765.77 Sqyds of site wherein an apartment constructed by name "SAI SADAN APARTMENT", in which Flat No. G-4 (Ground Floor) with 740 Sq.ft, Door No. 91/4-46-3-S-S-G4 and CAR parking is being bounded by: Land Boundaries of SAI SADAN APARTMENT East: Remaining site of this site belongs to M. Madava Swamy's H - Block & Postal Colony, West: L - Block site, North: 30 ft wide Road in G-Block, South: 40 ft wide Road, Flat Boundaries: Flat No. G-4, (Ground Floor) East: 3.6 Ft. wide Balcony, West: Open to Sky, North: Open to Sky, South: Open to sky, With all easement rights. | POSSESSION | RS. 23,68,000/- (Rupees Twenty-Three Lakhs Sixty-Eight Thousand Only) Rs. 2,36,800/- (Rupees Two Lakhs Thirty-Six Thousand Eight Hundred Only) | 20.10.2025 from 02.00 P.M. to 04.00 P.M. (with automated extensions of 5 minutes each in terms of the Tender Document). |

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Date : 12.09.2025
Place : Kurnool, Andhra Pradesh

AUTHORIZED OFFICER,
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HC judge inspects sites for district court in Puttaparthi

- Justice Prasad examined two different locations for the court
- The establishment of a district court in Puttaparthi is expected to provide easier access to justice for people
- Officials note that the move reflects a major step in strengthening the judicial infrastructure

HANS NEWS SERVICE
PUTTAPARTHI

JUSTICE Ramakrishna Prasad of the Andhra Pradesh High Court visited Prasanthi Nilayam's Shanthi Bhavan in Puttaparthi on Saturday. He was warmly received by Joint Collector Abhishek Kumar, Revenue Divisional Officer (RDO) Suvarna, Hindupur Senior Civil Judge Shailaja, and Puttaparthi



AP High Court Justice Ramakrishna Prasad inspecting the site for a district court, in Puttaparthi on Saturday

Junior Civil Judge Syed Mujeeb. Later, Justice Prasad inspected proposed sites for the establishment of a district court at Kappalabanda fields. He examined two different locations and stated that the court would be set up at the site offering better facilities and infrastructure. The establishment of a district court in Puttaparthi

is expected to provide easier access to justice for people across Sri Sathya Sai district, reducing the need for long travel to distant courts. Officials accompanying the judge noted that the move reflects a major step in strengthening the judicial infrastructure of the region. Following the inspection, Justice Prasad returned to

Shanthi Bhavan at Prasanthi Nilayam. Officials said he is scheduled to offer prayers at the Maha Samadhi of Sri Sathya Sai Baba later in the evening. The visit of the High Court Judge was marked by a cordial reception and is seen as a significant development toward enhancing judicial services in the newly formed district.

Fall in tomato prices hit farmers hard

- Stalled juice factory project adds to farmers' concerns
- After Madanapalle market Pattikonda occupies the second position in tomato sales
- Despite such a significant production hub, farmers are forced to fight for remunerative prices
- The prices remain disappointingly low, adding to the farmers' woes

V NARENDRA KUMAR
PATTIKONDA

PATTIKONDA sub-division has emerged as the largest tomato-growing region in the undivided district, with cultivation spread over 6,400 hectares this year.

While the Madanapalle market in the state ranks first in tomato sales, Pattikonda occupies the second position.

Despite such a significant production hub, farmers are forced to fight for remunerative prices. Currently, tomato harvesting has begun on about 2,500 hectares.

From October to January, farmers usually bring more than 20 truckloads of tomatoes to the market daily.

Traditionally, tomato prices remain favorable for at least two to three months during this period.

However, this year, farmers saw a reasonable price for only 15 days.

With a good crop yield and the harvest gaining momentum, prices have plummeted, leaving farmers distressed as their hard work is yielding meager returns.

Tomatoes from Pattikonda are in demand in markets across Tamil Nadu, Puducherry, Hyderabad, and Warangal, but the prices remain disappointingly low, adding to the farmers' woes.

Stalled juice factory project adds to farmers' concerns.

During former chief minister YS Jagan Mohan



A farmer Yerragoti Mahanandi

Reddy's tenure, land was allotted, and funds were sanctioned for a juice processing factory along the Pattikonda-Guntakal road to support tomato farmers.

While initial work began, a change in government led to a halt in construction.

Following criticism from farmers, the new coalition government conducted a foundation-laying ceremony at Kanakadinne village in Pattikonda mandal, assuring completion of the project by this kharif season.

However, progress has stalled with the project remaining at the foundation stage.

With no processing facility available, farmers are

forced to rely solely on local markets, leading to distress sales and heavy losses.

The delay in setting up the juice factory has left farmers anxious and demanding immediate action from the government to safeguard their livelihoods.

"We were hopeful that the juice factory would provide us a stable market and fair prices," said Yerragoti Mahanandi, a tomato farmer from Devanakonda.

"But with the project stuck and prices collapsing, we are left with no option but to sell our produce at throwaway rates. Many farmers are sinking into debt, and we don't know how much longer we can survive like this."

Anantapur Collector Anand takes charge

HANS NEWS SERVICE
ANANTAPUR

O Anand officially assumed charge as the new District Collector of Anantapur on Saturday, vowing to work with coordination across all sectors to drive the district forward.

On his arrival at the Collectorate, District Revenue Officer (DRO) A Malola and Collectorate Administrative Officer Alexander greeted him with a potted plant in a formal welcome.

Later, upon entering his chamber, the new Collector offered prayers before a portrait of the deity before formally taking charge of his responsibilities.

Temple priests from Pampunuru Sri Subrahmanyeswara Swamy Temple and Penna Ahobilam Sri Lakshminarasimha Swamy Temple blessed the Collector on the occasion.

Revenue Divisional Officers Vasantha Babu, Srinivas, and Keshava Naidu, along with DLDO Vijayalakshmi, Collectorate Superintendents Yugeshwari Devi, Riyazuddin, and Vasanthalatha, as



O Anand taking charge as new Collector of Anantapur on Saturday

well as other district officials, greeted him with bouquets and plants, extending their congratulations.

Speaking to the media after assuming charge, Collector Anand expressed happiness at his appointment.

He noted that Anantapur is a historically significant district but faces several challenges, particularly in water management and related issues in the Rayalaseema region.

Highlighting the district's strong potential in horticulture, micro-irrigation, and allied sectors, he pledged to

study the district's needs and work with all stakeholders to promote overall development.

He added that while this is his first posting in a Rayalaseema district, he would strive to understand local issues and ensure progress through coordination and effective administration.

Joint Collector Shiv Narayan Sharma, Special Deputy Collector Anand, and various departmental officers, including tahsildars, attended the ceremony and extended greetings to the new Collector.

Dr Saleem Basha honoured

HANA NEWS SERVICE
VIJAYAWADA

YV Rao Siddhartha College of Education recently hosted a grand ceremony to recognise and reward outstanding educators.

Dr Saleem Basha, a distinguished figure from Anantapur, was conferred with the prestigious Best Principal award.

With over three decades of dedicated service to education, Dr Basha's achievements are noteworthy.

He has previously been recognised with esteemed awards such as the Guru Puraskar, Teacher's Jewel,

and Best Teacher.

During the ceremony, Dr Basha expressed his heartfelt gratitude to his mentors, parents, and supporters, emphasizing the motivational impact of such accolades.

The event was graced by notable dignitaries, including Professor Ramesh Babu, Professor Swaroopa Rani, Professor Ravi Kumar, Dr Prasad Babu, and Dr Bavi Shetty Ramesh.

The ceremony also included a felicitation ceremony for teachers from various districts, acknowledging their contributions to the field of education.



Reservation enhancement is our right, says JAC

HANS NEWS SERVICE
ANANTAPUR

ANDHRA Pradesh Student Joint Action Committee (JAC) District President Amar Yadav has demanded an increase in reservations for Backward Classes (BCs) to 49 per cent, stating that denying this right amount to injustice.

Addressing the media at the JAC office on Saturday, Yadav expressed anguish that although Prime Minister Narendra Modi himself belongs to a BC community, adequate reservation for BCs has not been implemented.

He said the neglect reflects how backward the communities remain despite repeated assurances.

Yadav criticized political parties for deceiving BCs during elections.

"Every party claim to be a BC-friendly party, promises to enhance BC reservations, and calls BCs the backbone of their organisation. But once they come to power, they ignore BC welfare," he alleged. Recalling a Supreme Court directive



APIAC district president Amar Yadav addressing the media in Anantapur on Saturday

that reservations for OBCs should not exceed 49 per cent, Yadav urged both the State and Central governments to allocate 49 per cent reservations for BCs in education, employment, healthcare, local bodies, and nominated posts.

He further demanded that, similar to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes, parliamentary and assembly constituencies also be reserved for BC

candidates in proportion to their population.

Additionally, Yadav called for the enactment of a special "BC Act" to protect the rights of BC employees, who he claimed are facing increasing attacks and discrimination under successive governments.

He urged immediate action, stressing that the socio-political empowerment of BCs must not be delayed any further.

Will ensure transparency in governance, vows new Collector

HANS NEWS SERVICE
PUTTAPARTHI

A Syam Prasad, formally assumed charge as the new District Collector of Sri Sathya Sai district on Saturday, pledge to uphold transparency in governance and accelerate development with the cooperation of public representatives, officials, and citizens.

Taking charge in his chamber at the Puttaparthi Collectorate, the new Collector was greeted by officials and staff, who extended their best wishes.

Speaking to the media, Prasad said he had been transferred from Parvathipuram Manyam district to Sri

Sathya Sai district. He described his personal bond with the region, recalling that his daughter pursued her education here. He also highlighted the upcoming centenary celebrations of Sri Sathya Sai Baba's birth, urging all stakeholders to work together to make the event a grand success.

The Collector noted that, while Sri Sathya Sai district is agriculturally driven, it also has strong potential for industrial growth given its proximity to Karnataka.

He emphasized his focus areas would include sanitation, drinking water, electricity, water conservation, healthcare, and education.

Prasad asserted that his primary

goal is to ensure effective implementation of government welfare schemes so that benefits reach every citizen.

"I will work transparently, responsibly, and with a service-oriented approach to provide essential services to the public in a timely manner," he stated. Following the ceremony, he interacted with district officials and staff, urging them to extend full cooperation to ensure efficient administration.

Joint Collector Abhishek Kumar, In-charge DRO Ramasubbiah, RDOs Suvarna, Mahesh, VVS Sharma, Anand Kumar, and several district officials were present.



A Syam Prasad taking charge as new Collector of Sri Sathya Sai district in Puttaparthi on Saturday

Rifle shooting, swimming competitions held



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ANANTAPUR

THE district level competitions in rifle shooting and swimming were organised grandly at Ananthalakshmi International School under the auspices of SGFI. The chief guests of the programme were Ananthalakshmi International School Chairman M Anantha Ramudu, CEO Narasimha Rao, Principal Shalini, School Games Secretary Srinivasulu, Shakuntalamma, Organiser Coach Rahul Babu, Naveen Chowdhury and Shekshavali. The chief guests said that sports like rifle shooting and swimming not only de-

velop physical stamina among students but also inculcate values like mental concentration, courage, perseverance and discipline. He said that through sports, students not only achieve success, but also gain self-confidence and opportunities to excel at the national level.

He also wished that the students would consider sports as equal to school education and practice hard to excel at the State, National and International levels in the future. The chief guests congratulated the organizers, participating students, parents and coaches for successfully organising the programme.

Dr Siri takes charge as new Kurnool Collector

- Vows to focus on development and public welfare
- Formerly the Director of Secondary Health, Dr Siri took over from outgoing officials
- Expresses her commitment to working hand-in-hand with the people and elected representatives to ensure comprehensive development

HANS NEWS SERVICE
KURNOOL

Dr A Siri officially assumed charge as the new district Collector of Kurnool on Saturday, stepping into the role with a clear vision for the region's growth and development.

Formerly the Director of Secondary Health, Dr Siri took over from outgoing officials in a ceremony held at the Collectorate, attend-

ed by district authorities, public representatives, and community leaders.

The event began with interfaith prayers and blessings, symbolizing harmony and collective goodwill for her new tenure.

Addressing the media soon after taking office, Dr Siri expressed her commitment to working hand-in-hand with the people and elected representatives to ensure comprehensive de-

velopment across the district.

She announced plans to prioritize government flagship programs while transforming Kurnool into a model "Smart City."

Resolving core issues like drinking water shortages, groundwater replenishment, and sanitation will be among her top priorities.

Highlighting the district's potential for industrial growth, she spoke about boosting economic activity through the Orvakal Industrial Node, which she said would create new avenues of employment for local youth.

Dr Siri also stressed the importance of strengthening education in rural areas and improving healthcare



Dr Siri assuming the charge as new Kurnool district Collector on Saturday

facilities.

She assured that upgrades at the government district

hospital would be taken up promptly. Additionally, she pledged to review griev-

ances raised during Public Grievance Redressal System (PGRS) meetings with utmost care, ensuring quick and fair resolutions. Special attention will also be given to resolving revenue-related land disputes to provide relief to citizens.

Joint Collector Dr B Navya, District Revenue Officer C Venkata Narayanamma, and other senior officials felicitated Dr Siri with floral bouquets, wishing her a successful and impactful tenure.

With her proactive approach and focus on both infrastructure and welfare, Dr Siri's leadership is expected to usher in a new phase of growth and progress for Kurnool district.

Gandikota wins 'Most Promising New Destination' award at BLTM 2025

HANS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI / VIJAYAWADA

ANDHRA Pradesh Tourism wins 'Most Promising New Destination' award for Gandikota at BLTM 2025. The award was received by Padmarani Seela, chief marketing officer and communication officer of APTA, at the Business Leisure Travel and MICE Exhibition (BLTM 2025) in New Delhi.

The state's tourism department showcased its diverse offerings, including heritage sites, pristine beach destinations, rural tourism experiences, and eco-tourism initiatives, at the event held from Friday to Sunday at Yashobhoomi, India International Convention Centre (IICC). Gandikota, known as



AP tourism representative receives award at Business Leisure Travel and MICE Exhibition

'India's Grand Canyon,' received the award in the 'Responsible Tourism Awards' category, supported by ICRT and the Ministry of Tourism,

Government of India. This recognition is expected to boost Gandikota's appeal to adventure-seeking tourists. During BLTM 2025,

Andhra Pradesh Tourism representatives participated in B2B speed networking sessions, building relationships with corporate buyers, MICE

planners, tour operators, destination management companies (DMCs), hospitality brands, and international tourism boards from countries like Sri Lanka, Israel, and St. Petersburg.

The Andhra Pradesh government aims to develop world-class MICE facilities in destinations like Visakhapatnam, Gandikota, and Suryalanka Beach, targeting conferences, corporate events, and incentive packages to become a leader in the MICE tourism segment.

The BLTM event, focused on business and MICE tourism in India, featured over 500 exhibitors and 15,000 pre-qualified buyers, showcasing Andhra Pradesh's tourism potential to a global audience.

Bode demands ex-gratia to kin of deceased died in Turakapalem

HANS NEWS SERVICE
GUNTUR

BCY party president Bode Ramachandra Yadav demanded the government to announce ex-gratia for the families of those who died in Turakapalem due to diseases during the last two months. He visited Turakapalem on Saturday and consoled the kin of the deceased. He announced financial assistance of Rs 10,000 for each family. Speaking on the occasion, he expressed concern over the unnatural deaths occurring in the last 2-3 months. He demanded that all individuals who consumed alcohol between 2019 and 2024 undergo health check-ups. He said families were suffering due to the loss of breadwinners in middle age, and it is the government's responsibility to support them. He also urged the state to monitor the details of youth being admitted to hospitals.

TTD Trust Board members take oath



Dr M Hari Jawaharlal



Sudarshan Venu

HANS NEWS SERVICE
TIRUMALA

ENDOWMENTS Department Secretary Dr Hari Jawahar Lal and Sudarshan Venu took oath as ex-Officio Member and as TTD Trust Board member respectively at Sri Venkateswara Swamy temple here on Saturday.

The oath was administered by TTD Additional

EO Ch Venkaiah Chowdary. Later, along with their family members, they had Lord Venkateswara darshan. Vedic scholars rendered Veda Asheervachanam at Rangamayakula Mandapam.

The Additional EO presented them with the portrait of Srivaru and Tirtha Prasadams.

Deputy EO Bhaskar and other officials were present.

Karki is shining example of women empowerment: Modi

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Addressing a rally in Manipur capital Imphal, Modi said India and Nepal have been close friends bound by shared history, faith and cultural ties, and New Delhi stood firmly with the people of the neighbouring country during its transitional phase.

"I want to congratulate Karki on behalf of 140 crore Indians. I am confident that she will pave the way for peace, stability, and prosperity in Nepal," the PM said. Former Chief Justice Sushila Karki on Friday night became Nepal's first woman prime minister to lead an interim government.

"Karki occupying the top post of that country is an example of women's empowerment," Modi asserted. Her appointment ended days of political uncertainty after the K P Sharma Oli dispensation was forced to quit in the face

of a nationwide agitation triggered by a social media ban. Karki was chosen to lead the interim government after a meeting between President Paudel, Nepal's top military brass, and the youth protesters, who spearheaded the agitation. The PM also lauded the resilience of the Nepali people, noting how citizens, especially young men and women, were taking part in cleaning and painting buildings in the past few days, amid political turbulence. "I also want to congratulate the people of Nepal who, despite such turbulent times, have kept democratic values supreme," Modi said, drawing applause from the gathering.

Emphasising India's solidarity, the PM said both nations were "moving forward together", and reiterated New Delhi's commitment to support Nepal's democratic journey and its aspiration for stability.

3-hour pit stop is not compassion: Cong targets Modi's Manipur visit

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"864 days of violence:-- 300 lives lost, 67,000 displaced, 1,500 plus injured. You made 46 foreign trips since, but not a single visit to share two words of sympathy with your own citizens," Kharge said.

"Your last visit to Manipur? January 2022 for elections! Your 'Double Engine' has bulldozed the innocent lives of Manipur. You and Home Minister Amit Shah's gross incompetence and complicity in betraying all communities was shielded from scrutiny, by imposing President's Rule in the state. Violence

still continues," he said.

It is the BJP which was responsible for maintaining law and order in the state and it is now the Union government which is again dithering, he claimed.

"Not to forget, that is your government which is responsible for National Security and border patrol. This hush-hush pit stop isn't repentance. It's not even guilt. You are organising a grand welcome ceremony for yourself. It is a cruel prick to the wounds of those still suffering because of your own abdication of basic constitutional responsibilities!" Kharge

said.

Speaking with reporters in Wayanad, Congress general secretary Priyanka Gandhi Vadra also hit out at the PM and said he should have visited the state long before.

"I am glad that he has decided, after two years, that it is worth visiting (Manipur). He should have gone long before. It is very unfortunate that he has allowed what is happening there to continue for so long and for so many people to be killed. That has not been the tradition of prime ministers in India," she said.

CM Naidu urges SPs to focus on public safety

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He stressed that instilling fear in criminals is the best way to reduce crime, citing the example of how he brought an end to rowdiness in Vijayawada, which also helped Hyderabad become the brand it is today.

The Chief Minister asked police officers to take up the murder of YS Vivekananda Reddy as a case study. "A brutal murder was first called a heart attack, then a murder, and later was blamed on me," he said. He highlighted the numerous twists and turns in the case, calling it an "unprecedented" case study for police officials.

Naidu also brought up the recent death of a political worker named Singaiah, who was run over by a car belong-

ing to a party leader. "The incident was initially hidden from the police, and when it was exposed, the same party leaders manipulated the victim's family to speak against the government," he said. "You have to understand their criminal politics."

The Chief Minister advised the police to utilise technology to the hilt in investigations.

Naidu suggested a four-point strategy for police officials: React, Reach, Respond, and Result. React immediately to any serious incident and do not leave it to junior staff. Reach the crime scene quickly to collect evidence and take necessary investigative steps. Respond to misinformation and fake news on social media by taking strict action against those spread-

ing it. Work towards a quick Result in every case.

Naidu instructed the SPs to be friendly with the public, while instilling fear in anti-social elements and controlling "social media psychos" who engage in character assassination. He emphasised that the alliance government's policy is to punish offenders, regardless of their political affiliation.

The Chief Minister warned against political parties' attempts to create unrest under the guise of protests. "I am not against protests, but I will not tolerate any illegal activities," he asserted.

"I have chosen you after a long process, considering all factors. Now, prove yourselves and deliver the best performance," he exhorted the SPs.

Want to make Manipur symbol of peace & prosperity, says Modi

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After meeting them, I can say with confidence that a new dawn of hope and trust is rising in Manipur," he said.

"For development to take root anywhere, peace is essential. In the last 11 years, many conflicts and disputes in the Northeast have been resolved. People have chosen the path of peace and given priority to development," he added.

The PM, who faced sharp criticisms from the opposition for not visiting the state despite the prolonged ethnic violence, underlined that the Centre's efforts were already yielding results. "We have seen that recently in the Hills and the Valley... negotiations have taken place for agreements with different groups."

"These are part of the efforts of the Government of India to establish peace while giving importance to dialogue, respect, and mutual understanding," he said.

'Students used their pocket money for drugs'

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According to the TANB, several individuals from Nigeria, Somalia, and Sudan enter India on tourist or education visas but never return, slipping into illegal activities for survival. Only 10 out of 100 go back, he added.

The investigators highlighted the vulnerability of courier and parcel services, calling them the "most exploited platform" for narcotics trafficking. Unlike passenger screenings at airports, courier consignments often bypass verification processes.

"There are no OTP authentications, proper address details, or digital verification. We spend days tracking irregularly packed parcels that are divided into

multiple compartments.

"We have missed the right packages while scanning," the official admitted.

The TANB confirmed that drug use is not restricted to the Mahindra University campus. "We have identified cases in several premier private institutions, including Symbiosis and CBIT, he said. Students tend to misuse their pocket money for drugs, leading to dependency and reckless behavior."

Supporting this statement, Neha Agarwal, psychologist and co-founder of Inner-Heal Therapy, said, "Many of these students are simply trying to fill an emotional void—whether it's love, acceptance, or fear of abandonment. The pain they want to escape can make

drugs seem like an easy way out, offering a quick high and temporary thrill. Sadly, many do not realize that they are trapped until it is already too late to turn back.

Many students from well-off families use their pocket money in unhealthy ways, such as through substance abuse. Easy access to cash sometimes makes them feel independent, but without real responsibility. Often, just to feel included and part of a group, students get pulled into these habits, creating a dangerous cycle that harms their studies and personal growth," she added.

Officials stressed that strict surveillance is being paired with the rehabilitation of students. One of the students recently caught is currently undergoing regu-

lar blood tests and counselling. "We are also conducting regular awareness campaigns, in collaboration with universities like ICAFI, to sensitize students to the dangers of substance abuse," an anti-narcotics officer said.

Meanwhile, Mahindra University, in its official statement, maintained that "any act that violates the law or endangers the safety of the student community will be dealt with severely." Vice-Chancellor Dr. Yajulu Meduri assured that the campus would ramp up preventive awareness, counselling, and partnerships with the law enforcement authorities.

Yet, as more institutions figure in the narcotics trail and as courier loopholes remain unaddressed, the case underscores a disturbing dual reality.

While Hyderabad's private universities project themselves as global education hubs, they are also becoming fertile grounds for organized rackets feeding on the youth's vulnerabilities.

KTR parroting BJP's remarks against Gandhi family: TPCC chief

ACCUSES BRS WORKING PRESIDENT OF ACTING UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF BJP LEADERS TO EVADE INQUIRIES RELATED TO KALESHWARAM PROJECT

HYDERABAD

TPCC president Mahesh Kumar Goud has criticised BRS working president KT Rama Rao for making derogatory remarks about Congress leader Rahul Gandhi and his family.

"KTR is speaking out of turn. What is your status, KTR? Do you have the standing to comment on the Gandhi family, who have dedicated everything for the nation," he said.

During a media briefing at Gandhi Bhavan on Saturday, Mahesh Kumar Goud accused the BRS working president of acting



under the influence of BJP leaders to evade inquiries related to the Kaleshwaram project.

"BJP leaders are behind

KTR's statements. His criticism of Rahul is an attempt to win praise from Prime Minister Narendra Modi," he asserted.

The TPCC chief claimed that the BRS's position was revealed by its failure to support Sudershan Reddy in the Vice Presidential election, indicating its indirect backing of the NDA government.

"The BJP and BRS are not distinct entities. Kavitha's comments clearly show that the BRS has aligned itself mentally with the BJP," Mahesh Kumar Goud stated.

The TPCC chief called

for a thorough investigation into the Kaleshwaram corruption and criticised Union Ministers G Kishan Reddy and Bandi Sanjay for their silence on the matter.

Mahesh Kumar Goud noted, "Kishan Reddy had promised to make details about the Kaleshwaram corruption public within 48 hours if the case was transferred to the CBI, yet he has not responded. Why is he not speaking up? We suspect that the investigation into Kaleshwaram was halted as part of the proposed merger between the BRS and BJP."

UN congratulates new Nepal PM Sushila Karki

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She also recognised the contributions of the president, the chief of army staff and 'Gen Z' youth leaders, noting that their efforts "helped make this transition possible". Karki was

chosen to lead the interim government after a meeting between President Ram Chandra Paudel, Nepal's top military brass, and representatives of youth protesters. President Paudel administered the oath of office to former chief justice Karki, 73, on Friday three days after Oli resigned from the prime minister's post following the worst unrest that the Himalayan nation has witnessed in decades. Oli quit on Tuesday shortly after hundreds of agitators entered his office demanding his resignation for the death of at least 19 people in police action during Monday's protests.

NE is India's growth engine: PM

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Kaladan Multimodal Transit Transport Project is a joint India-Myanmar initiative to create a multi-modal transport corridor connecting India's eastern ports to India's Northeast through Myanmar, utilising waterways and roads to bypass the Siliguri Corridor.

The Prime Minister said: "After the Kaladan Multimodal Transit Transport Project becomes operational, trade and tourism would be boosted a lot in the Northeast region. All these plans are part of India's Act East Policy."

He said that earlier the political parties were doing vote bank politics in Northeast and due to this attitude the entire region suffered greatly. "Our attitude, plans and vision are different. We want peace and development of the region. Rail, road, air, waterway connectivities were developed a lot in the region and these would be further

developed in the coming days," the Prime Minister said.

Referring to the GST reforms, he said that taxes were lowered substantially in many products making life easier for common people.

During 'Operation Sindoor', India's armed forces taught lessons to terrorists and the entire world witnessed the power of the country's armed forces and 'Made in India' weapons to help protect the country, the Prime Minister pointed out.

Saturday's visit is PM Modi's second trip to Mizoram since he became the Prime Minister in 2014. From Aizawl, the Prime Minister would fly to Manipur's Churachandpur and then to state capital Imphal. In both Churachandpur and Imphal, PM Modi would unveil a total of 31 projects worth Rs 8,500 crore for the state of Manipur and would address public gatherings in both the places.

Low-pressure area to trigger rains in AP

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Jain also provided a summary of rainfall recorded as of 5:00 pm on Saturday.

Heavy rainfall was recorded in several areas, including Thallapudi in East Godavari district and Lingapalem in Eluru district (87.2 mm), Pedakakani in Guntur district (77.2 mm), Sattenapalli in Palnadu district (75 mm), Vallabhapuram in Guntur (74 mm), Guntur (72.2 mm), Nuzvidu (71 mm), Thotavalluru (70.7 mm), Kouthavaram (70.2 mm), and Darsi in Prakasam district (68.5 mm). More than 40 mm of rain was recorded in 47 other locations.

Innovative medical device offers hope for lymphedema patients

TWO CELEBRITY WOMAN SURGEONS INVENTED THE DEVICE

MV SYAM SUNDAR

Two visionary surgeons, Dr. Sumita Shankar, a plastic and reconstructive surgeon and Dr Kruthi Nanduri, an oral and maxillofacial surgeon have co-invented a groundbreaking medical device that could significantly benefit patients suffering from filarial lymphedema, a condition often referred to as “elephant leg” which is particularly prevalent in the Godavari districts.

Lymphedema is a chronic condition causing swelling from a buildup of lymph fluid in the body's tissues, most commonly in the arms or legs. It occurs when the lymphatic system—responsible for draining this fluid—is damaged or blocked. While it can't be cured, early treatment can help relieve symptoms and improve daily function.

Their invention, the ‘Limb Decongestion Sleeve Using Negative Pressure’, was recently awarded a patent by the Government of India. The design is protected under Designs Act, 2000, for ten years with the possibility of extension up to 15 years. This protection grants exclusive rights to the inventors to further develop and commercialise the device.

The device is a non-invasive, user-friendly, and cost-effective solution designed to address chronic limb swelling by using a



Dr. Kruti Nanduri

gentle negative pressure mechanism. This technology helps to draw out excess fluid, reduce congestion, and restore healthy blood and lymphatic circulation.

“Our goal was to create a device that not only alleviates physical discomfort but also improves the quality of life for patients, particularly in low-resource settings,” said Dr. Sumita Shankar. She explained that the device offers a new approach to treating swelling in limbs,

venous congestion, and even complex wounds.

This isn't the first time these two doctors have teamed up for a cause. Driven by a shared commitment to public service, they previously partnered with a local non-profit in Guntur to perform free cleft lip and palate surgeries for underprivileged children. This congenital deformity can impact a child's speech and lead to social stigma, but through their teamwork, many

children have benefited from these life-changing operations.

“It is deeply rewarding to support underprivileged

surgeon at Government General Hospital in Guntur. She is currently the Managing Director of Invictus Biocare Pvt. Ltd., a Guntur-

Two trailblazing surgeons, Dr. Sumita Shankar and Dr. Kruthi Nanduri, have co-invented a patented medical device to aid patients suffering from lymphedema. Their innovative “Limb Decongestion Sleeve Using Negative Pressure” offers a non-invasive, affordable solution to chronic limb swelling. The duo, known for their compassionate public service, continue to combine medical expertise with social impact

patients in accessing high-quality medical care. Empowering those children to overcome their social stigma and lead the best version of their lives is extremely fulfilling,” said Dr Nanduri. She had previously partnered with an American non-profit organisation ‘Reconstruct Together’ for providing free cleft lip and palate surgeries for underprivileged children in remote parts of Karnataka.

Meet the Inventors
Dr. Kruthi Nanduri is an accomplished Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeon with a fellowship in Facial Plastic Surgery from England. With over a decade of surgical experience, she previously served as a civil assistant

based pharmaceutical company she founded to provide affordable, holistic wellness products. Her company's offerings, which include products to enhance post-operative recovery and strengthen immunity, reflect her deep understanding of patient needs beyond the operating room.

Dr. Sumita Shankar is a distinguished Plastic Surgeon and Professor and Head of the Department of Plastic Surgery at Government General Hospital in Guntur. Her extensive academic and surgical expertise not only shapes the next generation of surgeons but also significantly advances reconstructive surgery in India.



Anuradha, Mohan Silaparasetty, R Ravi Kumar, Kk Maheshwari, Srinivas Garimella, Dr Tasneem Shariff at the opening of the workshop on AI for women at FTCCI

AI for Women: FTCCI hosts power-packed workshop in Hyderabad

The Ladies Wing Committee of FTCCI organised a day-long workshop on Artificial Intelligence for Women, drawing over 200 participants eager to explore how AI can transform careers, businesses, and everyday life.

The Federation of Telangana Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FTCCI), Red Hills, Hyderabad, witnessed an overwhelming response on Friday as women professionals, entrepreneurs, and aspiring founders gathered for a full-day workshop on Artificial Intelligence (AI). Registrations had to be closed in advance due to high demand, reflecting the growing interest in AI literacy among women.

Welcoming participants, FTCCI President R. Ravi Kumar lightheartedly remarked, “Women are intelligent naturally. Why do you want to learn Artificial Intelligence? And that too from men?” He stressed FTCCI's commitment to gender equality, noting that “AI is no longer optional. The future belongs to Women



R Ravi Kumar president of FTCCI seen delivering the opening remarks at the opening of the workshop on ai for women. Also seen are the 200 plus participants

in AI.” Dr. Tasneem Shariff, Chairperson of the Ladies Wing and Women Empowerment Committee, highlighted the historical role of women in technology—from Ada Lovelace to Grace Hopper—while underlining the need for greater representation in leadership and innovation today.

Keynote speaker Ms. Anuradha A, Executive Partner at IBM, drew inspiration from Garry Kasparov's collaboration with IBM's Deep Blue. She encouraged participants to see AI as an “amplifier, not an enemy,” stressing that success lies in human-AI collaboration. She emphasized

that AI adoption can boost efficiency, quality, and creativity across industries.

The sessions featured hands-on demos, case studies, and insights into GenAI and agentic AI applications led by Mr. Mohan Silaparasetty, Founder of Trendwise Analytics. The discussions reinforced how AI can empower women in career growth, entrepreneurship, leadership, and daily life management.

The day concluded with Mr. KK Maheshwari, Sr Vice President of FTCCI, proposing a vote of thanks. Participants left AI-ready—equipped with toolkits, insights, and networks for the future.

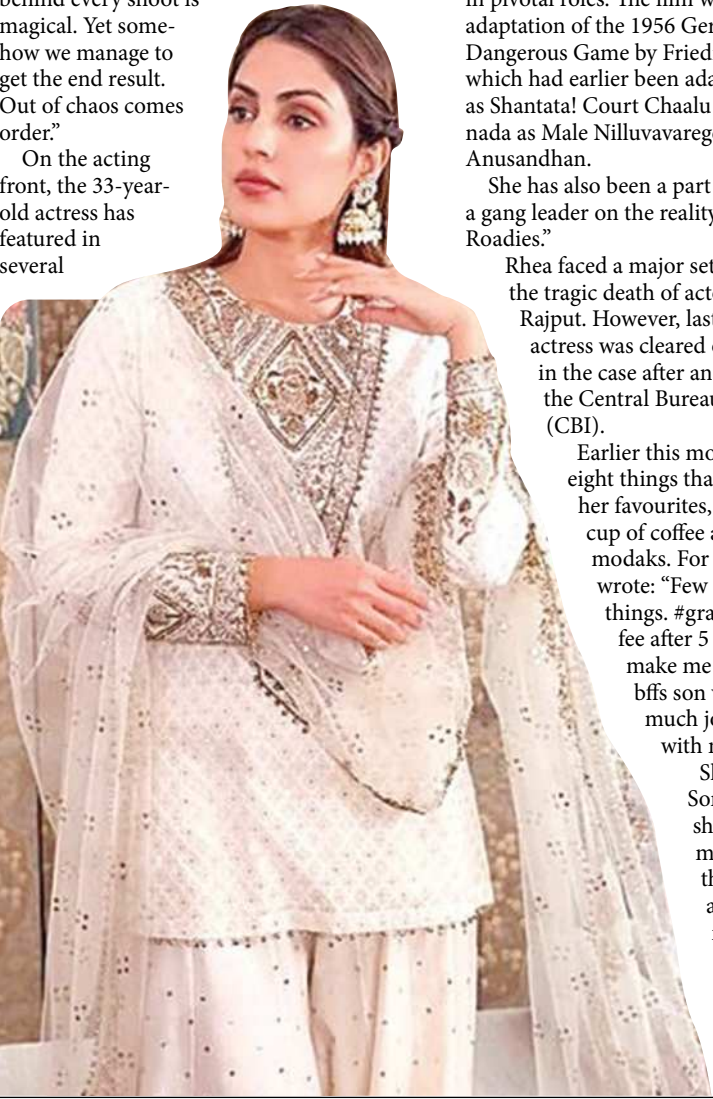
Rhea Chakraborty finds ‘chaos’ behind shoots ‘magical’

Actress Rhea Chakraborty shared a sneak-peek into the behind-the-scenes world of shooting and tagged the experience as both chaotic and magical.

Taking to Instagram, Rhea shared some BTS moments. In the string of videos and photos, the actress was seen in different outfits and posing for pictures.

She wrote: “The chaos behind every shoot is magical. Yet somehow we manage to get the end result. Out of chaos comes order.”

On the acting front, the 33-year-old actress has featured in several



films such as ‘Sonali Cable,’ ‘Bank Chor,’ ‘Half Girlfriend,’ ‘Dobaara: See Your Evil,’ and ‘Jalebi.’ In 2024, she made a significant impact with her new ventures, including a podcast and her fashion label.

She was last seen on the big screen in “Chehre” (2021), a mystery thriller directed by Romy Jafry. The movie also featured Amitabh Bachchan and Emraan Hashmi in pivotal roles. The film was an uncredited adaptation of the 1956 German novel A Dangerous Game by Friedrich Dürrenmatt, which had earlier been adapted in Marathi as Shantata! Court Chalu Aahe, in Kannada as Male Nilluvavarege and in Bengali as Anusandhan.

She has also been a part of television as a gang leader on the reality show “MTV Roadies.”

Rhea faced a major setback following the tragic death of actor Sushant Singh Rajput. However, last month, the actress was cleared of any involvement in the case after an investigation by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI).

Earlier this month, she listed out eight things that she stated are her favourites, which included a cup of coffee after five years and modaks. For the caption, she wrote: “Few of my favourite things. #grateful 1. Cup of coffee after 5 years. 2. Modaks make me very happy. 3. My bffs son veer brings me so much joy. 4. Love hanging with my homegirls.” She added: “5.

Sometimes those abs show (rarity). 6. Tell me a food better than paneer paratha and I'll change my name. 7. Selfies while working out 8. Dancing backstage before going up is a stress buster.”

OF STYLE AND LUXURY

The Colosseum's monthly edition of Curated Corridors gave visitors a glimpse of high fashion, superior craftsmanship and superb design

ARUNA CHANDARAJU

Walking through the rooms and corridors of The Colosseum with its very elegant and immaculate interiors, is an experience to cherish in itself besides of course, the thrill of shopping for world-renowned brands from around the world and Indian designer goods. The Colosseum in Hyderabad is India's largest luxury home-interiors destination. This multistoreyed complex is The place to visit in Hyderabad for those looking for world-class luxurious interiors and superior accessories; hence a must-visit for style-conscious HNIs, design enthusiasts, architects, and simply those who like to indulge in and celebrate the good life.

We were at the latest edition of Curated Corridors, a regular event presented by The Colosseum. The highlight was a Wardrobe Styling workshop by Darshana Tulshan where she shared her knowledge of how perfect wardrobe styling was an important element of luxury lifestyles. As she said to us: “I am delighted to share my insights with the visitors and many expressed that they gained interesting insights. The Colosseum allows our guests to see wardrobes not just as functional units, but as curated spaces that reflect who they are”

Another major draw for visitors was the Personal Styling workshop by Divisha Khaitan, founder of Cheese & Chase. “This is a wonderful opportunity and I love to see how my knowledge and tips help to enhance the appearance of people. It was a privilege to lead a workshop in a space of this kind that



celebrates individuality and design at such scale. The Colosseum itself embodies style and storytelling in every corner.”

Akshay Tulshan, Director, The Colosseum said: “I'm delighted to see so many connoisseurs here. The Colosseum is not just a store; it is a canvas for luxury experiences. As for our regular event, Curated Corridors, it has been about constantly pushing boundaries. We want to show that luxury is not confined to furniture and interiors but extends into every facet of life. With our luxury wardrobes, paired with styling workshops and curated pop-ups, we are bringing together all elements that define contemporary living.” These sentiments were echoed by Darshana, Managing Director, The Colosseum.

Also on show were curated pop-ups by Hypekicks (luxury sneakers and accessories by Rishi), Sheetal Zaveri by Vithaldas (bespoke jewellery by Sheetal Zaveri) and Design Era Pop Up (in collaboration with The Designer). The event brought expressive pop art to The Colosseum with impressive works by over 150 emerging Indian and global artists, including pieces from



their Privé collection.

As for Rishi, Founder, Hypekicks, he told visitors: “At Hypekicks, our focus has always been on exclusive sneakers, belts, bags, and accessories that stand out as luxury statements. Our pop-up allowed guests to explore luxury streetwear alongside timeless interiors—a powerful combination.”

Designer Sheetal Zaveri revealed: “At Sheetal Zaveri by Vithaldas, we believe jewellery isn't merely an accessory—it reflects much more value as it carries heritage,

craftsmanship, and personality. Our sterling silver pieces, with their timeless motifs and contemporary finishes, are handcrafted by Hyderabad craftspeople, so every item tells its own story.”

Riya, the Co-founder, Love From Home told us that her brand is rooted in the heritage of Jaipur, where every piece of jewellery is handcrafted painstakingly and lovingly by craftspeople. She exclaimed: “Presenting our collection at The Colosseum allowed us to connect with women who truly

appreciate artistry as part of their lifestyle. The response was amazing and highly encouraging.”

Indeed, Curated Corridors, the monthly experiential event of The Colosseum, is an event to look forward to. It is more than an event; it offers an immersive experience and makes the store a cultural hub. The Colosseum stands at the intersection of superior design, fashion and craftsmanship. So, if you appreciate luxury and artistry, you know where to head to in Hyderabad.

Hindi, the golden foundation of self-reliant India

September 14 is Hindi Diwas Day

HINDI Diwas on September 14 marks the historic moment when, in 1949, the Constituent Assembly granted Hindi the prestigious status of the official language. The day is not just a celebration of our cultural heritage but a symbol of Hindi's dynamic power that is propelling India into a global superpower in the digital age. The cornerstone of innovation in education, healthcare, economy, and artificial intelligence (AI), Hindi empowers every Indian, bridging village gatherings to global platforms, and realizing the dream of a self-reliant India.

Hindi's strength lies in its inclusive nature, enabling every Indian to dream and achieve in their own language. In 2025, with over half of India's 90 crore internet users demanding Hindi digital content, it has democratized the digital world. A rural youth, once intimidated by English, now shares innovative farming techniques in Hindi on YouTube, reaching millions. Google's Hindi-supported AI models provide instant answers to a wide-range of queries from farmers.



The National Education Policy 2020 has elevated Hindi, and AI tools are bringing this vision to life. Tech Mahindra's Project Indus, a Hindi-focused Large Language Model, creates simplified learning materials for students. A rural child now understands "photosynthesis" in their mother tongue, sparking a passion for science. Interactive Hindi apps bring Premchand's stories to life through digital storytelling, making education inclusive and inspiring.

In healthcare, Hindi is

driving change. Post-Covid, Hindi has spread vaccination and health awareness to villages, making healthcare accessible.

Hindi is India's cultural heartbeat and a symbol of national unity, weaving the nation's diversity from north to south and east to west into a single thread.

MSMEs, contributing over 30 per cent to India's economy, draw strength from Hindi-speaking regions.

Interestingly, in 2025, Hindi is the heartbeat of AI. Models like Project Indus

and Nanda make Hindi the centre of innovation, providing farmers with information on "fertilizer subsidies" and accurate weather forecasts. Hindi is no longer bound by tradition but soars in progress. It is the language of science, commerce, and every Indian's heart. On Hindi Diwas 2025, let us pledge to take it to every laboratory, market, and heart. Hindi is not just India's voice but a rising sun on the global stage.

Prof R K Jain, Barwani (MP)

Tribute to the Baharat Ratna who saved Hyd during 1908 Musi floods

Visvesvaraya's birth anniversary (Sept 15) marks 'Engineers Day'

DURING every rainy season, the streets of Hyderabad are flooded, largely due to the encroachment of tanks, nalas, and other water bodied stemming from a lack of a scientifically woven modern drainage system. Indeed, the pearl city fact had once boasted of a great and modern storm water protection and drainage system that was designed by a visionary civil engineer whose birthday on September 15, we celebrate as the Engineers Day. The engineer was none other than the legendary 'Bharat Ratna' Mokshagundam Visvesvaraya (popularly known as MV). He was a visionary because when the population of Hyderabad was about one lakh in 1908, he designed the system to cater to a population of about five lakh. It is a pity that the same drainage system has been in use for a population of about 1.1 crore now. So much for our present protection system!

The life story of this gifted engineer is an inspiration with myriad life lessons to our students.

Born on September 15, 1861, to Telugu speaking parents at a small village near Bangalore, Visvesvaraya was initially reluctant to go to school to eventually emerge as the favourite student of teachers at Mission High School in Bengaluru. While studying for his graduation, Visvesvaraya because the college principal's favourite, who gifted him an English dictionary and a pair of gold cuff links which Visvesvaraya treasured his entire life.

After completing his BA in distinction, Visvesvaraya won a gold medal and a government scholarship, with which he studied LCE in Pune. Having won the coveted James Berkley Gold medal for securing the first rank, thanks to the rules of those days when rankers were given a government job directly, Visvesvaraya joined the PWD of Bombay and posted at Nasik. Having proved his mettle time and again, the Indian government recognized him as a trouble shooter and assigned him many challenging and daunting tasks.

His solution to the problem of water supply to Sukkur, designing of automatic gates to ensure steady water supply to Pune, his imaginative plan to provide drinking water, a sewage system and sanitation to the port of Aden were some of his initial great achievements and that fetched all round approbation. Unable to digest and comprehend his extraordinary feats, the British officers compelled him to seek voluntary retirement.

He spent a remarkable retired life. When the Musi River floods killed about 15,000 people in Hyderabad in 1908, the Nizam sent message sought Visvesvaraya's services and guid-



ance to save the city. He meticulously worked on that and came up with the plan of constructing two dams, forming the two lakes of Osman Sagar and Himayat Sagar, and diverting the course of the Musi River to avoid floods in future, apart from a plan to ensure drinking water supply to the twin cities. He subsequently oversaw the construction of a dam at the Vizag port to protect it from sea erosion. The first serpentine ghat road from Tirupati to the Tirumala hills is another feather in his cap.

As the Chief Engineer of Mysore, Visvesvaraya contributed a lot to the development of his own State. The Krishna Raja Sagar Dam near Mysore, and the adjacent beautiful Brindavan Gardens are his brainchild. The Railways in Mysore rapidly developed during his tenure.

As the Diwan (Prime Minister-1912 to 1918) in the court of the Maharaja of Mysore his achievements ensured him a golden niche in the annals of Mysore history. Bangalore Agricultural University, State Bank of Mysore, HAL, Mysore Soap factory, Mysore Lamps and Mysore Iron and Steel Works were some of the great institutions Visvesvaraya founded during this six-year period.

Visvesvaraya the man was very honest, hardworking, and humble. He led a spartan life, ate frugal vegetarian food, loved to wear clean and simple clothes. Once he advised Mahatma Gandhi to wear good clothes to go to the Round Table Conferences. The Government of India honoured him with a Bharat Ratna. He died peacefully in his sleep in 1962, aged 101. Let us all pay our sincere tributes to the 'Modern Bhagiratha' on his birth anniversary.

M Somasekhar Prasad, Hyderabad-20

Fee reimbursements and salaries

PROMOTERS of private colleges across Telangana, under the aegis of Federation of Associations of Telangana Higher Education (FATHI), are threatening to close their respective institutions if the government fails to clear fee reimbursements to the tune of Rs 8000 crore. They claim that the management has not been able to pay salaries to its professors and staff for many months. However, the larger picture shows that fee reimbursement is only a small portion of the total revenue these institutions manage to generate. They collect exorbitant fees and donations from most students who are not eligible for fee reimbursements. As a result, the cost of higher education is wiping away the savings of parents. The college owners lobby is powerful enough to have its way as they keep on increasing fees year after year.

P R Ravinder, Hyderabad.



Role cut out for new V-P

THIS refers to the editorial 'As V-P Radhakrishnan must restore faith in office of RS Chairman'. There is a big responsibility on the shoulders of C P Radhakrishnan, particularly, in the wake of his predecessor, Jagdeep Dhankhar's exit, before he could complete the term. Dhankhar's tenure was marked by frequent confrontations, when the opposition demanded his impeachment. The Speaker's role is quite vital and essential in upholding the parliamentary democracy and the traditions of the House, playing an impartial role in the Rajya Sabha. But, one must mention in the same breath the role to be played out by the Opposition in upholding the decorum of the House, without resorting to wanton dramatics that is aimed at deliberate disruption in the name of freedom of expression. They need to introspect on this.

S Lakshmi, Hyderabad

Neighbourly interactions essential in gated communities

The brutal murder of a 50-year-old woman in a gated apartment community is shocking, and a wake-up call for all residents. CCTV cameras and round-the-clock security are not enough. Living in an apartment, whether upscale or modest, comes with shared responsibilities. Having lived in apartments for over 35 years—from Banjara Hills to a small middle-class block—I've seen how safety improves when neighbours stay connected, share whereabouts, and look out for one another. Today, many neighbours rarely interact, don't greet each other, and remain unaware of who comes and goes. Keeping doors ajar, exchanging pleasantries, and checking on each other are simple but effective ways to build trust. Landlords and homeowners too must take informal steps, verify backgrounds and introduce new tenants—to ensure a safer and more responsible community living experience.

N Nagarajan, Hyderabad



Save birds from dying

Bird populations in India are declining due to exposed electrical wires, mobile towers, and poor management. High-voltage lines and tower collisions pose lethal threats. Unlike in countries like Germany with underground wiring, India lacks

safeguards of any sorts. We must act—cover cables, regulate towers, and manage urban planning better. To save birds from near extinction, we must focus on habitat conservation, reducing threats like window collisions and pesticide use, and creating bird-friendly environments. This includes planting native species and providing food and water sources. Addressing climate change and supporting sustainable practices are equally critical and crucial.

Jubel D'Cruz, Mumbai

Give physiotherapists their fair share of credit

THIS refers to the THI Sept 11 report "Sorry, physiotherapists can't use 'Dr' prefix, orders DGHS". While the order seeks to prevent confusion among patients, it is important not to overlook the immense value physiotherapists bring to healthcare. My elder sister is a physiotherapist, and I have seen her spending several hours studying, training and intensive patient care. Physiotherapists are the ones who restore mobility, dignity, and hope for many who are recovering from injuries, surgeries, or chronic conditions. To strip them of a title without offering an equally respectful alternative risks undervaluing their contribution.

Physiotherapists are not licensed medical practitioners, and they should not replace doctors in diagnosis or primary care, yes, but to deny them a dignified professional identity undermines their immense contribution to healthcare. Their role is not subordinate but complementary; they work alongside doctors, surgeons, and nurses to ensure holistic treatment. It is my hope that rather than reducing this debate to a simple ban on the "Dr" prefix, policymakers will consult professional bodies and arrive at a fair solution. Recognising physiotherapists with a clear, dignified title will protect patients, preserve transparency, and honour those who dedicate their lives to teaching the body how to heal itself.



Sukruti Paturi, Hyderabad

China's incredulous change of heart

THE long-lasting hostility between India and China and Pakistan is quite well-known. India had fought wars with both the neighbouring nations in the past. While Pakistan has been India's bitterest enemy over the issue of Pakistan occupied Kashmir (PoK) besides sponsoring terrorism, China has developed strained relations with India over Tibet and Arunachal Pradesh. In recent days, Shanghai shared the stage to initiate a new kind of amity between them. This has expectedly caused fear in the US President Donald Trump's camp. How he addresses the development will be known in the next few days.

Geographically, big nations Russia, China and India are the true enemies of

America. Trump considers India as his first and foremost enemy. This has resulted in levying a 50 per cent tax on imports to India, restricting student visa duration to four years and usurping several rights of Indian origin people working in the US. The US President has objected to the citizenship eligibility of children born to non-residents living in the US. Oblivious of the ground realities, Trump has ordered stop to the supply of crude oil from Russia to India, a move that has been objected by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. He has also justifiably declined agricultural and dairy products being imported from the US into India. Russia is an old friend, while China has been a foe for decades together.

During Operation Sin-

door, China had shared the movements of Indian army personnel to Pakistan with the help of satellites. China has created several hardships to India and hence it is a challenge or a difficult task to believe China's credibility in terms of its amity. In a rare showing, Beijing condemned the Pahalgam massacre, which is indeed incredible. Russia and China have categorically opposed the business tactics of the US that are being exposed in the name of the dollar value.

Pakistan's power has been made redundant on the SCO stage. Hence, it is hard to believe that India and China, being sworn enemies, have displayed bonhomie on the SCO stage.

B H Indu Sekhar, Hyderabad

Poor quality food in Adilabad school

THIS has reference to reports about insects-infested food being supplied to students of KGBV academic institute in Adilabad district. The district collector and police officials need to take strict action against the institute's administrators. This is more so as such instances are reported almost at regular intervals. If no action is initiated, students will be subject to more such sufferings.

Guidipati Shanti Priya, Secunderabad-11



No sign of gas supply through pipes

A year ago, a gas agency sent their staff to install gas pipes and had assured that every house in the twin cities will get gas through these pipes. For the last one year the pipes are remaining as they are on the walls and kitchens and no one bothers to update the occupants supplying gas through these pipes. It is binding on the authorities to provide information and the schedule for supplying gas through pipes.

G Murali Mohan Rao, Secunderabad-11



Modi's tribute to Bhagwat

THE reason why Prime Minister Narendra Modi has taken great pains amidst his busy schedule to pen such a lengthy 'over-the-top' tribute to the RSS sarsanghchalak Mohan Bhagwat on his 75th birthday is not far to seek. He is mending his fences (and currying favour) with the RSS, whose continued support he needs to be at the helm with a certain image. He cannot afford to break ranks with the RSS. By the stroke of his pen, he has successfully stymied the RSS chief from insisting on the retirement age of 75 for all. This will certainly appease and gladden Bhagwat as it comes from the Prime Minister and one who is not given to lavishly praising anyone as it will be seen as sharing the glory with that person. The glowing piece reads like a brief biography of Bhagwat and the subjectivity in it is ill-disguised. Modi has omitted to mention Bhagwat's inherited privileges and his 'divine right' to head the organisation. Modi commended Bhagwat's uncompromising commitment to "the core ideology" and left what exactly the core ideology is to the readers to grasp. He hailed him as a 'firm believer in India's diversity' who celebrates India's 'many different cultures and traditions'. It is good to hear from the Prime Minister that India is a multisource civilization and a composite culture, albeit in a different phraseology. Interestingly, the terms 'secularism' and 'social justice' did not occur even once in the article. One glaring flaw in the article is that 'Hindu revivalism' was equated with 'India's regeneration'. We hope that Mohan Bhawat reciprocates the compliment in kind on Modi's birthday on September 17. Reciprocal altruism is indeed a good idea!

G. David Milton, Maruthancode (TN)



Double delight for India

Lakshya, Satwik-Chirag enter Hong Kong final

HONG KONG

INDIA enjoyed a memorable day at the Hong Kong Open 2025 as Lakshya Sen stormed into the men's singles final while Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty ended their semifinal jinx to book a place in the men's doubles summit clash here on Saturday.

With both entries confirmed, India is assured of a strong presence in Sunday's final. For Sen, the semifinal win marked a return to the big stage after a two-year wait. The 24-year-old overcame Chinese Taipei's third seed Chou Tien Chen in straight games, 23-21, 22-20, in 56 minutes of high-intensity badminton. Showing nerves of steel in the closing stages of both games, Sen secured his first Super 500 final since 2023. He now faces World No. 4 Li Shi Feng of China in what promises to be a thrilling encounter. Significantly, Sen holds a 7-6 head-to-head advantage over the Chinese star, adding an extra edge to the contest.

Earlier in the day, Satwik and

Chirag finally broke through after a year of setbacks, reaching their first final since their Asian Games gold medal triumph in October 2023. The World No. 9 Indian pair dismissed Chinese Taipei's unseeded duo Bing-Wei Lin and Chen Cheng Kuan with authority, 21-17, 21-15, snapping a frustrating run of six consecutive semifinal defeats in 2025. Their next challenge is formidable: China's World No. 3 pair Liang Wei Keng and Wang Chang, who eased past compatriots Fang-Chih Lee and Fang-Jen Lee 21-19, 21-8. For the Indians, however, this final appearance comes as a huge morale boost after enduring a tough year riddled with injuries and personal struggles.

Satwik, 24, has battled a re-

Indians disappoint on opening day of World Athletics C'ships

TOKYO: Indian race walkers disappointed in the 35km events with Sandeep Kumar and Priyanka Goswami finishing at 23rd and 24th places in the men's and women's sections respectively on the opening day of competitions at the World Athletics Championships here on Saturday.

Another Indian in the fray

in men's 35km race walk event, Ram Baboo was disqualified (DQ under rule TR54.7.5) after receiving his fourth red card. He had crossed 24km by then. Baboo, who had finished 27th in Budapest World Championships two years ago, is the current national record holder with a time of 2 hour

29 minute and 56 seconds.

He was one of the six walkers disqualified for the same infringement after 50 athletes began the early morning race.

Out of the 50 competitors, 34 completed the race while 10 more -- other than those disqualified -- did not finish (DNF).

World Boxing C'ships

Minakshi, Jaismine, Nupur storm into finals

LIVERPOOL

MINAKSHI (women's 48kg), Jaismine Lamboria (women's 57kg), and Nupur (women's 80kg) were at their dominant best in their respective semifinals to raise hope of multiple gold medals for India at the World Boxing Championships 2025 in Liverpool.

Minakshi defeated Altantsetseg Lutsaikhan of Mongolia 5:0, Jaismine hammered Omailyn Carolina Alcala Cegovia of Venezuela 5:0, and Nupur proved too good for Turkey's Seyma Duztas.

India has fielded a 20-member contingent at the inaugural World Championships being held under the aegis of the World Boxing, a recently

formed international governing body for boxing, and is hoping for a good showing in both men's and women's events. Pooja Rani (women's 80kg) is the fourth Indian boxer to reach the semifinals and will face Emily Asquith of England later in the day.

In the women's 48kg semi-

finals, Minakshi did not allow two-time Asian bronze medallist Lutsaikhan to find her rhythm in any of the three rounds and completely dominated the bout to earn an unanimous decision.

It was a similar story in the other two semifinals as both Jaismine and Nupur

Women's Hockey Asia Cup



India qualify for final, to face China in Sunday final

HANGZHOU (CHINA): Indian women's hockey team qualified for the Asia Cup final despite playing out a 1-1 draw against Japan after hosts China beat Korea 1-0 in the last match of the Super 4 stage here on Saturday.

India will face China in the summit clash on Sunday, and the winning team will qualify for next year's World Cup in Belgium and the Netherlands.

After the 1-1 draw against defending champions Japan, India had to wait for the result of the match between Korea and China, who have already qualified for the final.

Korea needed to win by a margin of at least two goals to qualify for the final, but China's victory ensured that India, the third-place finisher in the 2022 edition, made it to the summit clash.

China topped the Super 4s table with nine points after three wins, while India ended at second with four points from one win, one draw and one loss. Korea secured just one point -- one draw and two losses -- to end at the bottom. Japan finished third with two points.

Against Japan, India took an early lead with Beauty Dung Dung putting them ahead in the seventh minute with a field goal.

ISSF World Cup

Esha wins women's air pistol gold

NINGBO (CHINA)

OLYMPIAN and reigning mixed team pistol world champion Esha Singh ended India's medal drought at the ISSF World Cup Rifle/Pistol, clinching gold in the women's 10m air pistol here on Saturday.

At the Ningbo Olympic Sports Centre, the 20-year-old edged out home favourite Yao Qianxun by 0.1 point in a tense final. Reigning Olympic champion Oh Yejin of South Korea took the bronze. This was Esha's maiden World Cup gold in the event and it helped India move to fifth spot in the medal standings, joining four other nations with a gold medal. Hosts China lead the standings with two gold, four silver and one bronze. India have fielded their fourth to sixth ranked shooters in each event at the tournament. "I am very happy as this is the first event that I started with and to win a

world cup gold in it...I am just happy that some of my goals are being reached," Singh said. On her mindset in the final, she said: "Yes I am aware of things like India has not won a medal yet and that there are great shooters in the field, but I have played many finals against these guys and its them all the time so I now know that the pistol is in my hand and the battle is with me so I try to enjoy the match as much as possible."

Esha and teammate Rhythm Sangwan had qualified for the final with identical

scores of 578, securing the last two available spots.

Yao topped qualification with 584, while India's Palak Gulia, competing for ranking points, shot 586. Surbhi Rao finished 25th with 568.

In the eight-shooter final, Rhythm began strongly, leading after the first series with Esha in second.

By the halfway mark, Esha moved into the lead while Rhythm slipped to fifth, where she eventually finished.

As eliminations progressed, both Indians maintained composure.

Rhythm briefly climbed to fourth with a 10.8 on her 15th shot but bowed out after the 18th. Esha, meanwhile, maintained her rhythm, producing two 10.7s at crucial stages to stave off Yao's late surge.

She sealed the gold with a final score of 242.6, just 0.1 clear of the Chinese shooter.

TVK chief Vijay's first poll campaign address lost in audio glitch



TIRUCHIRAPPALLI (TAMIL NADU)

TAMILAGA Vettri Kazhagam chief Vijay's address from atop his campaign vehicle here on Saturday was marred by audio issues and out of his 20-minute speech, barely one to two minutes was audible

and clear. Cadres, fans and the people who had gathered in thousands chanted 'Vijay, Vijay' as his speech became almost incomprehensible barring some remarks, words and points.

"Will you vote for the DMK?" he asked after raising a number of questions seek-

ing to push the Chief Minister M K Stalin-led government to a tight corner. One of his key accusation was that the DMK government did not fulfill its assurances made ahead of the 2021 Assembly election. He also hit out at the DMK regime over the illegal kidney sale racket.

When Vijay began his speech by 3 PM, he outlined the significance of choosing Tiruchirappalli for his maiden rally. He said that it was here that Dravidian icon, DMK founder CN Annadurai decided in 1956 to enter the electoral race. It was here that AIADMK founder M G

Ramachandran held his first state conference in 1974 after launching his party in 1972.

Tiruchirappalli was renowned also for communal harmony and rationalist leader 'Periyar' EV Ramasamy lived here. During the days of yore, before going to battlefield, kings used to pray

to their family deities. Similarly, Vijay said he has visited Tiruchirappalli. Any political initiative, when started in Tiruchirappalli, would eventually become a turning point, he said.

Meanwhile, the party acknowledged that the technical glitch led to audio issues.

TVK said that the issue has been addressed and that the chief's speech could be hereafter heard clearly. Clad in white shirt, Vijay delivered his address from a raised platform-like structure on the top of the campaign bus and cadres continuously flung party flags at him.

Tripura: UCO bank cashier held in Rs 16 cr fraud case

AGARTALA

A cashier of a public sector bank in Tripura has been arrested for her alleged involvement in siphoning off Rs 16 crore from Agartala Municipal Corporation's (AMC) account using forged cheques, an official said on Saturday.

The accused, identified as Ramayani Shrimayi, a resident of Nagaon in Assam and posted as a cashier at the Agartala branch of UCO Bank, will be produced before a court on Saturday, said sub-divisional police officer (SDPO), Sadar, DP Roy.

After confirming "unauthorised withdrawals" of Rs 16 crore, the bank lodged a complaint with West Agartala police station on September 5.

West Tripura SP Namit Pathak has constituted a Special Investigating Team (SIT) headed by additional SP Drubha Nath to probe the fraud.

"As part of the probe, we arrested Shrimayi for her alleged involvement in the scam on Friday night. She



will be produced before a local court later in the day", Roy said.

He said that altogether six cloned cheques were used to withdraw Rs 16 crore from August 5 to September 2.

Police have so far recovered Rs 7 crore of the defrauded money by tracing online transactions. (PTI)

Pigeons cause no harm, firecrackers can: Maneka

MUMBAI: Former Union minister and BJP leader Maneka Gandhi on Saturday expressed confidence that kabutarshanas (pigeon feeding spots) in the city will be reopened, saying that pigeons have not caused any harm, while firecrackers have contributed more to pollution.

Speaking to reporters here after attending an event, Gandhi said Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis has constituted a committee to take a decision regarding kabutarshanas and the report will be favourable.

The Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation had banned feeding pigeons and closed some old kabutarshanas in the city last month, considering them to be a public health hazard.

"India's foundation is about compassion; it is about living and letting others live. There is no example of anyone ever dying because of pigeons. Pigeons have caused no harm to anyone," Gandhi said.

She noted that there are 57 kabutarshanas in Mumbai, some of which have been closed.

"The chief minister has formed a committee to make a decision over it. It will take one month. Once the report is out, the kabutarshanas will be reopened. I am confident of it," she said.

"If pigeons are killed for spreading disease, firecrackers cause multifold pollution. Firecrackers did not exist during the time of Lord Ram and Sita. People would light diyas and share food. The time for firecrackers is now over. People can no longer breathe," the BJP leader said.

Maneka criticised India's approach towards tourism, saying unchecked deforestation and neglect of natural assets had diminished its appeal. (PTI)

'Historic day for Mizoram as it enters country's railway map'

AIZAWL

MIZORAM Chief Minister Lalduhoma on Saturday said it was a historic day as the state entered the country's railway map, which will have a far-reaching impact as it bridges the dreams and reality between the state and Bharat.

He was addressing a gathering as Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated Mizoram's first railway line and flagged off the state's maiden Rajdhani Express, connecting Aizawl with Delhi.

"Today is a historic day for our state. It marks a new chapter in our journey towards progress....The railway projects are not just infrastructure; they are investments in our children's future, in the dignity of our citizens and in the economic resilience of our state. The impact of these projects will be far-reaching, bridging dreams and reality between Mizoram and Bharat," Lalduhoma said.

The chief minister said the 51.38 km-long railway line

was a technical marvel and stood as a testament to engineering excellence.

"This railway line is more than a feat of engineering, it is a symbol of inclusion, national integration and of the shared aspirations of our people. It brings Mizoram closure to the rest of India and India closure to the heart of Mizoram. The 51.38 km stretch includes some of the most difficult terrains in the country," Lalduhoma asserted.

He said the Prime Minister's presence in the state is a powerful symbol of his unwavering commitment to the development of the North East and inclusive, connected India.

"We are grateful for the inauguration of several other key projects that touched the hearts of our communities....We are proud to have worked closely with the Central government to bring this development to lifeWe place on record our sincere appreciation not only for the projects but also for the way you and your colleagues have consistently lent a listening ear to our concerns," he said.

The CM said, "Your willingness to understand our hearts has not gone unnoticed. It has strengthened our trust in cooperative federalism. Mizoram values this partnership built on empathy, responsiveness and mutual respect, and we look forward to nurturing it further in the years ahead," he emphasised.

