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WINDOWS



Top Maoist leader Mallojula surrenders in Maharashtra

60 other cadres also lay down arms along with him

GADCHIROLI: Senior Naxalite Mallojula Venu-gopal Rao alias Bhupathi surrendered before police along with 60 other cadres in Maharashtra's Gad-chiroli district, officials said on Tuesday. One of the influential strategists in the banned organisation, Bhupathi, a member of the central committee and politburo, carried a bounty of Rs 6 crore, the officials said. They said the Naxals turned themselves in before the police around 10 pm on Monday. The cadres were brought to the Gadchiroli police headquarters in police vehicles from Hodri village, where they surrendered with 54 weapons, the officials said. The seized weapons include seven AK-47s and nine INSAS rifles, the officials added. The surrendered cadres include a member of the central committee, three Dandkaryana Special Zonal Committee (DKSZC) members and 10 members of a divisional committee of the outlawed CPI-Maoist, the officials said.

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SLP IN SC ON HC STAY ON BC RESERVATION

STATE SEEKS EARLY HEARING

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HYDERABAD

THE state government has filed a Special Leave Petition (SLP) before the Supreme Court challenging the interim orders of the Telangana High Court that stayed Government Order (GO) No 9, which enhanced reservation for Backward Classes (BCs) in local bodies from 25 per cent to 42 per cent.

Lawyers, representing the state government, made a mention before the Supreme Court registry seeking an early hearing of the SLP on Thursday or Friday. In its response, the registry as-



TPCC president Mahesh Kumar Goud meets Supreme Court lawyer and MP Abhishek Manu Singhvi in Delhi

sured that the matter would be placed before the Chief Justice of India (CJI).

It may be recalled that the High Court had granted in-

terim stay on 42 per cent BC quota order on October 9. Consequently, the ongoing local body election process came to a standstill.

Meanwhile, state PCC president Mahesh Kumar Goud said that the government has approached the apex court to secure a relief from the High Court stay and get the green signal to implement 42 per cent BC reservation in the local body elections.

Earlier, he held a series of meetings with legal experts, including Congress counsel Abhishek Manu Singhvi in New Delhi. He apprised Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy and the party high command about the progress on filing SLP in the apex court and the prospects of getting relief from there.

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20 killed as moving bus catches fire in Jaisalmer

JAISALMER: Around 20 people died, and many others were grievously injured after a moving bus caught fire in Rajasthan's Jaisalmer district on Tuesday. The bus carrying 57 passengers was passing by the vicinity of the army station when it caught fire. The flames immediately engulfed the entire vehicle turning it into a moving ball of fire.

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Modi 'good friend', Munir 'favourite field marshal': Trump



SHARM EL-SHEIKH

US President Donald Trump played a balancing act at the Gaza Peace Summit in Egypt's Sharm el-Sheikh, calling Pakistani Army Chief Asim Munir "my favourite marshal," while also praising his "very good friend," Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

"Prime Minister Sharif of Pakistan and I have to say, my favourite Field Marshal from Pakistan, who is not here but the Prime Minister is here," said Trump, as he invited Pakistani Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif to address the historic Gaza Peace Summit.

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BIHAR ASSEMBLY POLLS

BJP drops Speaker, fields 2 Dy CMs in first list of 71 candidates

NEW DELHI/PATNA

THE Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) on Tuesday announced its first list of 71 candidates for the upcoming Bihar Assembly elections, scheduled to be held in two phases on November 6 and 11.

The list features a mix of fresh and familiar faces, while also reflecting some bold choices, including the denial of ticket to Assembly Speaker and seven-time Patna Sahib MLA Nand Kishore Yadav.

In this first list, the BJP has retained 53 candidates and replaced nominees in 15 constituencies. The party is contesting 101 of the 243 seats as part of the National Democratic Alliance (NDA) and is expected to release its second list of 30 candidates soon. Among the key candidates is Deputy Chief



Speaker Nand Kishore Yadav

Minister Samrat Choudhary, who currently serves as a Member of the Legislative Council (MLC). He will contest from the Tarapur seat. His fellow Deputy CM, Vijay Kumar Sinha, has been fielded again from his stronghold, Lakhisarai. Another notable name is Mangal Pandey, also an MLC and a minister in the NDA government, who will contest from Siwan.

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Sathya Sai Central Trust Managing Trustee R J Rathnakar with Vice-President C P Radhakrishnan in New Delhi on Tuesday

Vice-President to attend 100th birth anniversary of Sathya Sai Baba

AMARAVATI: Sri Sathya Sai Central Trust has invited Vice-President C P Radhakrishnan to participate in the centenary celebrations of Sri Sathya Sai Baba. R J Rathnakar, Managing Trustee of Sri Sathya Sai Central Trust, met the Vice-President in New Delhi on Tuesday and formally invited him to the centenary celebrations.

During the meeting, Rathnakar apprised the Vice President of the various humanitarian and spiritual activities undertaken by the Sri Sathya Sai Central Trust.

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TG writes to CWC, opposes Banakacherla

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HYDERABAD

IN its bid to register a strong protest against the Banakacherla project taken up by the Andhra Pradesh government before the Union government, the Telangana government has written a strongly worded letter to the Central Water Commission (CWC) and Polavaram Project Authority (PPA).

In his missive to the CWC Chairman, state Engineer-in-

Top engineer shoots strongly worded anti-AP missive to CWC and Polavaram Project Authority



Chief (Irrigation) Mohd Amjad Hussain said the Telangana government has already

raised several objections as regards the Polavaram-Banakacherla Link project

(BPLP) that is proposed by the AP government. He sought action as per the provisions of the AP Reorganization Act 2014. The official pointed out that the ministry of Jal Shakti has directed CWC to reject the pre-feasibility report and also requested the union ministry of Environment and Forests not to undertake any appraisal of the Banakacherla proposal and outrightly reject grant of ToR in the upcoming meeting of EAC.

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BIG TWIST IN HARYANA IPS OFFICER SUICIDE CASE

Another cop shoots self; accuses dead ADGP of graft

ROHTAK/CHANDIGARH

A Haryana cop in Rohtak has allegedly committed suicide, accusing the deceased officer, Y Puran Kumar, of corruption, police said on Tuesday. The deceased has been identified as Sandeep Lather, who was posted with the cyber cell of Rohtak Police.

In his final video, ASI Sandeep expressed support to former Rohtak SP Narendra Bijarnia who was shunted after the incident. In the video, Sandeep said that Bijarnia is an honest police officer. Police sources said that Sandeep played a role in the arrest of



Sandeep Lather and Puran Kumar

head constable Sushil Kumar, an aide of Puran Kumar.

"ASI Sandeep was a very hardworking and an honest person in our department. We received information that a body has been found after which we reached here," Rohtak Superintendent of Police S S Bhoria told reporters at the incident site.

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Rahul urges swift action over IPS officer's death

NEW DELHI: Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi on Tuesday strongly criticised the delay in action on the assurances given to the family of late IPS officer Y Puran Kumar by the Haryana government, urging it to allow his "final rites to take place peacefully, and end this drama".

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HYDRAA reclaims 1,000 acres till date

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HYDERABAD

THE Hyderabad Disaster Response and Asset Protection Agency (HYDRAA), which targeted encroachments on government land, including lakes, parks, and roads since its inception in July last year, has freed over 1,000 acres of land in Greater Hyderabad region till date. The agency conducts eviction drives, removes illegal structures, and secures reclaimed land to protect public property.

HYDRAA, which was formed on July 19, 2024, as

The reclaimed land is valued at around Rs 50,000 cr, says agency's chief Ranganath

HYDRAA in Numbers

Formed: July 19, 2024
Total drives: 100 in 14 months
Reclaimed: Over 1,000 acres
Removed: 600 encroachments
Freed land value: Rs 50,000 cr
Rejuvenated: 6 lakes



per the directions of Chief Minister Anumula Revanth Reddy, conducted more than 100 drives to remove about 600 encroachments. In the process, it reclaimed around 480 acres of government land, 235 acres of lakes and 220 acres of roads and several other unauthorized

structures. The agency also removed encroachment on more than 15 acres of nalas and 25 acres of parks.

According to HYDRAA Commissioner AV Ranganath, the reclaimed land is valued at around Rs 50,000 crore. The agency also rejuvenated six lakes at a cost of

Rs 58.40 crore. Due to the rejuvenation of six lakes, their area has increased from 105 acres to 180 acres as the agency retrieved about 75 acres of encroached land.

The Commissioner said that HYDRAA is receiving a positive response from the citizens. Continued on Page 5

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No second term for sitting DCC presidents: AICC

HYDERABAD

THE All India Congress Committee (AICC) has made it clear that the current District Congress Committee (DCC) presidents in Telangana will

not be eligible for a second term. Meenakshi Natarajan, AICC state affairs in-charge, and Mahesh Kumar Goud, PCC chief, conveyed this directive during a Zoom meeting with DCC presidents on Tuesday.

The meeting was part of the ongoing exercise for selecting new DCC presidents in the state. Officials emphasized that the candidates for the post must have worked in the party with discipline for at least five consecutive years. Natarajan and Goud warned that the AICC observers would disqualify those failing to meet this requirement.

The party officials also clarified that family members of elected public representatives would not be given priority. Instead, preference would be given to the leaders from SC, ST, BC, minority communities, and women. Strict instructions were issued regarding the conduct of interactions with AICC observers. Leaders were advised against holding personal meetings or conversations and were told that all meetings should take place at party offices or public venues accessible to all, not in private homes or offices.

Additionally, party leaders were asked to ensure local participation, with at least 100 people from a village signing petitions to support the AICC's vote-theft programme.

Uttam reviews Devadula project works; urges for timely completion

Directs the Irrigation department to remove procedural bottlenecks, expedite pending works, and ensure irrigation benefits reach all the farmers in drought-prone areas of North Telangana

HYDERABAD

IRRIGATION and Civil Supplies Minister N. Uttam Kumar Reddy, accompanied by Minister D. Seethakka and elected representatives of the combined Warangal district, reviewed the progress of the J. Chokka Rao Devadula Lift Irrigation Scheme (JCRDLIS) and emphasized the Congress government's commitment to complete the project on schedule.

During the review meeting, the minister directed the Irrigation department to remove procedural bottlenecks, expedite pending works, and ensure irrigation benefits reach all the farmers in drought-prone areas of North Telangana.

On this occasion, the officials informed that the Devadula project, designed to lift 38.16 TMC of water from the Godavari River

near Gangaram village in Jayashankar Bhupalpally district, aims to irrigate 5.57 lakh acres across Hanamkonda, Warangal, Karimnagar, Jayashankar Bhupalpally, Mulugu, Jangaon, Yadadri, Suryapet, and Siddipet districts. The project involves a total lift of 469 metres and is being implemented in three phases, including major pump houses, tunnels, reservoirs, distribution systems, and canals.

The latest progress report shows 3.17 lakh acres have been brought under irrigation so far. When combined with 58,028 acres irrigated through groundwater, the overall potential will reach 6.14 lakh acres upon completion. The government has spent Rs. 14,269.63 crore of the revised project cost of Rs.18,500 crore, with Rs. 4,230 crore remaining for completion.



Physical works are progressing steadily: 1,663 km of earthwork completed out of 2,430 km planned; 669 km of pipelines laid; 8,510 of 16,113 structures finished; and 799 km of canal lining completed. 39 of 46 tanks and 18 of 21 pump houses are operational, with component-wise progress

ranging from 67% to 95%. Under Phase-I, lifting 5.18 TMC over 170 days annually, already serves 1.23 lakh acres, while Phase-II, targeting 7.25 TMC for 1.93 lakh acres, is near completion. Phase-III, covering 2.39 lakh acres, is under execution in eight packages, with two packages completed.

Under land acquisition, about 32,079 acres was secured out of 34,386, leaving 2,307 acres pending, mainly in Phase-III areas.

Uttam Kumar Reddy instructed the officials to complete all pending land acquisition, lining, and mechanical works in the next financial year and to prioritize commissioning remaining pump houses. He also stressed clearing all pending contractor payments to avoid work delays.

He reaffirmed the government's resolve to make Devadula project fully operational within two years, providing dependable irrigation to nearly six lakh acres, improving crop productivity, and enhancing drinking-water availability in north and central Telangana. "Every rupee spent must translate into water flowing into the fields," he noted. (NSS)

CM to handover appointment letters to selected Group-2 candidates

HYDERABAD

TELANGANA government will present the appointment letters to candidates selected for Group-2 posts on October 18, state chief secretary K. Ramakrishna Rao announced. The letters will be handed over by Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy during a program at Shilpa Kala Vedita in the evening.

The Chief Secretary, who chaired a review meeting with officials at the Telangana Secretariat here on Tuesday, said a total of 783 candidates from around 16 departments will

receive the appointment letters. All state ministers have been invited for this program, he added.

Officials have been instructed to complete the certificate verification for the selected candidates ahead of the event and ensure smooth entry for candidates and their families by 4 pm. Since most of the appointments are from the General Administration, Revenue, Commercial Taxes, Excise and Panchayat Raj departments, the CS directed the Revenue, Home, and GAD Secretaries to coordinate arrangements for the event. "Candidates re-

ceiving the letters will serve in the government for the next 30 years, so the program should reflect the importance of public service," the CS noted.

The review meeting was attended by DGP Shivdhar Reddy, Special Chief Secretary Vikas Raj, Principal Secretaries Benahar Mahesh Dutt Ekka, Rizvi, Sandeep Kumar Sultanania, Secretaries Lokesh Kumar and TK Sridevi, GHMC Commissioner R.V. Karnan, Special Commissioner of the Information and Public Relations Department Chekka Priyanka, and other officials concerned.

Harish casts doubts on govt's intent to stall Banakacharla

Union Jal Shakti Minister C R Patil informed CM Revanth Reddy that the Godavari-Banakacharla project's Pre-Feasibility Report has been submitted for appraisal

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HYDERABAD

FORMER Minister T Harish Rao on Tuesday questioned whether the Telangana government truly intends to stop the Banakacharla project, being constructed by Andhra Pradesh, or if it is simply misleading the public by issuing backdated letters.

In a letter dated September 23, 2025, Union Jal Shakti Minister C R Patil informed Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy that the Pre-Feasibility Report (PFR) of the Godavari-Banakacharla project has been submitted for techno-economic appraisal and that the permission process is underway.

Harish Rao pointed out that he had raised this issue publicly on October 11, during a press conference at Telangana Bhavan.

Despite he highlighting the matter, Harish Rao said, the state government has not taken any concrete action or issued a clear response.

He criticised the Chief Minister for failing to send any letter to the Union Minister opposing the granting of permission to the illegal Banakacharla project, calling it a "clear betrayal of the people of Telangana."

Despite the fact that the



Andhra Pradesh government issued a tender notification for the DPR of the Banakacharla project on October 6, 2025, neither the Chief Minister nor the Irrigation Minister had taken any steps to write to the Union Minister objecting to this development.

Harish Rao also questioned why the Telangana Irrigation Secretary has not written to the Secretary of the Union Jal Shakti Ministry, even at this stage.

He asked what was the purpose of sending a letter from the ENC to the Central Water Commission (CWC) with a backdated signature, when no real-time effort being made to prevent the illegal project.

While the Andhra Pradesh government is pushing for-

ward with construction at full speed, the Congress-led Telangana government is trying to divert attention by releasing backdated letters, misleading the people.

He alleged that the state government is deliberately remaining silent while Andhra Pradesh is attempting to divert Godavari waters under the guise of floodwaters through the illegal Banakacharla project.

Harish Rao said only Revanth Reddy can answer why his government has remained silent when the BJP government in Maharashtra, the TDP government in Andhra Pradesh, and the Congress government in Karnataka were all strategically acting to undermine Telangana's share of both Krishna and Godavari waters.

Kavitha to undertake statewide yatra without KCR's photo

HYDERABAD

TELANGANA Jagruti president Kalvakuntla Kavitha has taken a bold decision to launch a statewide Yatra across Telangana in the last week of October

The Yatra will cover all districts in the state. Notably, the Yatra will be conducted without displaying the photograph of former Chief Minister and her father K. Chandrashekar Rao (KCR).

Instead, the Yatra posters will feature the image of Professor Jayashankar, as per Kavitha's instructions

to Jagruti cadres. The official poster for the Yatra is set to be unveiled here on Wednesday.

Addressing the gathering, Kavitha emphasized that the Yatra's focus would be on the welfare of Telangana's people, with special attention to the development of Backward Classes (BCs). She also vowed to expose the Congress party's alleged failures regarding BC rights.

On this occasion, Kavitha distributed appointment documents to state, district, and Youth Federation leaders. She highlighted the pivotal role of youth



in driving societal change, recalling their significant contribution to the separate Telangana movement. She urged the young leaders to take on responsibilities that would help them build a good reputation while contributing to the progress of Telangana.

Supreme Court directs former intelligence chief T Prabhakar Rao to reset and share his iCloud credentials with forensic experts amid investigation into alleged phone-tapping

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HYDERABAD

IN a significant development in the case, the Supreme Court has asked former intelligence wing head T Prabhakar Rao who is facing charges of phone-tapping to provide the correct ID and password for his iCloud and other backups to the investigating agency.

"As and when the petitioner is summoned, he shall take steps to reset and activate the password in the presence of forensic experts as submitted by the learned counsel for the petitioner," a bench of Justices B V Nagarathna and R Mahadevan ordered. The court was hearing the State's application to vacate its order granting Rao interim protection from arrest.

Appearing for the State, Solicitor-General Tushar Mehta said there was no progress

due to lack of cooperation from Rao. He said the facts are shocking and that the officer had formatted his devices, thereby destroying electronic evidence. Senior Advocate D S Naidu, appearing for Rao, denied that he was not cooperating.

He said everything the investigators asked for had been shared with them except the password to his personal iCloud devices. He added that the investigators have Rao's devices and submitted that Rao had been summoned 11 times and questioned for 18 hours and it was recorded. On the iCloud password, he said, "I (Rao) have forgotten that. It is a very old account". He offered to reset it in the presence of forensic experts.

When Justice Nagarathna referred to the charge that he had deleted data from the



devices, Naidu said it was not Rao but the department computer experts who deleted it following standard security protocol. "I am not the only one in the department...I have not deleted anything on my own...If only I deleted, the information should still be there in the department... It is a norm that is practised in any security department," he submitted.

Justice Mahadevan pointed

out that it was only Rao who had access to his iCloud account and asked, "What is the guarantee that you have not deleted anything from it as of now?"

Naidu said "electronic footprints will be there... it cannot be erased" and computer experts can check. He said all official devices have been handed over and only his personal account is there which has nothing official.

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Legislative Council Chairman Gutha Sukhender Reddy, Speaker Gaddam Prasad Kumar, Deputy Chairman Banda Prakash, and officials during their visit to Dr BR Ambedkar's residence

State leaders visit Ambedkar's London residence

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LONDON/NALGONDA

LEGISLATIVE Council Chairman Gutha Sukhender Reddy, Assembly Speaker Gaddam Prasad Kumar, and Deputy Chairman Banda Prakash visited the house of architect of the Indian Constitution Dr BR Ambedkar in London's King Henry

Road; the latter lived there during 1921-22.

The house, now converted into a museum in memory of Dr Ambedkar, showcases his life and contributions. The dignitaries paid floral tributes to Ambedkar's statue and then toured the library, bedroom, photo gallery, and personal belongings used by him.

Speaking on the occasion, Gutha said he felt it was a great privilege to visit the residence. He added that Ambedkar remains a constant source of inspiration for all. He expressed gratitude to the Government of India for preserving Ambedkar's residence as a museum and maintaining it efficiently.

Six Maoists surrender in Bhadradri Kothagudem

HANS NEWS SERVICE
KOTHAGUDEM

SIX Maoists, including one female cadre, surrendered before District Superintendent of Police B Rohith Raju on Tuesday. This brings the total number of Maoist surrenders in the district so far this year to 326.

Addressing the media, SP Raju said the surrendered individuals include three party members, two militia members, and one CNM cadre.

He noted that the government's surrender and rehabilitation policy, combined with welfare and developmental efforts under 'Operation Cheyutha', played a key role in encouraging the cadres to return to the mainstream.

"The surrendered Maoists were inspired by the positive changes under Operation Cheyutha and chose to leave behind violence for a peaceful life with their families," the SP said.



"Supporting Maoist groups out of fear or belief will only delay progress. The path to development lies in peace and democracy," he added.

"Those who surrendered will each receive an immediate financial assistance of Rs 25,000. Additional benefits based on their cadre level will be disbursed upon submission of Aadhaar and bank account details," the SP informed.

Lineman caught taking bribe in Vangoor

HANS NEWS SERVICE
NAGARKURNOOL

AN electricity department lineman was caught red-handed by the Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) while accepting a bribe of Rs 15,000 at Vangoor Mandal headquarters of Nagarkurnool district on Tuesday.

According to ACB DSP Balakrishna, a farmer named Raju from Machinonipalli village in Vangoor Mandal had applied for the installation of a transformer



for his agricultural land. Lineman Nagender allegedly demanded a bribe of Rs 20,000 to speed up the process. Unwilling to pay

the bribe, the farmer approached ACB officials, who laid a trap. On Tuesday, when Nagender was caught accepting Rs 15,000 at the Vangoor Mandal center, ACB officials apprehended him on the spot.

He was taken into custody, and further investigation is underway. The DSP urged the public to report any instances of government officials demanding bribes to the ACB toll-free number 1064, assuring that the complainants' identities will be kept confidential.

Synthetic track and open gym at NG College grounds soon

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DISTRICT Collector Ila Tripathi announced plans to develop a synthetic track and open gym at the NG College Grounds in Nalgonda town. On Tuesday morning, she inspected the grounds during a morning walk to review the feasibility of setting up the synthetic track.

Speaking to the media, the Collector said the NG College Grounds are a landmark for Nalgonda and efforts will be made to develop better sports facilities through municipal or district funds. She stated that priority will be given to creating a synthetic walking track, installing high-mast lights, repairing the existing open gym, and adding a new one to improve public amenities.

She directed officials to



prepare and submit estimates so that the works can be initiated quickly. The Collector also emphasized the need to protect the grounds from encroachments.

Komatireddy Prateek Foundation CEO MV Gona Reddy presented books to the Collector and explained the foundation's development

works at NG College. He noted that Minister Komatireddy Venkat Reddy funded the walking track twice and provided a transformer. Gona Reddy requested a walking track and garden at Prateek Memorial College, which officials supported.

Additional Collector (Revenue) J. Srinivas, Miryalaguda

Sub-Collector Narayan Amit, Municipal Commissioner Syed Musab Ahmed, Walkers Association members Bandaru Prasad, Repala Madan Mohan, Dr. Pullara, Sourayya, College Principal Upender, Lingaiah, former councillor Miryala Yadagiri, Rachakonda Giri, Venkanna, and Yasa Venkat Reddy were present.

TOWARDS RESPONSIBLE TOURISM

TOURIST POLICE TO BOOST SAFETY OF VISITORS

10 tourist police constables set to begin duty in district from today



A group photo of Tourist Police who have been allotted to Kothagudem district

- 80 individuals from across districts given specialised training at NITHM
- Selected candidates fluent in Telugu, Hindi, and English
- Specially trained personnel will be stationed at major tourist and pilgrimage centers
- All selected personnel hold degrees with proven language proficiency

PV SATYANARAYANA
KOTHAGUDEM

WITH tourism emerging as a key revenue-generating sector in Telangana, the state government has launched a series of initiatives to ensure safety and support for both domestic and international tourists. As part of this, the government introduced a dedicated 'Tourist Police' system under the slogan 'Telangana Jaroor Aana' (Do Visit Telangana), aimed at improving the overall experi-

ence for travelers.

Eighty individuals from across districts who possess degrees and fluency in Telugu, Hindi, and English have been selected in this regard. These recruits were given specialized training at the National Institute of Tourism and Hospitality Management (NITHM) in Hyderabad. The training, which ran from October 6 to 9, also included field exposure at major tourist attractions like Yadagiri-

gutta, Golconda Fort, Lum-bini Park, Bonagiri, and the Qutb Shahi Tombs.

Among the trained personnel, 10 tourist police constables from Bhadradi Kothagudem district have now reported to District In-charge Officer Parandam Reddy at the Collectorate and are set to begin duty from Wednesday.

These specially trained personnel will be stationed at major tourist and pilgrim-

age centers in the district, including three male constables and one female constable in Bhadrachalam; three constables in Parnasala; and two male constables and one female constable in Kinnersani.

Their responsibilities include providing safety, assistance, and guidance to tourists, explaining site-specific dos and don'ts, and ensuring a hassle-free experience for all visitors. They will also

help bridge communication gaps by offering support in multiple languages.

Candidates were selected from various police stations in the district, including Bhadrachalam Town, Traffic, Manuguru, Aswapuram, Burgampahad, Lakshmidhevipalli, Allapalli, and Tekulapalli. All selected personnel hold degrees such as B.Tech, B.A., or post-graduate qualifications, with proven language proficiency.

As part of their training, the tourist police were familiarized with historical and cultural significance of key sites and were trained to handle tourist-related queries and challenges.

Authorities have also planned to provide a dedicated dress code for these officers and initiate an awareness campaign through social media platforms. Tourists will be informed about the role of these officers and how to approach them for assistance.

Additionally, officials hinted at the introduction of a 'Drone Surveillance System' to enhance monitoring and safety at tourist destinations in the near future.

MSR launches CC road works in Old Palamuru

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SENIOR Congress leader Marepalli Surender Reddy (MSR) formally laid the foundation stone for newly sanctioned CC road works in Ward No. 11 under the jurisdiction of Mahabubnagar Municipal Corporation.

The launch of these road works is expected to significantly ease mobility and address long-pending demands of local residents for better internal roads. Speaking on the occasion, MSR said the Congress party remains committed to ensuring quality infrastructure and improving living conditions in every neighborhood of Mahabubnagar. He added that the development of basic amenities like roads and drainage is a top priority.

After the foundation stone-laying ceremony, MSR conducted a padayatra through Old Palamuru Colony. He met with residents, listened to their grievances, and assured them that their problems would be taken to the concerned departments for swift resolution. Resi-



Senior Congress leader Marepalli Surender Reddy laid foundation for construction of a CC Road

dents expressed their appreciation for the long-awaited road works and urged the leaders to address other civic issues such as drainage and street lighting.

Several prominent Congress leaders, including DCC General Secretary Siraj Khadri, Venkatesh, former councilors Sang-eetha Shankar and Srinivasulu, as well as party leaders Yerpula Nagaraju, T. Ramesh Babu, T. Nagayya, P. Raju, Vishnu, and other key local leaders.



Sathupalli MLA Matta Ragamayee Dayanand meets with Khammam District Collector Anudeep Durishetty in Khammam on Tuesday; submits proposals for various developmental works in the constituency and discusses welfare schemes

Officials told to follow quality standards in paddy procurement

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WANAPARTHY

DISTRICT collector Adarsh Surabhi on Tuesday directed officials to ensure that paddy procurement for the Kharif 2025-26 season is carried out strictly in accordance with fair average quality standards. Along with additional collector (revenue) Kheemya Naik, he conducted a preparatory

meeting with concerned officials regarding the paddy procurement process for the upcoming season. Surabhi emphasised that only paddy meeting the FAQ quality standards should be procured. He instructed that training programme be organised for agricultural extension officers and paddy procurement centre in-charges to ensure proper implementation.



DCC presidents' selection for 3 districts begins

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WANAPARTHY

FORMER Chief Minister of Puducherry and Wanaparthi district observer Narayanaswamy reached here on Tuesday to appoint a new DCC president. At a press meet he said DCC presidents will be appointed in Wanaparthi, Nagarkurnool, and Jogulamba Gadwal districts starting on Tuesday.

He stated that the main goal is to strengthen the party ahead of the upcoming elections and

that only those who work sincerely for its growth will be selected as district presidents.

The chosen leaders should unite all party activists and work for welfare of people.

Narayanaswamy said he came to the district headquarters as an observer to oversee the nomination of the district-level posts. State Planning Board vice-chairman Dr. Chinna Reddy, local MLA Thudi Mega Reddy, DCC president Rajendra Prasad, and several party activists were present.

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JH ASSEMBLY BYPOLL

Vote theft: KTR skewers Cong for deploying dubious methods

BRS working president accuses Congress of "conspiracies and machinations" to manipulate the voter list, highlighting 23,000 new votes and the illegal distribution of voter IDs

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HYDERABAD

THE political atmosphere in Telangana intensified on Tuesday with the BRS Working President K T Rama Rao launching a frontal assault on the ruling Congress party, alleging massive electoral fraud and a blatant disregard for democratic principles ahead of the upcoming by-election.

In a detailed presentation to the media, K T Rama Rao accused the Congress of employing various "conspiracies and machinations" to manipulate the voters' list, insisting that despite these illegal attempts, the BRS would still emerge victorious.

K T Rama Rao initiated his critique by pointing out "abnormal" changes in the electoral rolls. He stated that while the voters' list saw an addition of 23,000 new votes, a simultaneous and unexplained deletion of 12,000 existing votes occurred, stressing that the sudden increase in voters raised "many doubts." The BRS specifically alleged that the Congress party candidate had "taken over the duty of the Election Commission" and engaged in



the illegal distribution of voter IDs, even extending these cards to minors.

K T Rama Rao further questioned the direct involvement of the Chief Minister and PCC President Mahesh Kumar Goud, noting that their photographs were prominently displayed during the related voter list distribution event. He confirmed that the Election Commission (EC) itself has already registered a case regarding the distribution of 'fake ID cards' by the Con-



gress candidate.

BRS party workers conducting a field analysis over just two days uncovered nu-

merous instances of alleged fraud. K T Rama Rao cited specific examples: a visit to the Sanskriti Avenue Apart-

ments, where 43 votes were registered, found that the owner explicitly denied any connection to the individuals listed; a small 80-square-yard house in Booth Number 125 was found to have 23 listed votes; and the house of a local Congress party leader was alleged to contain 32 "bogus votes."

The BRS highlighted the case of Srinivas Reddy, a resident of Sircilla, who discovered his vote was registered in the Jubilee Hills constituency without his knowledge, confirming the practice of "vote theft." K T Rama Rao asserted that all these "atrocities" were committed in a hurried manner and filled into the voters' list by the Congress government in a single day, adding that the Congress candidate, Naveen Kumar Yadav's, own brother, Venkat Praveen Yadav, holds three votes.

Recalling that the party formally met and submitted a letter to the CEO detailing all the evidence and objections, K T Rama Rao expressed dissatisfaction there was no response from the EC. He threatened the party would approach the High Court on the issue.

Ministers accuse BRS candidate of 'sympathy drama' in Jubilee Hills bypoll

BC Welfare and Agriculture Ministers allege Maganti Sunitha's public tears are being used for political mileage, while BRS leaders dismiss criticism as mudslinging

BC Welfare Minister Ponnam Prabhakar and Agriculture Minister Thummala Nageswara Rao alleged that BRS was exploiting Maganti Sunitha's grief for political gain in the Jubilee Hills by-election

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A war of words between state ministers and BRS leaders on BRS candidate M Sunitha crying in public triggered a political row. The ministers alleged that BRS was trying to garner sympathy votes on the death of MLA Gopinath by forcing Sunitha to weep at the first public meeting organised as part of the launch of the by-election campaign in Jubilee Hills assembly

constituency.

BC Welfare Minister Ponnam Prabhakar alleged that BRS candidate Maganti Sunitha was enacting dramas and trying to seek votes through emotional appeals in the Jubilee Hills by-election.

Taking part in party programmes at Yousufguda on Tuesday, Prabhakar said he sympathised with Maganti Sunitha, who lost her husband and sitting BRS MLA Maganti Gopinath. "But by crying on stage and during political speeches, she is trying to seek sympathy votes. The BRS leaders are not ready for a debate on the development of Jubilee Hills in the last ten years. Instead, sympathy dramas are being enacted like in cinemas," Prabhakar said. He alleged that a few BRS workers were instructing her to cry on every stage and at every programme, labelling it "artificial crying."

Meanwhile, Agriculture Minister Thummala Nageswara Rao alleged that the BRS was trying to derive political mileage through Maganti Sunitha's emotions. "The BRS is not leaving any opportunity, even a woman's tears. They want to get back to power through sympathy and loot," he said.

Countering the two ministers, BRS leader and former minister Srinivas Goud charged that the Congress leaders were not in a position to tolerate the growing popularity of the BRS in the by-election bound Jubilee Hills constituency. He claimed the ministers had resorted to mudslinging and personal attacks on the BRS candidate.

On the issue of fake votes, Prabhakar clarified that the state government had not interfered in any way, alleging that BRS and BJP were responsible for "vote chori" and "dada giri."



CM to inaugurate Komatireddy Prateek govt school

Bottuguda school in Nalgonda renamed as 'Komatireddy Prateek Govt School'

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NALGONDA

THE government has officially renamed the Bottuguda Government School in Nalgonda as 'Komatireddy Prateek Government School' and will soon be inaugurated by Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy.

The initiative led by Minister Komatireddy Venkat Reddy aims to transform the old primary and high school buildings into a modern, world-class educational institution. Constructed at a cost of Rs 8 crore through the Komatireddy Prateek Foundation, the school is equipped with state-of-the-art infrastructure and advanced learning facilities on par with corporate institutions.



An architectural view of the newly constructed Komatireddy Prateek Government Primary and High School at Bottuguda, Nalgonda

In a statement on Tuesday, Venkat Reddy emphasised his vision to provide quality education to children from underprivileged families in

a government school setting comparable to private schools. "The school will introduce digital classrooms, computer education, and bi-

lingual teaching (English and Urdu), with highly qualified faculty appointed through the Foundation," said the statement. Deeply moved by the school being named after his late son, Komatireddy Prateek, he expressed gratitude to Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy for his support.

The minister reaffirmed his commitment to improving education and healthcare in Nalgonda, announcing phased development of all Anganwadi centers, schools, and colleges with modern amenities.

The Minister also cited projects like the Rs 10 crore Komatireddy Prateek Junior College Complex and ongoing efforts to upgrade Thipparthi and Kanagal Junior Colleges.

JH bypoll: KCR hands over B-form to Maganti Sunitha

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BRS Party chief K Chandrashekar Rao on Tuesday handed over the B-form to Maganti Sunitha Gopinath, who is contesting as the party candidate in the bypoll for the Jubilee Hills constituency.

Along with the B-form, BRS chief handed over a cheque of Rs40 lakh on behalf of the party toward election expenses. Late Maganti Gopinath's daughter and son, former minister Maheshwaram MLA P Sabita Indra Reddy, Secunderabad MLA T Padmarao Goud, Amberpet MLA Kaleru Venkatesh, Musheerabad MLA Mutha



BRS chief K Chandrashekar Rao hands over the B-form to Maganti Sunitha Gopinath, the party's candidate for the Jubilee Hills bypoll, in Hyderabad on Tuesday.

Gopal, former Miryalaguda MLA N Bhaskar Rao and other party leaders were present on the occasion.

The BRS candidate will be filing her nomination papers in a simple manner on Wednesday with just

four leaders. The party has decided to take up a massive rally in her support on October 19.

20 days and no water supply from Kodandarama Swamy LIS

Farmers distressed as crops dry up in Akupamula village



A farmer of Akupamula village showing the dried up of fields

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AKUPAMULA (SURYAPET)

FARMERS in Akupamula village of Munagala mandal

are distressed as their crops are drying up due to the lack of water supply from the Kodandarama Swamy Lift Irrigation Scheme. For the past

20 days, there has been no water supply owing to the lift's transformer that burned out. The motors are under repair bringing irrigation to a complete halt. As a result, paddy fields have developed cracks and the crops are withering.

Tenant farmers, who heavily by borrowing lakhs of rupees, are in tears watching their hard work go to waste. Despite repeated complaints, officials have not taken any action.

The farmers urged authorities to immediately repair the lift scheme and restore water supply to save their standing crops from total loss.

Photography & short film contests to mark Police Flag Day

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MAHABUBNAGAR: To honor the valiant sacrifices of police personnel who laid down their lives in the line of duty, Mahabubnagar District Police has announced a Photography and Short Film Competition ahead of the upcoming Police Flag Day on October 21.

Addressing the media on Tuesday District Superintendent of Police D Janaki, said the initiative aims to inspire young people and showcase the dedication, service, and sacrifice of the police force.

Explaining the details of the competitions, she said that in the photography category, participants can submit a maxi-

mum of three photographs on themes such as police service, sacrifice, and public protection. The photo size must be 10 x 8 inches. In the short film category, participants are required to submit films with a maximum duration of three minutes, focusing on themes like police services, duty commitment, or community safety.

Serious allegations have been raised regarding irregularities in the Indiramma Housing Scheme, with claims that beneficiaries have been deprived while politically connected individuals received houses. Speaking at a press conference at the Nadigadda Human Rights Struggle Committee (NHPS) district office on Tuesday, District Chairman Gongalla Ranjith Kumar



NHPS alleges irregularities in Indiramma housing

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accused officials and local political leaders of misusing their power in the allocation process. Addressing the media, Ranjith Kumar pointed out that the number of houses

allotted to each village was insufficient, and lists of beneficiaries have been announced only for those with political backing, leaving many eligible poor families excluded.

He criticised the government for keeping beneficiary lists confidential and violating transparency norms. According to him, several individuals who already own assets

and houses have been granted new houses again, while truly deserving families continue to suffer. He alleged that local political leaders and officials have violated the scheme's guidelines, and demanded an immediate inquiry and strict action against those involved in these irregularities.

Ranjith Kumar also called for the beneficiary lists to be made public in all Gram Panchayats, ensuring that every villager has access to the information.

DLSA rescues six child labourers

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GADWAL

UNDER the supervision of the District Legal Services Authority (DLSA), officials conducted an inspection on Tuesday in Dharur mandal, where three child labourers working in agricultural fields were identified. The children were immediately enrolled in the Zilla Parishad High School to ensure their continuation in education.

Similarly, in Nallagattu Thanda village under Gattu mandal, another three child labourers working in fields were identified as school dropouts.

The officials from the District Legal Defense Council and the Child Welfare Department visited the site and took necessary action to re-enroll them in the Mandal Parishad Primary School. During the visit, officials conducted an awareness session for the parents, explaining the rights of children and the laws prohibiting child labour. They emphasized that employing children in labour is a punishable offense and warned that it could ruin the future of the children. The officials urged everyone to cooperate in encouraging children to pursue education and lead better lives.

Maoist Venugopal’s surrender a welcome move, says nephew

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HYDERABAD

SENIOR Naxalite Mallojula Venugopal Rao alias Bhupathi surrendering before the Maharashtra Police was a welcome move, his nephew said on Tuesday.

Mallojula Dilip Sharma alias Santosh, said he had never seen his uncle as he had left home even before he was born. Sharma, is the son of Venugopal’s elder brother Anjaneyulu, a retired employee of a cooperative bank. The senior Naxalite surrendered before police along with 60 other cadres in Maharashtra’s Gadchiroli district, officials said on Tuesday.

One of the influential strategists in the banned organisation, Venugopal, a member of the central committee and Politburo, carried a bounty of Rs 6 crore, an official said. According to Sharma, Venugopal is the youngest of three sons of Mallojula

Venkataiah and Madhuramma. "They (Mallojula Venugopal Rao and Mallojula Koteswara Rao) left home before I was born. My grandmother had a strong desire to see her sons before she died. Both the brothers were well educated and had sacrificed their lives for society. As per the times, everyone needs to change.

We welcome his surrender," Sharma said. Born in Peddapalli in Telangana, Venugopal and Koteswara completed their bachelor degrees in Karimnagar and shifted to Hyderabad to pursue a masters in Osmania University from where they espoused Maoist ideology and went underground. Koteswara, better known as Kishanji, was killed in an encounter with police in West Bengal in 2011. Koteswara was a Maoist politburo member, the third in-command of the outfit and in-charge of its armed operations in West Bengal’s Jangalmahal region



since 2009.

Venugopal’s father Venkataiah, a freedom fighter, died in 1997 and Madhuramma in 2022. According to sources, Venugopal had long supervised platoon operations along the Maharashtra-Chhattisgarh border. However, growing differences between him and the top Naxal leadership in recent months led to an internal conflict, they said.

According to Telangana police, Venugopal called for "temporarily renouncing armed struggle" and issued an oral and also written statement on August 15 claiming they were ready for a ceasefire. He issued another statement in September stating that it (laying down arms) was discussed in the central committee and politburo and

decided accordingly even before the then CPI (Maoist) general secretary Nambala Keshav Rao alias Basavaraju was killed (by security forces in Chhattisgarh on May 21). The call for "laying down arms" by Venugopal, gained support with the North sub-Zonal, West sub-Zonal Bureau of CPI (Maoist) besides the Maad division committee of Maoists (favouring surrender). Venugopal had claimed that the armed struggle failed and appealed for a shift towards peace and dialogue, citing diminishing public support and the loss of hundreds of cadres. His stand was met with resistance from other senior cadres who decided to continue the fight under another leader, sources said. Under pressure from the central Naxal leadership, he eventually agreed to lay down arms, announced his exit from the outfit, and surrendered with his followers before the Gadchiroli police, they said.



Union Bank employees Mahabubnagar branch given regional language training certificates

Union Bank launches Telugu language training for staff

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MAHABUBNAGAR

UNION Bank of India Mahabubnagar Regional Office has launched a 28-day Telugu Language Training Programme for its employees across the region.

The initiative officially began earlier on Friday and will run from October 14 to November 11 aiming to help staff communicate more ef-

fectively with customers in their native language.

The training programme was formally inaugurated by Regional Head S. Gopalakrishna Reddy, who emphasized the importance of language in building trust and ensuring customer satisfaction. "Communicating in Telugu is not just a courtesy—it’s a way to connect with the people of Telangana on a deeper level," he said. "This

initiative will strengthen customer relations and improve service delivery."

Deputy Regional Head B Bhaskar Rao highlighted that the training is mandatory for all officers in the Mahabubnagar region. He urged employees to actively participate and contribute to making the programme a success. He also extended warm wishes to the team involved in implementing the initiative.

NALSAR hosts Indo-German International Law Conclave

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NALSAR University of Law, Hyderabad, in collaboration with Heidelberg University, Germany, inaugurated on Wednesday a three-day international law conclave titled "Dialogue of the Hemispheres: Recent Developments in International Law Regarding the Relationship of Global South and Global North." The event, held from October 15 to 17 at the NALSAR campus, aims to foster academic exchange, col-

laborative research, and policy dialogue between scholars and institutions from both hemispheres.

The conclave opened with a Postdoctoral Symposium featuring junior professors and researchers from Germany alongside Indian academics. Key themes include AI regulation, climate change litigation, cross-border surrogacy, corporate law reforms, and data protection. The sessions are designed to promote comparative legal analysis and strengthen Indo-German aca-

democratic cooperation.

A highlight of the event is the Law Professors Meet, where distinguished faculty from India and Germany are presenting on critical topics such as international judicial cooperation and third-world approaches to international law. The inaugural ceremony featured Prof Srikrishna Deva Rao, Vice Chancellor of NALSAR, and Prof Marc-Philippe Weller, Vice President for International Affairs at Heidelberg University, who delivered the Keynote Address.

Surekha’s private OSD removed

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HYDERABAD

THE State government has removed Forest and Environment and Endowments Minister Konda Surekha’s private OSD N Sumanth from the

services on Tuesday. In an order issued by State Pollution Control Board Secretary, the services of Minister’s OSD Sumanth has been terminated on administrative grounds with immediate effect. He was appointed as

OSD in December, 2023 and his contract was extended till 2025-end.

Officials said that Sumanth’s high-handedness in the administration of Endowments department and also Forest and Environment

wings drew strong criticism. His alleged role in creating rift between Konda Surekha and Revenue Minister Ponuguleti Srinivas Reddy in awarding contract works for Medaram temple development was also suspected.



Endowments’s Minister Konda Surekha

Modi 'good friend', Munir 'favourite field marshal': Trump

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In his address, Sharif lavished praise on President Trump, calling him a "man of peace" and renominating him for the Nobel Peace Prize. The Pakistani Prime Minister also thanked the US President and his "wonderful team" for their intervention in the India-Pakistan conflict in May this year. "Suffice to say, had it not been for this gentleman, who knows, India and Pakistan are both nuclear powers. Had he not intervened with his wonderful team during those four days, the war could've escalated to a level where no one would've lived to tell what happened," Sharif said. In response, Trump jokingly said he didn't expect that from Sharif. "Wow! I didn't expect

'What sort of friendship is this?'

Cong jabs PM after Trump praises Pak’s Munir

NEW DELHI

THE Congress on Tuesday attacked the government over US President Donald Trump’s praise for Pakistan Army Chief Asim Munir, saying what kind of signal is the American leader sending to India, in spite of PM Narendra Modi’s "desperate attempts" to ingratiate himself with him. What sort of friend-

ship is this between Trump and Modi, the opposition party asked, citing instances of Trump’s praise for Munir and past meetings between the two. Congress general secretary in-charge communications Jairam Ramesh said Prime Minister Modi keeps calling President Trump his good friend and to be fair the American leader also keeps calling Modi his good friend.

that. Let’s go home, there’s nothing more I have to say. Goodbye everybody. That was really beautiful and beautifully delivered, thank you

very much," he quipped. The US President then praised India and his "very good friend" Prime Minister Modi for doing a fantastic job.

Vice President to attend 100th birth anniversary of Sathya Sai Baba

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According to Sri Sathya Sai Central Trust, Radhakrishnan responded positively and shared that his aunt has been a devotee of Sathya Sai Baba since 1966. He expressed his awareness of the immense good work being carried out and deeply appreciated the Sri Sathya Sai Central Trust’s efforts in carrying forward his teachings and legacy with strength and dedication.

Rathnakar was accompanied by Adi Moolam, a long-standing devotee of Sri Sathya Sai Baba and Managing Director of Dinamalar.

The centenary birth anniversary celebrations of Sri Sathya Sai Baba are scheduled for November 22–23. Elaborate arrangements are being made for the celebrations at Puttaparthi in the Sri Sathya Sai District of Andhra Pradesh.

20 killed as moving bus catches fire in Jaisalmer

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According to an official report, 10 to 12 people have been confirmed dead although the toll may rise. The injured passengers were rushed to hospitals. At least 16 people were referred to Jodhpur for treatment in a critical condition, they said.

The cause of fire was not yet ascertained, however, a short circuit could probably have caused the fire, an official said.

The police, fire brigade sleuths and other agencies rushed to the spot for rescue work. District Collector Pratap Singh was supervising the rescue relief work. A group of army men was also assisting in the rescue operations.

Meanwhile, Rajasthan Chief Minister Bhajan Lal Sharma expressed shock over the tragic incident, and asked the officials concerned to make all efforts to assist the injured. He has also proceeded to Jaisalmer to take stock of the situation.

Top Maoist leader Mallojula surrenders in Maharashtra

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According to sources, Venugopal, alias Bhupathi alias Sonu, was considered one of the most influential strategists in the Maoist organisation and had long supervised platoon operations along the Maharashtra-Chhattisgarh border. However, growing differences between him and the top Naxal leadership in the recent months led to an internal conflict. Bhupathi had claimed that the armed struggle failed and appealed

for a shift towards peace and dialogue, citing diminishing public support and the loss of hundreds of cadres.

His stand was met with resistance from other senior cadres who decided to continue the fight under another leader, sources said.

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Big twist in Haryana IPS officer suicide case

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Asked about the video and the note, he said, "To say anything at this stage is difficult. The forensic team is investigating."

In a video recorded before his death, Sandeep levelled serious allegations against Puran Kumar, comparing his act to the sacrifices made by freedom fighter Bhagat Singh.

He is heard saying that "the country will awaken when we sacrifice ourselves on the path of truth."

Puran Kumar’s name had recently surfaced in a bribery case.

A liquor contractor in Rohtak had accused head constable Sushil Kumar of demanding a bribe of Rs 2.5 lakh in Puran Kumar’s name

Haryana DGP sent on leave

CHANDIGARH: The Haryana government on Tuesday sent DGP Shatrughan Kapur on leave amid Opposition’s attack on the BJP dispensation over IPS officer Y Puran Kumar’s alleged suicide, and demand by Kumar’s family for action against the officers accused of harassing him. The late night development came days after the state government transferred Narendra Bijarniya, the then Rohtak’s Superintendent of Police.

during his posting there, according to reports. Sushil Kumar was later arrested in connection with the case.

India to resume postal services to US from today

NEW DELHI: India Post will resume all international postal services to the US from Wednesday. This follows a suspension due to new US import regulations. India Post has now set up a system to collect customs duties upfront in India. This ensures faster clearance and seamless delivery for shipments to the USA. All postal categories are now available for booking. Postal services to the US were suspended on August 22 following new regulations announced by the US government that change how goods are shipped into the country. The Ministry of Communications said that India Post has now established a compliant mechanism for Delivery Duty Paid (DDP) processing after extensive system development, coordination with CBP-approved Qualified Parties, and successful operational trials in the Delhi and Maharashtra Circles.

TG writes to CWC, opposes Banakacherla

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"Further, external agencies like Polavaram Project Authority (PPA) and Godavari River Management Board (GRMB) have communicated the observations/remarks on the PFR and explicitly stated that the diversion of additional 200 TMof water is not part of the approved DPR of Polavaram Project and contravenes with the operation schedule of Polavaram dam as envisaged in Annexure-G of GWDTA 1980", Amjad Hussain has said in the letter

The state government also furnished the comments of the State on the PFR stating that the project proposal envisages ex-

tensive changes in the dimensional features of components of Polavaram project and reiterating that AP’s PBLP proposal is in violation of APRA’ 2014, GWDTA, PPA & EC and infringe water rights of Telangana besides creating adverse backwater and cascading submergence effects. He requested against undertaking any appraisal of the P-B link project.

The officials brought to the attention of the central water agency that the AP Water Resources department had issued a tender notification for preparing Detailed Project Report (DPR) of Polavaram-Banakacherla link project although Telangana sought an outright rejection of the project.

BJP drops Speaker, fields 2 Dy CMs in first list of 71 candidates

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The list also includes two former MPs: Ram Kripal Yadav, who lost to RJD’s Misa Bharti in the last general election, will contest from Danapur; and Sunil Kumar Pintu, an ex-JD(U) MP from Sitamarhi who recently rejoined the BJP, will contest from the same seat.

Other sitting MLAs who have been denied tickets include Arun Kumar Sinha (Kumhrar) and Amrendra Pratap Singh (Ara). Patna Sahib will now be contested by Ratnesh Kushwaha.

The party has fielded nine women candidates in this list, including prominent names

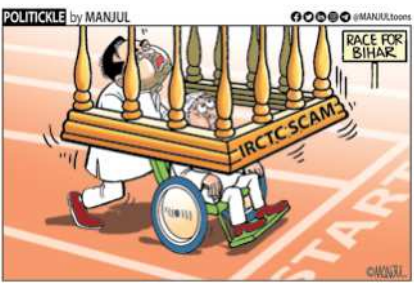
like Renu Devi, Gayatri Devi, Devanti Yadav, and Rama Nishad. Shooter-turned-politician Shreyasi Singh has been retained from Jamui. A new entrant, IRS officer Sujit Kumar Singh, who resigned from civil service just a day before the announcement, has been given a ticket from Gaura Bauram—replacing his wife, Swarna Singh, the sitting MLA. This announcement comes just days after the NDA finalised its seat-sharing arrangement: BJP and JD(U) will contest 101 seats each, while LJP (Ram Vilas) will contest 29, and HAM (Secular) and Rashtriya Lok Morcha will fight on six seats each.

State seeks early hearing

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All the relevant documents, mainly the related GOs and caste survey outcome to support the demand for enhancing BC reservation have also been submitted to the Congress high command.

A group of ministers from the BC community is to leave for New Delhi within two days and be present in the apex court on the day of the hearing of the case. Revanth Reddy is also likely to go to Delhi and meet the counsels and party leadership on Wednesday or Thursday after the Cabinet meeting.



HYDRAA reclaims 1000 acres till date

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"So far, HYDRAA received more than 5,000 complaints from the citizens related to encroachments of lakes, parks, roads, nalas, government land and illegal layouts. Nearly 75 per cent of these have been resolved, with priority given to basti areas and waterlogging-prone areas," he told The Hans India.

Ranganath further said that around 60 lakes already vanished from the city due to rampant encroachments and neglect. However, six lakes have been fully rejuvenated at a cost of Rs 58.40 crore - Bathukamma Kunta (Amberpet), Bum-Ruk-Uddin-Dowla Lake (Rajendranagar), Sunnam Cheruvu (Madhapur), Thammidikunta Lake (Madhapur), Nalla Cheruvu (Uppal), and Nalla Cheruvu (Kukatpally). Besides, 14 more lakes have been identified for rejuvenation,

with proposals sent to the government. The installation of 1,000 CCTV cameras in 180 lakes in GHMC is under progress with an estimated cost of Rs 8.60 crore.

Last week, the HYDRAA had reclaimed 36 acres of government land valued at approximately Rs 3,600 crore in Kondapur, Rangareddy district. It is the second most valuable recovery to date. In Gajulara-maram in Quthbullapur, the agency recovered 317 acres worth nearly Rs 15,000 crore from encroachers.

Recently, in another major operation, it removed encroachments and recovered nearly 12.5 acres of government land, valued at around Rs 1,100 crore. At Banjara Hills Road No. 10, it cleared encroachments spread over five acres of prime land valued at about Rs 750 crore. At Mahadevpur in Gajulara-maram, encroachments on a 3.5-

acre park site reserved for public use were removed. It also protected over 3,700 square yards of park land from encroachment in Banglaguda Jagir municipality of Rangareddy district. Recent drives have also led to the reclamation of land in Satamrai near Shamshabad airport, valued at about Rs 500 crore. The objective is to protect valuable government property. HYDRAA’s drives will continue across the metropolitan region to identify and remove illegal encroachments on government and public-utility lands, said Ranganath.

The agency is also using GIS, drones, satellite data, and AI to track assets and disasters. More than 1,200 lakes and nearly 5,000 km of nalas have been mapped, with plans for geo-fencing, CCTV surveillance, and annual monitoring to safeguard public assets, the official added.

Rahul urges swift action over IPS officer’s death

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Gandhi visited the residence of Puran Kumar and his wife, and IAS officer Amneet Puran Kumar, in Sector 24, Chandigarh.

After meeting the bereaved family, Rahul Gandhi told reporters, "A tragedy has taken place with a government officer. The Chief Minister of Haryana had given his word to the family that an inquiry would be conducted and appropriate action would follow. However, that promise remains unkept".

Expressing concern over the mental state of the officer’s daughters, he added, "The daughters of the deceased officer, who have already lost their

father, are under immense pressure and distress."

The Congress leader pointed out that Y Puran Kumar and his wife belong to the Dalit community, alleging that the officer faced long-standing institutional discrimination. "This is not something that happened just in 10-15 days, it has been a systematic effort for years — to demoralise this officer, to damage his career, and his reputation," he said.

Rahul Gandhi said the case is not just about one family but sends a disturbing message to Dalit communities across the nation. "Crores of our Dalit brothers and sisters are watching. They are

getting the message that no matter how intelligent, capable, or successful you are, if you are a Dalit, you can be suppressed, crushed, and discarded. This is unacceptable to us," he said.

Addressing Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Saini directly, Gandhi urged them to act decisively. "My message as Leader of Opposition to the Prime Minister and the Chief Minister is simple — fulfil the commitment you made to these two daughters. Allow their father’s final rites to take place peacefully and end this drama. Take immediate action against those responsible and release this family from pressure," he stated.

India’s global reset: Rebuilding ties with Canada, US and the West

INDIA and Canada have agreed on an “ambitious roadmap” to restore and rebuild bilateral relations, which sharply deteriorated following the killing of a Khalistani Sikh extremist in the North American country in 2023. This is a pleasant surprise, as the then prime minister, Justin Trudeau’s party, the Liberal Party, returned to power this year. It may be recalled that Trudeau played a pivotal role in souring Indo-Canadian relations. The objective of the new roadmap is to advance “cooperation in various domains, including trade, investment, agriculture, science and technology, civil nuclear collaboration, artificial intelligence, critical minerals, and energy,” said External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar after meeting his Canadian counterpart Anita

Anand in New Delhi. This should be seen as part of a major reset in India’s engagement with the world: there is new urgency in boosting relations with other countries, especially the West. After months of bitterness over US President Donald Trump’s peevish remarks about India, the two countries have also decided to hold trade negotiations this week. India has reportedly promised to import US energy and gas as it aims to placate Washington’s concerns over the issue of Russian oil purchases.

Trump’s conciliatory tone in his statements has played a part in ensuring this. British Prime Minister Keir Starmer’s recent visit should also be viewed in the same light. It has helped widen engagements between the two nations in critical areas such as trade, technology,

defence, and security. His trip was preceded by Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s visit to London in July, when the two countries signed a crucial comprehensive economic & trade agreement (CETA) that is currently awaiting ratification. Around the same time, the Trade and Economic Partnership Agreement (TEPA), which India signed with the European Free Trade Association (EFTA) in March 2024, came into effect. The EFTA, comprising Switzerland, Norway, Iceland, and Liechtenstein, is a vital bloc for India’s export diversification strategy. EFTA nations have pledged substantial long-term investments in India’s manufacturing and services sectors in return for tariff concessions, establishing a new model for future trade negotiations. India is also actively

negotiating a broader free trade agreement (FTA) with the European Union, its largest trading partner in goods. The growing economic interdependence, catalysed by Trump’s aggressive tariffs, has created strong momentum for an ambitious FTA that could remove regulatory barriers, liberalise services, and enhance investment protections.

With more than 6,000 EU companies already operating in India, both sides see immense potential in expanding cooperation in sectors such as digital technologies, renewable energy, pharmaceuticals, and green mobility. These developments have also effected a shift in India’s external engagement—from reactive diplomacy to a proactive and strategic recalibration of partnerships. The empha-

sis is on diversification, resilience, and technological collaboration. Whether it is through rebuilding trust with Canada, reviving trade talks with the US, strengthening strategic ties with the UK, or pursuing ambitious economic integration with Europe, India’s foreign policy today reflects a confident, globally oriented vision. This transformation is being driven by both geopolitical and economic imperatives. In an era of fragmented global supply chains, energy insecurity, and technological competition, India’s ability to maintain balanced relations with major powers while pursuing its developmental priorities is becoming its most valuable diplomatic asset. The new roadmap with Canada, therefore, is not an isolated event but part of a larger narrative.

Our future is in our own hands and right here



RAVULAPATI SEETARAMARAO

THE idea that “a job is a man’s defining characteristic” belongs to an older era. In today’s modern age there’s no need to give that saying any weight. What matters now is whether jobs are available to everyone — are people with education actually getting work?

That is the question we need to ask. Are jobs meant only for the educated lot? No. Eligibility should be judged only by job-related requirements — physical fitness, education and skills, among others, must be taken into account. This piece is not meant to analyse job availability across the whole world. It is limited to understanding what the employment situation is like in India.

Health and education are inseparable. You can learn only if you are healthy. In the past, rural areas had more people in good health. Today, there is not much difference between villages and towns when it comes to protecting people’s health.

Previously there was less need for people in villages to search for jobs. Formal schooling was not a requirement for most village work. Agricultural labour, farm tasks and various trades were plentiful; people earned their livelihoods and did not struggle to put food on the table on an everyday basis. Simply put, illiteracy did not prevent people in villages from getting work and the migration to towns was much lower.

In the past, resources for education in villages were extremely limited. Village life revolved around temple scholars teaching basic lessons; there were only a few schools and no higher education institutions. Most village students studied only up to about the fifth grade. To study beyond that, they had to go to nearby towns or cities. Those engaged in farming and trade had only minimal financial resources, so higher education was virtually inaccessible to them.

Times have changed! The value of education is finally understood! The determination to study no matter what—regardless of being poor or rich—has become widespread. That is why village elders now routinely work hard to send their children to towns for higher education. The belief that “higher education means studying in America” has taken hold.

In the 1980s and ’90s, go-



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ing abroad became easier for students who had reached a certain level in life. Education loans were readily available in banks and villagers mortgaged their fields and property and sent their children overseas for further studies. While studying and working there, many sent their earnings back to their parents, which improved the financial standing of their respective families. When villagers became better off, they migrated to towns seeking a more comfortable life. Their children, who would visit occasionally, also preferred town life.

With the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act assuring at least 100 days of work (some kind of employment

for every adult in each village, a regular cash flow began to reach people alongside their livelihood. As a result, traditional manual and agricultural labour that young people used to do in the villages appeared burdensome.

The quest for urban life and luxury and people heading to the city, rang in drastic changes in village life. Agricultural work and field-level labour declined, as a result of which the rural agricultural system began to suffer. Unemployment figures began to increase in villages, while government schemes and welfare programs remained only on paper.

In fact, the culture of doing hard work for a livelihood disappeared from the

rural fabric. In this situation, ordinary B.A. and M.A. graduates and young people were subject to unemployment woes even in towns. Jobs matching their education were hard to find, and hiring of such people for low-level work steadily declined.

Every incumbent government promises job calendars before elections, but those promises are just for namesake — there’s no evidence of actual follow up. Outsourcing practices that treat workers like expendable pieces have created an unstable, uncertain life for youth. Under the guise of welfare schemes, governments are trying to buy votes in villages and towns — especially by pacifying young people — but it’s unfortunate that they haven’t been able to create government jobs and meaningfully address the unemployment issue. It’s true that the recent policies announced by US President Donald Trump are hitting India hard. For new applicants (skilled non immigrants) the H 1B visa fee has surged to nearly six times the current fee — making it much harder for those hoping to go to the US for work.

Moreover, this approach will severely affect many long standing software companies in the United States in the coming years. Bringing in new workers under this visa has become risky. Un-

der the lottery system, until now roughly 85,000 people went each year; that number has reportedly plunged dramatically recently. There could be many difficulties ahead in hiring specialised workers.

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In fact, we must not forget that for many years India’s youth-driven economic growth was largely due to progressive policies followed in the US. That said, given the current situation, Trump and others are firmly convinced that America’s economic rebound is the result of its lighter, more permissive policies. Other countries don’t have the right to dismiss that belief.

If we can develop our own products, jobs and skills without being intimidated by tariffs, even if the benefits don’t come today, we can achieve the results we hope for tomorrow.

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LETTERS

Remembering Dr Kalam, the ‘people’s president’

THE ‘World Students Day’, instituted by the UN, is celebrated annually on October 15 to commemorate the birth anniversary of out former president Dr Avul Pakir Jainulabdeen Abdul Kalam. The day celebrates his extraordinary efforts in science, education and the military. Hailed as the “Missile Man of India” for his outstanding achievements in developing ballistic missiles and launch vehicle technology, and his commitment to education and his rapport with students led to the inception of this day. The ‘World Students Day’ focuses on encouraging students to become leaders and innovators and about how education can transform the mindset of individuals and help them shape a better future for all. India’s 11th president had embarked on his avowed mission to transform India into a fully developed country by 2020, through the ‘Lead India’ campaign. Dr Kalam always spoke of a good society that can be built when students have knowledge and are proficient in their subjects, thanks to the pioneering role of teachers. The life of Bharat Ratna, popularly hailed as the ‘people’s president’, stands as an inspiration to students and the global youth.

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Kalam’s life an inspiration to Gen Z

MANY great Indian personalities have been born in October, including Mahatma Gandhi, Lal Bahadur Shastri and Dr Homi Bhabha. We remember with reverence Dr APJ Abdul Kalam-scientist, ‘Missile Man’, Bharat Ratna and ‘people’s president’-every October 15, marking his birth anniversary. I recently reread Wings of Fire (Expanded Edition), which has sold over two million copies since its publication in 1999. The edition features a moving foreword by his private secretary, Harry Sheridan, and around 50 new photographs that bring alive his inspiring journey. In 2002, when persuaded to contest the presidential election, BJP’s Pramod Mahajan asked him for an auspicious time to file his nomination. Kalam replied, “Any time is auspicious for me,” explaining that for as long as the Earth rotates and orbits the Sun, every moment is blessed by science, not astrology. Whether politicians have honed scientific thinking or not, his words remain a timeless lesson in scientific thinking for Gen Z and generations beyond.

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Educate girls for their safety

THIS has reference to the article ‘Didi shocks the nation’. Everyone knows the ground realities. As per the 2022 NCRB report, approximately 31,516 rape cases reported across the country. On an average 86 such cases are reported each day. Many girls stay in hostels to be safe when away from their family. Hostels and colleges are like home away from home. It is the responsibility of the principals to create rules that no inmate leaves the campus late evenings without permission. They must mention the reason for going out, the location and when they are likely to return. The security staff must call the girl’s parents and inform them that their daughter is going out late evenings. Every girl must be educated about aspects needed to ensure their safety. Meanwhile, police and legal authorities need to punish culprits responsible for heinous crimes almost immediately. That is the only solution to deter the culprits from indulging in macabre crimes.

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Mamata must prioritise safety of girls

THE recent incident of gang-rape of a medical student in Durgapur has sparked nationwide outrage. This reflects the deteriorating law and order situation in West Bengal. It is shocking that Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee has shifted the blame on the college authorities wondering how the girl had come out of the campus at midnight. Despite systematic sexual exploitation and reign of terror by the ruling party hooligans, the silence on the part of the government and police inaction against the perpetrators are a clear pointer that saving the goons was more important than rendering justice to victims. Even as the incident highlights the vulnerability and safety of women due to state’s negligence, it is time the court intervenes and ensures the harshest retribution to the perpetrators.

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BENGALURU ONLINE

TN man ‘sends hoax bomb threat’ to residences of CM, Dy CM

BENGALURU: A probe has been launched to trace a man from Tamil Nadu who allegedly sent a hoax email recently threatening to blow up the residences of Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and Deputy Chief Minister D K Shivakumar, police said on Tuesday.

The emails were sent from a particular ID to the Tamil Nadu DGP on October 11, following which officials of the Karnataka police were immediately alerted and necessary precautionary measures were taken, they said.

The purported email from aarna.ashwineshkh@outlook.com claimed that “four RDX devices and several IEDs” had been planted at the residences of both the Chief Minister and the Deputy Chief Minister and would be “detonated remotely.”

As per protocol, precautionary measures were initiated, and the Bengaluru police carried out combing operations at both residences with the bomb detection and disposal squad. However, after thorough checks, the emails were declared a hoax, a senior police officer said. A case was registered by the police on their own against the sender of the purported email at Halasuru Gate police station under sections 351(4) (criminal intimidation) and 353(1)(b) (statements conducing to public mischief) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), the officer said. “The particular email ID has been tracked to a man from Tamil Nadu and efforts are on to nab the culprit.

Read more at
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The voice within and the need for poetry

Every individual needs poetry in life- not just as written verses, but as the inner rhythm of thought



DR MYLAVARAM CHANDRA SHEKAR

A human being speaks — but not always from the heart. In today’s ultra-connected world, dominated by artificial intelligence (AI) and instant messaging, our communications are often filtered through screens, algorithms, and trending narratives.

When the heart wants to speak in its own rhythm, it takes the form of poetry.

A poem is born out of the urge to express what we truly feel. When we fail to convey our emotions directly — whether silenced by power imbalances in geopolitics or the high-pressure environments of business boardrooms — those emotions find their way through words.

Gentle, honest and rhythmic, poetry becomes not an ornament of language, but the purest reflection of the human mind, able to cut through the noise of propaganda, market sensationalism, and technological over-

load. Poetry is not just an emotional flow; it is also a courageous voice that seeks to unveil truth. In an era where deepfakes and misinformation shape public perception, poetry helps us distinguish between reality and illusion, allowing us to see things more clearly. Where news reveals facts, a poem adds a heartbeat to those facts, humanising headlines about conflict, recession, innovation, or migration. It is this pulse that links the lived experiences of people to unfolding events — and serves as a reminder to people in power of the human consequences beneath the statistics.

Over time, poetry has evolved:

Today’s poet is not confined to flowers, the moon, rivers or nature. The modern poet writes about computer screens, smartphones, supply chains disrupted by conflict, and the human mind caught between economic volatility and the rapid pace of technological change. The poet observes how technology — from AI to blockchain — changes not only our surroundings but also our inner world, bringing with it questions of privacy, autonomy, and identity.

Poetry acts like a mirror — one that reflects our



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weaknesses, hopes, fears, and the most profound aspects of our consciousness. On the global stage, this mirror reflects the anxieties of societies facing job displacement due to automation or the divisiveness fuelled by social media echo chambers. Once we begin to see ourselves through this mirror, change starts within.

Every true poem asks a question: “Who are you really?” The search for this answer becomes a journey toward self-understanding, an inner resilience that is much needed in a time of rapid political, economic, and technological flux.

The fact is that poetry is also a form of knowledge

sharing. In business education, a lesson may fade from one’s memory, but a poem about a leader’s vision, an entrepreneur’s struggle, or a worker’s dream stays in the heart. Poetry teaches not just about what to think, but how to think — with empathy, with creativity and with an appreciation for complexity.

Through simple words, poetry sparks imagination and keeps erudition alive across generations, bridging the knowledge gap that often exists in the pursuit of innovation, policy and enterprise.

In society, differences of opinion are natural — whether over trade policy, climate action or regulation

of new technologies. Poetry builds bridges of understanding across those divides.

A poet brings different perspectives onto the same page and encourages respect for each of them, much as successful global businesses and diplomatic initiatives navigate diverse viewpoints to reach a consensus. Poetry is not a voice of division; it is a song of connection, essential for collaboration and peaceful progress in our interconnected world.

Every individual needs poetry in life — not just as written verses, but as the inner rhythm of thought. A poem can offer courage when words fail, comfort when silence feels heavy, and clarity when the mind is restless, whether one is a policymaker, entrepreneur, student, or citizen seeking direction amid uncertainty.

Life is like a pair of horses pulling a chariot — it needs balance, patience, and direction to reach its destination.

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compassion.

The question “Why poetry?” may sound simple, but its answer is infinite. For every heart that feels deeply — especially in a world transformed by geopolitics, business cycles, and technology — a poem is already being written within. Poetry is the voice of that inner self — a bridge between the silent heart and the speaking mind. It guides us gently toward understanding ourselves, and through that, understanding the world. This version weaves in the roles that policy, business, and technology play in shaping today’s emotional and cultural landscapes, and highlights poetry’s power as a counterbalance and guide in a complex, rapidly changing world.

Summary:

In a world of constant noise — from news feeds about global summits to the buzz of financial markets and relentless social media updates — poetry brings back silence. This silence helps us listen to our own hearts and regain perspective amid the turbulence of geopolitics and economic uncertainty.

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THE FUTURE OF WORK THROUGH GEN Z EYES

PROF VIKAS DHAWAN

WHEN one looks at today's young generation i.e., Gen Z students, they see a fundamental shift in how careers are being imagined & pursued. For earlier generations, careers were often seen as financial anchors or pathways to security. You picked a profession, committed to it for decades, and it became the foundation of stability for the family. But for Gen Z, careers are deeply tied to identity, purpose lifestyle & not confined to the sense of security. This generation is rewriting the rulebook: careers are lifestyle choices, and lifestyle choices are career decisions. And they're not wrong.

The blending of work and life

For Gen Z, the old concept of "work-life balance" feels outdated. Instead, they talk about "work-life integration."A career is now no longer about what you do between nine and five. Instead, it's an extension of who you are, what you care about, and the type of life you wish to live. If you're passionate about travel, you're drawn to careers in content creation, global consulting, or hospitality. If wellness is at the

A deep dive into how values, creativity, and freedom are shaping the next era of career choices

center of your life, careers in fitness, nutrition, or mental health appeal. The career is chosen to complement life & that's what is imperative in the long run.

The very approach is reshaping industries. Employees today understand that younger professionals desire flexibility, autonomy, and purpose. They are less inclined to take up jobs requiring personal sacrifice, and more inclined to go for businesses that align with their values: whether it is sustainability, diversity, or social responsibility.

The magnificent rise of purpose-driven careers

Probably, the most striking pattern here is how strongly Gen Z aligns career decisions with personal values. For instance, many students nowadays are choosing careers in renewable energy, social entrepreneurship, or something like impact con-



sulting; not merely because these fields are growing, but because they align with their aspirations of contributing to society. Similarly, even in technology, there's a visible shift towards aspirational careers. Educators are of immense importance in this scenario as they're responsible for helping students connect the dots between where they are & what they strive to be.

Flexibility as a non-negotiable element

The pandemic accelerated trends that were already underway i.e., remote work, gig

opportunities & moonlighting as a career. Gen Z has imbibed this wholeheartedly. For them, a career shouldn't be confined to one employer or one role. They're comfortable with freelancing, side hustles & modern options like moonlighting. MBA students today are often seen running small e-commerce stores, freelancing as digital marketers, or creating YouTube channels alongside their studies. For this generation, income streams and career identities are increasingly fluid. These pursuits fit into the lifestyle they aspire to: creative, flexible, and self-

directed and that's what matters, ultimately.

Creating the future instead of waiting for it

Careers can draw a lot of fuel from Abraham Lincoln's famous ideology: "The best way to predict the future is to create it." When an educator applies this to career development, it translates to preparing students for the possibilities that don't yet exist. This is the only reason why we motivate students to view careers as growth paths. The values they maintain, the skills they gain, and the decisions they make should



all contribute to making the life they desire for themselves. Most of the time, it is absolutely necessary for students to combine technical expertise with human skills. If you're pursuing IT, understand how those tools affect people's lives. If you're in management, inculcate digital fluency. This integration makes them aligned with their lifestyle choices. After all, a fulfilling career is one that doesn't merely earn you a paycheck but enriches your way of living.

The role of educators & institutions

Marquee institutes have a responsibility to adapt. Traditional models of education revolving around academic knowledge have become outdated pretty quickly. In fact, we need to offer exposure to entrepreneurial thinking & that's super important. This way, students are prepared for life & not confined to the 9 to 5 hustle.

Gen Z is Genz owing to their refusal to separate who they are from what they do. Their careers are extensions of their values, passions, and aspirations. They are unapologetic about choosing professions that let them

live the lives they want & that means prioritizing creativity, global mobility, sustainability & wellness combined into an offering. As educators and mentors, our role is not to fit them into old moulds but to give them the tools, exposure, and confidence to design their own. Because in the end, careers should serve both: economic reasons & lifestyle decisions. And this generation, more than any before, knows it best.

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Equipping young with job-ready AI skills

NEW DELHI

IN a major step to bridge the AI skills gap in India, EY and Microsoft launched the AI Skills Passport, a free online programme designed to provide young Indians with the tools and knowledge needed to thrive in an AI-driven economy.

The initiative, aimed at individuals aged 16 and above, offers equitable access to high-quality AI education, preparing early-career professionals and students with essential, job-ready AI skills.

The launch in India follows a global roll-out earlier this year, which has already seen over 40,000 participants enroll and more than 13,000 complete the programme.

With NASSCOM reporting that only 31 per cent of professionals in India feel well-prepared to use AI tools, EY and Microsoft aim to empower youth to upskill and be future-ready in an increasingly digital landscape.

Monesh Dange, Partner and Leader, Alliances and Ecosystems, EY India, said, "In an era where AI is revolutionising work and redefining career paths, the launch of the AI Skills Passport addresses India's growing demand for skilled AI talent."

- **Free and inclusive learning:** A fully online, free programme available in English and Hindi, ensuring broad accessibility across regions and backgrounds.
- **Practical, career-focused curriculum:** Around 10 hours of content combining AI fundamentals, responsible AI, real-world applications, and career development support.
- **Verified credential for employability:** Participants enhancing their job prospects and credibility in the AI-driven economy earn a verifiable digital badge, enhancing their job prospects and credibility in the AI-driven economy

"Many professionals remain unprepared to harness AI's full potential. Together with Microsoft, we're committed to ensuring this programme is not only free but impactful at scale, providing access for everyone to build essential AI skills," Dange added.

The AI Skills Passport is a fully online programme with approximately 10 hours of content, available in both English and Hindi to ensure broad accessibility.

The programme combines modular video lessons, practical exercises, and asynchronous assessments, allowing learners to engage at their own pace.

It covers fundamentals of AI, responsible AI practices, and applications of AI across industries such as healthcare, finance, and

technology. Real-world case studies, hands-on exercises, and career guidance, including résumé building, interview preparation, and networking strategies, are integrated to help learners apply their skills and enhance employability.

Upon successful completion, participants receive a verifiable digital badge to strengthen their job profiles and career prospects in the AI-driven economy.

Bhaskar Basu, Enterprise Partnerships Leader, Microsoft India & South Asia, said, "AI is transforming India's digital economy, with youth at its core. The AI Skills Passport, launched in partnership with EY, reflects our vision of 'AI for all' and our commitment to fostering future-ready talent."

TODAY IS GLOBAL HANDWASHING DAY

Raising awareness about hand hygiene

ONE of the simplest and most effective ways to prevent the spread of disease is something we often overlook — washing our hands regularly. From classrooms and offices to hospitals and homes, proper hand hygiene is a powerful defense against germs, bacteria, and viruses that cause illness.

Every day, we touch countless surfaces — doorknobs, phones, keyboards, money — all of which can harbor harmful microorganisms. When we touch our eyes, nose, or mouth without washing our hands, these germs can easily enter our bodies, leading to infections such as the flu, common cold, food poisoning, or even more serious diseases.

Regular handwashing



with soap and clean water can reduce the risk of respiratory and diarrheal

infections by up to 40%. It's a simple habit with enormous health benefits

— one that protects not only you but also those around you. The key is to

wash your hands for at least 20 seconds, especially before eating, after using the restroom, after coughing or sneezing, and after touching public surfaces.

Raising awareness about hand hygiene is just as important as practicing it. Schools, workplaces, and communities can take small but meaningful steps — like putting up posters, organizing awareness drives, or teaching children the right way to wash their hands.

Clean hands symbolize care, responsibility, and respect for others. As global health challenges continue to rise, adopting regular handwashing as a daily habit is one of the easiest and most effective ways to build a healthier, safer world for everyone.

WORLD STUDENTS' DAY CELEBRATING THE POWER, POTENTIAL, AND PROMISE OF YOUTH

EVERY year on October 15, the world celebrates World Students' Day — a day dedicated to honouring the spirit of learning, creativity, and curiosity that defines students across the globe. The date marks the birth anniversary of Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam, India's former President, eminent scientist, and one of the most inspiring educators of our time. His life's message was simple yet powerful: "Dream, dream, dream. Dreams transform into thoughts and thoughts result in action."

World Students' Day is not merely a celebration; it's a reminder of the vital role students play in shaping the future.

In an era driven by rapid technological advancements, climate change, and global interconnectivity, today's learners are tomorrow's innovators, leaders, and problem-solvers. Their ideas have the power to redefine industries, influence societies, and build more inclusive and sustainable communities. Modern education is



evolving beyond textbooks and examinations. It now emphasizes critical thinking, creativity, collaboration, and compassion — the skills that truly prepare students for life.

The rise of AI, digital learning platforms, and experiential education has created new opportunities

for students to learn anytime, anywhere. However, with these opportunities come responsibilities — to use technology ethically, to think globally while acting locally, and to pursue learning not just for personal growth but for the collective good.

As we celebrate this day,

it's essential to reflect on the challenges students face today — academic pressure, mental health struggles, and the growing digital divide. Institutions, educators, and policymakers must work together to create environments that nurture curiosity and emotional well-being, ensuring that

learning remains a joyful, empowering experience.

World Students' Day also celebrates the spirit of resilience. Whether adapting to online learning, exploring entrepreneurship, or leading social impact projects, students continue to prove their ability to innovate even in uncertainty.



Womenia

Odissi dance enchants the audience

An evening of sublime Odissi unfolded as part of the 13th annual festival organised by Our Sacred Space Environmental and Cultural Centre. The performance featured the renowned Guru Sharmila Biswas and her disciple Raaginni Hindocha, who captivated the audience with their artistry and emotional depth. Their presentation beautifully blended tradition, innovation, and devotion, offering a memorable celebration of classical dance

ANNA RAO GANGAVALLI

AS part of their 13th Annual Festival, the Our Sacred Space Environmental and Cultural Centre organised an entrancing evening of Odissi dance at Chaurah Auditorium, Secunderabad, recently.

Senior Guru Sharmila Biswas is a leading dancer, choreographer, and teacher of Odissi. A prominent disciple of the legend Kelucharan Mohapatra, she is the founder of the 'Odissi Vision and Movement Centre' in Kolkata, which has been instrumental in the research of traditional folk-art forms as well as the Mahari or Devadasi tradition of Odisha. She delves into these for innovation in her productions, which have been presented at dance festivals worldwide. Her creative changes in content, technique, and costumes are a considerable contribution, recognised by the conferment of the Sang-eet Natak Akademi Award. Demanding excellence, dedication, and discipline from her students, she has been instrumental in grooming a talented younger generation of Odissi dancers.

Raaginni Hindocha is a budding disciple of Sharmila

Biswas and has performed in many festivals in India and abroad as part of her Guru's repertory. Two compositions were showcased by Raaginni and one by Sharmila Biswas. The 'aharya' of Raaginni was in electric blue, standing out well on the lit-up stage.

'Ramashtakam' in 'misra raga' was a treat with its lilting music. The young dancer entered the stage starting with her back to the audience in the characteristic stylized Odissi looping movements full of grace. The tempo built up with slow and steady movements flowing into vigorously agile 'angika abhinaya' as the attributes of Lord Rama were brought out. Raaginni's honed gestures were full of both delicacy and solidity, indicating an apt student who has imbibed the knowledge imparted meticulously by her Guru while inserting a considerable flair of her own. This was a tribute to Sharmila's considered opinion that a student must display originality without merely copying identically an age-old choreography.

After performing a 'Pranam', she went on to delineate, while being in precise synchrony with every trill of music, the refrain — salutations to Rama, to whose feet



all gods prostrate, born in the dynasty of the Sun, whose beautiful face is decorated by 'Chandan'. Then comes the young prince fixing his arrows to the bow to destroy the demon disturbers of the sages' sacrifices and the redeeming of Ahalya. The dainty fluttering of her hands exactly mirrored the exuberant footwork, creating a thrilling effect. Hara's bow broke in Rama's hands, and he went to the forest for the cause of truth and justice. The golden deer was brought down with a single arrow after the dancer depicted its bounding playful movements. The King of Eagles,

Jatayu, was given 'moksha' by the Lord, who slew Vali, the King of Monkeys. The peerless prince who controlled and had the ocean bridged, conquered Lanka by destroying Ravana and his armies — is bowed down to in humble reverence.

The second piece, 'Gativilas' in 'jog raga', was full of exquisite 'nritta' movements and expressions where, one by one, several animals were brought to life by their natural interpretation through the strides which give the horse its power, the regal lion whose stamp is its majestic stance, the peacock with its glorious fantail who dances

effortlessly in its forest environment, the cuckoo whose body reverberates with the powerful vibrance of its melodious singing, and the hawk whose telescopic gaze enables it to swoop down on its prey like lightning.

The finale was 'Vilasini' by Guru Sharmila Biswas herself. This piece was inspired by Sharmila's meeting with, and immense regard for, the last Maharis of the Jagannath Temple. Filled with overpowering 'abhinaya', it created a palimpsest of emotions where the artiste revelled in her own mastery of layers of intricate imagery to bring 'rasa' to the audience. The simple scene of an aged Mahari or temple dancer remembering the old days — despite seeing her wrinkled reflection, being unable to control her urge to decorate herself and get dressed up in the morning — was turned into a masterpiece of imaginative choreographic creativity.

Every minute movement, faithfully reproduced visually, built up the character in rich detail to a subtly picaresque perfection brimming with an earthly vitality



in every pore. The sleeping dancer stirs and awakens; she knots her hair into a bun, fastening it with flowers, dots her forehead with 'Sindoor', places 'Kajal' in her eyes. Earrings for her ears are fastened, a garland is hung around her neck, forehead and body daubed with 'Chandan'. A brocade jacket covers her chest; adorned with necklaces, she wears a saree with a temple motif border. Bangles and armlets are worn; feet gaily coloured red with 'Alta' and decked with anklets. Being peered upon, she uses the curious observers to have her toe ring put on as she cannot reach it herself. After her dressing up is finished,

she runs eagerly to the mirror to see and admire herself; it was as though the artiste had vanished and a real Mahari was on stage going through her toilette

— a stunning 'trompe l'oeil' effect translated flawlessly to dance with surpassing skill. The conclusion witnessed the appreciative applause of the spellbound audience.



DEEPTI NAVAL DROPS A FOND MEMORY WITH HER FATHER FROM THEIR EUROPE GETAWAY

Veteran actress Deepthi Naval treated the netizens with a fond memory with her father from their getaway to Europe back in 1982. The photo showed the father-daughter duo posing outside the camper. Remembering the time with her dad, the 'Saath Saath' actress penned on her Instagram, "Sharing a precious memory of my father - In a camper through Europe - Piti and I - 1982. (sic)"

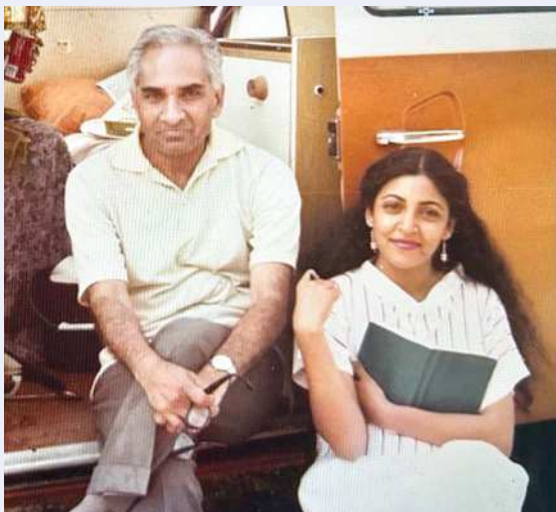
Adoring the throwback photo, an Insta user shared in the comment section, "This is one of the best beautiful picture of the day, u look so much pretty girl in this very picture. Deep regards."

Another netizen penned,

"No words to describe the classic immaculate Indian beauty." The third comment read, "Proud daughter of a proud father".

Earlier, Deepthi spoke about the monumental shift in the film industry over the years during an exclusive conversation.

Shedding light on the changes that she has witnessed in Hindi cinema from her era to the current times, Deepthi told IANS, "Well today, there is a lot of visual finesse in our movies. So that is something that I like the most. Our films are at par with the international standards. In terms of world cinema, we are as good as them technically and visually. There are a lot of skills today among all. Whether it is



the technicians or even the actors. Everybody is trained. Everybody has learnt their craft. You don't just stroll into the film industry, and become an actor, like me, I didn't learn anything. Everybody brings training. They are very focused".

"The younger generation are so focused, and they believe in their dreams. And

they are going all out for it. And these two are examples here. Jitesh and Alankrita. I find them very inspiring. Both of them. And our director, he is also very inspiring as a person. Cinema has changed a lot from the time when we were working earlier years to now. A lot of changes, I would say," she added.

Dia Mirza highlights India's vision for circular economy through deep-tech recycling initiative

BOLLYWOOD actress Dia Mirza took to social media to celebrate a breakthrough in sustainable innovation.

In her post, the 'Sanju' actress mentioned how the startup transforms up to five tons of unrecyclable plastic waste per month into high-quality circular materials while providing waste workers with higher wages, health benefits, and dignity, reflecting a vision of inclusive innovation. Dia emphasizes that this is more than just technological innovation — it's inclusive innovation. The plant not only tackles plastic waste but also benefits the people involved in the recycling process, offering 2-3 times higher salaries.

Sharing a series of her photos, the 'Rehnaa Hai Terre Dil Mein' actress wrote, "A milestone for people and planet Thrilled to back Without, an impact-first deep-tech material science enterprise, as they launch their pioneering FOAK Demonstration Plant in Pune — capable of transforming up to 5 tons/



month of "unrecyclable" plastic waste into high-quality, circular materials. This isn't just innovation — it's inclusive innovation. Cutting-edge recycling technology that gives waste workers 2-3x the salary, health insurance, paid leave, and above all, dignity and respect. At its heart lies systemic thinking and a vision of India leading the world in circular solutions."

"The launch comes at the heels of a

\$1.9 million Seed Funding round, supported by truly patient impact capital. I'm proud to join this journey as strategic advisor, investor, and advocate alongside partners who believe that science, justice, and sustainability can — and must — go hand in hand."

"A powerful reminder that real circularity includes people, not just materials. Here's to scaling this vision across India and beyond. Because when innovation meets inclusion, hope becomes action," she added. As an environmental advocate, Dia Mirza often shares posts to raise awareness about conservation and sustainability.

On the professional front, Dia was recently seen in the Netflix film "Nadaaniyan", directed by Shauna Gautam. The movie introduced a fresh lineup of actors, including Saif Ali Khan's son Ibrahim Ali Khan and Khushi Kapoor, alongside veteran performers Mahima Chaudhry, Suniel Shetty, and Jugad Hansraj. Dia portrayed Nandini, the mother of Ibrahim's character, Arjun.

CROSSWORD



ACROSS

- Breakwater (6)
- Any of the heavenly bodies, as the sun or moon (3)
- Bears, in Barcelona (4)
- Republic in SW Asia (4)
- European sea (6)
- Befall, occur or happen (4,5)
- Its capital is Vientiane (4)
- Greek letter (3)
- Clumsy chap (5)
- Junkies (5)
- Monetary unit of Romania (3)

- In addition (3)
- Taken on to staff (5)
- Singer Cherry (5)
- Vitality (3)
- Husband's partner (4)
- Having three cusps (9)
- Japan (6)
- Propagated (4)
- Andre ____ : French writer, Nobel laureate in 1947 ? (4)
- Bond creator Fleming (3)
- Stoppage of flow or circulation (6)

DOWN

- Speak incoherently (6)
- Observer (8)
- Naval Off. In Charge (4)
- Guards of honour (7)
- Bone prefix (5)
- Amitabh Bachchan of course (3,1)
- Cowboy (7)
- Frequency unit (3)
- Swing about (4)
- Fret and fume (4)
- Extinct small horse (8)
- Collection of books (7)
- Causes to remember (7)
- Barely defeat (3)
- Federer's forte (6)
- Churchillian gesture (1-4)
- Basic monetary unit of Ghana (4)
- Eat sparingly (4)



Solution to October 14

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Naomi Watts says she suffers from imposter syndrome

BRITISH actress Naomi Watts has opened up on suffering from imposter syndrome. The 57-year-old actress made the confession as she was honoured with a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame in Los Angeles in honour of her career achievements in the movie industry with the Mulholland Drive star admitting the accolade came "out of the blue".

Speaking ahead of her star ceremony, she said, "I can't even believe it. It's interesting, because I have all kinds of imposter syndrome. I've always felt like I'm supposed to struggle, I'm supposed to keep proving myself, and this sort of just came out of the blue. It's really lovely".

During the star ceremony on Monday, Naomi paid tribute to her husband Billy Crudup for his "phenomenal love and support" as well as her son Sasha, 18, and daughter Kai, 16, from her mar-

riage to actor Liev Schreiber, and her step-son Will, reports 'Female First UK'. She told 'Variety', "I struggled for so long. I'm so familiar with that side of things more than this incredible good fortune, celebrations like this. It's wonderful".

During her speech, Naomi applauded Sasha for coming straight from classes at the University of Southern California to attend the ceremony, saying, "I'm so proud of my kids. My son Sasha, a freshman at USC, is here straight from class. He rolled in, and he's blossoming into the kindest, most charismatic young man".

Naomi called Kai "fierce and fearless" and applauded Will for "following in his father's footsteps" as he prepares for college graduation.

As per 'Female First UK', it comes after Billy, who married Naomi in 2023, opened up about how they support

each other in their marriage.

He told 'People' magazine, "We've been doing this for a long time. "I think we have some idea of how each of us manages our careers, and so we do the best that we can to



just be supportive of the other person's agenda".

The couple previously admitted it is "much easier" to attend Hollywood events together.

-Gautam Gambhir,

Pansare and his wife were returning home from their morning walk in the Samrat Nagar area of Kolhapur when two motorbike-borne men fired multiple rounds at them before fleeing.

SC stays HC order disqualifying Malur MLA

BENGALURU: The Supreme Court on Tuesday granted an interim stay on the Karnataka High Court order that had annulled the election of Congress MLA K Y Nanjengowda from the Malur Assembly constituency in Kolar district. A bench comprising Justices Surya Kant and Joy-malya Bagchi, hearing Nanjengowda's special leave petition challenging the High Court's verdict, issued notices to the respondents and posted the matter for further hearing on November 24.

The apex court also directed the Election Commission of India (ECI) to conduct a recount of votes in the constituency and submit the results in a sealed cover. However, it instructed that the outcome must not be made public without prior permission from the court. The single-judge bench of the High Court had found merit in the allegations that vote counting was carried out in two separate rooms, violating the provisions of the Representation of the People Act, 1951 and guidelines of the Election Commission. The court had also directed the ECI to recount the votes within four weeks and declare the winner based on the fresh tally.

In his petition, Manjunath Gowda claimed that polling agents of several candidates were not given proper access to the counting process and that multiple irregularities had influenced the final result.

139 TV artistes duped in fake site deal

BENGALURU: In a shocking case of fraud, as many as 139 television actors and artists have allegedly been cheated of crores of rupees under the pretext of being allotted residential sites in Bengaluru. The accused reportedly collected money promising land, created fake layout plans and fabricated property documents, and defrauded members of the television fraternity. An FIR has been registered at the Rajarajeshwari Nagar Police Station against five people — builder Bhagiratha, Sanjeev Tagaduru, Guruprasad, Ravindra, and Umakant — based on a complaint filed by Bhavana Belegere, a member of the Karnataka Television Association (KTVA). According to police sources, the fraud dates back to 2015, when Sanjeev Tagaduru, then a member of the KTVA Site Committee, along with builder Bhagiratha, had proposed to provide sites near Tavarekere. They allegedly collected huge sums of money from artistes, claiming to arrange genuine sale deeds. However, when the property registration process began, the documents were found to be fake, exposing the large-scale scam. The complaint states that the accused created bogus layout maps and forged land documents, cheating artists of approximately ₹1.6 crore. Several well-known small-screen actors, including Bhavana Belegere, Sharath Chandra, and Rahul, are among the victims.

Phoenix India light festival 2025

BENGALURU: Phoenix Mall of Asia, Bengaluru's premier destination for shopping, dining, and culture, proudly presents the India Light Festival 2.0 – Sitaro Ki Diwali – The Festival of Lights, Redefined. Launched this September with Navratri, the grand Diwali décor installation has transformed the Plaza into a vibrant festive hub, glowing with dazzling star-inspired elements and setting the tone for the season's celebrations. Building on last year's success of programmatic light installations that became a city landmark, this year's Phoenix India Light Festival (ILF) 2025, themed "Rhythms of Reverie," takes the experience further. The mall is reimagined as a luminous sanctuary where art and technology come together, offering visitors an immersive journey of color, memory, and imagination.

TN man ‘sends hoax bomb threat’ to residences of CM, Dy CM

BENGALURU

A probe has been launched to trace a man from Tamil Nadu who allegedly sent a hoax email recently threatening to blow up the residences of Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and Deputy Chief Minister D K Shivakumar, police said on Tuesday.

The emails were sent from a particular ID to the Tamil Nadu DGP on October 11, following which officials of the Karnataka police were

immediately alerted and necessary precautionary measures were taken, they said.

The purported email from aarna.ashwinshekher@outlook.com claimed that “four RDX devices and several IEDs” had been planted at the residences of both the Chief Minister and the Deputy Chief Minister and would be “detonated remotely.”

As per protocol, precautionary measures were initiated, and the Bengaluru

police carried out combing operations at both residences with the bomb detection and disposal squad. However, after thorough checks, the emails were declared a hoax, a senior police officer said.

A case was registered by the police on their own against the sender of the purported email at Halasuru Gate police station under sections 351(4) (criminal intimidation) and 353(1) (b) (statements conducing to public mischief) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita

(BNS), the officer said.

“The particular email ID has been tracked to a man from Tamil Nadu and efforts are on to nab the culprit. However, what we have observed is that in the past few months, we have repeatedly received such emails with similar threats and content, which later turn out to be hoax,” he said. “A special investigation team has also been formed to trace those behind such hoax emails. Further investigation is underway,” he added.



AI cameras tighten traffic monitoring in Bengaluru Record 87% of violations automatically

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MOTORISTS who thought they could break traffic rules unnoticed are in for a shock. The Bengaluru City Traffic Police have deployed advanced AI-powered cameras across major roads to automatically detect and record traffic violations, drastically reducing manual policing on the streets. According to official data, 87% of all traffic violations reported between January and July 2025 were captured through these AI cameras.

Of the 30 lakh total cases registered during this period, 11,800 violations were recorded daily by these automated systems, while police personnel manually registered only around 1,500 cases, mostly related to no-entry driving and illegal parking. The AI cameras, installed at nearly 75 key junctions, are capable of detecting a range of violations — including riding without a helmet, pillion riders not wearing helmets, driving without seat belts, and jumping traffic signals.

Each infraction is auto-



matically recorded in both video and photographic formats, leaving no room for motorists to deny the offense. Officials say that this system not only ensures transparency and accuracy but also saves time for traffic personnel who can now focus on managing congestion rather than stopping vehicles for checks.

Joint Commissioner of Police (Traffic) Karthik Reddy told that public awareness about traffic rules has improved significantly after the installation of AI surveillance cameras. He

added that citizens can now conveniently check details of violations through the AS-TraM mobile app, designed for easy access to real-time traffic updates and penalty information. So far, the department has collected over ₹44 lakh in fines, accounting for nearly half of the total penalties imposed during this period.

The AI-driven enforcement system has been hailed as a success in improving compliance and accountability on Bengaluru's busy roads. However, challenges remain. Despite the tech-

nological progress, illegal parking and one-way violations continue to trouble the city traffic police. These offenses often occur in areas without camera coverage, forcing officers to intervene manually. Authorities plan to expand the network of AI cameras to additional high-traffic zones in the coming months to ensure comprehensive monitoring. With the integration of artificial intelligence into daily enforcement, Bengaluru is fast emerging as a model city for smart traffic management in India.

Bengaluru’s ‘immortal’ potholes spark clash between industrialists and govt

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THE city's never-ending pothole problem continues to haunt commuters and embarrass the government, despite repeated promises of action. The issue, which has frustrated citizens for years, has now reignited tensions between industrialists and the state government, after Biocon chief Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw raised her voice once again over Bengaluru's crumbling infrastructure.

Entrepreneurs had earlier warned that they might move their operations out of the city if conditions did not improve. Following criticism from the industry and the high command's reprimand, both Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and Deputy CM D. K. Shivakumar had personally intervened, issuing strict orders and deadlines to officials. Yet, potholes continue

to dominate Bengaluru's roads.

In a social media post that went viral, Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw revealed that a visiting industrialist from China questioned her about the city's poor roads and garbage piles, asking whether the government truly supports investors. She tagged CM Siddaramaiah, DCM D. K. Shivakumar, and Minister Priyank Kharge in the post, drawing public attention to the issue once again.

Responding to her remarks, IT & BT Minister Priyank Kharge said, “Industrialists like Kiran Mazumdar have made valuable contributions to Bengaluru, and we welcome their inputs. But they can also reach out directly to us for discussions. Everyone must play their part—citizens must stop littering and take responsibility. Garbage doesn't fall from the sky.” He also added that

other states are naturally inviting entrepreneurs, noting humorously that “the Andhra IT Minister seems to be waiting like a hawk for opportunities.”

Meanwhile, Large and Medium Industries Minister M. B. Patil took a balanced tone, acknowledging both the city's challenges and Shaw's role. “Kiran Mazumdar has contributed a lot to Bengaluru, and Bengaluru too has given her everything. Heavy rains have caused damage across the state, making it difficult to fix potholes immediately. Still, we are working to repair them. The number of people coming to Bengaluru continues to grow—hardly anyone is leaving,” he said.

Despite the reassurances, residents and business leaders remain skeptical, as Bengaluru's potholes continue to outlive every deadline, turning into a symbol of the city's chronic civic neglect.



EIGHTH SESSION OF ISA ASSEMBLY IN INDIA FROM OCTOBER 27-30

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THE Eighth Session of the International Solar Alliance (ISA) Assembly, scheduled from October 27 to 30 at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi, will bring the world together under one Sun, one vision, and one shared commitment to solar energy.

Launched by India and France at COP21 in Paris, ISA is the largest treaty-based intergovernmental organisation from the Global South, bringing together 124 Member and Signatory Countries. This high-level ministerial gathering comes weeks ahead of COP30 in Brazil, shaping priorities for scaling solar energy, unlocking transformative finance, charting technology and policy roadmaps, and



building skill ecosystems to accelerate a just and inclusive energy transition.

At the curtain-raiser today Pralhad Joshi, Minister of New and Renewable Energy,

GoI, & President of the ISA Assembly, said, “Owing to its clear vision and the consist-

ent policies, India achieved its renewable energy targets five years ahead of the schedule, crossing the 50% mark in overall installed electricity capacity from non-fossil resources. Today with approximately 125 GW of solar capacity, India is the world's third largest solar producer. This progress shows how the national ambition can translate to meaningful change at the local level. It is because our success story is more than just numbers; it is about the people. We have seen firsthand how decentralised solar transforms lives, bring light to rural homes, powers local health centres and gives new tools to our farmers. With PM Surya Ghar - Muft Bijli Yojana, more than 20 lakh households are benefiting from solar power.”

Man arrested for cheating people with ‘black magic’ rituals

BENGALURU

A 49-year-old man was arrested for allegedly cheating people by claiming to perform rituals to remove 'black magic' or 'retrieve hidden treasures', police said on Tuesday. With the arrest of the accused, identified as Dada Peer, who operated under multiple aliases, police said they recovered 485.4 grams of stolen gold ornaments worth Rs 53 lakh.

The matter came to light on September 26, when Hulimavu police received a tip-off that a suspicious person was standing near Bannerghatta Main Road, police said. Acting on the information, the station staff rushed to the spot, detained the man, and found he was a native of Kolar. Upon inspection, gold ornaments were recovered from his possession.

When questioned about their source, he confessed

to stealing the ornaments and searching for buyers to sell them, a senior police officer said. A case of theft was registered at Hulimavu police station, and the accused was formally arrested, police added.

During interrogation, the accused revealed that he deceived the public by claiming to perform rituals to 'remove black magic' or 'unearth hidden treasures' (nidhi). Gaining their trust, he would collect gold ornaments under the pretext of performing rituals or puja and then escape with them, the officer said.

He further confessed to committing a similar offence recently in Bhadravathi, Shivamogga district, Karnataka, the officer added. Police said half of the stolen gold ornaments were kept at his residence in Kolar, while the rest were pledged at jewellery shops in Nagpur, Maharashtra, and BTM Layout here.

Minister alleges threat calls for seeking ban on RSS activities in govt premises

BENGALURU

MINISTER Priyank Kharge on Tuesday claimed that he has been receiving phone calls “filled with threats, intimidation and filthiest abuses” directed at him and his family, as he dared to question and restrain RSS activities in government schools, colleges and public institutions.

“For the past two days, my phone hasn't stopped ringing. Calls filled with threats, intimidation and the filthiest abuse directed at me and my family, simply because I dared to

question and restrain RSS activities in government schools, colleges and public institutions,” Kharge said in a post on ‘X’.

However, the Minister, who is the son of Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge, asserted that he was neither shaken nor surprised.

“When the RSS didn't spare Mahatma Gandhi or Babasaheb Ambedkar, why would they spare me?” he remarked.

Reiterating his resolve, Kharge, who is Information Technology and Biotechnology Minister,



said, “If they (RSS) think threats and personal jibes will silence me, they are mistaken. This has just begun.”

Calling for a more equitable and compassionate

society, he added, “It is time to build a society founded on the principles of Buddha, Basavanna and Babasaheb, a society rooted in equality, reason and compassion, and purge this nation of the most

dangerous viRuSS.”

The Minister recently wrote to the Chief Minister Siddaramaiah requesting him to ban RSS activities in government schools and colleges and public places. “An organisation called the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) has been conducting its shakhas in government and government-aided schools, as well as in public grounds, where slogans are shouted and negative ideas are instilled in the minds of children and youth,” he wrote in his letter.

He claimed that such

practices go against India's unity and the spirit of the Constitution. Later speaking to reporters, Kharge said he had been in a similar situation when Basavaraj Bommai was the Chief Minister.

“The police officers who investigated the matter in the past had told me that the IP addresses of the calls are masked and no one can figure out from where the call has been made. They told me officially that they cannot do much. Even now the same has happened,” he said.

According to Kharge,

whenever he spoke out against the system, he received such calls. “Let them make threat calls, I am not going to be intimidated.” Addressing reporters, Siddaramaiah said he is not aware of threat calls to Priyank Kharge.

“I don't know about any such development. I will speak to Priyank Kharge,” he said. The Chief Minister on Monday said he has forwarded Kharge's letter to the Chief Secretary to find out what the Tamil Nadu government has done to stop RSS activities in government and public properties.



‘Bigg Boss Telugu Season 9’ losing credibility?

MOSTLY DUE TO POOR CONTESTANT PICKS

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BIGG Boss Telugu has long thrived on controversy, charisma, and compelling personalities. But season 9, so far, is eroding that foundation — and it’s not because of the host or the format. Though it came with the tagline ‘Idi chadarangamkaadu, raanarangam’ (It’s not chess, it’s war), the show is not showing the same fire it promised. It’s the weak selection of contestants that’s turning what should be a high-voltage reality show into a

forgettable routine. **Where’s the spark?**

Contestant lineups in earlier seasons felt rugged, unpredictable, and teeming with clashing egos. This year’s cast, however, leans heavily into “safe” names and internet personas, many carrying baggage from past controversies. For instance, Sanjana Galrani entered the house with known legal issues, immediately shifting focus from the show itself to her personal drama. Flora Saini’s entry also brought pre-existing controversies to the fore

before she even got a chance to perform.

Rules break, respect fades

When viewers see contestants breaking fundamental rules—like the rule of speaking Telugu—without apparent consequences, it signals weak enforcement and less accountability. Bigg Boss himself had to scold contestants for repeatedly ignoring Telugu. That undermines the very structure that gives the show its gravity.

Drama by default, not design

Elsewhere, the show is

running out of organic tension. Relationships and fights feel manufactured. Wildcard entries like Divya Nikitha, selected despite having low support in the Agnipariksha audition, suggest favoritism over fair competition. When eliminations feel rigged or influenced by off-screen factors, viewers lose trust.

A show built on gamble, not formula

Bigg Boss is supposed to be about raw human unpredictability. This season, it has become a predictable exercise

in name value and past controversies. The result: a show that looks busy but lacks depth, and reinforces the idea that the franchise is banking more on spectacle than substance.

With the latest wildcard entries like Divvela Madhuri and Ramya Moksha, who recently made headlines for their controversial public statements, the makers seem to be attempting a last-minute rescue operation to revive audience interest. These contestants bring drama potential, but whether they can inject real momentum into



the show—or simply add more noise without substance—remains to be seen. All eyes are now on how these wildcard contestants will shake up the

house dynamics in the coming weeks. If these contestants also fade like the rest—season 9 risks becoming one of its most forgettable chapters.

‘MeesaalaPilla’ from ‘MSVP Garu’: Vintage melody with modern touch

MEGASTAR Chiranjeevi has joined forces for the first time with blockbuster filmmaker Anil Ravipudi for the much-awaited family entertainer Mana Shankara Vara Prasad Garu. Touted to be packed with family emotions, humor, and mass appeal in Ravipudi’s signature style, the film is gearing up for a grand Sankranti 2026 theatrical release.

The promotional campaign began on a powerful note with the launch of the first single ‘MeesaalaPilla’, whose promo dropped during the Dussehra festival. Within hours, the track went viral across social media platforms, trending with thousands of fan-made reels and edits celebrating Chiranjeevi’s unmatched screen aura and the song’s vibrant energy.

One of the biggest talking points from the promo is the refreshing on-screen chemistry between Chiranjeevi and Lady Superstar Nayanthara. The duo is seen portraying a grounded and



charming husband-wife pair, offering a blend of fun, warmth, and emotional relatability—something audiences are already loving.

The song boasts a melodious yet upbeat vibe brought to life by the soulful vocals of Udit Narayan and Shweta Mohan. Bhaskara Bhatla’s playful lyrics add a catchy

local flavor, while Bheem-sCeciroleo’s lively music makes “MeesaalaPilla” an instant chartbuster. Music lovers have already begun calling it one of the most addictive Telugu singles of the season.

Produced by SahuGara-pati and Sushmita Konidela under the Shine Screens

and Gold Box Entertainment banners, the film has now set high expectations among audiences. With the first single making waves, all eyes are now on the next glimpse from Mana Shankara Vara Prasad Garu as excitement continues to build ahead of its festive release.



‘Mithra Mandali’ pre-release event sparks buzz

THE upcoming buddy comedy Mithra Mandali is gearing up for a theatrical release on October 16, generating strong buzz among audiences. Produced under BV Works and presented by Bunny Vas and Sap-taAshwa Media Works, the film features Priyadarshi and popular digital star Niharika NM in lead roles. Directed by Vijayender S, the film boasts a huge ensemble cast including comedy icons Brah-manandam, Vennela Kishore, Satya, VTV Ganesh, and others.

As part of promotions, a grand pre-release event was held on October 13, graced by actor Sree Vishnu as the chief guest. Speaking at the event, he praised the team’s effort and said, “Mithra Mandali is full of heart and humor. It will make audiences leave the theatre with a smile.” He also appreciated Priyadarshi’s script choices and welcomed Niharika NM to Telugu cinema.

Priyadarshi expressed confidence in the film’s entertainment value, saying, “If you don’t like this movie, don’t watch any of my future films!” Niharika NM added that she was delighted to officially

enter Telugu films with a project rooted in friendship and emotion.

Producer Bunny Vas called Mithra Mandali a “clean family entertainer and an early Diwali gift”, while assuring audiences that the film will deliver non-stop laughs. Director Vijayender thanked his team for their unwavering support and invited audiences to enjoy the emotional and humorous journey of friendship on screen.

With positive early buzz from trailers and songs, Mithra Mandali is set to entertain audiences starting October 16.

‘Bison’ trailer: Politically charged sports drama

YOUNG actor Dhruv Vikram, son of versatile star Chiyaan Vikram, is gearing up for what could be a defining moment in his career with his upcoming film Bison. Despite delivering strong performances in films like Adithya Varma and Mahaan, Dhruv is still awaiting that one big commercial breakthrough. Now, with acclaimed filmmaker Mari Selvaraj at the helm, Bison is generating strong expectations.

The trailer of the film, which released yesterday, has caught everyone’s attention with its intense narrative and emotional depth. Staying true to his film-making style, Mari Selvaraj once again chooses a socially grounded theme. The story follows Dhruv’s character, a determined young man from a marginalised community whose life revolves around his passion for Kabaddi. The trailer opens with his humble beginnings and turbulent journey, revealing the harsh oppression he faces from caste-based discrimination and societal prejudice.

Despite constant humiliation and setbacks, Dhruv’s character refuses to surrender, instead rising with resilience to fight for identity, dignity, and the pride of his people. The trailer promises a raw, realistic sports drama layered with emotional intensity and strong social commentary—hallmarks of Mari Selvaraj’s impactful storytelling.

Actresses Anupama Parameswaran and Rajisha Vijayan appear in strong rural roles, bringing authenticity to the village setting and emotional grounding to the story. Their rustic screen presence enhances the film’s culturally rooted tone.

Backed by impactful visuals and a compelling narrative, Bison is set for release on October 17th, coinciding with Diwali. With a powerful theme, emotional depth, and Dhruv Vikram’s intense performance, the film is being seen as a potential game-changer in his career.



‘Super Subbu’ promises bold humor in a village comedy with a social twist

THE upcoming web series Super Subbu brings a refreshing mix of humor, emotion, and social relevance to Indian storytelling. The plot follows the misadventures of a hapless young teacher who dreams of escaping his domineering father, only to end up with an unexpected assignment—teaching sex education in a conservative village. The biggest irony? He’s a virgin himself, setting the stage for a comedy full of awkwardness, heartfelt moments, and self-discovery.

Director Mallik Ram explains the inspiration behind the series: “Super Subbu was born from the observation that sex education is still treated as a taboo subject in our society. Parents avoid it, schools skip it, and children grow up with confusion and myths. Through Subbu’s journey, we use humor to break silence around a sensitive topic and make it accessible. The village of Maakhipur feels real and rooted, just

like the people many of us grew up around. At its core, this story is about courage, community, and acceptance.” Actress Mithila Palkar, who plays a key role, says, “It’s a quirky yet meaningful story about dreams, relationships, and coming of age in unexpected ways. The characters feel so real, and the narrative is both funny and emotional. I’m excited for audiences to see me in a very different avatar.” Actor Sundeep Kishan adds, “We’re now telling stories that are brave and relatable. Super Subbu celebrates simple joys while addressing real issues through lovable characters and engaging writing.” The series is expected to blend entertainment with a strong message, making it one to watch out for



Mrunal Thakur sets the ramp on fire

Actress Mrunal Thakur, who is gearing up for the release of her upcoming film Dacoit alongside Aditi Sesh, made a stunning appearance at Lakmé Fashion Week, leaving fashion enthusiasts captivated with her bold and glamorous runway presence.

Walking for ace designer duo Pankaj & Nidhi at Lakmé Fashion Week in partnership with FDCI, Mrunal embraced a powerful high-fashion avatar. She wore a shimmering gold-

en sleeveless top paired with a sleek black skirt featuring a daring thigh-high slit, perfectly blending elegance with drama. The look was elevated by statement golden earrings, adding just the right touch of opulence to her ensemble.

Interestingly, Mrunal opted for a minimalist styling approach, keeping her hands free of accessories and choosing classic black heels to maintain the focus on her striking outfit. Her makeup was subtle yet sharp, enhancing her natural beauty, while her hair was styled in a neat updo that highlighted her strong fea-

tures. What truly stood out was her commanding runway attitude. She skipped the usual smile and instead delivered intense, piercing expressions, locking eyes with the camera and exuding top-model confidence. Fans and fashion critics alike praised her fierce walk and bold aura, calling her one of the best celebrity showtoppers of the season.

With every appearance, Mrunal Thakur continues to prove she’s not just a rising star in cinema, but also a style icon who owns every frame—on screen and on the runway.

‘I Am The Guy’ song from ‘Aryan’ is energetic



played by Sai Ronak, Tarak Ponnappa, Mala Parvathi, Avinash, and Abhishek Joseph George.

The story is co-written by Manu Anand of FIR fame. Harish Kannan handles cinematography, San Lokesh is the editor, and Ghibran scores the music. The makers will soon announce updates on the trailer and audio launch events.