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Top Maoist leader Mallojula surrenders in Maharashtra

60 other cadres also lay down arms along with him

GADCHIROLI: Senior Naxalite Mallojula Venugopal Rao alias Bhupathi 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, Bhupathi, a member of the central committee and politburo, carried a bounty of Rs 6 crore, the officials said. They said the Naxalites 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 Dandkaranya Special Zonal Committee (DKSZC) members and 10 members of a divisional committee of the outlawed CPI-Maoist, the officials said. 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. **Continued on Page 7**

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GAMECHANGER FOR ANDHRA

- Google's biggest investment outside US
- Rs 1.33L cr investment will generate 6k direct jobs
- AdaniConneX will partner with Google, Airtel

HANS NEWS SERVICE
AMARAVATI/NEW DELHI

IN a landmark development that would propel Andhra Pradesh onto the global technology map, tech giant Google announced on Tuesday that it would invest a whopping \$15 billion (nearly Rs 1.33 lakh crore) on setting up an AI infrastructure hub in Visakhapatnam, which would include a gigawatt-scale data centre in partnership with diversified Adani Group.

The game-changing project is likely to generate 5,000-6,000 direct jobs and 20,000-30,000 total jobs. The AI hub in the state's coastal city will be Google's largest outside the US and will include a data centre fuelled by clean energy and a fiber-optic network. Adani Group's AdaniConneX will partner with Google on the project, along with Bharti

Signs MoU with tech giant which will set up mega data centre with Adani in Vizag



Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, Information and Broadcasting Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw, Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu, Google Cloud CEO Thomas Kurian and state IT Minister Nara Lokesh during an event where the state government signed an MoU with Google for the Google AI Hub in Visakhapatnam

Airtel, India's second largest mobile operator. The mega investment will be made over the next five years (2026-2030). The facility is expected to be operational by 2029. "It's the largest AI hub that we are going to be investing in anywhere in the world outside of the US," Google Cloud CEO Thomas Kurian said after signing the formal agreement with the AP government at Bharat AI Shakti, a Google-hosted event, in New Delhi. **Continued on Page 7**

Modi hails Google's Vizag investment

HANS NEWS SERVICE
AMARAVATI

PRIME Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday hailed the agreement for Google's Artificial Intelligence Hub in Visakhapatnam, calling it a major stride toward realizing the vision of Viksit Bharat.

In a post on X, the Prime Minister said, "Delighted by the launch of the Google AI Hub in the dynamic city of Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh. This multi-faceted investment that includes gigawatt-scale data centre infrastructure aligns with our vision to build a Viksit Bharat. It will be a powerful force in democratizing technology, ensuring AI for All, and securing India's place as a global technology leader." The announcement came as Google confirmed plans to establish India's first AI hub in Andhra Pradesh with an investment of \$15 billion over five years.

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Google's investment will make Visakhapatnam the world's next big digital powerhouse. This centre will serve as the foundation for India's first AI City and the largest AI and data hub outside the US

VIZAG AI HUB LANDMARK DEVELOPMENT, SAYS PICHA

AMARAVATI: Google CEO Sundar Pichai described Google AI hub in

Visakhapatnam as a landmark development. In a post on X, he said, "Great to speak with Prime Minister Narendra Modi and to share our plans for the first-ever Google AI hub in Visakhapatnam, a landmark development. This hub combines gigawatt-scale compute capacity, a new international subsea gateway, and large-scale energy infrastructure."

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. **Continued on Page 7**

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 Deputy CMs in first list

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 Nand Kishore Yadav

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. **Continued on Page 7**

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.

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Security stepped up for PM's visit to Srisaillam

Modi is scheduled to visit the temple town tomorrow

NARENDRA KUMAR V
SRISAILLAM

IN view of the upcoming visit of Prime Minister Narendra Modi to Srisaillam on Thursday, the Police department has stepped up security with an elaborate, multi-layered deployment plan. Director General of Police Harish Kumar Gupta personally visited Srisaillam on Tuesday and reviewed the arrangements at



DGP Harish Kumar Gupta inspecting Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit arrangements at Srisaillam on Tuesday

key locations, including the helipad, road routes, guest house, temple premises and Shivaji Inspiration Centre. He issued firm instructions to senior officials to ensure fool-proof security arrangements for the high-profile visit. The DGP directed officers to maintain strict access control at all entry and exit points and to remain on high alert throughout the visit.

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NTR collector inspects girls hostel

HANS NEWS SERVICE
VIJAYAWADA

NTR district collector G Lakshmisha made a surprise inspection of the BC Welfare College Girls Hostel located at Gunadala here on Tuesday to review the amenities and welfare measures being provided to the students.

He interacted with the students and enquired about the infrastructure, food, sanitation, and other

amenities. He specifically questioned the students about the diet chart prescribed by the State Government and whether meals were being served as per the approved menu.

BC Welfare Hostel Welfare Officer A Rajani Kumari informed the collector that currently 165 students are staying in the hostel. The collector personally inspected the drinking water supply, tested its quality,

and reviewed the sanitation and maintenance of the dormitories.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr Lakshmisha directed hostel welfare officers to take proper care of the students and urged students to make the best use of the facilities available.

For better supervision, the collector announced that district-level officers were deputed as special officers for each welfare hostels. These officers would inspect the hostels twice a month and upload reports on meals,



Collector G Lakshmisha dining with the students at the BC Welfare College Girls Hostel in Vijayawada on Tuesday

sanitation, drinking water, and other facilities.

He further instructed officials to conduct daily

chlorination tests and weekly nitrate tests for water safety. Food Safety and Health Department officials will also visit regularly to ensure food quality and student health.

The collector assured the students that motivational sessions would be arranged by successful alumni to inspire them to achieve their goals through hard work and dedication.

DPO and Special Officer P Lavanya Kumari and other hostel staff accompanied the collector during the inspection.

Expose coalition on ‘false’ promises, YSRCP cadre told

HANS NEWS SERVICE
RAJAMAHENDRAVARAM

FORMER minister and YSRCP district president Chelluboina Srinivasa Venugopala Krishna called upon YSRCP cadres to go door-to-door and expose the alleged deceit perpetrated by the ruling coalition government, accusing them of making unfulfillable promises to mislead the public.

The YSRCP organised a ‘Rachabanda’ (public forum) programme in Rajavolu village on Tuesday, under the



Former minister and YSRCP district president Chelluboina Srinivasa Venugopala Krishna speaking at a media conference on Tuesday

leadership of senior party leader Nakka Rajababu. During the event, a signature campaign was also con-

ducted regarding the issue of adulterated liquor.

Srinivasa Venugopala Krishna alleged that the coa-

lition government is engaging in ‘diversion politics’ to confuse the people, instead of fulfilling the promises made to them.

Adding to the accusations, Dr Gudoori Srinivas, YSRCP Rajamahendravaram Parliamentary Constituency In-charge, alleged that the coalition government is playing with people’s lives by operating an adulterated liquor racket in the state.

Party leaders, activists, and cadres participated in the meeting in large numbers.

Kerala DGP visits Durga temple

HANS NEWS SERVICE
VIJAYAWADA

KERALA State Director General of Police (DGP) Ravada Azad Chandrasekhar, along with his family members visited Sri Durga Malleswara Swamy Varla Devasthanam atop Indrakeeladri in Vijayawada on Tuesday and offered special prayers to Goddess Kanaka Durga.

Upon his arrival, Temple Trust Board Chairman Borra Radhakrishna alias Gandhi, Executive Officer VK Seena Naik, and other officials accorded him a traditional welcome with tem-



Kanaka Durga Temple Trust Board Chairman Borra Radhakrishna and EO VK Seena Naik presenting a portrait to Kerala DGP Ravada Azad Chandrasekhar at Sri Durga Malleswara Swamy Varla Devasthanam atop Indrakeeladri on Tuesday

ple honours. Later, special arrangements were made for

the DGP and his family to have darshan of the presid-

ing deity Durga Devi at the sanctum sanctorum.

Subsequently, Vedic scholars performed a Veda Ashirvachanam and blessed the DGP and his family members at the Veda Ashirvachana Mandapam. The temple authorities presented Sessa Vastram, Laddu Prasadam, and a portrait of the Goddess to the visiting dignitary.

Expressing satisfaction, DGP Chandrasekhar appreciated the temple’s progress and conveyed his happiness over the arrangements. He thanked the officials and priests for facilitating the divine darshan.

Women Commission condemns Brahmanaidu’s remarks

HANS NEWS SERVICE
VIJAYAWADA

THE State Women Commission has strongly condemned the recent remarks made by former Vinukonda MLA Bolla Brahmanaidu, which were seen as derogatory towards women. Commission Chairperson Dr Rayapati Sailaja spoke to the media on Tuesday, criticising Brahmanaidu’s comment

that “all women are drunkards.” Dr Sailaja described such statements as a stain on democracy and said they reflect contempt for women. She emphasised that Brahmanaidu has a moral responsibility to publicly apologise for his remarks, warning that the Commission would take strict action if he fails to do so.

She added that the words of public representatives

are expected to serve as examples for society and should never demean women. “No cultured person would speak in such a vulgar manner,” she said, adding that leaders who insult women are unfit for public service.

Dr Sailaja also reminded Brahmanaidu to consider the women in his own life, mothers, sisters, wives, and the goddesses he worships before making such



AP State Women Commission Chairperson Dr Rayapati Sailaja

statements. She reiterated that the Commission would seriously address every comment that undermines the dignity of women and called on government officials to monitor and curb this toxic culture among political leaders.

Novotel celebrates festive cheer with laddu making ceremony

HANS NEWS SERVICE
VIJAYAWADA



AS the festive season draws near, Novotel Vijayawada Varun ushered in the celebrations with a joyous laddu making ceremony. The event brought together gourmands and festive enthusiasts from across the city, all eager to partake in this sweet celebration of tradition and togetherness. The ceremony commenced with a warm welcome from Hotel Manager, Manish Pathak, who stated that Vijayawada is a city steeped in tradition, and the festive season amplifies its vibrant spirit. “At Novotel, we strive to celebrate with a touch of Indian authenticity and global elegance. Today, we invite you to craft, taste, and share in the joy of the season, creating memories that linger long after the festivities.”

Select influencers and special invitees then engaged in a hands-on laddu making

session, blending ghee, cardamom, nuts, and love into perfectly shaped delights, guided by the hotel’s culinary team.

The rich aromas and lively chatter filled the space with warmth and celebration. Interactive photo moments captured these joyful creations, while each participant took home a selection of laddus, spreading the festive spirit beyond the hotel walls.

Guests indulged in an assortment of tea-time favourites and savoury small bites. The spread featured Moong Dal Kachori, Dry Fruit Samosa, and Mirchi Vada, while the sweet section delighted with Ghee Jalebi Rabri from the live counter and the all-time favourite Kaju Katli.

Google Data Centre golden chapter in AP history: Swamy

HANS NEWS SERVICE
ONGOLE

SOCIAL Welfare Minister and Visakhapatnam district in-charge Minister Dr Dola Sree Bala Veeranjaneey Swamy announced that the agreement to establish India’s largest Google data centre in Visakhapatnam marks a golden chapter in the state’s history.

Speaking at his camp office in Turpu Nayudupalem, Minister Swamy observed that the 15 billion dollar project will transform Visakhapatnam into the country’s largest data centre hub and AI city, positioning Uttaraandhra on the global map. He said that the facility will utilise undersea

cabling to provide connectivity from Visakhapatnam to other regions, positioning Andhra Pradesh as a key player in digital innovation and artificial intelligence.

The minister said that the data centre is expected to create direct and indirect employment opportunities for 1,88,000 people. He credited Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu and Minister Lokesh’s dedicated efforts for attracting this major investment. He expressed gratitude on behalf of Visakhapatnam’s citizens to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Chief Minister Naidu, and Minister Lokesh for their cooperation in securing this transformative project.

TDP backing spurious liquor mafia: Sajjala

HANS NEWS SERVICE
GUNTUR

YSR Congress Party state coordinator Sajjala Ramakrishna Reddy strongly criticised Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu for running a “diversion drama” to escape from the exposure of the spurious liquor mafia operating under TDP rule.

Speaking at a meeting of YSRCP state secretaries (Parliamentary) at the party central office on Tuesday, he said Naidu is behaving shamelessly and irresponsibly out of fear of being caught in the fake liquor scam. He said that fake liquor is being openly manufactured and distributed under the protection of the TDP government, and instead of ordering a transparent investigation, Naidu is trying to falsely implicate YSRCP leaders. He said that the so-called liquor verification app launched by Naidu

is a self-goal that proves the existence of large-scale spurious liquor in the state. “In the history of India, no Chief Minister ever launched an app to check whether liquor is fake or original. If Chandrababu has brought such an app, it means fake liquor is being produced and sold under his regime. Belt shops and permit rooms are running 24x7 across the state under TDP supervision, and fake liquor is being door-delivered,” he said. Describing TDP’s tactics as cheap diversion politics, he said: “Suddenly a man is brought from Africa, given red carpet treatment, and used to take political revenge. They are dragging the name of former minister Jogi Ramesh without a shred of evidence. These conspiracies prove only one thing: Chandrababu is terrified because the fake liquor mafia controlled by his party has been exposed.”

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HANS NEWS SERVICE
GUNTUR

GUNTUR district SP Vakul Jindal handed over 250 recovered cell phones to their owners at a programme held at the DPO here on Tuesday. The value of cell phones he gave to the owners is Rs 50 lakh. Speaking on this occasion, he said police continue to stand by victims by tracing and returning lost and stolen mobile phones. So far, around 3,414 mobile phones worth Rs 6.82 crore have been recovered and returned to owners. He advised the public to immediately lodge complaints on the national cyber crime helpline 1930 if their phones are lost or stolen to prevent misuse. He emphasised that as financial transactions are increasingly

conducted through mobile phones, public awareness about cybercrimes is essential. He urged citizens to report any suspicious or threatening calls to 1930.

“Many people face serious inconvenience when they lose their mobile phones or when they are stolen, as they often contain personal, banking, and confidential information which can be misused by criminals. Upon receiving complaints from victims, the police use advanced technical tools to trace the devices and return them,” he said.

He further advised citizens that if their phone is lost or stolen, they should immediately report it to the police helpline 8688831574 or lodge a complaint through the CEIR website.

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Sent on 06.10.2025 by Registered Post
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2. Mrs Mirayala Durga Devi W/o Mr Mirayala Babu (Co Borrower & Mortgagee) D No. 43-106/1-52A, Venkateswara Nilayam, New RR Peta Road, Nandamuri Nagar, Vijayawada 520015
Sir/Madam,
Sub: Your Home Loan A/c No. 7271622692 and Home Loan Plus A/c No 7603842137 in the name of Mr Mirayala Babu and Mrs Mirayala Durga Devi.
Due to Non repayment of your Loan the accounts was classified as NPA on 05.10.2025 You committed default in repayment of loans to the tune of as on 06.10.2025 amounts to Rs.62,17,714/- (Rupees Sixty Two lakhs Seventeen thousand Seven hundred and fourteen only) and the said amount carries further interest at the agreed rate from 07.10.2025 till date of repayment.
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All that House measuring 144 Sq Yds (72 Sqyds of Plot No 1186+ 72sqyds of Plot No 1187), of site at R S No. 8P.46.47P.48.57.58.59.60P. 65P.80P.85 New R S No. 48/1B, Block No. 45, Revenue Ward No. 57, Old Assessment No. 159564, Present assessment No. 1073074232 Old Assessment No 157815, Present Assessment No.1073072199, Old Door No. 77-45/1-5, New Door No. 77-45/1-5A Residential site Payakapuram, Vijayawada, within the limits of Vijayawada Municipal Corporation and within the jurisdiction of District Registry SRO Vijayawada NTR Dist. A.P. with the following boundaries East: Plot No. 1188 Property, South: Municipal Road, West: Plot No. 1185 Property, North: Plot No. 1200 & 1201 Properties
Date:-06/10/2025, Sd/-Authorised Officer,
Place:-Vijayawada Indian Bank

BETTER FACILITIES FOR HOUSING BENEFICIARIES ASSURED

• Krishna district collector Balaji inspects the govt housing layouts at Vanukuru and Penamaluru villages

• Three layouts have been developed on 96 acres, where a total of 2,238 houses were sanctioned

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PENAMALURU
(KRISHNA DISTRICT)

KRISHNA district collector DK Balaji has directed officials to take immediate and effective steps to provide better facilities to the beneficiaries residing in government housing colonies. He said that the officials of the Housing Department must respond promptly to the grievances of the residents and ensure all necessary amenities, such as roads, safe drinking water, drainage, and sanitation, are provided without delay.

On Tuesday, Collector Balaji, accompanied by housing and secretariat officials, inspected the government housing layouts at Vanukuru and Penamaluru villages in Penamaluru mandal. He reviewed the progress of construction and interacted with residents to understand their issues.



Krishna district collector DK Balaji interacting with the housing beneficiaries at Penamaluru on Tuesday

Officials informed the collector that in these two villages, three layouts have been developed on 96 acres, where a total of 2,238 houses were sanctioned. Of these, construction was started for 1,456 houses, and 1,040 houses have been completed so far.

At the Kolusu Parthasarathy Housing Complex in Vanukuru, developed on 73 acres, 1,243 houses were sanctioned, 656 houses were started, and 420 houses were completed. The remaining units are under various stages of construction. At

the second layout, out of 621 houses sanctioned, 342 were completed. The third layout, developed at Penamaluru on 9.7 acres, includes 374 houses, of which 278 houses are completed and the rest are in progress.

Beneficiaries explained to the collector that they were facing severe problems due to a lack of proper roads, drainage systems, and safe drinking water.

They complained that during the rains, rainwater stagnates, causing a mosquito menace and unsanitary conditions. The collector immediately instructed officials to address the issues and ensure smooth living conditions in all colonies.

A woman named Kumbha Durga submitted a grievance stating that 21 cents of agricultural land had been acquired for housing without her knowledge. Responding immediately, Collector Balaji directed Tahsildar Gopalakrishna to examine the issue and ensure justice.

The collector further instructed Water Resources Department Executive Engineer Ravi Kiran over the phone to inspect the crop

canals near the colonies and take necessary remedial measures.

He assured the residents that all basic facilities would be provided soon and instructed officials to speed up the remaining housing works. During the visit, the Collector was accompanied by Housing District Officer Pothuraj, MPDO Pranavi, AE Jilani, Electricity Department AE Suryanarayana, Engineering Assistants Veeranjanyulu, Anuradha, Raja, Naresh Kumar, and NV Sudheer, along with other officials.

Bank pensioners seek GST exemption on group insurance



Kondaviti Venkateswara Rao, retired IOB officer, being felicitated by ARISE members KBG Tilak, Kommuru Nagaiah, S Gopalakrishna and GLKP Chandra Rao in Vijayawada

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VIJAYAWADA

ALL India Bank Pensioners' and Retirees' Confederation (AIBPARC) national deputy general secretary Kodali Balagangadhara Tilak emphasised the importance of pension updation and demanded exemption of GST on the group medical insurance to the pensioners as the premium was borne by them.

He recalled the recent representations made to the Union Finance Minister. He was addressing the meeting of the Association of Retired IOB's Employees (ARISE), Vijayawada Region, here on

Sunday. Kommuru Nagaiah, who recently retired as deputy general manager from Indian Overseas Bank's nodal audit office in Bengaluru was the chief guest.

Balagangadhara Tilak noted that NCBE general secretary L Chandrasekhar had written to Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on September 30, 2025, seeking immediate implementation of Regulation 35(1) of the Bank Employees' Pension Regulations, 1995 (amended and gazetted in March 2003), to bring bank retirees' pensions on par with those of RBI pensioners. NCBE is among the largest constituents of the United

Forum of Bank Unions (UFBU).

ARISE assistant general secretary Kondaviti Venkateswara Rao outlined details regarding the renewal of the IBA Group Medical Insurance Scheme for retirees, with October 23 set as the last date for renewal. The premium for a base policy of Rs 5.25 lakh for retired officers (retiree and spouse, without domiciliary cover) stands at Rs 47,473 including 18 percent GST.

During the event, 8 senior members aged 70 and above were felicitated. Uppalapati Srinivasa Rao, retired chief manager of IOB proposed a vote of thanks.

SCR felicitates staff for cleanliness efforts

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VIJAYAWADA

AS part of Swachhata Pakhwada 2025, the Vijayawada Division of South Central Railway (SCR) organised a Commendation Ceremony on Tuesday to honour officers and staff for their outstanding contributions toward maintaining cleanliness and promoting awareness across the division.

Divisional Railway Manager Mohit Sonakiya was the chief guest at the ceremony held at the DRM's Conference Hall. He presented Commendation Certificates and Mementoes to the awardees for their exemplary service during Swachhata Hi

Seva and Swachhata Pakhwada 2025.

Addressing the gathering, Sonakiya praised the dedicated efforts of the officers and staff who went beyond their regular duties to ensure sustained cleanliness at railway stations, colonies, and offices. Emphasising that cleanliness should become a habit and collective responsibility, he urged all railway employees to integrate the principles of "Swachh Rail - Swachh Bharat" into their daily routines rather than treating it as a periodic campaign.

PE Edwin, ADRM (Infrastructure), along with branch officers and staff from various departments, attended the ceremony.



Divisional Railway Manager Mohit Sonakiya presenting Commendation Certificate and Memento to an awardee for exemplary service during Swachhata Hi Seva and Swachhata Pakhwada 2025

Sellers warned against stockpiling of firecrackers

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VIJAYAWADA

NTR district collector G Lakshmisha has issued a stern warning to firecracker sellers, stating that shops would be seized and licenses cancelled if government rules are violated. Cases would be registered against those involved in illegal stockpiling or unauthorised sales, he said.



Collector G Lakshmisha conducting a surprise inspection of firecracker godowns at Bhavanipuram Iron Yard in Vijayawada on Tuesday

to monitor such activities.

Officials from revenue, police, municipal, fire, civil supplies, and electricity departments have been directed to conduct joint inspections and enforce strict compliance. Vendors are required to operate only in government-approved grounds and must obtain

the necessary licenses. Town planning and sub-divisional officials are tasked with granting prior permissions for shop setups.

The Collector also instructed authorities to implement safety measures, including deployment of fire engines, ensuring a 3-metre distance between shops, pro-

hibiting shops facing each other, and maintaining a 50-metre buffer from residential areas.

Electricity inspections would prevent short circuits, and vendors have been advised to handle fireworks only during times of minimal public movement to ensure safety. Dr Lakshmisha stressed that these measures aim to prevent accidents and ensure a safe Diwali for all.

'Communication skills key for success'

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MACHILIPATNAM

KRISHNA University Vice-Chancellor Prof K Ramji highlighted the importance of communication skills in addition to educational qualifications, saying that while degrees help secure a job, excelling in expression and communication is key to future success. He was speaking at an awareness programme on 'Conversation Skills - The Door to Success' held at

Krishna University Pharmacy College here on Tuesday. Vice-Chancellor Ramji informed students that campus selections would be conducted soon and preparations are underway to organise large-scale awareness programmes with eminent professionals to help students prepare effectively. The programme's chief guest and main speaker, retired IIS officer G Kondalao, stressed that in today's competitive world, the ability to express thoughts clearly and confidently is essential

for both personal and professional growth. He explained that strong communication skills not only boost self-confidence but also enhance job opportunities. Students were also educated about career prospects in pharmacy, the role of pharmacists in the health sector, and awareness on iodine deficiency disorders and malaria. Dr P Rambabu, Principal of the College of Pharmacy, university officials, faculty members, and students were present.

MP promises modern equipment to GGH

A review of the ongoing development works at Vijayawada Government Hospital was conducted

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VIJAYAWADA

MP Kesineni Sivanath alias Chinni conducted a review of the ongoing development works at Vijayawada Government Hospital on Tuesday.

The meeting was attended by NTR district collector Dr G Lakshmisha, Vijayawada Central MLA and Government Whip Bonda Uma Maheswara Rao, East MLA Gadde Rammohan, and senior hospital officials.

The review focused on the hospital's progress,

fund utilisation, and future requirements to enhance patient care.

Speaking at the meeting, MP Sivanath appreciated the hospital staff, noting that operations previously possible only in corporate private hospitals are now successfully performed at the government facility.

He said the government would provide modern equipment requested by the doctors and ensure the latest technologies are introduced gradually.

He added that once the new hospital building is completed, advanced



Collector Dr G Lakshmisha addressing a review meeting at Government General Hospital in Vijayawada on Tuesday. MP Kesineni Chinni and MLA Bonda Uma Maheswara Rao also seen

services will be available for the public, particularly for the underprivileged. MLA Bonda Uma

Maheswara Rao congratulated the doctors for their dedication, noting that all department heads participated in the review. He assured that the requested modern equipment would be provided soon.

GGH Superintendent Dr A Venkateswarlu expressed satisfaction over the support from the MP and Collector. He said the administration agreed to supply all required equipment, helping the hospital continue to provide timely and effective treatment.

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

See Section 82 Cr.P.C.

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused person **Sh. S.V.V.N. Someswara Rao** Managing Director of M/s Sri Venkata Padmavathi Agencies, Door No. 3/7B, Shankavaram (M), Kakinada Road, Kahipudi, East Godavari, Andhra Pradesh-562101 and also at: Ravikampadu (V), Thoandangi (M), East Godavari, Andhra Pradesh-562101 has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence case CC No. 2795/2017 U/S 138 NI Act at P.S. Prasad Nagar, Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the above said accused cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the above said accused has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant). Proceeding u/s 82 Cr.P.C. has been initiated in the case. Proclamation is hereby made that the said **Sh. S.V.V.N. Someswara Rao** accused of CC No. 2795/2017 U/S 138 NI Act at P.S. Prasad Nagar, Delhi is required to appear before this Court to answer the said complaint on **23.12.2025**.

By Order: **Ms. Arushi Parwal**,
Judicial Magistrate First Class-05,
NI Act (Central),
Tis Hazari Court, Delhi.

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I, CH NARAYANAMMA is mother of Army No. 14648300M Rank: Hav Name: **CHINTHAM NAGESWARA RAO**, resident of D.No. 9-84, Vill: Pamurupalli, Post: Pamurupalli Teh: Giddalur, Dist: Prakasam, State: Andhra Pradesh State, Pin: 523 373. do hereby solemnly affirm and state on oath as follows, have changed my name from **CH NARAYANAMMA** to **CHINTHAM NARAYANAMMA** as per my civil documents, vide Affidavit dated 14-10-2025 before Advocate and Notary, Giddalur, Prakasam District, Andhra Pradesh (TH_BSR)

CHANGE OF NAME

I, SAYYAD MUSTAF S/O SAYYAD KAZA, DOOR NO 9-034, KOTHAPETA, NALLAJERLA, NALLAJERLA MANDALAM, CHANGING OF NAME FROM **SAYYAD MUSTAF** (OLD NAME) TO **SAYYAD MUSTHAF** (NEW NAME) HENCEFORTH MY NAME CALLED AS **SAYYAD MUSTHAF** (NEW NAME) FOR ALL PURPOSES. (TH_KKD)

CHANGE OF NAME

I, KAMADI PADMA D/o. Satyanarayana, Resident of 2-46, Harichandrapeta, Bondada, Kalla Mandal, West Godavari District, Andhra Pradesh - 534 206, have changed my Name from **KAMADI PADMA** (OLD NAME) TO **KAMADI PADMA** (NEW NAME) Hence forth I am being called as **KAMADI PADMA** (NEW NAME) for all purposes. (TH_SIVA PRASAD)

CHANGE OF NAME

I, BALUSU LAKSHMANA RAO S/o. Satyanarayana, Resident of 1-4-17, Flat No.82,Tirumala Sai Enclave 2, Suryanarayanaapuram, Bhimavaram, West Godavari District, A.P. 534202 have changed my Name from **BALUSU LAKSHMAN RAO** (OLD NAME) TO **BALUSU LAKSHMANA RAO** (NEW NAME) Hence forth I am being called as **BALUSU LAKSHMANA RAO** (NEW NAME) for all purposes. (TH_SIVA PRASAD)

CHANGE OF NAME

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I, SANDHI KANTHA KUMARI W/o. Babji, Resident of D.No. 2-11, Chinapeta, Elurupadu,Kalla Mandal, West Godavari District, Andhra Pradesh - 534 236, have changed my Name from **SANDI KANTAKUMARI** (OLD NAME) to **SANDHI KANTHA KUMARI** (NEW NAME) Hence forth I am being called as **SANDHI KANTHA KUMARI**(NEW NAME) for all purposes. (TH_SIVA PRASAD)

CHANGE OF SURNAME

I, GHANTA RAMATULASI, (Old Name) W/o. PUTTAGUNTA SIVARAMA PRASAD, resident of D.No. 64-8-16, RAGHAVANAGAR, PATAMATA LANKA, NTR DISTRICT-520010, A.P, India Hence I have Changed My Surname to **PUTTAGUNTA RAMATULASI** (New Name) hereafter My Surname is Known As **PUTTAGUNTA RAMATULASI**, (New Name) (TH_33100)

CHANGE OF SURNAME

I, SATULURI SUNITHA RANI (Old Name) Resident of Flat No.104, PRIDE BUILDING, HASINI PLATINUM COUNTY, GORANTLA, GUNTUR - 522034, A.P, India. Hence I have changed my name to **SALLURI SUNITHA RANI** (New Name) W/o SATULURI AJAY KUMAR, hereafter My Name is Known as **SALLURI SUNITHA RANI**, (New Name) (TH_33100)

CHANGE OF NAME

I, PATHIVADA LAKSHMI W/o. Subbarao, Resident of D.No.3-19, Tumuru center, Thadinada, Kalidindi Mandal, Eluru District, A.P. have changed my Name from **PATIVADA VENKATA LAKSHMI** (OLD NAME) to **PATHIVADA LAKSHMI** (NEW NAME) Hence forth I am being called as **PATHIVADA LAKSHMI** (NEW NAME) for all purposes. (TH_SIVA PRASAD)

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NTR Vaidya Seva

NETWORK HOSPITALS' STRIKE ENTERS FIFTH DAY

► **Strike, ongoing since Oct 10, halts services in private hospitals due to Rs 2,700 cr in pending dues, with Rs 650 cr approved but unpaid**

► **The strike reduces daily case registrations from 6,000-8,000 to about 2,000, limiting healthcare access to govt hospitals and medical colleges, affecting 80% of beneficiaries**

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VIJAYAWADA

The strike by NTR Vaidya Seva Network Hospitals, under the aegis of Andhra Pradesh Speciality Hospitals Association (ASHA), entered its fifth day as of Tuesday. Started on October 10, the strike has brought

all services under the NTR Vaidya Seva scheme in private network hospitals across the state to a halt.

ASHA cited pending dues of approximately Rs 2,700 crore owed by the NTR Vaidya Seva Trust to network hospitals. Of the submitted bills, about Rs 650 crore have already been approved by the Trust's CEO. The association's key demands include the immediate release of the approved dues and a clear policy on the settlement of remaining payments. Despite repeated appeals, the state government has yet to respond.

The strike has severely affected healthcare access. Normally, 6,000 to 8,000 cases are registered daily under the scheme. Due to the suspension of services



in network hospitals, only about 2,000 cases are currently being registered, meaning roughly 80 per cent of the population is

temporarily deprived of government medical aid. At present, NTR Vaidya Seva services are available only in government hospitals and

medical colleges, explaining the drastic drop in case registrations.

ASHA said that the protest has been peaceful, and critical patients continue to be referred to government facilities free of cost to prevent life-threatening situations. However, the association warned that if the government continues to remain unresponsive, the agitation will be intensified, with private medical colleges soon joining the strike.

Strike data shows a sharp decline in pre-authorisation requests, with counts dropping from 34,676 before the strike to 18,040 after, a 48 per cent overall reduction, highlighting the significant disruption in public healthcare services caused by the ongoing protest.

Rare surgery to save 83-yr-old performed

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ONGOLE

THE management of Medisure Multi-Specialty Hospital here announced that they saved an 83-year-old patient by conducting a surgery using advanced cardiac technology.

At a press meet here on Tuesday, Dr K Sridhar Babu, Cardiologist at Medisure, explained that the old man from Karavadi village approached the hospital with symptoms of a heart ailment.

During the investigations, the doctors found that the patient had severe calcium deposits in his heart that prevented conventional stent placement. With prior approval for the surgery and after explaining the condition of the patient to his family



Medisure Multi-Specialty Hospital's cardiologist Dr K Sridhar Babu explaining about the critical surgery at a press meet in Ongole on Tuesday

members, the doctors' team used state-of-the-art drilling technology and successfully performed the district's first such procedure, cutting through the calcium deposits to insert a stent. The advanced technique was essential as the patient's age made open-heart surgery impos-

sible. Dr Sridhar Babu expressed gratitude for the patient's trust in choosing this high-risk procedure locally. The patient's son thanked the doctor for taking the risk and saving his father's life. Medisure Hospital Manager Dasari Sudhakar also attended the conference.

III Gurukul students return home after getting treated at KGH

HANS NEWS SERVICE
VISAKHAPATNAM

CHIEF Minister N Chandrababu Naidu sanctioned Rs.90 crore for infrastructure and repair works in hostels, Ekalavya schools, Gurukul and residential schools in the State, informed Women and Child Welfare Minister Gummidandi Sandhya Rani.

On Tuesday, the minister interacted with Gurukul students undergoing treatment at King George Hospital and enquired about medical services being provided to them from KGH Superintendent I Vani. Speaking to the media, the minister said that of the 65 students who fell ill at Kurupam Girls' Gurukul School, 59 students have been discharged from the KGH and six of them are undergoing treatment, she added.

A total of 146 students fell sick and 65 girls were admitted in KGH for better treatment, the Women and Child Welfare Minister said.

Of them, 59 Students completely recovered and returned home. The minister lauded the efforts of the KGH doctors for providing quality treatment to the victims. The doctors informed three more students would be discharged soon. She congratulated the medical officers for providing drawing books and pens to the students to divert their attention and relax.

Sandhya Rani said that most of the girls undergoing treatment at the Parvathipuram Government Hospital were also discharged.

The health condition of the rest of the students is stable at the moment, she informed.

Three judges transferred to AP High Court

The new judges are from Allahabad, Calcutta and Gujarat High Courts

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VIJAYAWADA

THE Central government on Tuesday notified the transfer of three judges to the Andhra Pradesh High Court.

Justice Donadi Ramesh will move from the Allahabad High Court to Andhra Pradesh. Justice Subhendu Samanta has been transferred from the Calcutta High Court, while Justice Cheekati Manavendranath Roy will join from the Gujarat High Court.

Justice Cheekati Manavendranath Roy, a native of Parvathipuram, Vizianagaram district, was born on May 21, 1964. He studied law at MVP Law College,

Visakhapatnam, and practiced as an advocate in Parvathipuram from 1988 to 2002. Selected as District Sessions Judge (Grade-2) in 2002, he served in various judicial roles across the united AP and as Registrar General of the High Court from July 2015 to December 2018. He was promoted to High Court judge on June 12, 2019, becoming the first judge appointed after the AP High Court's establishment in Amaravati, before being transferred to the Gujarat High Court on November 2, 2023.

Justice Donadi Ramesh, from Kammapalli, Madanapalle, Chittoor district, was born on June 27, 1965, and studied law at VR Law College, Nellore. He enrolled

as an advocate in 1990, served as government medical aid. At present, NTR Vaidya Seva services are available only in government hospitals and

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Two GMC employees suspended

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GUNTUR

GUNTUR Municipal Corporation commissioner Puli Srinivasulu on Tuesday suspended record assistant S Nageswara Rao for forging the commissioner's signature and issuing a fake job appointment letter. Ward Secretariat Sanitation Secretary Y Thyagaraju was also suspended for negligence in addressing public grievances. Puli Srinivasulu issued orders to this effect.

He explained that Nageswara Rao forged the commissioner's signature and collected Rs 4.40 lakh from J Sundara Rao of Vijayawada, issuing him a fake appointment order. After Sundara Rao lodged a complaint directly with the commissioner, an inquiry conducted by the deputy commissioner confirmed that Nageswara Rao had forged the signature and issued the bogus appointment letter in exchange for money. Based on the inquiry report, he has been immediately suspended. Similarly, sanitation secretary Thyagaraju, working under the 45th ward secretariat, has been suspended for dereliction of duties in resolving public complaints related to sanitation issues under the APCMMS portal, and for falsely marking those complaints as resolved without actual action.

► **Conducted searches at multiple properties linked to Peddireddy Midhun Reddy in Hyderabad, Tirupati and Bengaluru as part of its probe into the alleged Rs 3,200 cr liquor scam**

► **Midhun Reddy, arrested in July and released on bail in Sept, claims the case is politically motivated, accusing the ruling coalition of fabricating charges to target YSRC leaders.**

► **The SIT investigation uncovers widespread irregularities in the 2019-24 liquor policy, alleging a Rs 3,500 cr kickback network involving 48 individuals, with 12 already arrested**

Liquor scam SIT carries out searches at places linked to MP Midhun Reddy

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VIJAYAWADA

THE Andhra Pradesh Special Investigation Team (SIT) which is probing the liquor scam conducted searches on Tuesday at the premises of YSRC floor leader in Lok Sabha, Peddireddy Midhun Reddy.

SIT officials conducted searches at the houses of the Rajampet MP in Hyderabad, Tirupati and Bengaluru.

In Hyderabad, the SIT searched the houses of YSRC MP in Prashasan Nagar and Gayatri Hills, Yousufguda. His office in the Kondapur area was also searched by the SIT officials.

Midhun Reddy is one of the accused in the Rs 3,200 crore liquor scam, which allegedly occurred during the YSRC rule. The Rajampet MP, who was arrested on July 19, was released on bail on September 30.

After his release, Midhun Reddy alleged that he was treated like a terrorist in jail.

He accused the coalition government of resorting to diversionary politics by filing fabricated cases against YSRC leaders. He stated that the Telugu Desam Party (TDP) always used such tactics whenever it came to power.

He stated that the attempts by the coalition government

to frighten opponents by filing false cases are an act of foolishness.

After the TDP-led NDA came to power last year, a case was registered at the CID Police Station in Mangalagiri under sections 409, 420, 120 (B), r/w 34 and 37 of IPC and section 7, 7A, 8, 12, 13 (1), (b), 13 (2) of the Prevention of Corruption Act 1988.

The Crime Investigation Department (CID) initially conducted an investigation following a complaint by an official of the Excise Department. Later, the government constituted SIT, headed by NTR district commissioner of police S V

Rajashekhar Babu, to probe the case.

The SIT found large-scale irregularities and fund misappropriation in the liquor policy implemented during 2019-24.

Investigators reportedly uncovered a kickback network involving nearly Rs 3,500 crore siphoned off over five years.

There are allegations that the YSRC leaders encouraged the new liquor policy, floated new brands, received kickbacks from the distillery companies, causing huge losses to the government.

The SIT has named 48 persons in the case, of whom 12 have been arrested.

Meet on ancient Indian knowledge begins

HANS NEWS SERVICE
RAJAMAHENDRAVARAM

INDIA'S ancient scientific and intellectual heritage laid the foundation for today's modern science and technology, said Rajamahendravaram MLA Adireddy Srinivas.

He attended as the chief guest at the two-day international conference on 'Resurgence of ancient Indian knowledge treasure to address global issues', organised by the Department of History at SKVT Government Degree College here on Tuesday.

The MLA said such conferences help students and teachers gain awareness of India's rich cultural and intellectual heritage, which continues to inspire global thought even today. MLA Srinivas also released a souvenir on the occasion.

College Principal Dr BV Tirupanyam, who presided



Dignitaries unveiling a souvenir at the conference in Rajamahendravaram on Tuesday

over the session, said India's ancient knowledge is not merely a symbol of past glory but a powerful tool capable of offering practical solutions to modern-day challenges.

Retired archaeology professor Dr D Bhaskar Murthy from Acharya Nagarjuna University said that India's contributions to the Vedas, Upanishads, Yoga, Vastu, Ag-

riculture, Mathematics, and Astronomy stand as remarkable examples of our ancestors' scientific achievements and intellectual brilliance. "These ancient disciplines



Students from abroad who attended the seminar

continue to demonstrate extraordinary precision even today," he observed.

Dr Chappidi Krishna, Joint Director of Collegiate Education, in his inaugural

address, said that blending Indian traditional wisdom with modern scientific knowledge can pave the way for a brighter and more sustainable future for humanity.

A renowned playwright Vadrevu Sundara Rao said Indian theatre traditions have guided the world for centuries through classical treatises such as Abhinaya

Darpana, and Natya Shastra, which remain global references in the performing arts.

During the conference, several scholars, including Dr Ch Eemalamari Srinivasa Sharma, Prof D Kiran Kanth Chowdhary, Prof Pasumarti Srinivasa Sharma, and Prof C Swaroopa Rani presented their research papers.

Conference convener Dr Y Swarna Sri informed that 225 papers were received for presentation.

Senior Divisional Manager, LIC Satyanarayana Shahoo, faculty members A Shantharajam, Dr DV Ramanamurthy, G Sharath Babu, Lalitha Ramya, Shilpa Rani, Madhulatha, Dr PVB Sanjeeva Rao, and Kotamma coordinated the event.

Students from Zimbabwe, Zambia, South Africa, and Cambodia also participated in the conference, adding a global dimension to the deliberations.

₹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

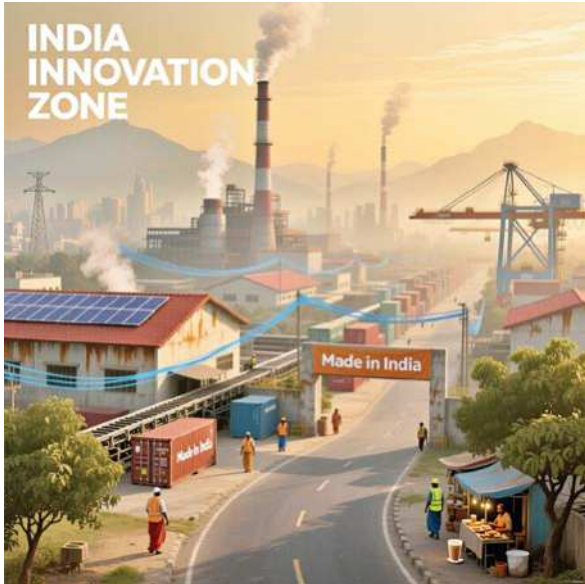
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THE state government approved the establishment of a Private Mega Industrial Park by JSW Aluminium Ltd (now renamed JSW Industrial Park Ltd.) in Vizianagaram district, with an investment of Rs 531.36 crore and an employment potential of 45,000 persons.

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 Shrugngavarapukota 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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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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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.

Parakamani theft case back under scanner as CID steps in

CID officials seize crucial records in delayed probe following High Court rebuke

PRADEEP VENNELAKANTI
TIRUMALA

THE Crime Investigation Department (CID) has reopened the high-profile Parakamani theft case at the Srivari temple in Tirumala, following stern criticism from the AP High Court over the prolonged inaction on its earlier directives.

A special CID team headed by director general Ravi Shankar Ayyanar visited the temple's Parakamani (the counting centre for devotees' offerings) on Tuesday and began a fresh round of evidence collection. Investigators seized crucial documents, including files from the Tirumala I Town police station, Lok Adalat records, and resolutions passed by the Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD) board concerning the theft.

Briefing the media, Ayyanar said the CID was acting strictly in accordance with the High Court's orders. "We have taken custody of all related documents, CCTV footage, and TTD board resolutions. The collected material will be presented to the High Court in a sealed cover," he stated.

The intensified inquiry comes after the court, led by Justice Gannamaneni Ramakrishna Prasad, expressed dissatisfaction with the delay in implementing its Sep-



CID DGP Ravi Shankar Ayyanar speaking to the media at police guest house in Tirumala on Tuesday

tember 16 order. The bench questioned why the CID had waited until October 8 to seek a modification of the directive instead of acting promptly.

The case first surfaced in March 2023 when an employee of Jeeyar Mutt, C Ravi Kumar, was caught stealing about \$ 920 from the Parakamani. However, later CCTV footage uncovered that the theft was much larger, allegedly involving foreign currency worth over 11,300 dollars hidden in his clothing during a separate incident in April 2023.

Initially, the case was closed following a Lok Adalat settlement in September 2023, under which Ravi Kumar reportedly agreed to surrender seven of his properties, valued at approximately Rs 40 crore, to the TTD.

The board accepted the settlement and dropped the case, but a public petitioner challenged this move in the High Court, alleging that the compromise was irregular and

that a full investigation had been bypassed.

Responding to the court's directions, the CID has now seized all case-related materials, including those from the Lok Adalat. The agency had earlier also requested permission for a senior officer to oversee the seizure process, citing the absence of an Inspector General in the department. Meanwhile, TTD Trust Board member and BJP leader G Bhanu Prakash Reddy met Ayyanar on Tuesday and submitted documents and CCTV clips that he said could shed more light on the theft. He urged the CID to carry out an impartial investigation and ensure accountability at all levels.

"We have faith in the police and the judicial system. Those involved in looting Lord Venkateswara's wealth, whether they planned it or benefited from it, will soon face justice. This will be a victory for the devotees, Bhanu Prakash said.

TTD board members allege that Ravi Kumar may have misappropriated foreign currency over a prolonged period, amassing properties worth more than Rs 100 crore. The CID has taken charge of all pertinent evidence and is expected to present a comprehensive report to the High Court soon.

Excise minister inspects wine shop, verifies brands

- Ravindra verifies liquor authenticity and later holds a video conference with excise officials
- Accuses YSRCP leaders of spreading false propaganda, citing past incidents of fake liquor deaths under their rule, and highlights the NDA govt's transparent liquor policy reforms
- Warns against unauthorised belt shops, urges consumers to report suspicious activity, and vowed strict action against violators and those politicizing liquor-related issues

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PROHIBITION and excise minister Kollu Ravindra conducted a surprise inspection at a wine shop located on Sambamurthy Road here on Tuesday. He was accompanied by excise commissioner Ch Sridhar. During the visit, the minister verified liquor brands using the AP Excise

Suraksha app, which enables consumers to check whether a liquor brand is genuine or spurious. After completing the inspection, he held a review meeting with all excise officials and staff through video conference.

Speaking to the media later, Ravindra accused YSRCP leaders of attempting to defame the government by spreading false propaganda. He alleged that during the



Excise minister Kollu Ravindra verifying a liquor brand using the AP Excise Suraksha app at a wine shop in Vijayawada on Tuesday

previous YSRCP regime, several people had lost their lives due to the circulation of fake liquor. To prevent such incidents, the NDA coalition government introduced a new Liquor Policy and allotted wine shops in a transparent

manner, he said.

The minister said that one of the accused in the fake liquor scam, Janardhana Rao, had exposed the conspiracy behind the racket. Ravindra further criticised YSRCP leaders for linking unrelated

deaths to liquor cases, citing an example where a man who died of dehydration in Nellore was falsely associated with liquor consumption.

He assured that the government would probe every case thoroughly and take stern action against those involved, irrespective of their political or social background. Ravindra also warned wine shop owners against running unauthorized belt shops, cautioning that strict action would be taken against violators.

He urged consumers to buy liquor only from authorized outlets and to report any suspicious activity to excise officials. The Minister made it clear that those trying to politicize the fake liquor issue would not be spared.

Streamline urea distribution in rabi top priority: Agri director

- Manazir Jeelani Samoon, newly appointed director of agriculture, calls for smooth and transparent urea distribution for the upcoming rabi season
- Directs officials to enhance real-time monitoring of fertiliser stocks via the IFMS system and ensure RSKs are fully operational with verified access and biometric devices
- The director stresses adopting digital agriculture tools, precision farming, drone-based nano-fertiliser spraying, and strengthening FPOs to support farmers and improve data accuracy

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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, prevent-



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

ing 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 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.

Officers from various wings of the department congratulated Dr. Samoon on assuming charge.

Google hub will generate ₹10,000 cr for AP: Pemmasani

NEW DELHI

THE upcoming 1-GW hyperscale Google Data Centre in Visakhapatnam is expected to generate approximately Rs 10,000 crore in revenue for Andhra Pradesh, Union minister of state for communications Pemmasani Chandrasekhar said on Tuesday.

Describing the project as a defining milestone in Swarandhra Pradesh's journey of progress and self-reliance, the Union minister said that the investment of approximately 15 billion US dollars over five years

(2026-2030) will create 5,000-6,000 direct jobs and 20,000-30,000 total jobs in the state, while bringing essential manpower, infrastructure, power, and cooling facilities to Visakhapatnam, generating a significant multiplier effect on the state's economy.

The minister was interacting with the media after the announcement about setting up the artificial intelligence (AI) hub in Visakhapatnam, during the Bharat AI Shakti event held in New Delhi. The project will include India's first gigawatt-scale data centre and Google's first AI hub in India.

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 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,"



Sandeep Lather and Puran Kumar

Rohtak Superintendent of Police S S Bhorla told reporters at the incident site.

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

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".

Rohtak had accused head constable Sushil Kumar of demanding a bribe of Rs 2.5 lakh in Puran Kumar's name during his posting there, according to reports. Sushil Kumar was later arrested in connection with the case.

VC urges officials to keep TUDA on top

TIRUPATI: TUDA Vice-Chairman Shubham Bansal called on officials to work hard to keep TUDA among the top Urban Development Authorities in the State. TUDA officials organised a grand farewell for him here on Tuesday as he is leaving on transfer. Speaking on the occasion, Bansal said there is great potential to increase income through the development and sale of flats

in TUDA layouts. He added that the revenue earned would help improve basic infrastructure in both urban and rural areas. TUDA secretary Dr N V Sreekanth Babu praised Joint Collector Shubham Bhansal for his effective service over the past four months as Vice-Chairman. SE Krishna Reddy, LAO Sujana, CPO Devi Kumari and AO Sailaja were present.

2 YSRCP activists held for spreading false news in SM

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TIRUPATI

ALIPIRI police arrested two YSRCP activists here late on Monday night for spreading false news on social media regarding fake liquor sales in the city.

Speaking to mediapersons, ASP Ravimanoharachari revealed the case details and said that on October 7, a video titled "Fake liquor in Tiru-

pati - Where is public safety?" went viral on social media.

Tirupati Urban Prohibition and Excise CI Mandapalle Ramachandra noticed the video and filed a complaint at East Police Station, he said.

As per the directions of District SP L Subbarayudu, and under the supervision of DSP Bhaktavatsalam, a detailed inquiry was conducted. The team found that the video and similar posts shared on

Instagram and Facebook were fake and were made only to create confusion among the public. There were no cases of fake liquor in the city.

The arrested were identified as A1 Chandrasekhar Venkatesh (25), MLC Cipai Subramanyam PA, and A2 Brungi Naveen (38), YSRCP activist and member in social media team. Both were arrested and they confessed to recording, editing, and posting



the fake videos with an intention to mislead the public and blame the Excise Department and government, he added.

During technical investigation, police confirmed through mobile call records and CCTV footage that both the accused worked together

and circulated false content.

ASP warned that strict legal action will be taken against anyone creating or spreading false and misleading posts on social media.

A case has been registered and further investigation is in progress.

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-Chief (Irrigation) Mohd Amjad Hussain said the Telangana government has already raised several objections as regards the Polavaram-Banakacherla Link project (PBLP) that is

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



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.

"Further, external agen-

cies 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 extensive changes in the dimensional features of com-

ponents 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.

‘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 friendship 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. "But what sort of friendship is this? President Trump hosted Field Marshal Asim Munir to an unprecedented lunch in the White House on June 18, 2025. This was the Field Marshal whose inflammatory and communally poisonous remarks provided the backdrop to the Pahalgam terror attacks orchestrated by Pakistan on April 22, 2025," Ramesh said on X.

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 up-front 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.

Haryana DGP sent on leave

CHANDIGARH

THE Haryana government on Tuesday sent DGP Shatruejt 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.

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 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. "I think Pakistan and India are going to live very nicely together," Trump said, while looking at Pakistan's Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif, who responded with a chuckle. Prime Minister Modi was also invited to the Summit but chose to skip it and deputised Minister of State Kirti Vardhan Singh in his place.

AP gets Google's \$15-bn AI infra hub

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The historic agreement was signed in the presence of Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu, Union Ministers Nirmala Sitharaman and Ashwini Vaishnaw, and IT Minister Nara Lokesh.

The Google's AI hub will serve as the foundation for what Chief Minister Naidu described as "India's first AI City", a massive ecosystem integrating cloud infrastructure, high speed connectivity, clean energy, and innovation hubs across key sectors such as healthcare, education, agriculture, manufacturing, and finance. The Visakhapatnam hub will also be linked via undersea cables to Singapore, Malaysia, and Australia, strengthening India's global digital backbone.

Speaking at the MoU signing ceremony, Naidu called the agreement "a truly historic and auspicious day, marking one of the biggest technology milestones for Andhra Pradesh and India." "Google's investment will make Visakhapatnam the world's next big digital powerhouse," he said. "This centre will serve as the foundation for India's first AI City and the largest AI and

data hub outside the US. Additionally, Vizag will host Google's cable landing station, bringing the spirit of Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam alive as India connects the world," he said.

Naidu thanked Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Ministers Nirmala Sitharaman and Aswini Vaishnaw for their support, and credited IT Minister Nara Lokesh for his efforts in bringing the project to fruition.

He revealed that Prime Minister Modi, during discussions, expressed interest in organizing a global AI conference in February 2026 in India, further positioning the nation as a global technology leader. "Our goal is to make AI accessible to every household," Naidu said. "Through our One Family, One Entrepreneur mission, we aim to empower people with tools of innovation and data-driven governance."

Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman described the project as a "turning point" for India's digital economy.

"The establishment of both a sea cable landing center and a Google data centre in Visakhapatnam is a major step

forward. Such visionary projects are possible only under dynamic leadership at the Centre and in Andhra Pradesh," she said.

Union IT Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw said Google's investment reflects confidence in India's technology policies. "This decision will change lives across the country.

Andhra Pradesh's proactive data center policy and tech-first governance make it the right place for such an investment," he said, adding that India is expanding digital links to Southeast Asia and the Northeast through new submarine cable systems.

Google Cloud CEO Thomas Kurien called Visakhapatnam a "rising global connectivity hub". Twelve countries will be connected from Visakhapatnam through Google's sub-sea cable system, Kurien said.

"The center will host our full AI stack, including Gemini-AI, and serve as a launchpad for India's AI innovation. We see Visakhapatnam as a place that can produce world-class AI talent," he added. The Visakhapatnam hub will "serve not just India, but much of the world," he added.

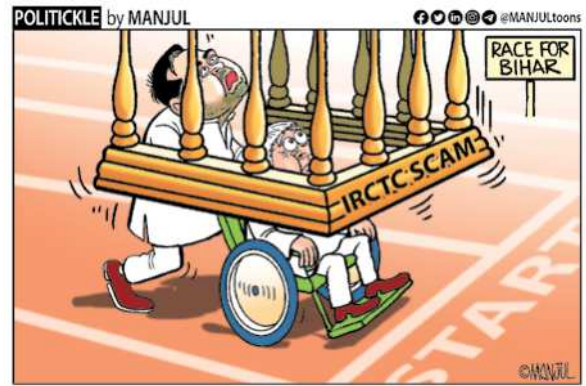
Modi hails Google's Vizag investment

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"We are honoured to be building the engine to power India's AI revolution, providing the tools for our nation's brightest minds to solve complex challenges," said Gautam Adani, Chairman of Adani Group, in a post on X.

According to IT Minister Nara Lokesh, Andhra Pradesh is aiming to host 6 GW of data centre capacity by 2029-30. Data is the new oil and data centers are new refineries, he added.

Deputy Chief Minister K Pawan Kalyan described the project as a monumental leap that will transform the City of Destiny into a gateway of India's AI revolution. "Visakhapatnam securing the \$15 billion Google AI Data Centre and India's first AI City is a monumental leap," he wrote on X. This initiative guarantees that the power of AI for All is truly democratized, impacting the lives of our youth, farmers, doctors, fishermen, entrepreneurs, women, and students.



Top Maoist leader Mallojula surrenders in Maharashtra

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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. Under pressure from the central Naxal leadership, Bhupathi eventually agreed to lay down arms, announced his exit from the outfit, and surrendered with his followers before the Gadchiroli police.

Bhupathi's surrender, along with 60 Naxals, is considered a major setback for the Maoist movement in the state. Earlier this year, Bhupathi's wife, Tarakka, also surrendered. She was a member of the Dandkaranya special zonal committee of the outlawed movement.

During an event at the state police headquarters on October 3, Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis stated that the Naxal movement in the state was on the verge of ending. "We are on the verge of finishing Maoism. In Maharashtra, it can be finished anytime," Fadnavis had said.

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.

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

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

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. Puttaparthi is likely to witness a surge of over 10 lakh devotees from all over India and abroad, including VIPs and VVIPs.

BJP drops Speaker, fields 2 Dy CMs in first list

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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 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.

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.

Security stepped up for PM's visit to Srisaillam

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He underlined the importance of real-time coordination and surveillance. Senior officials including Koya Praveen, DIG (Kurnool Range), Ake Ravi Krishna (Eagle Team IG), Sunil Sheran (SP Nandyal), Adiraj Singh Rana, ASP and Atmakur DSP Ramangi Naik accompanied the DGP during the inspection. The top brass also assessed preparedness at the helipad and temple surroundings.

Meanwhile, the Nandyal SP Sunil Sheoran deployed around 1,800 police personnel as part of a massive security operation. He conducted a security briefing with officers from Additional SP to SI rank and liaising officials. The entire area has been divided into 10 security sectors with senior officers designated

as sector in-charges. Rooftop teams equipped with binoculars have been positioned at key junctions, approach roads, and temple surroundings to maintain 24/7 surveillance. All vehicles entering Srisaillam will be thoroughly checked, and the command control centre will continuously monitor camera feeds to detect any suspicious activity. To manage large crowds and prevent any untoward incidents, Quick Response Teams, rooftop forces, and special parties will be deployed at sensitive points. All police personnel will wear duty passes and ID cards, and revenue authorities will carefully verify access permissions. The SP underscored that the security cover for the Prime Minister will be uncompromising and of the highest standard.

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 Sangeet 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)"

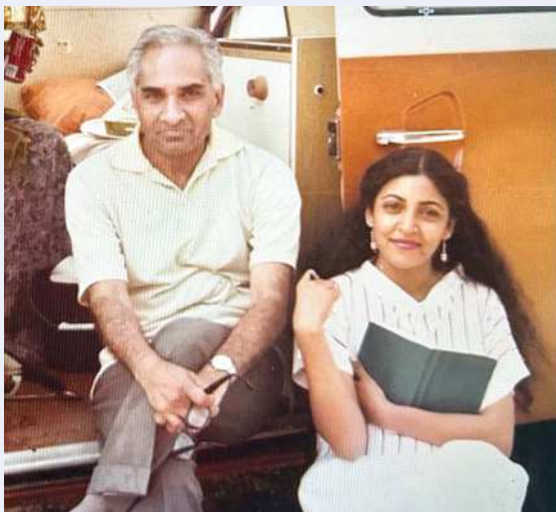
Adoring the throwback photo, an Insta user shared in the comment section, "This is one of the best beautiful picture of the day, u look so much pretty girl in this very picture. Deep regards."

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."

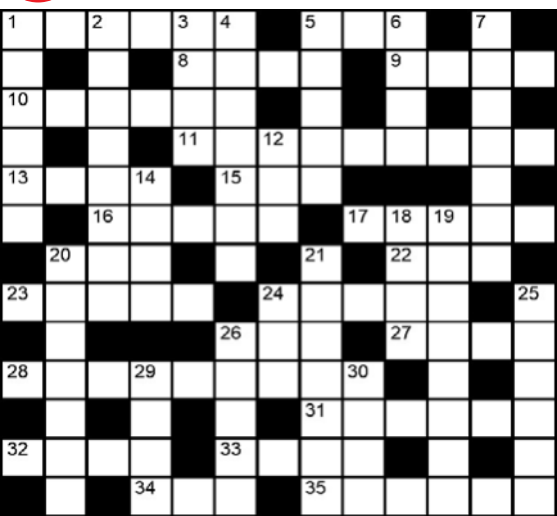
"The launch comes at the heels of a

\$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 "Nadaan" 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 Jugal 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.

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.

-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.



‘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 Sundeeep 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 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.

‘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.