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India complete clean sweep

India needed exactly an hour on day five to complete a seven-wicket win over West Indies and seal a 2-0 series sweep at the Arun Jaitley Stadium on Tuesday. KL Rahul anchored the chase with an unbeaten 58 off 108 balls, hitting six fours and two sixes to help India easily hunt down 121.

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Our future is in our own hands and right here

The old proverb about distant mountains being shiny is finally making sense to Indians. Prime Minister Narendra Modi's remarks after the visa incident must be taken seriously. His pointed comments—stressing that we must stand on our own feet—are something Indians

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Adani Group leads infra RoA globally

Adani Group chairman Gautam Adani said the conglomerate's return on assets (ROA) rose to 16.5 per cent in the financial year 2024-25 – placing it among the top performers in the global infrastructure sector.

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Mrunal Thakur sets the ramp on fire

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

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WINDOWS

Father dies of heart attack after teen son dies in his lap

RAMBAN: In a truly tragic incident, a man died of a heart attack after his son collapsed in his lap while they were on their way to a hospital in Jammu and Kashmir's Ramban district on Tuesday morning, officials said. The incident occurred in the Tethar area of Banihal, when Shabir Ahmed Gania (45) was taking his ailing son Sahil Ahmed (14) to a hospital. Sahil collapsed in his father's lap on the way. Unable to bear the shock, his father suffered a fatal heart attack, officials said. The duo's bodies were brought to the sub-district hospital in Banihal in the morning, they said.

JAMMU

Asserting that Pakistan has no capacity to fight India but it may attempt Pahalgam-

type attacks again, Western Army commander Lieutenant General Manoj Kumar Katiyar on Tuesday said the response — Operation Sindoor 2.0 — will be deadlier.

He maintained that Pakistan continues its policy of "bleed India through a thousand cuts" and said the Army is fully prepared to deal with it.

"The action we will take this time will be deadlier than the past. It would be more powerful. Yes, you are very right. It (Operation Sindoor 2.0) has to be deadlier.



There is no doubt about it," Lt Gen Katiyar told reporters.

He was replying to a question whether Operation Sin-

door 2.0 will be deadlier than the first one.

Asked whether there will be Pahalgam-type attacks in the future by Pakistan, he said that until there is a change in Pakistan's thinking, it will continue to carry out such mischief.

"It does not have the capacity to fight a war with us. They do not want to fight a war. It does mischief as per its policy of 'bleed India through a thousand cuts'." The Western Army commander said that India had inflicted heavy damages on Pakistan in Operation Sindoor. "We have destroyed its posts and air bases, but it may again attempt some-

MODI 'GOOD FRIEND', MUNIR 'FAVOURITE FIELD MARSHAL': TRUMP

TEXAS: United States President Donald Trump praised India and Prime Minister Narendra Modi without naming him, saying 'India is a great country with a good friend of mine at the top'. Earlier praising Sharif and his 'favourite field marshal' Pakistan army chief Gen Asim Munir, Trump also invited the Pakistan prime minister to address the gathering.

Sharif said peace has been achieved in the Middle East after 'untiring and relentless efforts' of President Trump.

thing (Pahalgam-type attack). We have to remain prepared. We are fully prepared.

I am confident the action this time will be deadlier than in the past," he said.

13 kids rescued from train in Jharkhand

RANCHI: Thirteen children, including a girl, were rescued from a train in Jharkhand while they were being allegedly trafficked to Goa, officials said on Tuesday. Acting on intelligence inputs on Monday evening that some children were being trafficked through the Vasco da Gama (VSG) Weekly Express, RPF personnel boarded the train at Muri station, they said. "The personnel kept an eye on the children till the train reached the Ranchi station, where they were rescued. The children were aged between 12 and 17, and most of them had boarded the train at the Jasidih Junction," an RPF officer said.

Six Maoists surrender before Telangana Police

HYDERABAD: Six members of the banned CPI (Maoist) party from Chhattisgarh surrendered before the police in Bhadradi Kothagudem district of Telangana on Tuesday, police said. This comes hours after senior Naxalite Mallojula Venugopal alias Bhupathi and 60 other cadres surrendered before police in Maharashtra's Gadchiroli district. Attracted by the Telangana government's surrender and rehabilitation policy, along with the developmental and welfare activities under "Operation Cheyutha", a community outreach initiative conducted by the police in collaboration with the CRPF, the Maoists cadre chose to renounce the path of Naxalism and embrace a peaceful life with their families, Bhadradi Kothagudem Superintendent of Police B Rohit Raju said in a release.

One more suicide: New twist in IPS officer's case

► Mystery deepens as ASI shoots himself dead, implicates Puran; Rahul visits the senior officer's family and calls for the respect of all Dalits

► Congress leader asks Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the state government to take immediate action and arrest the officials responsible

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CHANDIGARH

A Haryana assistant sub-inspector in Rohtak shot himself dead on Tuesday and purportedly levelled corruption allegations against the late Inspector General Y Puran Kumar, adding a murky twist to the suspected suicide of the senior Dalit officer who served in the same district. ASI Sandeep Kumar's alleged suicide comes in the backdrop of the escalating row over Puran Kumar's death, which has led to a shakeup of the police brass and also become a huge political issue.

Earlier in the day, Congress leader Rahul Gandhi visited the senior officer's family and called for the respect of all Dalits. He asked Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the state government to take immediate action and arrest the officials



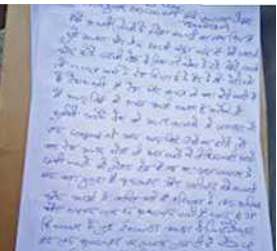
responsible.

The second suicide of a Haryana cop has muddled the waters even more, the questions becoming louder, the mystery deeper.

Sandeep Kumar's shock death came hours after the state government late Monday night sent state DGP Shatrueet Kapur on leave. Before that, the government transferred Narendra Bijarniya, former Rohtak superintendent of police. The two were among the eight officials named by Puran Kumar in a note he left behind.

O P Singh, a 1992-batch IPS officer of DGP rank, has been assigned "additional charge of DGP Haryana during the leave period of Shatrueet Kapur", according to an official order.

Sandeep Kumar, who was posted in the cyber cell and whose body was recovered from his Rohtak home, left behind a six-minute purported video and a three-page suicide note naming Puran Kumar. The veracity of the video and the statement could not



be immediately verified.

Police sources said the ASI played a role in the arrest of head constable Sushil Kumar, an aide of Puran Kumar who was found with a gunshot wound in his Chandigarh home on October 7.

"Sandeep shot himself," said a senior police official from Rohtak.

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

Sandeep Kumar levelled serious allegations against Puran Kumar in the purported video, saying even Bhagat Singh made sacrifices and walked a difficult path after which the country awakened.

Puran Kumar's name had cropped up in a bribery scandal recently.

A liquor contractor in Rohtak filed a bribery case against head constable Sushil Kumar. He alleged Sushil Kumar sought a bribe of Rs 2.5 lakh in Puran Kumar's name (when he was posted there).

Bulk SMSes, voice messages during 'silence period' on EC radar

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AS Bihar prepares for phase one of assembly polls on November 6, the Election Commission has warned that bulk SMSes and audio messages during the 48-hour 'silence period' which starts before the conclusion of voting, is prohibited.

Meanwhile, Election Commission said that first randomisation of Electronic Voting Machine- Voter Verifiable Paper Audit Trail (EVM-VVPATs) for the second phase of Bihar Assembly Elections has been completed. In a note issued on October 9 outlining campaigning restrictions, the poll authority said, political advertisements on any election matter in TV, cable networks, radio, cinema halls, use of bulk SMS/voice messages, audio visual displays in any polling area during the period of 48 hours ending with the hour fixed for the conclusion of the poll for any election in the polling area is prohibited.

Separately, in a statement on Tuesday, the EC said it has issued orders on October 9, requiring every registered and national and state politi-



cal party and every contesting candidate to apply to the Media Certification and Monitoring Committee (MCMC) for pre-certification of all political advertisements on electronic media, including social media before publication.

MCMCs have been constituted at the district and state levels for pre-certification of political advertisements as per the prescribed guidelines.

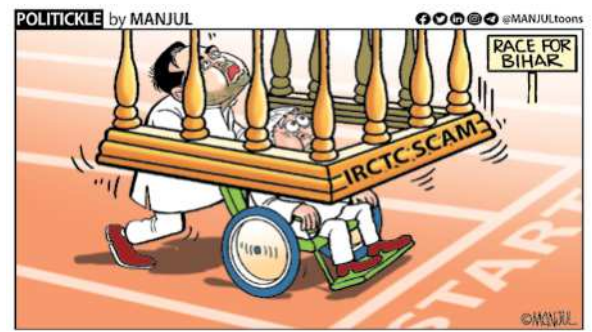
No political advertisements are to be released to any internet-based media/websites, including social media websites,

by political parties or candidates without pre-certification from the respective MCMC, it cautioned.

The MCMCs will also keep a strict vigil on suspected cases of paid news in the media and take suitable action.

Given the penetration of social media in the electoral landscape, candidates have also been instructed to share the details of their authentic social media accounts at the time of filing nomination.

Citing provisions of the electoral law and a subsequent Supreme Court directions, it said political parties should also submit a statement of expenditure incurred on campaigning through internet, including social media websites to the ECI within 75 days of the completion of the assembly elections.



BJP drops Speaker, fields two Deputy CMs

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The ruling BJP on Tuesday sprang surprises with its first list of 71 candidates for the Bihar assembly polls, denying a ticket to Speaker Nand Kishore Yadav, a seven-term MLA, while fielding Deputy CM Samrat Choudhary in a direct election after over a decade.

Health and Law Minister Mangal Pandey, a member of the legislative council, has also been fielded by the party for the assembly polls. While Choudhary, who had last won an assembly election



from Parbatta in 2010 on an RJD ticket, has been fielded from adjoining Tarapur, Pandey has been named the BJP candidate from Siwan.

Notably, both Choudhary and Pandey are former state BJP presidents, and so is Yadav, who has been replaced in Patna Sahib with Sanjay Kumar Gupta, a low-key state secretary of the party.

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Supreme Court asks Rajasthan govt

Why no CCTV cameras in interrogation rooms of police stations?

On September 4, the apex court had taken suo motu cognisance of a media report which stated that 11 lives were lost in police custody in Rajasthan in the first eight months of 2025, of which seven incidents occurred in Udaipur division

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NEW DELHI

THE Supreme Court on Tuesday asked the Rajasthan government why no CCTV cameras are installed in the interrogation room of police stations.

A bench of Justices Vikram Nath and Sandeep Mehta observed that interrogation room of a police station is the “main place” where CCTV cameras have to be there.

“As per your affidavit, there

is no camera in the interrogation room which is the main place where cameras have to be there,” the bench said.

The top court said installing CCTV cameras would entail cost but “it is a question of human rights”.

It also asked the state how it proposes to have an oversight mechanism.

The bench was hearing a suo motu matter concerning lack of functional CCTVs in police stations.

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court had taken suo motu cognisance of a media report which stated that 11 lives were lost in police custody in Rajasthan in the first eight months of 2025, of which seven incidents occurred in the Udaipur division.

The apex court had in 2018 ordered installation of CCTV cameras in police stations to check human rights abuses.

During the hearing on Tuesday, the bench observed why an agency cannot be in-

involved in the oversight process.

“The feed has to go to some centralised place or agency where there is an oversight,” the bench said.

It also heard the submissions of senior advocate Siddhartha Dave, who was appointed as an amicus curiae to assist the court in a separate matter in which the top court had passed an order in December 2020.

In that order, the top court had directed the Centre to

install CCTV cameras and recording equipment at the offices of investigating agencies, including the CBI, the Enforcement Directorate and the National Investigation Agency.

Dave told the bench that he has filed an updated report in the matter.

He also stressed that an oversight mechanism was needed.

The bench referred to the affidavit filed by Rajasthan in the suo motu matter and

said no CCTV cameras were there in the interrogation room of police stations.

It asked the Centre and other states to file responses to the report placed by the amicus and posted the matter for hearing on November 24. While hearing the suo motu matter on September 15, the apex court flagged the issue of oversight and said it was thinking of having a control room without any human intervention for monitoring of feeds of CCTV cameras in-



stalled at police stations.

In its order passed in the matter on September 26, the bench posed several queries to the Rajasthan government and directed it to apprise about the number of CCTV

cameras installed in each police station across the state.

The top court had also asked whether any regular audit was conducted to check the functioning of the installed cameras.

AYODHYA NEW HUB OF ‘BLACK CAT’ NSG FORCE: AMIT SHAH

This will be the sixth regional hub of the National Security Guard (NSG) after Mumbai, Chennai, Kolkata, Hyderabad and Gandhinagar

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MANESAR

THE government will set up another regional hub of the ‘Black Cat’ commando force NSG in Uttar Pradesh’s temple town Ayodhya, Union Home Minister Amit Shah said on Tuesday.

This will be the sixth regional hub of the National Security Guard (NSG) after the existing hubs of Mumbai, Chennai, Kolkata, Hyderabad and Gandhinagar. The force also has a small unit called ‘task force’ in Jammu. NSG hubs in different parts of the country enable its commandos to reach any emergency immediately and effectively.

Addressing the 41st Raising Day of the anti-terror



commando force at its headquarters here, Shah said the Modi government is set to bring about a major change

in the functioning of the NSG in the coming days.

“So far, five hubs of the NSG have been established in

Mumbai, Chennai, Kolkata, Hyderabad and Ahmedabad (Gandhinagar). In addition, a new hub is also going to be set up in Ayodhya. Here, the NSG personnel will be deployed and available round the clock,” he said.

The government operationalised four regional hubs of the NSG in Mumbai, Chennai, Hyderabad and Kolkata on June 30 and July 1, 2009. The decision to set up these hubs was taken following the 26/11 Mumbai terror attacks of 2008 to reduce the time for elite commandos to reach an attack site.

Previously, NSG commandos had to be airlifted from Delhi, which caused delays.

In March 2011, the central government gave the nod for setting up another NSG re-

gional hub in Gandhinagar.

The NSG unit serves as a specialised backup force for prolonged, high-risk anti-terror operations. The hubs help in honing the professional acumen of the NSG commandos and also contribute significantly to capacity building of the first responders, police forces of the states.

The NSG, raised in 1984, is a world-class “zero-error” force and can counter any kind of attack with minimum response time. The NSG, which comprises personnel from the Indian Army and the Central Armed Police Forces, has a multi-dimensional responsibility of countering terrorist attacks, hijack attempts and also providing proximate security.

Raebareli Dalit lynching case: Two more arrested



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RAEBARELI

TWO more people were arrested on Tuesday in connection with the lynching of a Dalit man earlier this month in Raebareli district after being mistaken for a thief, police said.

According to a statement issued by the Raebareli police, the two arrested have been identified as Chhotu alias Sujeet Agrahari and Avinash Singh alias Saurabh Singh Baghel, both residents of Baniyan ka Purwa in Pachkhara village.

The arrests were made on Monday and Tuesday, taking the total number of people held

in the case to 14, the statement said. “The investigation is being conducted by Circle Officer (Dalmau) Girija Shankar Tripathi. Efforts are on to trace others involved in the incident, including those who may have fled to other districts or states. Strict legal action will be taken against all the accused,” the police said.

Officials said the main accused, who had allegedly beaten the victim, Hariom Valmiki, to death, was arrested following an encounter with the police on October 10. Earlier, nine people were arrested immediately after the case was registered, and two more were held on October 8.

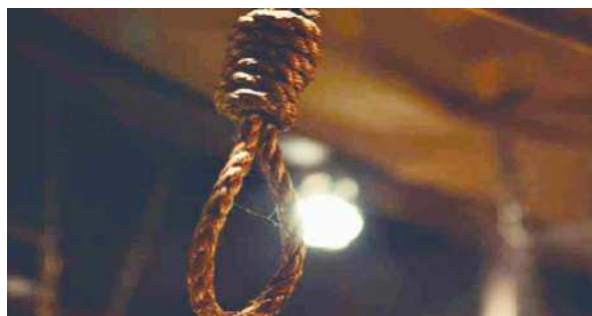
Police also said that account-

ability has been fixed on the law enforcement side, with five policemen, including two sub-inspectors, suspended. Social media videos related to the incident are also being examined.

The police said among those accused in the case are people belonging to various castes, including Dalits and backward communities, and appealed to the public not to give the incident a caste colour.

Valmiki, a Dalit resident of Fatehpur district, was lynched on the night of October 2 near Jamunapur in Rae Bareilly’s Unchahar area after being mistaken for a thief. Following the incident, the police registered a case and arrested several accused. The incident also raised a political furore with Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha and Raebareli MP Rahul Gandhi expressing concern over it and speaking to the family, assuring them justice even even as opposition Samajwadi Party in UP slammed the BJP-led government over law and order issues, particularly crimes against Dalits.

Student found hanging in his room in UP’s Hamirpur



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HAMIRPUR

A 21-year-old Bachelor of Arts (BA) student allegedly committed suicide by hanging himself in his room in Maudaha town of Uttar Pradesh’s Hamirpur district, police said on Tuesday.

The deceased, identified as Ankit alias Hariom, was the

elder son of Chandrashekhar, a ration dealer and resident of Marathipura locality, they said. According to the youth’s uncle, Milan, Ankit was good at studies and had topped his high school examinations.

“He once said he would top the district in his intermediate exams, but when he could not, he became withdrawn,” Milan said. After completing

intermediate, Ankit enrolled in the government college in Maudaha for a BA course and was in his final year, his uncle said. “He used to talk about pursuing a B.Tech degree from Delhi.”

His father, Chandrashekhar, said that after having dinner on Monday evening, Ankit went to the terrace for a walk.

“When he did not return for a long time, we went upstairs and were shocked to find him hanging from a saree tied to the ceiling,” he said.

The family took him to the local government hospital, where doctors declared him brought dead.

Maudaha SHO Umesh Kumar Singh said the body has been taken into custody and sent for post-mortem.

Ayodhya Deepotsav: 15 temporary hospitals ready

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AYODHYA

THE Uttar Pradesh health department on Tuesday said 15 temporary hospitals are being established for Deepotsav to ensure the health and well-being of devotees and tourists attending the festival. “In addition, ambulances will be stationed round-the-clock at 10 key locations across the entire fair area,” it said in a statement. Ayodhya’s Chief Medical Officer Dr. Sushil Kumar Baniyan, said that complete



vigilance will be maintained regarding health services throughout Deepotsav.

“All hospitals will be equipped with essential medicines, paramedical staff, and

specialist doctors,” he said.

Ambulances will be stationed at all times at the fol-

lowing locations: Control Room, Shri Ram Jannabhooni Complex, Shri Hanumanagarhi, Shri Kanak Bhavan Temple Complex, Pakka Ghat, Bandha Tiraha (Veena Crossing), Hanuman Gufa (Shri Ram Katha Museum), Saket Petrol Pump, Ayodhya Dham Railway Station, and Shri Nageshwar Nath Temple, according to the statement. Additionally, 50 beds have been reserved across three major hospitals to ensure emergency preparedness during the event, it said.

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BALLIA

A cattle smuggler carrying a reward of Rs 25,000 on his head was arrested following an encounter in the Dubharh area here, the police said on

Wanted cattle smuggler held after encounter with police

Tuesday. Ashok Kumar Yadav (40), a resident of Darapur village in the Phephna area, was nabbed while he was trying to flee to Bihar. He sustained a bullet injury in his

leg during the operation, they said. During checking near the road leading to Janeshwar Mishra Setu on the Green Field Expressway, police signalled a man coming on a

motorcycle to stop. However, the motorcyclist started fleeing in the oppo-site direction while firing at the police team with the intention to kill, Additional Superintendent of

Police Kripa Shankar said.

The police chased the man, who again opened fire after finding himself surrounded by the team. The police personnel retaliated in self-defence and arrested the accused, the officer said.

Tourism dept gears up for paragliding in Jammu by next year

TARIQ SOFI
AITHAM

THE Jammu Tourism Department is preparing to give the region’s skies a new identity by introducing commercial paragliding near here by early next year.

The project is also a story of personal courage and empowerment led by Dolly Sharma, the only woman pilot among the 20 trainees preparing to fly professionally. Aitham is a paragliding location near Jammu that has undergone trials and is being developed by the tourism department to boost adventure tourism. The take-off point is about 19 km from Jammu city and

the landing zone is the sand bed of the Sardhan stream. The trial flight is approximately four minutes.

“This is the only site that is recommended for paragliding and we want to operationalise it in the next five to six months before the end of the current financial year,” Joint Director, Jammu Tourism, Aijaz Qaiser told PTI on the concluding day of the six-day refresher course for the 20 paragliding pilots here. The refresher course is part of advanced training for the pilots who have already completed their P1, P2 and P3 courses from the National Institute of Mountaineering and allied sports. They will be undergoing P4

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training courses at Bilaspur (Govind Sagar lake) and Bir-Billing (Himachal Pradesh) which is considered Asia’s best-in-class institute for paragliding and related activities. “These 20 pilots have just completed their SIV course from Himachal Pradesh and will be leaving in two batches for Bir-Billing for P4 shortly.

“We have collaborated with the A B Vajpayee Institute of Mountaineering and Allied Sports, Manali, and have one instructor

from there with a two-member technical team from Himachal Pradesh that supervised the training schedule,” Qaiser said.

On the completion of the pilots’ advance training, he said, the department plans to make them fly regularly so that they can complete their mandatory flying hours to conduct solo and tandem flights with passengers.

“This is a 190 sq km area with ideal take-off slopes, consistent wind conditions, and panoramic views.



We are in the process of taking over this land to raise necessary infrastructure,

including an uphill track, multi-cuisine restaurants, a sunset point and a yoga plat-

form,” he added.

The officer said the initiative is part of a broader push to develop adventure tourism in the region and make Jammu a year-round destination for visitors seeking more than pilgrimages and heritage trails.

Sharma, the only woman among the trainees, who has been pursuing adventure sports for the past five years, said this opportunity represents both professional growth and a step forward for women in the region.

“The experience has been very good. Being a woman is not a weakness — there is nothing that a woman cannot do,” she said, brimming with confidence before taking flight and making a perfect landing.

For Sharma, the project represents something deeper than tourism or business.

“This is about confidence. Adventure tourism will attract visitors, yes, but it will also give local youths, especially women, a chance to learn new skills and see themselves in a new light.”

Qaiser said the mandate of his department is to promote adventure tourism and create opportunities that also benefit local youths.

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2.5% decline in road crash deaths, 2.9% dip in fatal crashes

A senior police officer says the Delhi traffic police has adopted a multi-pronged approach, including analysing crash data, identifying risk factors and recommending engineering changes, to reduce road deaths

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NEW DELHI

ROAD crash deaths in the national capital have reduced by 2.5 per cent till September 2025 compared to the same period last year, while fatal road crashes dipped by 2.9 per cent, according to data released by the Delhi Traffic Police on Tuesday.

The police attributed the steady decline to “consistent and systematic efforts”

involving data-driven, evidence-based interventions and improvements in road infrastructure. According to police data, the number of people killed in road crashes dropped from 1,178 last year to 1,149, while fatal crashes fell from 1,148 to 1,115 during the same period.

A senior police officer said the Delhi Traffic Police has adopted a multi-pronged approach, including analysing crash data, identifying risk factors and recommending

engineering changes, to reduce road deaths.

“The continued reduction in road crash deaths is a direct result of targeting risk factors and recommending life-saving measures at high-risk locations. The Delhi Traffic Police remains committed to reducing road crash deaths,” Special Commissioner of Police (Traffic) Ajay Chaudhry said.

The police said its Crash Research Cell analyses fatal crashes and identifies

blackspots, locations prone to repeated incidents. The Traffic Police Engineering Cell then visits these sites to suggest design improvements and other safety measures.

Notably, the Delhi Road Crash Report, earlier known as the Accident Report in Delhi, has been renamed to replace the term ‘accident’ with ‘crash’ to reflect the global view that such incidents are preventable and not inevitable.

This year, the traffic police identified 143 high-risk locations across the city and recommended safer road designs, improved signage, and road repairs. It has also proposed speed-calming measures at more than 30 locations near schools, colleges and hospitals, including new speed breakers and safer pedestrian crossings.

Over 3,600 traffic personnel have been trained in speed management and data-based enforcement techniques in collaboration with road safety experts, the state-



safety said. The Delhi Traffic Police continues to coordi-

nate with various departments through District Road Safety Committee (DRSC) meetings and to comply

with guidelines issued by the Supreme Court Committee on Road Safety, the police added.

‘Late payment charges on water bills to be completely waived off’

Consumers can visit their nearest Delhi Jal Board (DJB) office to avail of the benefit: Chief Minister Rekha Gupta

PURNA SINGH
NEW DELHI

THE Delhi government has announced a major relief measure for residents struggling with unpaid water bills. Chief Minister Rekha Gupta said that citizens will receive a 100% rebate on late payment charges on water bills until January 31, followed by a 70% rebate from February 1 to March 31.

Beginning Wednesday, consumers can visit their nearest Delhi Jal Board (DJB) office to avail of the benefit. Gupta said the government has waived surcharges worth ₹11,500 crore and slashed the penalty for unauthorized connections to ₹1,000. Illegal



water connections can now be regularized for ₹1,000, while commercial connections will be regularized for just ₹5,000, down from the earlier fee of ₹61,000.

Gupta said the government had spent the past seven months overhauling the functioning of the Jal Board.

As part of the reform, 34

new Zonal Revenue Offices (ZROs) will be established, with each ZRO catering to two assembly constituencies.

The new system will ensure smooth billing, prompt grievance redressal, and better service delivery.

She added that after the Diwali relief on GST, the government is extending another “gift” in the form of a water bill rebate.

“Wherever we went, people would show us their water bills and ask when the errors would be fixed. This move is for them,” she said.

Taking aim at the previous Aam Aadmi Party government, Gupta alleged that the Jal Board was left financially crippled and that its connections were deliber-

ately capped at 2.9 million.

She said the outdated revenue system created unnecessary hardships for residents.

Delhi’s Water Minister Praveesh Verma said a software glitch that had earlier disrupted billing has now been resolved. He added that while the new rebate scheme may result in thousands of crores in losses for the Jal Board, it will greatly benefit Delhi’s citizens.

Verma said the penalty rate will also be reduced from 5% to 2%, and all penalties and interest on unpaid bills will be fully waived.

“Our priority is to ease the financial burden on the public and ensure fair, transparent water billing across the city,” he said.

HC gives Kejriwal final chance to present arguments in bail case

PURNA SINGH
NEW DELHI

THE Delhi High Court has given former Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal one last opportunity to present his arguments in the petition challenging the trial court’s order that granted him bail. Justice Ravindra Dubeja scheduled the next hearing for November, directing that no further chances would be given after that date.

During Tuesday’s proceedings, the Enforcement Directorate (ED) informed the court that Additional Solicitor General S.V. Raju was unavailable as he was engaged in a matter before the Supreme Court. The High Court then made it clear that both sides must complete their arguments at the next hearing.

Earlier, on August 7, 2024, the High Court had observed that Kejriwal was already out on interim bail granted by the Supreme Court. The bench questioned whether there was



any plan to arrest him again. Kejriwal, in his response, alleged that the ED had obtained witness statements under undue pressure.

Previously, the Delhi High Court had stayed the trial court’s bail order, calling it flawed. The court said that the lower court had failed to examine the documents properly and had not given the ED sufficient opportunity to present its case.

It also noted that the trial court had not complied with the two essential conditions outlined under Section 45

of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA).

Kejriwal’s interim bail, granted by the Supreme Court earlier this year, was specifically for election campaigning and could not be cited as a general ground for personal liberty, the court remarked.

Notably, Kejriwal was arrested by the CBI on June 26, 2024, in connection with the alleged excise policy scam. While he has been granted regular bail in the CBI case, he continues to face proceedings in the ED case linked to the same matter.

Delhi Cong chief detained for protesting against vote theft

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NEW DELHI

DELHI Congress chief Devender Yadav and other party workers were detained in southwest Delhi’s Najafgarh area while staging a protest against vote theft. Police said they detained 56 people, including Yadav.

“They were protesting and were moving towards Jawahar Chowk in the area. We have detained them as they have no permission for protest. They were taken to Najafgarh Police Station,” a senior police officer told PTI. “We will continue to raise our voice against vote theft. Our morale will not be broken by police and the government,” the Congress said. On August 7, Rahul Gandhi made explosive claims of “huge criminal fraud” in polls through



“collusion” between the BJP and the Election Commission and cited an analysis of voter rolls in a constituency in Karnataka last year.

Soon after Gandhi levelled the charge, the chief electoral officers of Karnataka and Maharashtra asked the former Congress chief to share names of electors he claimed were “wrong” in the voters’ list along with a signed declaration for poll authorities to initiate “necessary proceedings” in the matter.

14-year-old boy found hang in Delhi home

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NEW DELHI

A 14-year-old boy was found hanging from a ceiling fan at his home in northwest Delhi’s Tri Nagar area, police said on Tuesday. Police found a video on his phone which recorded the incident and they are looking into whether the boy was attempting to record a reel and it was an accident, or he intentionally ended his life.

The incident came to light on Sunday when the Keshav Puram police received information from Deep Chand Bandhu Hospital (DCBH) about a boy, later identified as a class 9 student, found hanging in his house.

The boy was declared brought dead at the hospital, police said. According to the officer, the boy lived with his parents and elder sister.

“During the initial probe, it was found that the boy had hanged himself from a ceiling



fan using a curtain. He also placed his mobile phone at a distance and recorded a video of the entire act,” said the police officer.

The officer added that no foul play has been found so far. The scene of crime was inspected by the crime team and exhibits, including the mobile phone of the deceased, were recovered for forensic examination.

“The body was preserved at BJRM Hospital and later handed over to the family after

postmortem,” he added.

Police said investigators are examining multiple angles, including the possibility that the boy might have been experimenting while shooting a video for social media.

“We are verifying whether he was attempting to make a reel or if it was an act of suicide. The phone video and digital contents are being carefully analysed. There is no background noise or any voice in the video,” said a police source.

‘Disaster risk reduction not cost, but collective investment in shared future’

NEW DELHI: Disaster risk reduction is not a cost but a collective investment in the shared future of the world, top PMO official P K Mishra said.

Addressing the G20 Disaster Risk Reduction Ministerial Meeting in Cape Town in South Africa, Mishra, the principal secretary to the prime minister, said India is committed to advancing multi-hazard early warning systems, leveraging anticipatory financing for anticipatory action, and promoting public-private partnerships for resilience.

Mishra also emphasised on India’s pioneering role in creating the G20 DRR Working Group in 2023. He reiterated India’s leadership through the Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (CDRI), which had extended technical assistance to 50 countries. Mishra applauded South Africa’s G20 presidency for advancing a spirit of partnership and amplifying Africa’s perspectives



within the disaster risk reduction agenda. The ministerial meeting adopted the Declaration ‘Resilience for All: Strengthening Disaster Risk Reduction through Solidarity, Equality and Sustainability’ on October 13, coinciding with the International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction. During the Ministerial Roundtable on the Voluntary High-Level Principles for Investing in DRR, Mishra highlighted India’s integrated approach built on risk information, financing strategy, innovation and local-level investment. “India’s governance framework embedded DRR within its National Adaptation Plan, sectoral policies, and financing windows, ensuring that resilience, inclusivity and sustainability were woven into every level of development planning,” he said.

Over 700 kg of banned firecrackers seized, 2 held

NEW DELHI: The Delhi Police have seized 725 kgs of banned firecrackers in two separate operations carried out in Dwarka and Najafgarh areas and nabbed two people for illegally stockpiling the crackers, an official said on Tuesday.

Acting on a tip-off, a team raided a house in Uttam Nagar and apprehended Gaurav Gupta, the officer said, adding that 77 kg of firecrackers were recovered from his residence.

Gupta, who earlier sold firecrackers with a valid licence till 2022, continued the trade despite the ban on the sale and use of prohibited fireworks, police said.

In another raid, the team apprehended Rajeev Kumar (52), a resident of Najafgarh, after recovering 648 kg of illegal firecrackers stored at a storage unit in Shyam Vihar.

The items were kept under the guise of a carton storage unit in a densely populated area, posing a serious threat to public safety, the police said.

Further investigation is underway to identify the supply chain and other persons involved, they added.

COVID may alter offspring’s brain growth, cause anxious behaviour

Lead researcher Anthony Hannan said it is known that male mice exposed to adverse environmental and lifestyle factors, such as consuming a poor diet before mating, can change brain development and behaviour in offsprings

NEW DELHI

CHANGES in sperm caused by COVID-19 in a mouse could affect the offspring’s brain development and cause anxious behaviours, a study has found, suggesting that the viral disease may have long-lasting effects on future generations, even as the results would need to be verified in humans, researchers said.

The team from Australia’s Florey Institute of Neuroscience and Mental Health

found that an offspring mouse conceived after a father has been infected with the SARS-CoV-2 virus and developed COVID-19 symptoms have higher levels of anxiety-like behaviours.

“We let male mice recover from SARS-CoV-2 infection for a few weeks before they mated with healthy females. We found that the resulting offspring showed more anxious behaviours compared to offspring from uninfected fathers,” Elizabeth Kleman, re-

search officer and first author of the study published in the journal Nature Communications, said. All offsprings from COVID-19-affected fathers were seen to display increased anxiety-like behaviours.

“Using an established mouse-adapted SARS-CoV-2 preclinical model, we infected adult male mice with the virus, or performed a mock control infection, and bred them with naive female mice four weeks later, when males were no longer infectious.

Here we show that offspring of infected sires display increased anxiety-like behaviours,” the authors wrote.

Lead researcher Anthony Hannan said it is known that male mice exposed to adverse environmental and lifestyle factors, such as consuming a poor diet before mating, can change brain development and behaviour in offsprings.

“This is because the father’s experiences can alter the information carried in sperm, including specific RNA mole-

cules, which transmit instructions for offspring development,” Hannan said.

Analysis of RNA gene material from infected fathers’ sperm showed altered molecules, including those involved in regulating genes known to be important for brain development.

Female offspring mice also had significant changes in how specific genes in the brain’s hippocampus region -- important for regulating emotional responses such as

anxiety and stress -- behaved, the study found.

“These kinds of changes in the hippocampus, as well as other brain regions, may contribute to the increased anxiety we observed in offspring, via epigenetic inheritance and altered brain development,” co-senior author Carolina Gubert said. Epigenetics refers to the process by which a gene interacts with the environment to produce an observable behaviour. Hannan said the study is the first of



its kind, and added that if the results are verified in humans, millions of children and families worldwide could be impacted, “with major implications for public health”.

“While more research is needed, particularly in

the sperm and offspring of humans infected with the SARS-CoV-2 virus, these findings suggest that the COVID-19 pandemic could have long-lasting effects on future generations,” the lead researcher said.

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₹531 cr JSW industrial park to come up at Vizianagaram

- Govt approved JSW's shift from an aluminium refinery complex to a MSME and industrial park across 1,166.43 acres
- SW Industrial Park Ltd is expected to create 45,000 jobs
- State approvals include Rs 3 lakh per acre subsidy, land conversion exemptions, and infrastructure support, aiming to boost industrialisation in north Andhra

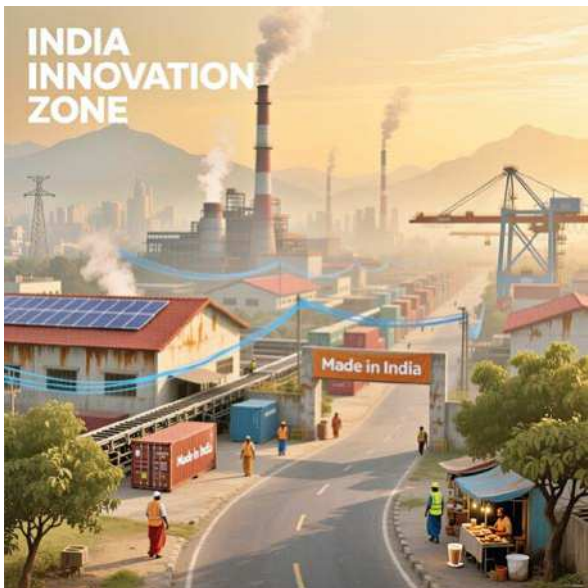
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VIJAYAWADA

THE state government approved the establishment of a Private Mega Industrial Park by JSW Aluminium Ltd (now renamed JSW Industrial Park Ltd.) in Vizianagaram district, with an investment of Rs 531.36 crore and an employment potential of 45,000 persons.

The industries and commerce department issued orders on Tuesday, granting JSW permission to change

its line of activity from an aluminium refinery complex to a multi-sector MSME and industrial park on the already allocated 985.7 acre land. The total project will now cover 1,166.43 acre across Musidipalli, Cheedipalem, Chinakhandeapalli, MB Vara, and Kiltampalem villages of Shrugavarapukota Mandal in Vizianagaram district.

The government has also approved the change of name from JSW Aluminium Ltd. to JSW Industrial Park



Ltd., and extended eligibility for incentives under the Industrial Development Policy (IDP) 2023–27.

JSW Industrial Park Ltd sought facilities under the AP Private Parks Policy (4.0), 2024–29, including

road and water connectivity, two 25 MW substations, removal of 273.74 acres from Section 22A for land allotment, royalty exemptions on site materials, water at Rs 25 per KL for 25 years, 50 per cent CAPEX reimbursement

for CETP and STP, and subsidies for green energy and rainwater harvesting systems.

These proposals were reviewed by the State Investment Promotion Committee (SIPC) on October 7, 2025, and subsequently approved by the State Investment Promotion Board (SIPB) at its meeting on October 8, 2025.

The government approved a Rs 3 lakh per acre capital subsidy for JSW Industrial Park, along with full exemptions on land conversion and related fees.

APIIC will manage infrastructure, water allocation, and project publicity, while GVMC provides interim water and the revenue department clears 273.74 acres for allotment.

The project is expected to boost industrialization in North Andhra, attracting MSMEs and large units to Vizianagaram.



Palle Panduga 2.0 to change rural landscape: Pawan

- Deputy CM urges officials to design Palle Panduga 2.0 to build on the success of its earlier phase and transform the state's rural landscape
- The review meet emphasised comprehensive plans for urban-level infrastructure in villages, focusing on roads, cattle shelters, and improved sanitation through magic drains

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MANGALAGIRI

DEPUTY Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan said that Palle Panduga 2.0 should be designed to sustain and build upon the success of the earlier phase of Palle Panduga, ensuring a complete transformation of the state's rural landscape.

Chairing a review meet-

ing with senior officials of the panchayat raj and rural development at his camp office on Tuesday, the Deputy CM reviewed preparations for the soon-to-be-launched Palle Panduga 2.0 initiative.

He directed officials to prepare comprehensive plans aimed at promoting urban-level infrastructure and facilities in villages. The review covered key focus areas such

as road development, new road construction, repair works, establishment of cattle shelters (Goshalas), and the creation of magic drains for improved sanitation. Senior officials including special chief secretary of Panchayati Raj and Rural Development, Shashi Bhushan Kumar, Commissioner Krishnateja, OSD Venkatakrishna, chief engineer (panchayat raj) Balu Nayak, and other senior officials participated in the review meeting. Deputy CM reiterated that Palle Panduga 2.0 should serve as a catalyst for a vibrant and self-reliant rural Andhra Pradesh, setting a benchmark for holistic rural development.

190 new 108 ambulances to replace old ones

Ambulance colours changed as per National Ambulance Code

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THE state government is set to roll out 190 new 108 emergency ambulances across the state. This initiative will ensure that victims of road accidents and other emergencies are shifted to hospitals much faster than before.

According to the tender guidelines issued by the government, the new ambulances have been fully prepared and will soon be flagged off by Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu and health minister Y Satya Kumar Yadav.

The old, poorly maintained ambulances which frequently broke down and required repeated repairs will be replaced with these new vehicles. As a result, patients will receive medical attention within the crucial 'Golden Hour', Satya Kumar Yadav said in an official statement. Unlike in the past, the new ambulances have been painted in colors specified under the 'National Ambulance Code'. During the previous YSRCP regime, the maintenance of 108 emergency ambulances deteriorated severely.

After the coalition gov-

ernment assumed power, it awarded the 108 ambulance maintenance contract in April this year to Bhavya Health Services Pvt. Ltd., selected through a transparent tender process.

As per government regulations, the company spent about Rs.27 lakh per ambulance. The new fleet includes 56 advanced life support and 134 basic life support ambulances. The ALS ambulances are equipped with two ventilators and other critical medical devices, enabling the treatment of severely injured patients during transit.

The system is designed to ensure that emergency calls lead to hospital transfers within an hour, known as the 'Golden Hour'.

At present, 650 ambulances are operating across A.P. With the addition of new vehicles and the removal of outdated ones, the total operational fleet will now reach 731 ambulances.

Following the Central government's national ambulance code, the new fleet adopts a white and red colour scheme, which is now mandatory for all 108 emergency ambulances across the country.



Govt to re-register 2,180 acres under Kakinada SEZ to farmers

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VIJAYAWADA

THE state government has decided to re-register 2,180 acre land under the Kakinada Special Economic Zone (SEZ) without charging stamp and registration duties, benefiting over 1,550 farmers in the Tondangi and Uppada Kothapalli mandals along the Kakinada coast.

Deputy Chief Minister K Pawan Kalyan, who had promised during the last election to return the SEZ lands to farmers, took the

initiative to resolve this long-standing issue. He held discussions with Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu, following which the government approved the waiver of registration fees and stamp duty. "This move ensures that farmers regain their lands without any financial burden, fulfilling the promises made during the election," officials said.

The re-registration process will formalize land ownership, giving legal clarity and long-term security to the affected farmers.



No second term for sitting DCC presidents: AICC

AICC state affairs in-charge Meenakshi Natarajan and PCC president Mahesh Kumar Goud conveyed this directive during a Zoom meeting with DCC presidents

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 se-

lecting 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 com-

munities, 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.

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 (JCRLIS) 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

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)

Streamline urea distribution in rabi top priority: Agri director

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STREAMLINING the distribution of urea for the upcoming rabi season will be the top priority for the agriculture department, said newly-appointed director of agriculture, Dr Manazir Jeelani Samoon, after taking charge at the directorate of agriculture office in Mangalagiri on Tuesday.

Soon after taking charge, Dr Samoon held a comprehensive review meeting with additional directors, joint

directors, and section heads to assess crop conditions, input availability — especially urea — and the status of ongoing Central and state agricultural schemes. He directed officials to prepare an action plan to ensure smooth and transparent urea distribution, preventing the bottlenecks experienced during the previous season.

Dr Samoon reviewed the software system for urea distribution and instructed that real-time monitoring of fertilizer stocks through the



Director of agriculture Dr Manazir Jeelani Samoon addressing a meeting of additional directors, joint directors, and section heads at his office in Mangalagiri on Tuesday

IFMS system be strictly implemented. He emphasised that Rythu Seva Kendras (RSKs) would play a key role in fertilizer supply, directing officials to verify login access, biometric devices, and operational readiness well before the Rabi season.

The meeting also discussed the Digital Agriculture Platform and the implementation of applications like D-Krishi, e-Panta, AGILE, AP-AIMS 2.0, and APPS.

Dr Samoon stressed the need to adopt precision

farming and drone-based spraying of nano-fertilizers and pesticides in selected pilot areas.

He underscored the importance of accurate crop area and yield data, directing that crop-cutting experiments under the Crop Insurance Scheme be conducted as per schedule. He also called for proactive measures to strengthen Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs) and ensure that farmers face no inconvenience during procurement operations.

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‘Bigg Boss Telugu Season 9’ losing credibility?

MOSTLY DUE TO POOR CONTESTANT PICKS

SUHAS SISTU

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 SaptaAshwa 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 Brahmanandam, 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



POPULAR actor Vishnu Vishal, well known to Telugu audiences through films like FIR and Ratsasan, is all set to return with a gripping investigative thriller titled Aryan. Directed by Praveen K and produced by Vishnu Vishal Studios, Shubra and Aryan Ramesh, the film has already sparked curiosity with its intense teaser, which received an impressive response from viewers. Continuing the promotional momentum, the makers today unveiled a powerful single titled “I Am The Guy”. The track, composed by Ghibran, features lyrics by Samrat and is sung energetically by Ghibran and Srikanth Hariharan. The high-octane song has gone viral on social media, further boosting expectations for the film. Aryan is scheduled for a theatrical release on October 31. In the Telugu states, the film will be released by Sudhakar Reddy, father of hero Nithiin, under the Shresht Movies banner. Known for distributing blockbuster hits like Vikram, Amaran and Thug Life, Shresht Movies is planning a grand release across Andhra Pradesh and Telangana. The film features an impressive cast including Selvaraghavan, Shraddha Srinath, and Manasa Chowdhury in key roles, while Vishnu Vishal will be seen as a determined police officer unraveling a dark mystery. Supporting roles are



played by Sai Ronak, TarakPonnappa, 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.

Mrunal Thakur sets the ramp on fire

Actress Mrunal Thakur, who is gearing up for the release of her upcoming film Dacoit alongside AditiSesh, 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 showstoppers 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.