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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.

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TOP WOMAN MAOIST LEADER SURRENDERS BEFORE POLICE

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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-dominat-



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 to September 15.



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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.

Vigilance panel to study ACB report, recommend action

HANS NEWS SERVICE HYDERABAD

IN a significant development as regards the Formula e-race case, the state government has handed over the ACB report to the state Vigilance Commission for further action.

The Commission is expected to send its findings to the government in the next two to three days before forwarding it to the Governor for filing a charge sheet in the case.

Top sources said that the Commission will review the report prepared by the Tel-



angana Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) on the alleged misappropriation of funds pertaining to the Municipal Administration and Urban

Development (MA&UD) department during the payment to the agency that was to organize the e-car racing event in Hyderabad. **Contd on Page 4**

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". 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.

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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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TG WILL FIGHT FOR 904 TMC OF WATER FROM KRISHNA: CM

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THE State government has decided to strengthen its arguments in support of its demand for 904 TMC of water from the Krishna river and thereby protect the state's rights before the KWDT- 2 (Krishna Water Disputes Tribunal) meeting from September 23. State Irrigation Minister N Uttam Kumar Reddy and an official team will attend the hearing in Delhi.

At a high-level meeting on the government's preparedness to pitch for the state's fair share in Krishna water, Chief Minister A Revanth



Reddy said that Telangana should not lose even a single drop of water from its due share in assured, surplus, and flood waters. The officials were instructed to collect all related evidence and submit them to the legal experts for making strong and incontrovertible arguments before the tribunal during the two-day hearing from September 23.

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DRUG CASE AT MAHINDRA UNIVERSITY

'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 consumption.

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. 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."

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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."

Cong files police complaint against KTR, demands apology

Says his irresponsible statement has the potential to tarnish the government's reputation

Warns of suing for Rs 100 crore damages to the State government

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HYDERABAD

THE Congress party on Saturday lodged a complaint against BRS working president K T Rama Rao at OU police station, following his allegations that Group-1 posts were sold for Rs 3 crore each.

PCC general secretary Chanagani Dayakar demanded that the former MA&UD Minister apologise lest he gets sued for Rs 100 crore as damages to the State



government. Demanding that KTR prove his allegations, the Congress leader held that his irresponsible statement has the potential to tarnish the government's

reputation. "KTR should apologise to the government within 24 hours. Otherwise we will file a defamation suit of 100 crores against the BRS leader," he warned, while

briefing to the media following the complaint.

Dayakar recalled how the BRS party failed the youth and unemployed through its failed policies. "The pink

party which was in power for ten years, was unable to conduct Group 1 exams. I strongly condemn KTR's comments that incite hatred against the government among the unemployed. The Telangana government is committed to the welfare of the unemployed. While we respect the court's verdict, the BRS is engaged in petty politics over the system ordained by the constitution. KTR is distorting the court verdict. KTR's allegation that CM and Ministers took 3 crores from the candidates is a proof of ignorance. It is time for Telangana's unemployed youth to give befitting response to the poisonous campaign unleashed by KTR," he said.

Top woman Maoist leader surrenders before police

She was associated with the outlawed organisation for 43 years

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HYDERABAD

A top leader of CPI (Maoist), Pothula Padmayathi, also known as Kalpana, Mynakka, Mainabai and Sujatha, surrendered before the Director General of Police Dr Jitender in Hyderabad on Saturday.

Sujatha, a Central Committee member (CCM), secretariat member, South Sub-Zonal bureau secretary and in-charge of Janathana Sarkar, the Maoists' parallel governance system under the Dandakaranya Special Zonal Committee, aged 62 years, was associated with the movement for the last 43 years.

Hailing from Jogulamba Gadwal, she was married to senior Maoist leader Mallojula Koteswar Rao, also known as Kishanji, who served as Central Committee member and secretary of the West Bengal State Committee. Kishanji was killed in an exchange of fire with security forces in West Midnapore, West Bengal, in November 2011. The



couple has one daughter. Jitender, said Sujatha entered the movement in December 1982 while studying Intermediate at Government Junior College, Gadwal. She was influenced by her cousins, Patel Sudhakar Reddy, Pothula Sudershan Reddy and Suguna. She worked with the group in multiple States until May 2025 and then, citing health, requested to leave the organisation. She

expressed her wish to live peacefully with her family and avail rehabilitation benefits.

She carried a reward of Rs 25 lakh, which has now been given to her through a demand draft.

The DGP appealed to remaining underground cadres to return to their native places and join the mainstream, assuring them of immediate relief and support measures under

the rehabilitation scheme to live with dignity and independence.

So far in 2025, 404 underground cadres have surrendered, including four State Committee Members, one Divisional Committee Secretary, eight Divisional Committee Members and 34 Area Committee Members. Of the 15 Central Committee Members of CPI (Maoist), ten are natives of Telangana.

GOVT WILL GIVE ARMS TO EXCISE OFFICIALS: JUPALLY

Asks them to act with 'iron fist' on smuggling and illegal trade of ganja, drugs, country liquor and NDPL (non-duty paid liquor)

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HYDERABAD

PROHIBITION & Excise Minister Jupally Krishna Rao has instructed officials to act with 'iron fist' on smuggling and illegal trade of ganja, drugs, country liquor and NDPL (non-duty paid liquor).

Reviewing enforcement activities with State Task Force (STF), District Task Force (DTF) and excise enforcement teams at the department headquarters, the Minister said the government was ready to provide arms to special enforcement staff if necessary. "Those who perform well will be given arms and trained," he said.

The review meeting explored the possibility of handing over weapons to Excise Department officials. "What do the regulations say about handing over weapons to Excise department officials? What are the obstacles to this? Have weapons been handed over to Excise Department officials anywhere in other states?" the Minister asked officials, suggesting that the policies followed in other states should be fully studied and the possibilities



should be examined.

The Minister instructed officials to take strict action against ganja, synthetic drugs, illicit arrack and non-duty paid liquor, stressing that protecting people's lives is the government's responsibility.

He told them to study illicit jaggery production and sales, and prepare guidelines to divert seized jaggery to farmers for organic fertiliser production.

He also asked them to explore ways to use non-duty paid liquor without destroying it, including recognising it as a national product for controlled sale.

He emphasised strict focus on ganja and synthetic drugs manufacturing, transport and consumption, and ordered checks on illegal industries in Nacharam and Cherlapally.

The Minister noted that toddy tapping had declined as youth were staying away from climbing palm and date trees.

He said steps should be taken to encourage breweries to use toddy commercially. He asked officials to monitor bars operating multiple outlets under a single licence, farmhouses and brandy shops violating sitting rules. He also directed

surveillance of closed rice mills and other sensitive areas.

Principal secretary Rizvi, Excise Commissioner C Hari Kiran, Enforcement Director Shahnawaz Qasim and Additional Commissioner Syed Yasin Qureshi attended the meeting.

Excise commissioner Hari Kiran said the department revenues had fallen but sales may rise during the upcoming Dasara festival.

Enforcement director Shahnawaz Qasim said action plans had been drawn up to curb ganja, synthetic drugs, illicit liquor and non-duty paid liquor.

CM pays tributes to Burgula Ramakrishna Rao

HYDERABAD

CHIEF Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Saturday paid rich tributes to Dr. Burgula Ramakrishna Rao, the first Chief Minister of erstwhile Hyderabad State, on his death anniversary.

Remembering him as a 'multilingual scholar, freedom fighter and statesman', the Chief Minister highlighted Burgula Ramakrishna Rao's remarkable contributions to the state.

He recalled that as Revenue

Minister, Burgula had accorded statutory status to the Bhoodan movement initiated by Acharya Vinoba Bhave and had also introduced pioneering land reforms.

He said that Burgula Ramakrishna Rao's political acumen, legal expertise, and unwavering commitment to public welfare continue to inspire the present and future generations.

He also fondly remembered his immense contributions to the social and cultural spheres.

Kukatpally murder case: Accused arrested in Ranchi

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HYDERABAD

THE brutal Kukatpally murder case that shook Hyderabad has reached a breakthrough, with both accused nabbed in Ranchi following a high-stakes police manhunt across State lines.

A detailed investigation exposes major gaps in the recruitment and verification of domestic staff within gated communities, which were once thought to be secure.

Accused arrested in Ranchi in a sensational development, Harsha and Roshan are the house helps hailing from Ranchi—were arrested on Saturday. The two accused, recruited via a Kolkata-based agency, brutally killed 50-year-old Renu Agarwal by tying her hands and legs, battering her with a pressure cooker, and slitting her throat in a chilling attack while her family was away.

The attackers fled with



around 7 tolas of gold ornaments, 16 watches, and old Motorola mobile phones, escaping on a scooter left near Hafeezpet railway station thinking they would go to Secunderabad railway station and to Ranchi.

With the help from a cab driver who informed the police when he noticed suspicious behavior when the duo booked a cab for Rs 15,000 to Ranchi, bypassing police checkpoints, breaking their escape route, the police traced their movement through city CCTV, watched the news go viral,

and made arrests.

Swift coordination between CCS, SOT, and local police led to their capture right after an attempted gold exchange for cash at a Marwari gold shop in Ranchi. Commissioner of Police Avinash Mahanty said both suspects will be brought back to Hyderabad after being presented in the local Ranchi court.

The police also highlighted the growing danger posed by the unchecked recruitment of domestic staff from agencies—many operating without robust

background checks. Both accused carried multiple identities and criminal records; prime suspect Harsha is noted for substance abuse and previous stints at rehab in Kolkata. Roshan was also involved in multiple property crimes in Jharkhand and was awaiting his chance to commit offences locally.

The Commissioner advised all residents to submit thorough personal details of the hired domestic staff to their local police station. This, he explained, is vital for both security and swift identification if any crime occurs, a measure that might have preempted incidents like the Swan Lake attack. Gated communities, often promoted as inherently safe, are now facing difficult questions after this incident.

The police urge residents and agencies to rigorously verify credentials to prevent the infiltration of repeat offenders and abusers into homes.



Rs 20 lakh donated for govt jr college building

HANS NEWS SERVICE
SHADNAGAR

IN support of MLA Veerlapalli Shankar's efforts to promote education for underprivileged students, Khaju, the owner of SKP (RMC) Plant from Jahangir Peer Dargah in Kothur mandal, made a generous financial contribution on Saturday. At the MLA camp office in the town, Khaju handed over a cheque for Rs 20 lakh to MLA Veerlapalli Shankar as his contribution toward the construction of the Shadnagar Government Junior

College building.

MLA Shankar appreciated the donors who are coming forward to support the construction of the college building aimed at the welfare of poor students.

He stated that Khaju's substantial donation of Rs 20 lakh is commendable and expressed hope that more donors would step forward to contribute in the future.

The MLA personally facilitated the donor and remarked that it is a matter of pride that businessmen from JP Dargah are actively participating in such noble causes.

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Category (B) Seats Admission Notification

This is to notify that the admissions in to the following courses under category "B" seats (NRI/Management Quota) will be filled in the college as per schedule and details given below for 2025-26.

	Seats in Category B	54
MBA	Seats in Category B	54
MCA	Free of Cost	-
Application Form	02-10-2025	-
Last date for Submitting filled in Application form	06-10-2025	-
Date of Publication of Merit list	03-10-2025	-
Last date for joining and reporting for admissions	06-10-2025	-

Candidates can download application form from the website or get personally immediately and should apply in Physical format in the office and follow admission procedure and schedule mentioned above. Selected candidates must report with original certificates and remit necessary fee in the college. Admissions will be held as per the Government Rules.

Sd/- Secretary

Hostile takeover: Forest officials dig podu lands

Fight between forest dept and tribals intensifies



- Trenches dug in podu lands by 400 forest and police personnel
- 16 tribals booked for assaulting officials
- Media personnel denied access by forest officials
- 25 journalists staged a protest; tensions ran high for 4 hours

RAJANNA SOUDAM
MANCHERIAL

FOLLOWING the attack on forest officials on Friday, around 400 forest and police personnel descended on Dammannapet village on Saturday morning. Under tight security, forest officials used machinery to dig

trenches in the podu lands being cultivated by tribal communities.

This led to a scuffle between the tribals and forest staff. Media personnel who arrived to cover the situation were denied entry, resulting in a tense atmosphere that lasted for several hours. Concerns are growing among the public about whether forest officials are resorting to inappropriate and abusive tactics while reclaiming podu lands (enriched forest lands). Listening to the voices of tribal women from Dammannapet village in Dandepalli mandal, Mancherial district, one might suspect that these fears are not unfounded. According to tribals, forest officials visited Dam-

mannapet on Friday and asked four individuals to sign bind-over orders. The tribals refused, stating that not just four but the entire community would respond together. The officials left but returned later, allegedly hiding in bushes and secretly filming tribal women while they were bathing.

This enraged the tribals, who united and attacked the officials using chili powder and sticks. "If they truly respected the law, they wouldn't behave this way toward women," said the tribals. Sixteen of them have since been booked for assaulting officials. They demand legal action against the officials who filmed the women, stating, "This land is our lifeline. We will not



abandon it—whether in life or death."

Meanwhile, Forest officials reportedly obstructed journalists who came to gather information. They declared that media access to the tribal village was not permitted. With no other option, around 25 journalists staged a protest, and tensions ran high for nearly four hours.

The conflict over podu lands between Dammannapet tribals and forest officials has been ongoing for some time.

Both sides have been accusing each other over ap-

proximately 200 acres of land. The tribals, belonging to the Nayakapodu community, claim they have been cultivating and living off this land for the past 30 years. In contrast, forest officials assert that the land legally belongs to the forest department.

A month ago, the district collector visited the tribals and offered counselling. Tribals say he advised them to grow bamboo instead of crops. However, when they proposed cultivating fruit orchards for livelihood, forest officials reportedly rejected the idea.

Comprehensive devt of Warangal East is the goal: Konda Surekha



HANS NEWS SERVICE
HANUMAKONDA

MINISTER for Forests, Environment, and Endowments Konda Surekha said that the comprehensive development of Warangal East constituency is the main objective. On Saturday, the Minister laid foundation stones for several development works costing Rs 3 crore across various divisions of the Warangal East constituency.

She first laid the foundation stone for CC roads and drains in LB Nagar of the 21st

Division under the GWMC limits at a cost of Rs 50 lakh; for the construction of an Urban Primary Health Centre building at Kashibugga costing Rs 150 lakh; for CC road works worth Rs 50 lakh; and for CC roads and drains in Girmajipet of the 26th Division costing Rs 50 lakh.

Earlier at her residence in Hanumakonda, the Minister interacted with locals hearing their problems. On this occasion, the Minister said that the opposition parties were criticising the government only for the sake of

their political existence, but they were deliberately ignoring the development taking place.

"Resolving public grievances instantly is a true example of people's governance," she added.

Konda Surekha further said that under the leadership of Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, Warangal city would be developed further along the path of progress. She assured that she will always be accessible to the public, and urged people to approach her freely with any issues.

Awareness prog held on World Sepsis Day



HANS NEWS SERVICE
KARIMNAGAR

AS part of World Sepsis Day, Apollo Reach Hospitals, Karimnagar, organised an awareness programme to educate the public about the dangers of sepsis. Doctors highlighted that millions of lives are lost worldwide every year due to this condition, stressing the urgent need for public awareness.

Senior general physicians Dr Chandrasekhar and Dr Tirunadhar, along with Car-

diorhagic & Vascular Surgeon Dr Santosh Dhangeti, explained that sepsis occurs when an infection spreads into the bloodstream, causing organs to malfunction. They emphasized that it is a medical emergency requiring immediate treatment.

The doctors advised the public to seek proper medical care promptly whenever infections occur. They also stressed that maintaining hygiene and getting vaccinations are essential preventive measures.

PD Act invoked against rowdy sheeter

HANS NEWS SERVICE
KARIMNAGAR

THE PD Act was invoked against Bandi Tarala Srikanth, a resident of Vidyannagar under Jagtial Town Police Station limits, who had allegedly been creating disturbances, spreading fear among the public, and disrupting normal civic life.

Earlier, a rowdy sheet was opened against him and he was counselled several times, but as there was no change in his behaviour, the PD Act was invoked against him.

As per the orders of the District Collector, the PD detention order copy was served to the accused at Karimnagar Jail, and he was later shifted to Cherlapally Jail, informed District SP Ashok Kumar.

Srikanth has been involved in nearly 20 crimi-



nal cases including murder, several attempts to murder, thefts, robberies, and intimidation.

District SP has warned that strict action will be taken against those indulging in criminal activities.

Private schools demand payment of pending dues by September 18

HANS NEWS SERVICE
JAMMIKUNTA (KARIMNAGAR)

A meeting of the managements of leading private schools from the joint Karimnagar and Warangal districts was held on Saturday at New Millennium School, Jammikunta. The gathering focused on the issue of long-pending dues owed to these institutions over the past few years.

In a unanimous decision, the school managements resolved to adopt a non-cooperation stance, similar to the approach already taken by intermediate and degree colleges.

Yadagiri Sekhar Rao, former president of the State Private School Owners Association, attended the meeting as the guest of honour and stated that an action plan would be announced



within two days. Around fifty school representatives participated in the discussion, expressing concern

over the impact of unpaid dues on school operations and student welfare. Participants warned that reopen-

ing schools after the Dasara vacation may not be possible, especially for students enrolled under the BOSS

scheme. Parents have voiced fears that their children's futures are now uncertain, and have urged district officials, ministers, and public representatives across the state to intervene and ensure the dues are paid promptly.

The school managements declared that if payments are not cleared by September 18, they will announce their next course of action. Vocational and junior degree colleges have extended their support to the schools' protest.

Among those present were district president Koram Sanjeeva Reddy, working president Musipatla Tirupati Reddy, Jammikunta town president Dr. Pulluri Sampath Rao, Laxma Reddy, Srinivar Reddy, and several school owners from Karimnagar and Warangal districts.

Paramita teachers celebrate 'Rangeli Sani'



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KARIMNAGAR

AROUND 700 teachers from Paramita Educational Institutions celebrated cultural programmes called 'Rangeli Sani' on Saturday.

Dr Inuganti Prasada Rao, the head of Paramita Educational Institutions, started the event by lighting the lamp. All the teachers of Paramita schools impressed everyone with various dances, songs, lectures and plays.

All parties trying for BJP tickets: Dharmapuri



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NIZAMABAD

"LEADERS of all parties are queuing up to get BJP tickets in the local body elections," Nizamabad MP Dharmapuri Arvind said. A district workshop of the Seva Paksham was held at the BJP district office on Saturday under the chairmanship of Dis-

trict President Dinesh Patel Kulachari. Dharmapuri expressed confidence that BJP will win all the local bodies in the district.

"The cadres themselves are making phone calls saying that the Congress party will not win. They are shouting that there is no way to trust Congress, give us BJP tickets," he said.

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CHANGE OF NAME

I, **POLAM CHANDRA MOHAN**, S/o: RAJATHA, R/o. H.No. 1-00, Pochampally, Kallada Village, Manakonda, Karimnagar, have changed the name of my minor daughter **POLAM KASHYAPI**. She shall hereinafter be known as **POLAM AADHYA SRI**.
(TH_15545)

I'm **GOPU BOJANNA** R/O 2-100, Gunjili, Makloor Nizamabad District TS. have Changed My Name as **GOPU PEDDA BOJANNA S/O GOPU ODDENNA**.
(TH_33249)

I'm **BAKA SOWMYA** R/O 2-100, Gunjili, Makloor Nizamabad District TS. have Changed My Name as **GOPU MEGHANA W/O GOPU RANJITH KUMAR**.
(TH_33249)

I, **Chinnamu mallavva M/o Nareesh** (old name) H NO. 10-97, (VI) Sampally, Mandal, Dichapally DIST NIZAMABAD T. G. have changed my name as **Chindam mallavva M/o Chindam Nareesh** (new name).
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I, **Chinnamu mounika W/o Nareesh** (old name) H NO. 10-97, (VI) Sampally, Mandal, Dichapally DIST NIZAMABAD T. G. have changed my name as **Chindam mounika w/o Chindam Nareesh** (new name).
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I, **BAJJURI SRINIVAS S/o Bajori. sudhakar** H.No.7-1-270, Laxmipuram, Near new Bus stand, Hanamakonda. Dist. TG. I have changed my wife name from **BAJJURI MADHAVI** (old name) to **BAJJURI BHAGYA LAKSHMI** (New name) for all purpose.
(TH_TM_RAO)

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **DUAVVAKA BHARAT KUMAR S/O. BHEEMAIAH**, Aged about 36 years, R/o. House No.4-3-10/2, Tulasi Nagar, Jagtial Town & Mandal, Jagtial District-505327, Telangana State, shall henceforth be known as **DUVVAKA BHARAT KUMAR S/O, BHEEMAIAH**.
(TH_KM GOUD)

CHANGE OF NAME

VENKANNA MYKA (Old Name), H.NO. 55-4-664, Padavathi nagar Colony, Erragatigutta, Pasamparthi, Hanamakonda, T.G. have changed my name from **VENKANNA MYKA** to **VENKAT REDDY MYKA** (New Name), S/o. **YEERA REDDY MYKA** in all my Records.
(TH_33249)

I, **GANESHKUMAR SIDDOJU** (Old Name), H.NO. 9-45/1, Arepalli, Elkurthy, Gessugonda, Warangal, T.G. have changed my name from **GANESHKUMAR SIDDOJU** to **GANESH KUMAR SIDDOJU** (New Name), S/o. **YEERARAGHAVULU SIDDOJU** in all my Records.
(TH_33249)

I, **KAILASH CHOWDARY** (Old Name), H.No. 23-6-170/V-19, Temple Tree Villas, Shayampet, Hanamakonda, T.G. have Changed my name from **KAILASH CHOWDARY** to **KAILASH CHAUDHARY** (New Name) S/O. **NANDALI CHAUDHARY** in all my Records.
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LOST

PATLA ANUPAL REDDY S/o. NARAYANA REDDY, DOB:10/08/1977, R/o.1-6, Venkampally Village, Nagreddypet, Mandal, Kamareddy Dist-503108, T.G. Holder of Indian Passport No: **W8743522**, Date of Issue: 22/12/2022, Expiry Date: 21/12/2032, Place of Issue: Hyd Passport Was Lost while I was travelled bike venkampally to Nagreddypet, on dated 07/09/2025, if anybody found pls Contact - **9849743336**
(TH_33249)

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **Mittapalli Damodhar S/o. Mittapalli Prabhakar** (Old name) R/o. H. No. 1-2-162 Durga nagar, Kagaznagar: Dist - Komaram bheem (Asifabad), state Telangana. I have changed my name as **MITTAPALLI. DAMODAR S/o. MITTAPALLI PRABHAKAR** (New name) for all purposes.
(TH_ODELL)

FORM No.13
(See Regulation 15(1)(a))
BEFORE THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL, HYDERABAD-1, 3rd Floor, Triveni Complex, Abids, Hyderabad-500001, AT: HYDERABAD

Case No.O.A. 298 of 2025
Summons under sub-section (4) of section 19 of the Act, read with sub-rule (2A) of rule 5 of the Debt Recovery Tribunal (Procedure) Rules, 1993.

STATE BANK OF INDIA, S.A.M.B-2, 1st Floor, TSRT Complex Kachiguda, Hyderabad, Telangana 500029, rep. by It's Asst. General Manager ...Applicant

Vs.
Dhaanwick Agro Mills & 2 others
Summons by Paper Publication for showing cause as to why the Relief prayed for should not be granted

To,
D-2 Mr. Mohd Shakil Aamir
S/o Mr. Mohd Azam, Occ: Managing partner of D-1 Plot No.460, Phase III A, Road No. 86, Jubilee Hills, Hyderabad-500033.

Also at:
H.No. 4-1-623/A, Achanpally, Bodhan, Nizamabad-503180
D-3 Mrs. Ayesha Fatima Amir
W/o Mr. Mohd Shakil Aamir, Occ: Partner of D-1 Plot No.460, Phase III A, Road No. 86, Jubilee Hills, Hyderabad-500033.

Also at:
H.No. 4-1-623/A, Achanpally, Bodhan, Nizamabad-503180

Take notice that the applicant has filed O.A. No.298 of 2025 in the Debts Recovery Tribunal-I, at Hyderabad for a recovery of **Rs.6,25,04,963/-** together with current and future interest, costs and other reliefs. The above-mentioned defendant are therefore hereby directed to appear before this Tribunal at 3rd Floor, Triveni Complex, Abids, Hyderabad-500001, in person or through an Advocate or duly authorized agent, in support of their defense to show cause within 30 days from the date of publication or on 06-10-2025 at 10:30 A.M. as to why the Relief prayed for should not be granted.

Take notice that in case of default the application will be heard and determined in your absence.

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Stop indiscriminate cable wire cutting, operators warn govt

“If destruction of cable system does not stop, we will shut down services, leaving TVs and the internet silent across the State”



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WARNING that they would stop services, the cable operators on Saturday appealed to the government to stop indiscriminate cutting of internet cables in the State.

As part of their “Chalo Hyderabad” programme, the cable operators staged a dharna

under the banner of ‘Federation of Aerial Cable Operators’ at Indira Park Dharna Chowk here on Saturday.

Expressing concern over the removal of cable wires the gathering at the protest programme, State MSO and Cable Operators Association president K Prabhakar Reddy said that the cable network system has become



fragmented due to continuous cable cutting, and added that the operators had chosen peaceful protest to highlight their problems and the hardships being faced by thousands of families dependent on the industry.

While the government had responded positively in

earlier discussions, urgent legal measures are needed to address the issue, he emphasised.

MSO leader K Kishore warned that if cable cutting measures continue in Telangana, the operators would be forced to call for a bandh. “If the destruction of the cable

system does not stop, we will shut down services, leaving TVs and the internet silent across the State.”

He demanded the government’s cooperation to safeguard the livelihoods of cable operators and ensure uninterrupted services to consumers.



26 gates of Nagarjuna Sagar projects lifted

NAGARJUNA SAGAR: All 26 crest gates of Nagarjuna Sagar dam were lifted on Saturday as heavy inflows continued from the upstream Srisailem reservoir, which is releasing

2,81,352 cusecs of floodwater into the project. From Nagarjuna Sagar, officials are discharging 2,09,794 cusecs through the gates, along with 32,764 cusecs released through

power generation into the downstream Krishna River. This marks the fourth time in the current season, since July 29, that the gates of Nagarjuna Sagar have been opened.

Vigilance panel to study ACB report, recommend action

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“The commission will ascertain whether the evidence collected by the ACB substantiated the charges framed against BRS working president and the then MA&UD minister K T Rama Rao, former Municipal Administration secretary Arvind Kumar and HMDA officials, whose names were mentioned in the case. If any valid information is missing in establishing the case, the Commission will suggest the ACB to rectify the error before filing the charge sheet”, officials said.

KTR was named as A1, Arvind Kumar A2 and former HMDA engineer BLN Reddy A3 in the case. The

ACB has grilled KTR twice, while Arvind appeared before the agency three times to record their statements. The ACB was claiming that it has got enough evidence to establish quid pro quo between former KTR and the e-car racing agencies during the payment of Rs 55 crore to organize the event without any official sanction.

Sources said that the Vigilance Commission report case was crucial to act against the alleged accused.

Meanwhile, summoning of A4 and A5-Ace Nxt Gen Pvt’s official Kiran Rao and Formula E Operations (FEO) would also be decided based on the panel’s report.

Some students spending their pocket money on drugs

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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 re-

cently caught is currently undergoing regular blood tests and counselling. “We are also conducting regular awareness campaigns, in collaboration with universities like ICFAI, 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.

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.

Karki is shining example of women empowerment: Modi

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“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 ex-

ample 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 ag-

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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

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 ditching, 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.



Kishan urges doctors to embrace India’s ancient medical wisdom

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UNION Minister G Kishan Reddy has urged practitioners, researchers, and policymakers to embrace India’s ancient medical wisdom and integrate it with modern science. He was addressing the National Ayurveda Conference-2025, hosted by the Vishwa Ayurveda Parishad and its Telangana Chapter here on Saturday. The event brought together leading voices in traditional medicine to discuss the future of Ayurveda in India and abroad.

Reddy congratulated the organisers for their decades-long commitment to preserving and promoting Ayurveda. He praised the Parishad’s efforts in raising awareness and passing on this ancient science to future generations, calling it a commendable service to the nation.

He emphasised that Ayurveda is not merely a system of medicine but a holistic philosophy rooted in the Indian way of life, encompassing wellness, physical balance, and mental harmony. Sharing a personal anecdote, Reddy noted that he relied solely on Ayurvedic remedies until he completed his intermediate education, underscoring his deep faith in its efficacy.

The minister credited Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s leadership since 2014 for the resurgence of Ayurveda, which had

previously been sidelined. He highlighted India’s rich medical heritage, referencing pioneers like Charaka, Sushruta, and Vagbhatta, whose contributions laid the foundation for surgery, toxicology, and diagnostics centuries ago.

He lamented that previous governments had dismissed Ayurveda as outdated, but affirmed that the Modi government is restoring its global relevance.

Reddy pointed to the establishment of the Ministry of AYUSH in 2014 as a turning point. Within six months of taking office, Modi began advocating for global recognition of Ayurveda and Yoga, leading to the declaration of June 21 as International Yoga Day, now celebrated by 177 countries.

He also highlighted Ayurveda’s role during the COVID-19 pandemic, citing its contribution to boosting immunity through traditional remedies like turmeric and Giloy. He recalled dire global predictions about India’s vulnerability and asserted that Ayurveda played a key role in protecting the nation’s 140 crore citizens.

The minister warned of challenges posed by multinational pharmaceutical companies and global lobbies attempting to suppress Ayurveda and Yoga. He urged practitioners to rise above professional boundaries and treat Ayurveda as a national

treasure, calling for collective action to preserve and promote it.

Reddy outlined the central government’s initiatives under the National AYUSH Mission (NAM), including the construction of 50-bed integrated AYUSH hospitals in Siddipet, Vikarabad, and Jayashankar Bhupalpally districts, with Rs 15 crore allocated per centre. He requested the Telangana government to expedite land acquisition for a similar hospital in Ramnathapur, Hyderabad.

He noted that Telangana hosts 420 AYUSH Health and Wellness Centers and 440 dispensaries, including Ayurvedic, Unani, and Homeopathic facilities. Across India, 7.5 lakh registered AYUSH practitioners are contributing to the vision of Arogya Bharat.

Reddy called on intellectuals and Ayurveda practitioners to publish their research in international journals and scientific magazines, and to take responsibility for spreading Ayurveda to remote corners of India and the world. He stressed that building a healthy India must be part of the national resolve to become a developed country by 2047, with AYUSH as a key pillar.

Inspired by the ancient saying “Health is the greatest blessing,” Reddy called for unity and action, urging all stakeholders to work together to elevate Ayurveda as a global force for wellness and healing.

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

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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. “I would appeal to all organisations to move forward on the path of peace and fulfil their dreams.

I am with you... The Government of India is with the people of Manipur. We are working towards the goal of making Manipur a symbol of peace, prosperity and progress,” he said. Modi said the Centre is providing support to build 7,000 new houses for families who have been displaced by the violence. A special package of about Rs 3,000 crore has recently been approved, he said, adding that Rs 500 crore has been specifically allocated to assist the displaced people.

Govt does homework to strengthen TG’s position before KWDT-2

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Making several suggestions to the legal experts to put an end to the injustice meted to Telangana in water sharing, the Chief Minister asked the officials to submit to the tribunal all details relevant to the projects planned to be built, incomplete projects, and the neglected projects. All the GOs, memos, and official documents issued in the erstwhile united AP state should also be kept ready.

The meeting also discussed how the erstwhile government had caused “irreparable loss” to Telangana by agreeing to allot 512 TMC to AP and, therefore, only 299 TMC for Telangana. Legal experts briefed the Chief Minister that AP has now brought up the matter of the then chief minister K Chandrasekhar Rao agreeing to a share of 299 TMC before the tribunal.

The Chief Minister said that the KCR government, during the 10-year rule failed miserably in achieving the legally due share of water in Krishna waters. As a result, all the Palamuru and Dindi projects were put on hold. The Chief Minister made

it clear that Telangana deserved a share of 904 TMC of water in Krishna and arguments should be prepared accordingly.

The Chief Minister pointed out that the AP government had illegally diverted Krishna waters due to the negligence and indifference of the previous government, and that the matter should be brought before the tribunal.

Due to the illegal diversion of Krishna water by AP, there is a threat of closure of the hydroelectric projects at Srisailem, Nagarjunasagar and Pulichintala, the Chief Minister said. The hydroelectric power generation at low cost will be hampered. The Chief Minister ordered that all these issues be presented as arguments before the tribunal.

The CM stressed that Telangana has all the rights and qualifications to get its due share of water as a newly formed state. He instructed the officials to bring to the attention of the Tribunal the peculiar problems of drought-prone districts of Mahabubnagar, Rangareddy and Nalgonda, along with their irrigation and drinking water needs.



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.

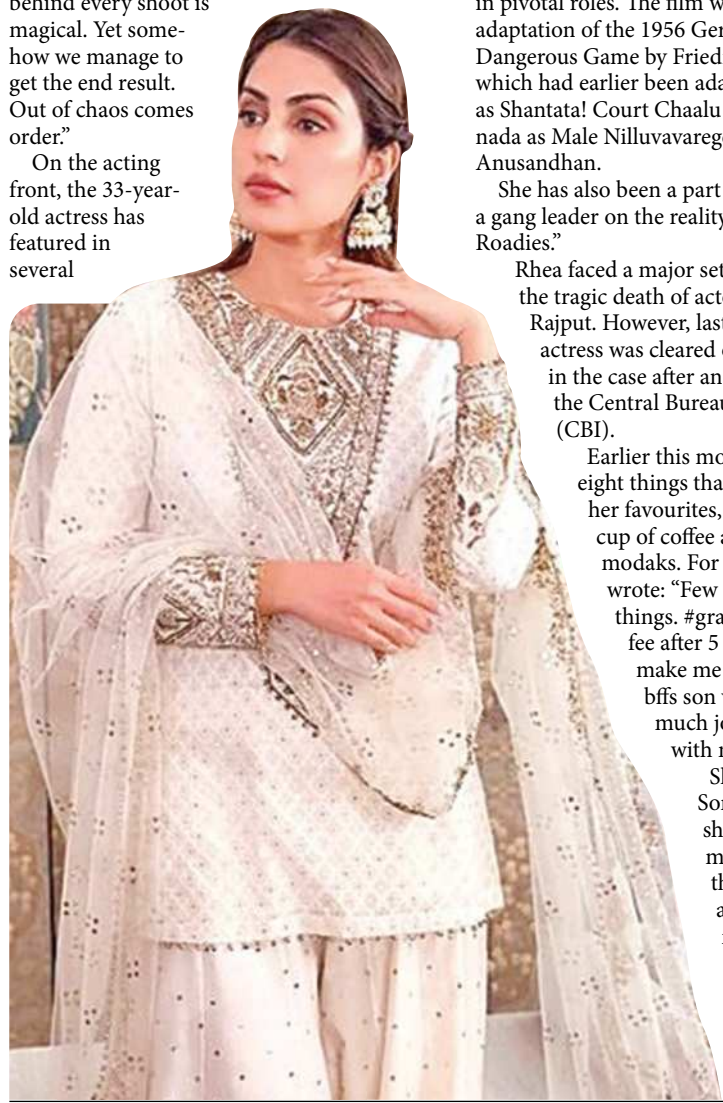
Rhea Chakraborty finds ‘chaos’ behind shoots ‘magical’

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 Jafray. 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's. 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!

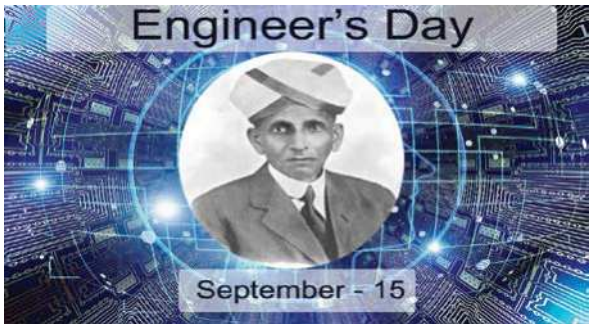
The life story of this gifted engineer is an inspiration with myriad life lessons to our students.

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)



Grooving to the melodies at New Orleans’ iconic music venues

New Orleans beats to the rhythms of its own soul and is often called the birthplace of Jazz. Iconic venues preserve the fascinating legends and history that shaped the city’s musical identity, bringing music lovers from all over the world to engage in its melodies. These historic stages celebrate different genres and are a must-visit for anyone looking to experience the beating heart of New Orleans.

Preservation Hall
Once an art gallery in the 1950s, this French Quarter venue became legendary in the 1960s as New Orleans jazz outshined the art displays. Today, it stands as a global symbol of jazz, home to the world-renowned Preservation Hall Jazz Band.

Tipitina’s
Opened in the 1970s Uptown and named after Professor Longhair’s classic tune, Tipitina’s quickly became a staple for local music lovers. Though its juice bar roots remain only in its banana logo, this Galactic-owned club still pulses at the city’s core.

Kermit’s Mother-in-Law Lounge
Founded by Ernie K-Doe in 1994 and revived by Kermit Ruffins in 2014, this Tremé venue is both pub and monument. It continues to embody the joyous, living spirit of New Orleans music.

Maple Leaf Bar
Since 1974, this Oak Street institution has hosted live music nearly every night. Known for funk, jazz, blues, zydeco, and more, the Maple Leaf remains one of the city’s longest-running venues.

Snug Harbor
Located in a restored



New Orleans beats to rhythms all its own, often hailed as the birthplace of Jazz. Its historic venues are more than stages—they are living museums of sound, preserving legends while inspiring new generations. From the French Quarter to Bywater, these iconic spaces keep the city’s soul alive every night

1800s storefront in the Marigny, this jazz bistro offers music alongside delicious dining. Its intimate setting makes it a perfect stop for pure New Orleans sound.

Candlelight Lounge
In the Tremé, the Candlelight Lounge has become a brass band hub and neighborhood favorite. With post-second line jams and free red beans and rice on Mondays, it exudes local flavor.

Vaughan’s Lounge
Tucked in Bywater, this quirky lounge is accessed through a buzzer at its side door. Inside, you’ll find jazz, blues, cheap drinks, and the kind of character that makes New Orleans unforgettable.

d.b.a.
On Frenchmen Street, d.b.a. blends great music with one of the city’s best craft beer selections. Its laid-back vibe attracts locals and travelers alike.

Chickie Wah Wah
Hop the Canal Streetcar to this Mid-City gem, where live music pairs with BBQ plates and daily drink specials. Known as a dance hotspot, Chickie Wah Wah lives up to its playful name.

Toulouse Theater
Opening in 1970 as a cinema, this French Quarter venue has evolved through phases as Shim Sham Club and One Eyed Jacks. Today, Toulouse Theater offers music, comedy, drag, and burlesque, keeping its stage alive with diverse performances.

The Maison
A Frenchmen Street highlight, The Maison offers three levels of music, food, and drinks. With nightly shows and late-night dining, it’s a one-stop hub for entertainment.

Spotted Cat
Nicknamed “The Cat,” this jazz haven on Frenchmen Street has appeared in films, commercials, and media worldwide. Its mural-clad exterior makes it impossible to miss, while inside, the music captures the city’s essence.

House of Blues New Orleans
Part of the iconic national chain, the French Quarter’s House of Blues has welcomed major acts and local

talent since 1994. Alongside its main hall, the Foundation Room offers intimate shows, VIP experiences, and upscale dining.

Siberia
For something off the jazz trail, head to Bywater’s Siberia, where punk, metal, indie, and underground acts dominate. With comedy, drag, burlesque, and hearty bar food, it’s a venue that thrives on eclectic energy. From world-famous stages like Preservation Hall to hidden gems like Vaughan’s Lounge, New Orleans’ music venues echo the soul of a city built on rhythm. Each space preserves history while offering new sounds, ensuring that the music never stops in the Crescent City.

All-in-one Wedding solutions: How bundled packages are shaping the future of Indian celebrations

ROHIT YAGYA

The modern Indian wedding is undergoing a seismic shift, moving away from fragmented, family-managed affairs toward meticulously curated, all-in-one celebrations. This trend, driven by a new generation of couples, is paving the way for bundled wedding packages to become the future of Indian celebrations.

Why are bundled packages the new normal?

Today’s couples, often busy professionals, are no longer willing or able to take on the daunting task of individually sourcing and coordinating an army of vendors. A traditional Indian wedding can involve over 10 different vendors, from caterers and decorators to photographers and entertainment, leading to endless meetings, negotiations, and logistical headaches. Bundled packages offer a powerful solution by consolidating all these services under one roof, providing a single point of contact and a cohesive vision.

A recipe for reduced stress and clarity

One of the most compelling reasons for the rise of all-in-one solutions is the drastic reduction in stress. Wedding planning is a high-pressure ordeal, and for a millennial or Gen-Z couple,



The Indian wedding landscape is transforming, shifting from chaotic, vendor-heavy planning to streamlined, stress-free celebrations. Bundled wedding packages are emerging as the go-to choice, offering convenience, transparency, and customisation. This all-in-one model is redefining how couples celebrate love, blending tradition with modern ease

navigating the expectations of multiple family members while coordinating a dozen vendors can be overwhelming. Bundled packages simplify this process by offering a pre-vetted team of professionals who are already familiar with the venue and each other’s work.

Beyond stress reduction, these packages offer unprecedented financial clarity. A major fear for many couples is the “hidden costs” that often crop up with individual

vendors. Bundled packages provide a transparent, upfront cost, with every service outlined in a single contract.

This financial transparency builds trust and allows couples to budget effectively, without the anxiety of last-minute “extra charges.”

The power of professional expertise and personalisation

While some may assume bundled packages are rigid and lack personalisation, the

opposite is true. The most successful all-in-one providers excel at customisation. They offer a range of curated themes, from regal and traditional to bohemian and modern, allowing couples to tailor the package to their unique tastes.

This trend is particularly evident in the rapidly growing destination wedding market. India’s destination wedding market, which was estimated at USD 16.25 billion in 2024, is projected to

reach USD 55.39 billion by 2033. Planning a wedding in a different city or country adds a layer of complexity that bundled solutions are uniquely equipped to handle. From managing local vendors and travel logistics to guest accommodation and itinerary planning, an all-in-one package makes a destination wedding a smooth, effortless experience.

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Jamva Chalo! A Parsi feast of flavours, family and fun

Hyderabad, prepare your taste buds for “Jamva Chalo! The Parsi Food Fest”—a three-day celebration of flavours, stories, and traditions curated by Chef Daisy Chenoy. From Dhansak to Laganu Custard, every dish carries a slice of Parsi culture and warmth. Come, eat, and soak in the joy of food, fun, and family!

VIJAYA PRATAP

Chef Daisy is calling “Jamva Chalo!” at Vivanta Hyderabad to savour the delicious feast that she has curated and created with lots of love especially for the Hyderabadi. “Jamva Chalo” literally means, “Come, let’s eat!” and true to its name, the three-day festival promises not just a buffet but a cultural immersion into the joyful, flavour-packed Parsi way of life.

For the Parsis, life isn’t just lived—it’s celebrated around a table brimming with food, laughter, and stories. Meals are never merely sustenance; they are community, tradition, and memory served on a plate. This spirit comes alive at “Jamva Chalo! The Parsi Food Fest”, curated by Hyderabad’s very own Parsi food torchbearer, Chef Daisy Chenoy, at Vivanta Begumpet from September 12th to 14th.

A Community Bonded by Food

In the Parsi world, food is more than nourishment—it’s the glue that binds generations together. Be it the vibrant feasts of Navroz or the quiet reflection of Muktaad, every festival comes with its own special dishes. Kitchens are not just places of cooking but of storytelling, laughter, and legacy. This philosophy forms the heart of the festival, which celebrates how food knits together kinship, memory, and identity.

A Feast with a Story in Every Dish

Chef Daisy Chenoy—teacher by day, passionate cook by night—curates the festival with an indulgent buffet showcasing community favourites. Expect the comforting Dhansak, the tangy-sweet Salli Boti, the delicately steamed Patra ni Machhi, and the rich Kolmi na Curry. And no Parsi feast is complete without the custard that’s practically a cultural symbol—Laganu Custard, creamy, caramelised, and utterly nostalgic. A “must” in weddings, it is what binds the couple together on a sweet note!

Each dish is cooked with love, rooted in family



Mawa Cake



Chicken Farcha

recipes, and sprinkled with Daisy’s signature touch of warmth. Having started her venture Taste Rides during the pandemic, she has since won hearts across the city with food festivals that blend tradition with gentle innovation. “Every plate has a story,” she says, and at Jamva Chalo, those stories are ready to be savoured.

Beyond the Buffet: The Parsi Spirit

But Jamva Chalo isn’t just about what’s on the table—it’s also about the spirit that surrounds it. The atmosphere promises to be as vibrant as a Parsi baug gathering. Expect quirky décor, whimsical photo backdrops, and plenty of cheer that mirrors the community’s fun-loving personality. Conversations will spill as freely as raspberry soda, and the air will echo with the laughter

and banter that define every Parsi get-together. In this world, food and festivity are inseparable. A simple breakfast of eggs and buns can light up a Monday, while a wedding feast (lagan nu bhonu) is elevated into a banquet of memory and joy. Meals are events, not obligations, and every guest is welcomed like family.

Come, Eat, Celebrate

Vivanta Hyderabad has always been known for its inventive food festivals, but Jamva Chalo stands out for how beautifully it weaves together culture, nostalgia, and gastronomy. It is an invitation to experience the warmth of Parsi hospitality without leaving the city. So, gather your friends, bring your appetite, and let the Parsi mantra of food, fun, and family work its magic. As the community says, with love and laughter in equal measure—“Jamva chalo ji!”



Mutton Dhansa

Wars begin in the mind, so does peace



RAJYOGI BRAHMA KUMAR NIKUNJ JI

Looking at the situation of the world that we live in today, one factor that can be considered as the biggest cause of our downfall from an exalted stage of a divine being, is violence in all its forms. YES, it is violence that makes hell of heaven. In other words, paradise is lost when violence, in the form of five vices and their offshoots, enters the human mind.

These vices are nothing but violence in its various forms which violates divinity as well as spiritual and natural laws. We must understand the fact that a soul, in its original state, is a being of purity, peace, power and bliss. So, in heaven, all humans are divine because they are totally pure, which means there is absence of violence of all types. This means that no one causes

harm to anyone in heaven and there is no dishonesty, greed, deceit, anger, selfishness or negativity of any other kind.

It is only when the soul comes under the influence of the vices does it start to act wrongly. Now, to see if all this is true, we only need to observe our state of mind when we have behaved badly with someone. This would make us realise that our behaviour was dictated by anger, ego, jealousy, hatred or some other vice. So, in short, all these vices cause pain to the self and make us inflict pain on others.

Such violence is a violation of divinity and it drags

us down from a divine status to that of an ordinary human being. After all, what is the difference between the deities and humans? The former are always full of virtues and totally free of vices whereas humans have virtues in



varying degrees and are prone to come under the influence of vices.

So rare has virtue become today that if someone remains steadfast in even one virtue — say honesty — he stands out among his peers and is half-jokingly called a saint or a deity. On the contrary if the vices become predominant, they can turn a human being into a devil. Remember! divinity cannot stay where there is violence, light and darkness, nectar and poison, because divine and devilish traits cannot co-exist.

So, if we really want to bring peace to this world,

we have to first root out the vices from our minds. Without this effort no amount of political, social and economic efforts can ensure lasting peace. It is not a new idea. It was written into the preamble of the constitution of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation that, "Since wars begin in the minds of men, it is in the minds of men that the defences of peace must be constructed."

In fact, the battlefield is not outside but within us. The day we win over anger, ego, greed and jealousy inside, that very day the world outside will begin to change. Remember! True peace is not a gift handed down by governments or treaties, it is a conscious choice made by each individual.

When we return to our original qualities of purity, peace and love, we do not just transform ourselves, we become living instruments to transform the world. We only need to act upon it through spiritual effort.

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How letting go leads to happiness: Spiritual lessons for modern living



AIR ATMAN IN RAVI

LETTING go is an art in itself, an art we must master if we wish to be truly happy. From letting go of myths and superstitions, to releasing people and negative emotions, to eventually letting go of the ego, life continuously demands that we let go in order to be peaceful and joyful.

One of the main reasons we suffer is because we cling to past hurts and wrongs. We nurse, curse, and rehearse our pain, carrying grudges in our hearts. These grudges are joy-stealers. They weigh us down and give rise to anger, bitterness, and vengeance. To be free, we must forgive, forget, and move on. Similarly, we must let go of regrets. What is done cannot be undone. While we can make amends, holding on to regret only invites sadness into our lives.

Many of us live in the past. We replay memories, good or bad, over and over. But the past is history—it's over. Why sacrifice the joy of the present for what has already passed? Just as we must release the past, we must also let go of fears about the future. Worry robs us of peace and the joy of the moment. The only way to live is to live in the now, moment by moment.

We must also understand that what happens in life is the unfolding of our Karma. When we face circumstances beyond our control, we must accept them with grace. These are not accidents; they are the outcomes of our own past actions. As we sow, so shall we reap. In fact, we should rejoice knowing that our Karmic debt is being settled. The ABC Mantra serves as a powerful guide: Accept, do your Best, and Choose to surrender in Consciousness. We must do our duty without becoming attached to the outcomes of our actions.

Letting go is critical in relationships. Holding on



Letting go is the key to true happiness. By releasing past hurts, future worries, and worldly attachments, we discover peace. The ultimate freedom comes from realising we are the Soul

too tightly to people, being possessive in love, and forming strong attachments only leads to pain. Love deeply, but with detached attachment. Being possessive about people or things brings suffering. Reflect for a moment: did we bring anything or anyone with us when we were born? No. We came empty-handed, and we will leave the same way. Nothing belongs to us. Nobody belongs to us. Everything is transient.

In today's world, many are obsessed with money, fame, and success. Our desires never end—we want more and more. But as the Buddha said, desire is the root cause of suffering. Let go of desires, greed, and the pursuit of material things. Live with contentment and fulfillment. Enjoy life's pleasures, but receive them as Prasadam—Divine blessings.

So many of us live with negative emotions—stress, worry, fear, anger, jealousy. We must consciously let go of this negativity and instead choose positive emotions like love, courage, hope, faith, and trust. Negative energy is poison. Positive energy is

power. Choose to be happy. Tell yourself: I will be happy today no matter what comes my way! Practices such as meditation, Asana, Pranayama, contemplation, and silence can help calm the mind and add to our well-being.

The ultimate truth is that this world is an illusion—a cosmic drama, a show. We are actors who come and go. We are not the body, mind, or ego. We are the Soul, a Spark Of Unique Life, a part of the Divine. God is not a person, nor a saint, but a Supreme Immortal Power. Sadly, we remain ignorant of this truth. To live with happiness, we must let go of the myths, illusions, and false beliefs we hold, and instead realise who we are. We must transcend the body, mind, and ego—our lower self—and live as our higher self, the Divine Soul.

This is the ultimate act of letting go: letting go of the false identity of 'I' and realising that I am not 'I'. I am the Soul. This realisation leads to a life of eternal peace, love, and bliss.

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The arithmetic of life



Sadhguru

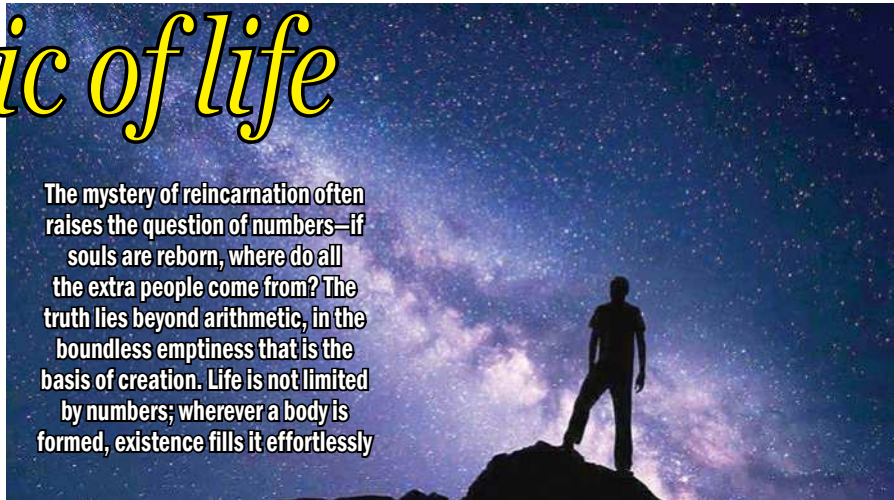
Sadhguru, I have a question about birth, rebirth and karma. If the total energy in the universe is constant, is the number of souls in the universe also a constant thing?

Sadhguru: You are asking about the arithmetic? This is a very ancient question that people have asked a million times over. The calculation is, today there are seven billion people. Let us say one thousand years ago there were only a billion people. If people are reincarnated

and born, where did they come? "Did all the monkeys become...?" Maybe! There aren't as many monkeys in the world as there used to be a thousand years ago. Does that not explain it to you?

The Boundless Emptiness But that is not how it is. The basis of creation is a boundless space of emptiness. Because there is so much emptiness, creation can happen in any scale. If there was no emptiness, there would be no possibility of creation. Without nothingness to accommodate something, where would something sit? Nothingness is the basis of all this "something."

There is no arithmetic for nothingness. Arithmetic is only for numbers — one, two, three, four belong to arithmetic. Zero does not, nor does the infinite belong to arithmetic. Suppose we formed a thousand bubbles that were floating around. If we wanted to form ten



The mystery of reincarnation often raises the question of numbers—if souls are reborn, where do all the extra people come from? The truth lies beyond arithmetic, in the boundless emptiness that is the basis of creation. Life is not limited by numbers; wherever a body is formed, existence fills it effortlessly

thousand bubbles, would we run out of air? It is still there, because it is not material — it is non-material. If it was material, you could count it and then wonder how these seven billion happened. "Okay, only two billion monkeys died, but there are one billion extras. Did the insects become this?" Even if you look at it that way, it still works because of the huge number of other creatures in the planet we have killed. Maybe all of them have crept themselves up into human form. "Okay, but where does

the karma come for these people. They are just empty bubbles." You can gather in a day the karma you need for ten lifetimes. In terms of the material world, can you not do something today that will buy you ten years of trouble? You are capable of that.

So, even if we reproduce and make these seven billion into twenty billion a hundred years from now, there will be no dearth for that substance which is the basis of life. There will never be a shortage. You create bodies, it will fill itself up. If you create a bubble, air

fills up. Similarly, if you create a body, it fills up. Wherever there is a suitable body, a crucible for life to go, it will go. There will be no such problem that, if there are too many pregnancies this year, there will not be enough life to get into all these new bodies!

(Sadhguru is a Yogi, mystic, and Padma Vibhushan awardee, also known for his New York Times bestselling books. He founded Conscious Planet—Save Soil, the world's largest people's movement, impacting over 4 billion people)

BEJAN DARUWALLA'S

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Aries

Ganesha says the situation is going to be excellent this week. These days are very suitable for strengthening your self-esteem and mental state. You will get an opportunity to recognise the energy within you and channel it in a positive direction. There will be clarity in your thoughts, which will also enable you to communicate better in relationships. There will be harmony in your personal relationships, and spending time with your loved ones will make you happy.

Taurus

Ganesha says this week can be full of some challenges. During this time, your emotions and mood may remain somewhat unstable, which can affect your personal relationships. You may feel the need to communicate more with your loved ones, but you need to avoid any kind of disagreement or confrontation. Try to remain emotionally strong. Practice introspection and self-sensitivity at this time, so that you can understand your feelings and express them in the right way.

Gemini

Ganesha says this week, Gemini people may have to face some challenges. Overall, this time is not favorable, and due to this, there may be confusion and turmoil in your mind. People around you may be unable to understand your feelings, which may make you feel a little lonely. However, you must use your communication skills. Try to express your thoughts clearly, as this may be your opportunity to improve the circumstances.

Cancer

Ganesha says this week is going to be full of perfection and positivity for Cancer people. At this time, your inner energy and sensitivity will be at their peak. You will feel emotionally strong, which will bring sweetness to your relationships. Time spent with family and friends will be even more enjoyable. Your little things and behavior will be successful in touching the hearts of others. Your empathy and understanding will deepen your relationship, which will strengthen mutual trust.

Leo

Ganesha says this week, the overall situation will be great for Leos. This week will infuse positivity and confidence in you. You will experience happiness and enthusiasm around you, which will also improve your relationships. Your confidence will have a positive impact on your conversations with your loved ones, which will deepen mutual understanding and bonding. A new shine will also be seen in your social life. This is the right time to spend time with friends and family, which will strengthen your emotional state.

Virgo

Ganesha says this week will be full of many experiences. During this time, your energy and enthusiasm will be normal, but some challenges may also come. Overall, the crises you face will force you to think more and plan. This is the time when you need to focus on your relationships. There may be tension in some relationships, so maintain clarity in conversation. If you are finding it difficult to express your feelings, listen to your conscience. Even small things can lead you to big problems. Your social life can also be a little disturbed.

Libra

Ganesha says this week, the experience of totality will be unique for Libra people. Your natural charm will make this time especially pleasant. You will be able to build great relationships with the people around you. This is the time when you will give a new dimension to the relationships important to you. Your presence in society will have a positive impact, which will attract people directly to you. If you have experienced some troubles in a relationship, then this is the time to find a solution.

Scorpio

Ganesha says this week, the general situation may remain a little challenging for Scorpios. You may feel some uncertainty and conflict in the currents of life. Ups and downs are possible in personal relationships, which may make you feel stressed. This is the time when communication with loved ones will have to become more important. Despite your efforts, some communication problems may arise, so it is important to maintain patience.

Sagittarius

Ganesha says this week, the overall experience for Sagittarius natives will be very wonderful. You will experience a lot of inner energy and confidence, which will make your mood even better. This is the time when you can establish harmony with the people around you. Your generosity and open-mindedness will strengthen your relationships. Friends and family will enjoy activities with you that will fill you with happiness.

Capricorn

Ganesha says this week, circumstances seem to be somewhat unfavorable for Capricorn natives. Some challenges may come in your life, for which you will need to keep yourself stable. This is the time for self-control and restraint, as you may have to face many pressures. There may be some turmoil in your relationships this week. There may be minor differences and misunderstandings, but you can resolve them with patience and communication.

Aquarius

Ganesha says this week will bring mixed experiences for Aquarius natives. During this time, you will see some conflicts and confusion in your life, which may cause you mental stress. It will be very important to maintain harmony at this time. According to the context, some problems may also arise in love relationships. Keep the conversation with your partner open and honest so that misunderstandings can be cleared. This week, your creativity and self-expression will be somewhat limited, but it can also allow you to organise your thoughts and think deeply.

Pisces

Ganesha says this week will be very positive. There will be a flow of new energy and inspiration in your life, which will help you understand the world around you better. This is the time for you to go deep within yourself and unleash your creativity. Your intuition can open new paths for you. You will also feel depth and stability in your relationships. This week symbolises harmony and understanding, which will make your relationship even stronger. Qualities like spontaneous communication, openness, and honesty will support you.

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This week OTT releases From blockbusters to quirky comedies

The second Friday of September brings a fresh line-up of films and web series across major OTT platforms, promising viewers a weekend packed with entertainment. The genres range from romance and survival drama to horror, comedy, and true-crime documentaries. From Ahaan Panday and Aneet Padda's musical blockbuster Saiyaara to Tamannaah Bhatia and Diana Penty's quirky comedy Do You Wanna Partner, here's a detailed look at what's streaming today.

Netflix

Saiyaara- Sept 12

The highlight of this week's OTT slate is undoubtedly Saiyaara, directed by Mohit Suri. The Hindi musical romantic drama has already achieved blockbuster status in theaters and now arrives on Netflix to reach a wider audience. Starring debutants Ahaan Panday as Krish and Aneet Padda as Vaani, the film tells the soulful story of a struggling musician and a gifted lyricist who find love and purpose in each other's company. With its sweeping soundtrack and heartfelt performances, Saiyaara is positioned to be the streaming favorite of the week.

Beauty and the Bester- Sept 12

True-crime enthusiasts can look forward to Beauty and the Bester, a three-part documentary that dives into one of South Africa's most scandalous stories. The series explores the controversial relationship between celebrity doctor Nandipha



Magudumana and convicted criminal Thabo Bester, focusing on Bester's shocking prison escape. With its mix of crime, scandal, and media frenzy, the series promises to be as gripping as it is disturbing.

The Wrong Paris- Sept 12

Adding a dose of rom-com fun, The Wrong Paris follows Miranda Cosgrove as Dawn, an aspiring artist who mistakenly signs up for a dating reality show thinking it's set in Paris, France—only to end up in Paris, Texas. What begins as a disappointment soon changes when she crosses paths with Trey McAllen, played by Pierson Fodé, the show's charming bachelor. The film explores themes of mistaken expectations, serendipity, and love found in unexpected places, making it a breezy weekend watch.

in Kish-kindhapuri, already has another film out. Her latest release, Parada, directed by Praveen Kandregula, didn't perform as expected at the box office but has now made its way to OTT within just three weeks of release. The streaming rights were acquired by Amazon Prime Video, and the film is now available in Telugu and Malayalam, giving audiences another chance to catch it online.

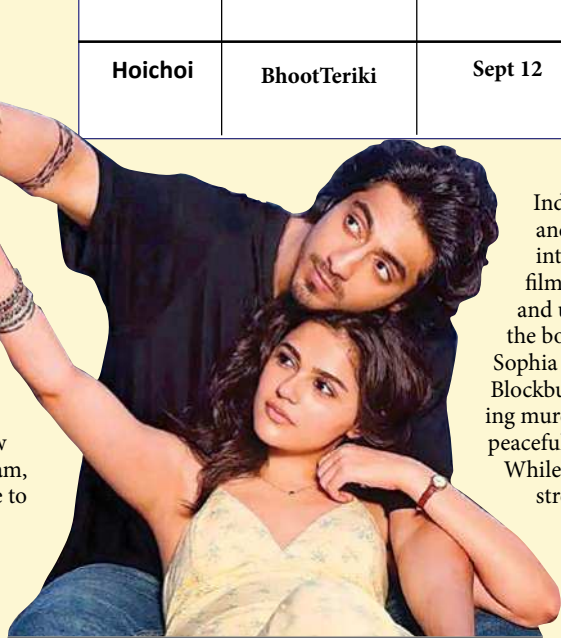
Do You Wanna Partner- Sept 12

In the comedy-drama space, Tamannaah Bhatia and Diana Penty headline Do You Wanna Partner, produced by Karan Johar. The series follows two friends who take on the male-dominated craft beer industry by launching their own brand. Packed with humor, ambition, and the challenges of entrepreneurship, the show delivers both entertainment and a strong message about women breaking barriers. For fans of lighthearted dramas with a modern twist, this one is a must-watch.

Sun NXT Meesha- Sept 12

Malayalam cinema continues to push boundaries with Meesha, a survival drama that throws three estranged friends together during a reunion in the wilderness. The story not only tests their physical endurance but also brings unresolved conflicts of friendship, betrayal,

OTT RELEASES			
Platform	Title	Release Date	Details
Netflix	Saiyaara	Sept 12	Blockbuster starring Ahaan Panday & Aneet Padda, directed by Mohit Suri.
	Beauty and the Bester	Sept 12	Explores scandalous story of Dr. Nandipha Magudumana & Thabo Bester.
	The Wrong Paris	Sept 12	Miranda Cosgrove lands in Paris, Texas instead of Paris, France, leading to unexpected romance.
JioHotstar	Rambo in Love	Sept 12	Romantic drama about a bankrupt entrepreneur seeking help from his ex. Stars Abhinav Manikanta & Payal Chengappa.
Prime Video	Parada	Sept 12	Anupama Parameswaran starrer, directed by Praveen Kandregula; now streaming in Telugu & Malayalam.
	Do You Wanna Partner	Sept 12	Tamannaah Bhatia & Diana Penty star in a story about women entrepreneurs in the craft beer industry.
Sun NXT	Meesha	Sept 12	Malayalam film about estranged friends confronting past issues during a forest reunion.
Lionsgate Play	Detective Ujjwalan	Sept 12	Dhyan Sreenivasan starrer about a murder disrupting a peaceful town. Dubbed in 4 languages.
	The Ritual	Sept 12	Al Pacino & Dan Stevens star in exorcism drama based on 1928 Emma Schmidt possession.
Hoichoi	BhootTeriki	Sept 12	Bengali web series about a film crew encountering three ghosts in a Kolkata palace.



Indraneel Gopeekrishnan and Rahul G. Despite its intriguing premise, the film received mixed reviews and underperformed at the box office. Produced by Sophia Paul under Weekend Blockbusters, it follows a shocking murder that disrupts the peaceful town of Plaachikkaavu. While the Malayalam version streamed on Netflix in July, the dubbed Hindi, Telugu, Tamil, and Kannada versions are now available on Lionsgate Play.

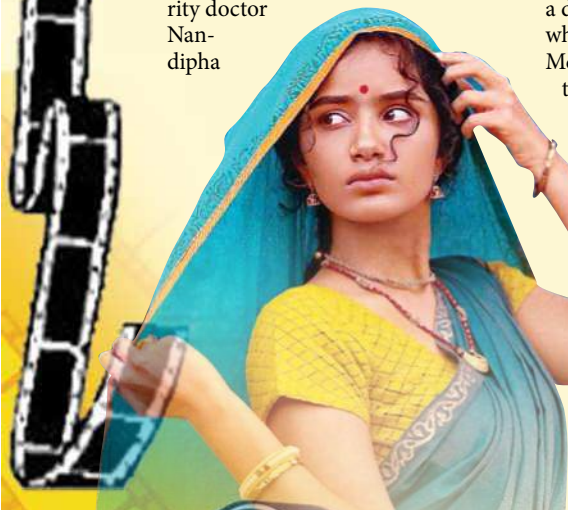
The Ritual- Sept 12

One of the most anticipated horror films of the year, The Ritual takes audiences back to 1928 Iowa. Starring Hollywood veteran Al Pacino as Father Theophilus Riesinger and Dan Stevens as Father Joseph Steiger, the film narrates the chilling true story of Emma Schmidt's possession. Played by Abigail Cowen, Emma becomes the subject of intense exorcisms that test the faith and courage of the priests involved. Combining historical accuracy with gripping supernatural storytelling, this film is set to be a spine-tingling experience for horror enthusiasts.

Lionsgate Play Detective Ujjwalan- Sept 12

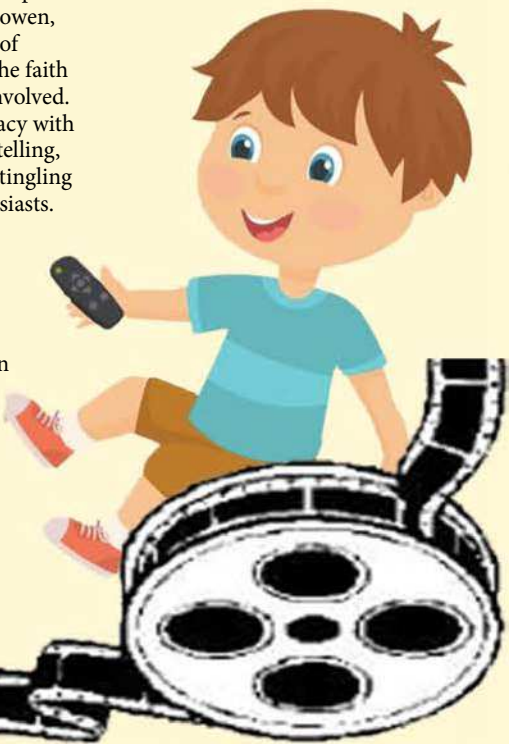
Malayalam mystery thriller Detective Ujjwalan, starring Dhyan Sreenivasan, Siju Wilson, and Rony David Raj, was directed by

laugh with BhootTeriki. Directed by Kaushik Hafizee with creative inputs from Anirban Bhattacharya, this horror-comedy centers on a film crew attempting to document the paranormal history of a Kolkata palace. Instead, they stumble into chaos with three resident ghosts, blending eerie moments with rib-tickling comedy. Hoichoi, known for its innovative regional content, once again delivers an offbeat story that appeals beyond the Bengali-speaking audience. This week's OTT line-up caters to every mood—whether it's the spine-chilling terror of The Ritual, the youthful romance of Saiyaara, the entrepreneurial zest of Do You Wanna Partner, or the quirky comedy of The Wrong Paris. Regional gems like Meesha and BhootTeriki further enrich the variety on offer. With such a wide spectrum of stories and genres, audiences across languages are guaranteed an entertaining weekend.



Prime Video Parada- Sept 12

Young and talented actress Anupama Parameswaran, who recently appeared alongside Bellamkonda Sai Srinivas



Hoichoi BhootTeriki- Sept 12

Bengali audiences are in for a spooky

'Kammattam' review: Fails to hit the mark

SUHAS SISTU

Zee5's first Malayalam original series, Kammattam, made noise even before release when director Shan Thulasidharan revealed it was shot in just 11 days. While this might sound like an impressive feat, unfortunately, the hurried production shows in almost every frame. The end product feels rushed, underdeveloped, and far from the gripping crime thriller it

aspires to be.

The show opens with Samuel Umman (Jeo Baby) riding his scooter before meeting with an accident. Inspector Antonio George (Sudev Nair) immediately concludes that this isn't just a mishap but something far more sinister. What follows is a fast-paced investigation into a cooperative bank-linked fraud. The problem, however, is that the pace works against the narrative. Plot points move too quickly,

characters are skimmed over, and viewers are given little time to absorb the gravity of the case.

Unlike well-crafted Malayalam crime dramas such as Kerala Crime Files, Kammattam avoids deeper character exploration. The police officers are portrayed merely as men in uniform with no personal arcs, making it hard for viewers to connect or care about their journey. The so-called "inspired by true events"

angle promises weight but ends up feeling like a lost opportunity. The potential of a cooperative bank fraud leading to multiple murders is never fully tapped, leaving the story fragmented and unsatisfying.

On the technical side, cinematographer Prakash Velayudhan and editor Ratheesh Mohanan maintain a brisk pace, but it feels like style over substance. The background score by 4 Musics occasionally elevates

the mood but often comes across as overwhelming. Performances by Sudev Nair and Jeo Baby are solid, yet the supporting cast fails to make an impression, weakening the overall impact.

Ultimately, Kammattam feels like a series more concerned with finishing quickly than telling a compelling story. Its rushed execution, lack of emotional depth, and uneven storytelling prevent it from standing out in a genre where Ma-

lalam cinema has already raised the bar.

Despite its promise, Kammattam is a half-baked thriller that leaves you questioning whether speed in production is worth sacrificing narrative quality. It's watchable only if you're curious, but it doesn't live up to the expectations set by Malayalam crime thrillers.

Rating: 1.5/5



– Union Minister Piyush Goyal

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-

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

THIRUCHIRAPPALLI (TAMIL NADU)

TAMILAGA Vетtri 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 seeking 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 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 kabutarckhanas (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 kabutarckhanas and the report will be favourable.

The Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation had banned feeding pigeons and closed some old kabutarckhanas 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 kabutarckhanas 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 kabutarckhanas 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'

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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 life...We 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.

