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Police recreate crime scene with rape accused
The West Bengal police on Tuesday reconstructed the crime scene with the five accused and the friend of the Durgapur gang-rape victim, as part of the investigation, a senior officer said.

Excise minister inspects wine shop, verifies brands
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.

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WINDOWS



Top Maoist leader Mallojula surrenders in Maharashtra

60 other cadres also lay down arms along with him

GADCHIROLI: Senior Naxalite Mallojula 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 Naxals turned themselves in before the police around 10 pm on Monday. The cadres were brought to the Gadchiroli police headquarters in police vehicles from Hodri village, where they surrendered with 54 weapons, the officials said. The seized weapons include seven AK-47s and nine INSAS rifles, the officials added. The surrendered cadres include a member of the central committee, three 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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AP gets Google's \$15-bn AI infra hub

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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AUCTION SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES
 E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Properties under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) & 9(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.
 Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described Immovable properties mortgaged to the Secured Creditor, the symbolic/physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Canara Bank, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on 31.10.2025, for recovery of Liabilities due, to ARM Branch, Visakhapatnam of Canara Bank from the below mentioned Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s). Description of the immovable properties with no encumbrances to the knowledge of the bank.

DATE & TIME OF E-AUCTION: 31.10.2025, from 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM (With unlimited extension of 5 minutes duration each till the conclusion of the sale)		LAST DATE FOR SUBMISSION OF EMD: 30.10.2025 till 6:00 PM			
S No	Borrower/Guarantors (All Accounts Transferred to ARM, Visakhapatnam Branch)	Total Liability	DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTIES	Reserve Price	EMD (10% of Reserve Price)
1	M/s. Devara Innovations Pvt. Ltd., Rep by its Directors: 1 Sri. Devara Venkata Kasi Nooka Raju, 2 Smt. Devara Naga Sunanda Devi, 3 Sri. Golagani Ashok Kumar.	Rs. 1670.13 lakhs	All that site measuring 6599.31 sq.yds or 5517.86 sq.mts situated at Plot Nos. 68, 69, 70, 73, 74, 88, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 100, 101, 108, 109, 110, 111, 115, 128, 132, 133, 186, 193 and 215 of the Director of Town and Country Planning, Hyderabad approved layout vide L.P.No. 33/2007/VI, dt. 11-06-2007 the layout name and style as Sri Gruhajyothi Valley, covered by S.Nos.94/6, 97/1, 98/Part, 99/Part, 100/1 Part 116 Part and 120/2 Part of Kondagupam Village & Panchayat, Nellimarla Mandal, Vizianagaram District-535217 and Nellimarla Sub Registration District in the name of Sri Devara Venkata Kasi Nooka Raju and Sri. Golagani Ashok Kumar. Boundaries as per deed.	Rs. 124.76 lakhs	Rs. 12.48 lakhs
Plot No.68, measuring 222 sq.yds. boundaries as per deed. Reserve Price: Rs. 4.20 Lakhs EMD : Rs. 0.42 Lakhs					
Plot No.69 measuring 221.6 sq.yds. boundaries as per deed. Reserve Price: Rs. 4.19 Lakhs EMD : Rs. 0.41 Lakhs					
Plot No.70 measuring 221.6 sq.yds. boundaries as per deed. Reserve Price: Rs. 4.19 Lakhs EMD : Rs. 0.41 Lakhs					
Plot No.73 measuring 307.38 sq.yds. boundaries as per deed. Reserve Price: Rs. 5.81 Lakhs EMD : Rs. 0.58 Lakhs					
Plot No.74 measuring 110 sq.yds. boundaries as per deed. Reserve Price: Rs. 2.08 Lakhs EMD : Rs. 0.20 Lakhs					
Plot No.88 measuring 208 sq.yds. boundaries as per deed. Reserve Price: Rs. 3.93 Lakhs EMD : Rs. 0.39 Lakhs					
Plot No.90 measuring 202.22 sq.yds. boundaries as per deed. Reserve Price: Rs. 3.82 Lakhs EMD : Rs. 0.38 Lakhs					
Plot No.91 measuring 365 sq.yds. boundaries as per deed. Reserve Price: Rs. 6.90 Lakhs EMD : Rs. 0.69 Lakhs					
Plot No.92 measuring 324.4 sq.yds. boundaries as per deed. Reserve Price: Rs. 6.13 Lakhs EMD : Rs. 0.61 Lakhs					
Plot No.93 measuring 324.4 sq.yds. boundaries as per deed. Reserve Price: Rs. 6.13 Lakhs EMD : Rs. 0.61 Lakhs					
Plot No.94 measuring 324.4 sq.yds. boundaries as per deed. Reserve Price: Rs. 6.13 Lakhs EMD : Rs. 0.61 Lakhs					
Plot No.100 measuring 370 sq.yds. boundaries as per deed. Reserve Price: Rs. 6.99 Lakhs EMD : Rs. 0.69 Lakhs					
Plot No. 101 measuring 375 sq.yds. boundaries as per deed. Reserve Price: Rs. 7.09 Lakhs EMD : Rs. 0.70 Lakhs					
Plot No.108 measuring 254 sq.yds. boundaries as per deed. Reserve Price: Rs. 4.80 Lakhs EMD : Rs. 0.48 Lakhs					
Plot No.109 measuring 254 sq.yds. boundaries as per deed. Reserve Price: Rs. 4.80 Lakhs EMD : Rs. 0.48 Lakhs					
Plot No.110 measuring 254 sq.yds. boundaries as per deed. Reserve Price: Rs. 4.80 Lakhs EMD : Rs. 0.48 Lakhs					
Plot No.111 measuring 259.77 sq.yds. boundaries as per deed. Reserve Price: Rs. 4.91 Lakhs EMD : Rs. 0.50 Lakhs					
Plot No.115 measuring 267 sq.yds. boundaries as per deed. Reserve Price: Rs. 5.05 Lakhs EMD : Rs. 0.51 Lakhs					
Plot No.128 measuring 267 sq.yds. boundaries as per deed. Reserve Price: Rs. 5.05 Lakhs EMD : Rs. 0.51 Lakhs					
Plot No.132 measuring 324.44 sq.yds. boundaries as per deed. Reserve Price: Rs. 6.14 Lakhs EMD : Rs. 0.62 Lakhs					
Plot No. 133 measuring 324.44 sq.yds. boundaries as per deed. Reserve Price: Rs. 6.14 Lakhs EMD : Rs. 0.62 Lakhs					
Plot No.186 measuring 286.66 sq.yds. boundaries as per deed. Reserve Price: Rs. 5.42 Lakhs EMD : Rs. 0.55 Lakhs					
Plot No.193 measuring 265 sq.yds. boundaries as per deed. Reserve Price: Rs. 5.01 Lakhs EMD : Rs. 0.51 Lakhs					
Plot No.215 measuring 267 sq.yds. boundaries as per deed. Reserve Price: Rs. 5.05 Lakhs EMD : Rs. 0.51 Lakhs					

Date & Time of Inspection of the Property: 27.10.2025 at 10.00 AM to 4.00 PM. For detailed terms and conditions of the sale please refer the link "E-Auction" provided in Canara Bank's website www.canarabank.com or may contact Authorized Officer, ARM Branch, Visakhapatnam, Canara Bank, Ph No: 8332956773, 7095199455 during office hours on any working day.

EMD amount which is 10% of the Reserve Price is to be deposited through RTGS/NEFT/Fund Transfer to E-wallet in <https://baanknet.com> by using the bidder login credentials on or before 30.10.2025, 6:00 PM.

* Dues/taxes, if any, known/not known to the Bank are to be borne by the auction purchaser and the same is exclusive of the final bid amount. Bidders shall improve their offers in multiples of Rs 10,000/- for reserve price upto 25 lacs, in multiples of Rs 25,000/- for reserve price above 25 lacs and upto 100 lacs and in multiples of Rs 50,000/- for reserve price above 100 lacs. The bidder who submits the highest bid (above the Reserve price) on closure of "Online" auction shall be declared as successful bidder.

E-Auction Process and Terms & Conditions, contact Service Provider: M/s PSB Alliance (baanknet), web portal: <https://baanknet.com> (Contact No. 7046612345/6354910172/ 8291220220/9892219848/8160205051, Email: support.baanknet@psballiance.com)

Date : 14.10.2025, Place: Visakhapatnam Sd/- Authorized Officer, Canara Bank


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 Notice is hereby given to the PUBLIC IN GENERAL and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) indicated in COLUMN (A) that the below described immovable property(ies) described in COLUMN (C) Mortgaged / Charged to the secured creditor the CONSTRUCTIVE POSSESSION of which has been taken as described in COLUMN (D) by the Authorized Officer of Housing CHOLAMANDALAM INVESTMENT AND FINANCE COMPANY LIMITED Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is Where is", "As is what is" and "Whatever there is" as per details mentioned below
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Sr. No.	[A] Loan Account No. / Names Of Borrower(s) / Mortgager(s) / Gaurantor(s)	[B] O/S. Dues to be recovered (Secured Debts)	[C] Description of the Immovable Property / Secured Asset	[D] Type of Possession	[E & F] Reserve Price (In Rs.) Earnest Money Deposit (In Rs.)	[G] Date of Auction & Time
1.	Loan A/c. No(s). : XOHLV2100002786705 1. Venkatesh Manthini 2. Manthina Appalaraju 3. Manthina Usharani Add: Rameswara Colony Garividi Kondapalem Garividi, Andhra Pradesh 535101. Also At: Ashrita Residency Kondapalem S. No. 51/7 16 Block-S2 Area 2 nd Floor 2/2 Garividi Near Postoffice Line Andhra Pradesh - 535101	Rs. 20,50,183/- (Rupees Twenty Lakhs Fifty Thousand One Hundred and Eighty-Three Only) due as on 19.10.2023	All the piece and parcel of the land situated at Survey No. 51-7, Kondapalem Gram Panchayat, Kondapalem Revenue, Garividi Mandal, / Vizianagaram Dist. Hudco Colony, 16 th block, nearest Door No. 16-164, belongs to AASRITHA RESIDENCY, Flat No. S-4, being Bounded by: SCHEDULE-A- East to West: 98feets 29.40 mtrs, North to south: 52 feet 15.60 mtrs, 566.22 Sq.yds 458.64 Sq.feet. Boundaries follows: East: Dry land of Gedela papinaidu, South: Panchayathi canal, West: Pandharyathi CC Road, North: Daba house of Addala Venkata Ramana , the undivided unspecified extent of 56.62 Sq.yds of house site is the above described boundaries "A" schedule property, SCHEDULE-B:- the boundaries of the Second Floor -4 in the above "A" schedule vacant site which was constructed is the name of AASRITHA RESIDENCY, Constructing Ground Floor, First Floor, 2 nd Floor in the common area of 825 Sq.feet. Boundaries followed: East: Apartment Carder, South: Apartment Plot No.2, West: Group House/Pasta and carder, North: Apartment Carder.	CONSTRUCTIVE POSSESSION	Rs. 16,50,000/- (Rupees Sixteen Lakhs Fifty Thousand Only) Rs. 1,65,000/- (Rupees One Lakh Sixty-Five Thousand Only)	19.11.2025 from 02.00 PM. to 04.00 PM, (with automated extensions of 5 minutes each in terms of the Tender Document),
2.	Loan A/c. No(s). : HL05VIS000007915 1. Mr/Mrs. Sivanaga Srinivasa Rao Banavathu 2. Mr/Mrs. Jhansi Rani Banavathu Add: Door No. 5-697, Paravada Mandalam Kalapaka, Visakhapatnam /Near, Antakapalle, 531021. Also At: Door No. 5-697, Survey No. 166/5, Kalapaka Post Paravada Mandalam Visakhapatnam Near Anakapalle - 531021.	Rs. 21,51,456/- (Rupees Twenty-One Lakhs Fifty-One Thousand Four Hundred and Fifty-Six Only) due as on 23.07.2024	All the site Extent of 387.2 Sq.yds, or Ac.0.08 cents out of 0.14 cents covered by S. No. 166/5 of Kalapaka Village and Panchayat, Parawada Mandalam, Visakhapatnam District. Bounded by: Boundaries: East: Zorityland Land of Bonda Ramulu, South: Zorityland Land of Indala Varahalamma, West: Slabbed house of Vendor, North: Cement Roa.	CONSTRUCTIVE POSSESSION	Rs. 70,60,000/- (Rupees Seventy Lakhs Sixty Thousand Only) Rs. 7,06,000/- (Rupees Seven Lakhs Six Thousand Only)	19.11.2025 from 02.00 PM. to 04.00 PM, (with automated extensions of 5 minutes each in terms of the Tender Document),
3.	Loan A/c. No(s). : HL01VIS000030360 1. Mr/Mrs. Prasad Bojja 2. Mr/Mrs. Thiriveni Bojja Add: 36-94-289/19/1, Pedakotturu, Nh-5 Road, Kancharapalem, Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh - 530008. Also At: Entire Grounf Floor, Sik Nilayam, Survey No.103 Part, Plot No. 14, Appanapalem Vepagunta, Ward Zone 6 Visakhapatnam (Urban) - 530029.	Rs. 26,30,627/- (Rupees Twenty-Six Lakhs Thirty Thousand Six Hundred and Twenty-Seven Only) due as on 11.03.2025	This report is rendered with reference to the title property of the Entire Ground Floor of "SLK Nilayam" with an undivided share of land admeasuring 56.3675 sq.yds out of 238 sq.yds and Plinth area measuring 1600 sft on Plot No. 14 covered by surve No.103/2 and as per LRC Field sketch survey No. 103P situated at Appannapalem, Vepagunta Village, Gopalpatnam SRO, Visakhapatnam District and Bounded as: Entire Property: North: Land belongs to S. Appili, South: 24 ft wide road, East: Plot No. 15, West: Plot No. 13, Flat North: Open Setback space; South: Open Setback space; East: Open Setback space;	CONSTRUCTIVE POSSESSION	Rs. 61,00,000/- (Rupees Sixty-One Lakhs Only) Rs. 6,10,000/- (Rupees Six Lakhs Ten Thousand Only)	19.11.2025 from 02.00 PM. to 04.00 PM, (with automated extensions of 5 minutes each in terms of the Tender Document),
4.	Loan A/c. No(s). : XOHLVIS00002634956 1. Narasimheshwara Rao Kundrapu 2. Ganga Bhavani Kundrapu Add: 23-10-37, Simhagiri Colony Gajuwaka - 530026. Also At: Flat No. 201, Second Floor, Vyasa Towers-2 Gudivada Village, Bogapuram Gudivada Village - 714429.	Rs. 20,16,669/- (Rupees Twenty Lakhs Sixteen Thousand Six Hundred and Sixty-Nine Only) due as on 15.05.2023	All that piece or parcel of land measuring an extent of 44.38 Sq. Yards or 37.10 Sq. Meters, being undivided and unspecified share out of the total extent of 154.89 Sq. Yards or 1294.95 Sq. Mtrs, together with an under construction residential unit, Constuction on Semi-finished level, bearing Flat No. 201, with a plinth area of 970 Sft., (including common areas and balconies) in Second Floor, 80 Sq. ft Car parking in still moor of "VYAS TOWERS-2", Covered by S. No. 13/9, 13/10A, 13/11A of GUDIVADA Village, Gudivada Panchayat, Bhogapuram Mandal, Bhogapattam Sub Registration District, of Vizianagaram District, bounded as follows: East: Land of Manju Bharati, South: R & B Road, West: Land of Saragada Durpaya and Others, North: Land of Manju Bharati, Measurements: East : 171Feet or 52.15Mtrs, South : 84.4 Feet or 25.74Mtrs West : 161.6 Feet or 49.28 Mts. North : 83.2Feet or 25.37Mtrs. SCHEDULE-B:- The builder shall construct Flat No. 201, with a plinth area of 970 Sft, (inclusive of common areas and balconies) in Second Floor, 80 Sft Car Parking in Still Floor, (Still for Parking + Ground Floor + 4 Upper Floors) building as per the plans enclosed hereto and as per the specifications given hereunder Bounded by: East: Common Corridor and Flat No. 207, South: Open to Sky, West: Open to Sky, North: Flat No. 202.	CONSTRUCTIVE POSSESSION	Rs. 27,16,000/- (Rupees Twenty-Seven Lakhs Sixteen Thousand Only) Rs. 2,71,600/- (Rupees Two Lakhs Seventy-One Thousand Six Hundred Only)	19.11.2025 from 02.00 PM. to 04.00 PM, (with automated extensions of 5 minutes each in terms of the Tender Document),
5.	Loan A/c. No(s). : HL01V21000006156 1. Mr/Mrs. Satyanarayana Majji 2. Mr/Mrs. Majji Sai Add: H. No. 3-89, Althi Street, Dwarapudi Village, Althi Street, Bondapali, Andhra Pradesh - 535003. Also At: Sri Sai Parvati Residence, Flat T-2, K I Puram, Vizianagaram, Andhra Pradesh - 535002.	Rs. 20,32,261/- (Rupees Twenty Lakhs Twenty Two Thousand Two Hundred and Sixty-One Only) due as on 14.03.2025	An undivided an unspecified RCC Slabbed Building (Group House) Flat no-T-2, Third Floor, to an extent of 900 Sq.Feet (including common areas), "Sri Sai Parvathi Residency "S. No. 160/1 to 5, Plot No. 140 and Plot No. 141 western Side part Plot No.159 and Plot No. 160, Northern side part , to an extent of 400 Sq.yds, KL Puram Village , Vizianagaram Municipality, Vizianagaram District. Boundaries: East: Plot No. 141 eastern side part , South: Plot No. 150 and 160 Southern side part, West: Plot No. 139, North: Layout Road, Boundaries: Flat No. T-2:- East: open to sky, South: open to sky, West: Flat No. T-1, North: corridor.	CONSTRUCTIVE POSSESSION	Rs. 11,70,000/- (Rupees Eleven Lakhs Seventy Thousand Only) Rs. 1,17,000/- (Rupees One Lakhs Seventeen Thousand Only)	19.11.2025 from 02.00 PM. to 04.00 PM, (with automated extensions of 5 minutes each in terms of the Tender Document),

INSPECTION DATE & TIME : - 17.11.2025, BETWEEN 11.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. MINIMUM BID INCREMENT AMOUNT : Rs. 10,000/-
Last date of submission of Bid/ EMD/ Request letter for participation is 18.11.2025. 5p.m.Till

* Together with further interest as applicable in terms of loan agreement with, incidental expenses, costs, charges etc. Incurred up to the date of payment and / or realisation there of.
For any assistance related to inspection of the property, or for obtaining the Bid document and for any other queries, please get in touch with Mr.P.Sambha murthy on his Mobile No. 9966323483, E-mail ID :P.Samba Murthy-BRM-Visakhapatnam-HL-sambam@chola.murugappa.com / Mrs. Komal Sharma on 8870464652. official of CHOLAMANDALAM INVESTMENT & FINANCE COMPANY LIMITED to be the best of Knowledge and information of the Authorized Officer of CHOLAMANDALAM INVESTMENT & FINANCE COMPANY LIMITED there are no encumbrances in respect of the above immovable properties / secured Assets.
Sd/- AUTHORIZED OFFICER,
Place : Vizianagaram / Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh For CHOLAMANDALAM INVESTMENT AND FINANCE COMPANY LIMITED

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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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 de-

mands 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 private 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.

250 mobiles handed over to owners

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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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THE Andhra Pradesh Special Investigation Team (SIT) which is probing the liquor scam conducted searches on Tuesday at the premises of YSRCP floor leader in Lok Sabha, Peddiredy 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 YSRCP MP in Prashasan Nagar and Gayatri Hills, Yousufguda. His office in the Kondapur area was also searched by the SIT officials.

LIQUOR SCAM

SIT carries out searches at places linked to MP Midhun Reddy

- Conducted searches at several properties linked to Peddiredy 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 YSRCP 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

Midhun Reddy is one of the accused in the Rs 3,200 crore liquor scam, which allegedly occurred during the YSRCP 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 YSRCP 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 Rajashekar 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 YSRCP 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.

Three judges transferred to AP High Court

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

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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 Kammampalli, 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 advocate in the united High Court (2000-04), and as standing counsel for AP Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan in 2007. He became an AP High Court judge on January 13, 2020, before transferring to the Allahabad High Court on July 24, 2023.

Justice Subhendu Samanta, born on November 25, 1971, studied law at Hazra Campus, Kolkata University. He began practice at Tamluk District Court, served as a judicial officer and additional district and sessions judge in West Midnapore, and later as Chief Judge of Kolkata City Sessions Court. He took charge as an additional judge of the Calcutta High Court on May 18, 2022.

Celebrations erupt as Vizag to house Google’s largest AI data centre

RANI DEVALLA
VISAKHAPATNAM

IT was a celebration of sorts in Visakhapatnam as Google announced a \$15B AI data centre to be set up in the City of Destiny.

As assured by Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu, steps are taken towards transforming the City of Destiny into an IT hub. Unprecedented growth

In the recent past, the Chief Minister has been reiterating that Vizag is set to witness an unprecedented growth in times to come.

Working in tandem with ‘Swarnandhra Pradesh 2047 vision’, the ensuing 1-gigawatt data centre campus will be the largest investment by the tech giant outside the US.

While laying foundation stone for Visakhapatnam’s maiden AI Edge Data Centre and Open Cable Land-

- US tech giant’s AI data centre to create 1.88 lakh direct and indirect jobs
- With the setup of the Google data centre, Vizag garners global attention
- Alliance leaders burst crackers, distribute sweets as the MoU gets signed



MLA Ganababu distributing sweets to party leaders in Visakhapatnam on Tuesday



TDP leaders break into a celebration mode at the party office in Visakhapatnam on Tuesday

ing Station, IT and Industries Minister Nara Lokesh assured that Visakhapatnam will be developed on a par with Hyderabad and that too in a fast-track mode. “Even as Hyderabad took three decades to witness massive development, our commitment is to achieve similar progress in Visakhapatnam in just over a decade,” Lokesh underlined.

With a higher outlay to support for long term

capacity and sustainability goals, Google’s venture, executed in collaboration with Adani ConneX and ecosystem partner Airtel, paves way for the India’s largest AI data centre campus plus new green energy infrastructure.

Supported by a robust subsea cable network and clean energy, the upcoming AI hub aims to drive the most demanding Artificial Intelligence workloads in India. In Visakhapatnam, alliance leaders celebrated the development ahead of

Diwali bursting crackers and distributing sweets.

Terming it as a big achievement for the North Andhra region, Home Minister Vangalapati Anitha highlighted, “The development places Visakhapatnam on a global map.”

Expressing delight over the MoU signed for the centre, District in-charge Minister Dola Sree Bala Veeranjanya Swamy said, “With the establishment of the Google data centre, AP will create 1.88 lakh direct and indirect jobs and Vi-

sakhapatnam to become AI city.”

After the NDA government came to power, industries are thriving, opined Visakhapatnam Metropolitan Region Development Authority Chairperson MV Pranav Gopal. “The up-

coming data centre is a step towards meeting the poll promises made by the NDA government,” he reiterated.

Visakhapatnam west and Bheemunipatnam MLAs and PGVR Naidu (Ganababu) and Ganta Srinivasa Rao participated.

PM to inaugurate, lay foundation stones for key projects in Waltair

- The foundation stone will be laid for the fourth railway line between Kothavalasa and Vizianagaram
- Two crucial double-line projects such as doubling of railway lines between Kothavalasa–Boddavara and Shimiliguda–Gorapur sections will be dedicated to the nation

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IN a significant achievement, Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate and lay foundation stones for several key railway projects of Waltair Division of East Coast Railway on October 16.

With a focus to enhance railway operations and encourage economic growth, the foundation stone will be laid for the fourth railway line between Kothavalasa and Vizianagaram, alongside a robust rail flyover between Pendurthi and North Simachalam.



Several key projects will be launched and laid foundation stone across Waltair Division

These multiple projects worth Rs.13,430 crore will be inaugurated from Kurnool. Once the projects get completed, they are expected to enhance operational efficiency, reduce congestion, and bring far-reaching benefits to passengers and freight services.

At the same time, two

crucial double-line projects will be dedicated to the nation. They include doubling of railway lines between Kothavalasa–Boddavara and Shimiliguda–Gorapur sections.

The completion of these sections marks a significant milestone in creating faster, safer and more reliable rail

transport, fostering sustained growth and socio-economic progress in the region.

The newly launched and ensuing projects exemplify Indian Railways’ vision of enhancing network capacity, improving passenger amenities and fostering connectivity that reaches every corner of the nation.

‘Gandhi’s ideas continue to hold relevance in today’s world’

- The lecture focused on ‘Swaraj of Mahatma Gandhi’s Dreams: reflections on contemporary India’
- In the end, Prof. Mukherjee interacted with students and faculty members

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MAHATMA Gandhi’s ideas continue to hold immense relevance in the present-day world, especially for those who understand his journey and communication strategies, stated former Professor at the Centre for Historical Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), New Delhi, Mridula Mukherjee.

Delivering a thought-provoking lecture on ‘Swaraj of Mahatma Gandhi’s Dreams: reflections on contemporary India’ at GITAM School of Humanities and Social Sciences here on Tuesday, Prof. Mukherjee highlighted how



Former Professor at the Centre for Historical Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), New Delhi, Mridula Mukherjee delivering the lecture at the campus in Visakhapatnam on Tuesday

Gandhi effectively used traditional terminology to communicate with masses.

While recounting various phases of Gandhi’s freedom struggle, she cited the example of ‘Rama Rajya’, a term Gandhi frequently used to represent an ideal state based on true democracy and equal opportunities.

Prof. Mukherjee mentioned that Gandhi never equated Rama Rajya with Hindu rule. Instead, he used the term to communicate a

vision of justice, harmony and equality in a language that resonated with the larger population.

Gandhi consistently maintained that all religions are equal and his concept of Rama Rajya was inclusive and not religiously exclusive, she recalled.

Gandhi often explained that religion is like a tree with many branches, each branch essential to the strength and unity of the whole.

Unfortunately, some sections have misinterpreted his idea of Rama Rajya, Prof. Mukherjee noted, laying emphasis on how Gandhi’s philosophies are being embraced globally, particularly during times of crisis.

Addressing a range of questions related to Gandhi’s ideology and its relevance today, the interactive session concluded with Prof. Mukherjee engaging with students and faculty members.

Sugarcane farmers appeal to MLC Nagababu to revive Chodavaram factory

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ANDHRA Pradesh Legislative Council member K Nagababu assured that he will strive to bring back the former glory of the Chodavaram sugar factory.

The MLC interacted with sugarcane farmers at the Jana Sena Party office in Bheemili here on Tuesday.

The sugarcane farmers brought their problems to the notice of Nagababu and appealed to him to resolve them at the earliest.

The farmers informed that they had cultivated crops over thousands of acres in the past and made profits.

Now, they are facing losses and are not even arriving at break-even.

They said that they have become debt-ridden be-



Sugarcane farmers submitting a memorandum to MLC K Nagababu in Visakhapatnam on Tuesday

cause they are not getting a reasonable price for the sugarcane crops, and if the

Chodavaram sugar factory is revived, thousands of farmers will be benefitted.

The farmers appealed to the MLC that the Mahatma Gandhi National Employ-

ment Guarantee Scheme should be linked to agriculture to extend support the sugarcane farmers.

Similarly, the farmers were asked to work towards providing funds to cooperative societies through the National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC).

Responding to them, Nagababu assured that he would bring the issues to the attention of Deputy Chief Minister and Panchayat Raj Minister K Pawan Kalyan.

Later, the farmers submitted a memorandum to the MLC.

Chodavaram Constituency In-charge PVS N Raju Bheemunipatnam constituency In-charge Panchakarla Sandeep, AMC Chairman Allam Rama Apparao and farmers were present.

New Vice-Chancellor for JNTU-GV felicitated



Majji Sashibhushana Rao, Director of SITAM felicitating Prof. VV Subba Rao upon taking charge as Vice-Chancellor of Jawaharlal Nehru Technological University – Gurajada Vizianagaram

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MAJJI Sashibhushana Rao, Director of Satya Institute of Technology and Management (SITAM) felicitated Prof. VV Subba Rao upon taking charge as Vice Chancellor of Jawaharlal Nehru Technological University

– Gurajada Vizianagaram (JNTU-GV).

Addressing the gathering, the Vice Chancellor highlighted the significance of teamwork and shared purpose in realising the University’s vision.

“With the dedication of our faculty, enthusiasm of our students and col-

laboration of our affiliated colleges, we can elevate JNTU-GV into a centre of academic excellence, innovation and social impact for the state and the nation,” the VC stated.

Jayasuma, Registrar, JNTU-GV, and Damodhar Naidu, Vice Principal, SITAM, were present.

Ill Gurukul students return home after getting treated at KGH

- Minister Gummidhi Sandhya Rani interacts with Gurukul students undergoing treatment at King George Hospital

- Says that of the 65 students who fell ill at Kurupam Girls’ Gurukul School, 59 students have been discharged

- Informs that a total of 146 students fell sick and 65 girls were admitted in KGH for better treatment

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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 Gummidhi Sandhya Rani.

On Tuesday, Minister interacted with Gurukul students undergoing treatment at King George Hospital and enquired about medical services being provided to them from KGH Super-

intendent 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.



Women and Child Welfare Minister Gummidhi Sandhya Rani interacting with the students and doctors at KGH in Visakhapatnam on Tuesday

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₹531 cr JSW industrial park to come up at Vizianagaram

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

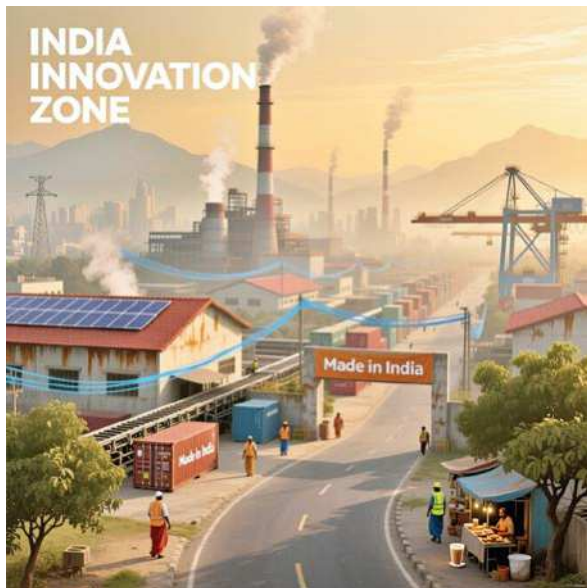
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THE state government approved the establishment of a Private Mega Industrial Park by JSW Aluminium Ltd (now renamed JSW Industrial Park Ltd.) in Vizianagaram district, with an investment of Rs 531.36 crore and an employment potential of 45,000 persons.

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 Shringavarapukota Mandal in Vizianagaram district.

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



Palle Panduga 2.0 to change rural landscape: Pawan

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

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MANGALAGIRI

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

Chairing a review meet-

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

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

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

190 new 108 ambulances to replace old ones

Ambulance colours changed as per National Ambulance Code

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

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

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

After the coalition gov-

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

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

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

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

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



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

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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 a 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.

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 Chandrasekar 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.

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.

MEDICO GANG-RAPE CASE IN DURGAPUR

Police recreate crime scene with rape accused



KOLKATA

THE West Bengal police on Tuesday reconstructed the crime scene with the five accused and the friend of the Durgapur gang-rape victim, as part of the investigation, a senior officer said. The accused and the woman's friend were taken to the spot in a jungle near the private medical college where she is a student, to complete the process, he said. "They were taken to the crime spot for reconstruction of the crime scene. The entire

process was videographed in the presence of an IPS officer. We will corroborate their version with that of the victim," the officer, who is a part of the investigating team, said. Before the reconstruction of the crime scene, investigating officers questioned the victim's friend for nearly an hour, he said. The investigators said they were also probing into the role of the woman's friend with whom she had gone outside the college campus for dinner. The second-year

student, hailing from Odisha's Jaleswar, was allegedly raped outside the campus of the private medical college in Durgapur on Friday night. Meanwhile, two of the five arrested accused were on Tuesday taken to their respective residences, primarily to find evidence linked to the crime which they may have concealed, the officer said. During the search, police seized a few clothes from the duo's homes, which were allegedly worn by them during the crime, he said. Earlier, the clothes of the

Pratap Sarangi visits victim in hospital

KOLKATA

THE BJP MP from Balasore, Pratap Chandra Sarangi, on Tuesday visited the Durgapur 'gang-rape' victim at the private hospital in West Bengal's Paschim Bardhaman district where she is undergoing treatment. Sarangi, who arrived in Durgapur in the afternoon with a team of BJP workers, was reportedly stopped by the hospital's security personnel, leading to an argument between the two sides. "The MP's visit to the hospital had been communicated to the West Bengal administration and the police. Despite that, we were

stopped from entering. This is the state of affairs in Bengal," said Srinivas Pradhan, the BJP's media coordinator for Balasore district. "We are here to meet our daughter, who has been tortured. But, they are not allowing us," Sarangi said. The BJP MP, along with a few party workers from Balasore, later met the woman in the hospital. The second-year student, hailing from Odisha's Jaleswar, was allegedly raped outside the campus of a private medical college in Durgapur on Friday night when she went out with one of her friends for dinner. The mobile phones seized from the possession of the five arrested accused were also sent for tests, he said, adding, the police were questioning fellow students of the victim as part of the probe, too.

VIOLENCE ERUPTS BEFORE START OF MEDICAL FEST

SUNIL MOHAN PATNAIK
BERHAMPUR

WHAT was meant to be a celebration of camaraderie and youthful spirit turned into chaos at the Inter-Medical College Meet hosted by MKCG Medical College, Berhampur. In the early hours of Tuesday, a verbal duel spiralled into violence as students of MKCG, VIMSAR-Burla and SCB Medical College-Cuttack clashed near Hostel No. 3, leaving 3 students of SCB and some of VIMSAR injured. According to sources, the trouble began around 3 am, when groups of students from Burla and Cuttack, who had arrived to participate in the ongoing sports and cultural meet, were allegedly attacked by a section of local students. The altercation, initially verbal, soon escalated into a violent scuffle, with stones hurled and buses vandalised. Windows were smashed, mud and cow dung were thrown at the visiting students. Several students sustained minor injuries and were rushed to the college hospital for treatment before being discharged. Meanwhile, the injured students of SCB returned to Cuttack after the treatment. The reason behind the brawl remains uncertain, though insiders hint at lingering rivalries from previous inter-college fests — no-



tably last year's "Euphoria" hosted by SCB, which had also seen violence. Describing the incident as "regrettable," MKCG Dean Suchitra Das said strict measures will be taken to prevent such misconduct in future events. "Medical students are expected to heal, not harm. Such confrontations tarnish the dignity of these prestigious institutions," she said. A college council meeting was held on Tuesday bringing together representatives from all participating institutions to deliberate on the incident and reinforce discipline. The administration has also suspended Wednesday's scheduled events, prioritising the safety and decorum of students. Authorities are maintaining tight vigil on the campus as the situation continues to be monitored closely. The inter-medical meet, which had drawn students from 18 medical colleges across the region, now stands overshadowed by the very disorder it sought to rise above, a disturbing reminder that even in temples of healing, tempers can sometimes flare faster than reason. However, no FIR has been filed in connection with the incident.

Youth held for spreading hate speech

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BHUBANESWAR

THE police arrested a youth for spreading communal hatred through social media, a

senior officer said on Monday. The cyber crime police arrested the accused, identified as Arshad Ali (19), on Sunday night in connection with a case registered on the

basis of a written complaint lodged by an individual on October 9 this year. In his written report to the police, the complainant alleged that one video

was uploaded and circulated on social media containing false, baseless, provocative, hate-speech content, and the said posting may provoke violence, and it is promot-

ing communal hatred while insulting Hindu sentiments and issuing violent threats. The illegal act of the persons in the video was live-streamed on social media, where four individuals were having a video chat with each other, the complaint alleged.

Their video chat promoted hatred on the grounds of religion. It also insulted the religion or the religious beliefs. The said persons also promoted communal violence and were discussing the recent violence in Cuttack, police said.

BJD slams State govt over delay in inventory of Ratna Bhandar

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BHUBANESWAR

THE Opposition Biju Janata Dal (BJD) raised concerns over the safety of jewellery and valuables stored in Lord Jagannath's Ratna Bhandar at Puri, accusing the Odisha government of misleading the public in the name of religion. The regional outfit also expressed concern over the delay in conducting an inventory of the valuables, even after they were shifted back to the Ratna Bhandar following its repair on September 23. The items from both the inner and outer chambers of the treasury had earlier been moved to temporary strong rooms when the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) opened the inner chamber for repairs in July 2024 for the first time in 46 years. At a press conference on Monday, BJD MP Subhashish Khuntia alleged that the BJP government's intention was "doubtful" as it continued to delay the inventory of the Ratna Bhandar. Khuntia recalled that the BJP's 2024 manifesto promised a comprehensive inventory of the treasury's valuables, and alleged that the State administration was intentionally stalling the process. "The administration delayed the conduct of the inventory with evil intentions," he alleged, demanding that the government publicly disclose all details of the treasury's



contents at the earliest. He warned that "any further delay in the inventory of Ratna Bhandar will indicate that valuables have been looted from the temple treasury and the BJP government will be answerable to the people". The BJD MP alleged that the Central government delayed granting ASI permission for repairs under the former BJD regime, which had established a committee headed by retired Supreme Court Justice Arijit Pasayat to oversee the process. "But after the BJP came to power, a new committee was set up under a retired High Court judge, replacing Justice Pasayat," he alleged. Immediately after shifting jewellery and valuables to Ratna Bhandar after its repair, Law Minister Prithviraj Harichandan had stated that the inventory of valuables would be done in the presence of experts from the Reserve Bank of India. The RBI has also given names of its experts and inventory would be done as per the State government's guidelines, he had said.

BJP likely to field Jay for Nuapada by-poll: Sujeet

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BHUBANESWAR

THE Bharatiya Janata Party MP, Sujeet Kumar, on Tuesday, claimed that the party is likely to field Jay Dholakia, son of former Odisha Minister and late Biju Janata Dal (BJD) leader Rajendra Dholakia, as its candidate for the upcoming by-election in the Nuapada Assembly constituency. Speaking to mediapersons here, the BJP MP said that the party may announce his name as its candidate. He also added that the nominations will be filed by Dholakia on October 16. "I, along with ministers, MLAs and MPs of the party will definitely

camp in Nuapada and take part in the campaign, which will be led by the Chief Minister himself. On October 16, a grand joining programme will be organised in Nuapada, where more than 2,000 workers and leaders from the BJD and the Congress will join the BJP, reposing their faith in the leadership and policies of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi. We will file the nominations on the same day," Kumar said. He also said more than 40,000 workers and supporters of the BJP will attend the rally in Nuapada on October 16. Chief Minister Majhi, Odisha BJP president Manmohan Samal and

other senior party leaders will remain present there. Responding to a query on the discontent among the BJP cadres over Dholakia's candidature, Kumar said there are no differences within the party and that all members have resolved to work unitedly for the party's victory. He exuded confidence that the BJP would win the by-election by a margin of more than 50,000 votes. The Election Commission of India, on Monday, issued the gazette notification for the by-poll to the Nuapada Assembly constituency, which outlines the election schedule. The Nuapada Assembly seat fell vacant following the death of Rajendra Dholakia on September 8. Majhi said the State government has spent Rs 3.3 crore on these arrangements, which is Rs 70 lakh more than last year, to ensure better facilities and comfort for the 'Habisyalis'. During his visit to Puri, the Chief Minister also attended a seminar on the National Education Policy-2020, organised at the Central Sanskrit University. "NEP-2020 will make India a world power of knowledge. It is a bridge between Indian thoughts and modern knowledge," Majhi said.

DIGITAL PLATFORM FOR 'HABISYALIS'

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PURI

ODISHA Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi on Monday said his government would launch a digital platform for registration of 'Habisyalis', elderly women who come to perform penance in Puri in the holy month of 'Kartik'. Majhi said registrations for 'Habisyalis' will be made through the digital platform for their food, lodging, healthcare and emergency assistance. The Odisha gov-



ernment has arranged food and lodging facilities for around 2,500 'Habisyalis' from across the State this year, the Chief Minister said, addressing a gathering here.



Laxmi puja pandals in Dhenkanal, renowned for their stunning and creative decorations, are attracting thousands of visitors. Pandals spend lakhs of rupees on elaborate silver decorations. -- Pics by Aradhana Dash

Laxmi puja pandals not disabled-friendly in Dhenkanal

RUCHITA SAHUKARI
DHENKANAL

THE splendour of Dhenkanal's Gajalaxmi puja this year is undeniable, with each pandal reportedly spending upwards of Rs 10-50 lakh on decoration and immersion ceremonies. While some showcase gigantic silver backdrops weighing up to 100 kg, others feature eco-conscious designs using recycled plastic. Yet, amid such magnificence, a glaring omission remains, that is, accessibility,

especially for people with physical disabilities, known as Divyangs. Not a single pandal has provisions for persons with physical disabilities. Without disability-friendly ramps, these elaborate structures have become barriers rather than gateways to devotion. The swelling crowds further compound the problem, making it nearly impossible for Divyangs to approach the sanctum. Several individuals with disabilities were seen waiting outside pandals, hoping for assistance



that never came. While organisers claim that special visiting hours are allotted for differently-abled devotees, many visitors say these promises are hollow. "There were no volunteers, no wheelchairs, no ramps, just words," said Rabindra Nayak, a frustrated differently-abled devotee who came from nearby village. Although some organisers claim they received no formal complaints and therefore did not take any action, the public has a different

perspective. "In an era where inclusivity is both a civic duty and a moral obligation, the absence of such basic accessibility takes away the festive spirit for a segment of society that deserves to be part of the celebration," said Devdutta Patnaik, a social activist. "We will surely address this issue next year and ensure that no person with disability is deprived of seeking blessings from Maa Laxmi," said Rudra Narayan Tripathy, president of Joint Puja Committee. The administration has made

arrangement for senior citizens who can move on the vehicle at day time. As Dhenkanal's Laxmi puja grows bigger each year, it is to be expected that puja committees and authorities will proactively fix shortcomings. Until then, for many Divyangs, the opportunity for 'darshan' will remain a distant dream. Locals said the administration should make arrangements ahead of decoration works as decoration encroaches upon main road inconveniencing thousands of people.

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

HANS NEWS SERVICE 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 Ravimanocharachi 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

HANS NEWS SERVICE 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 Hus-

sain 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.

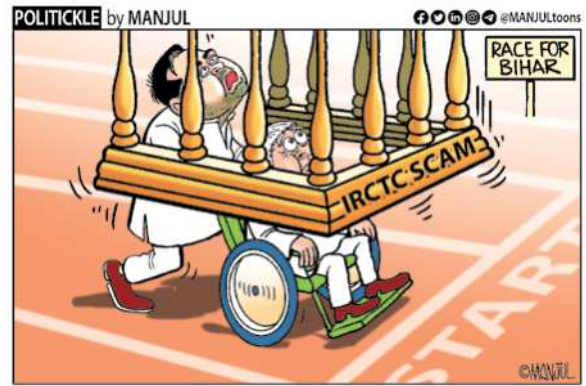
Modi hails Google's Vizag investment

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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 Sang-eet Natak Akademi Award. Demanding excellence, dedication, and discipline from her students, she has been instrumental in grooming a talented younger generation of Odissi dancers.

Raaginni Hindocha is a budding disciple of Sharmila

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

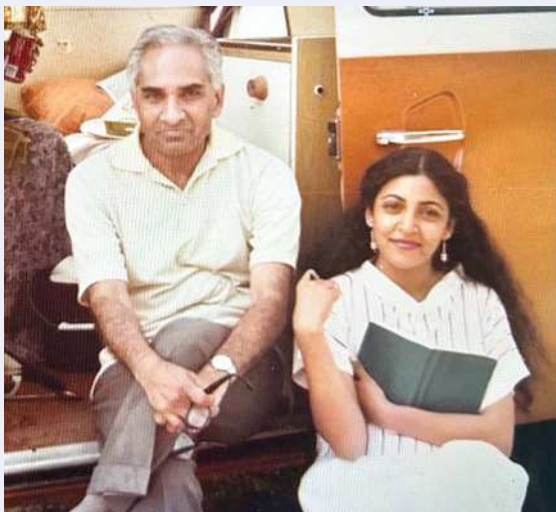
Adoring the throwback photo, an Insta user shared in the comment section, "This is one of the best beautiful picture of the day, u look so much pretty girl in this very picture. Deep regards."

Another netizen penned,

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

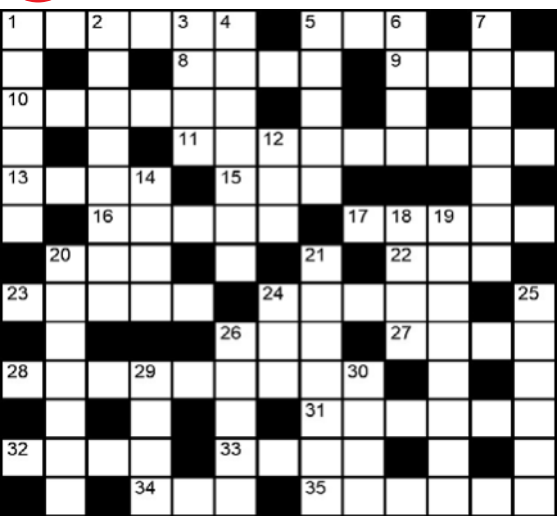
"The launch comes at the heels of a

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

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

On the professional front, Dia was recently seen in the Netflix film "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 Jugad Hansraj. Dia portrayed Nandini, the mother of Ibrahim's character, Arjun.

CROSSWORD



ACROSS

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

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

DOWN

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



Solution to October 14

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Solution to October 14

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.



Ola Electric may enter the energy storage market, which is expected to reach over \$30 bn by 2030. It could involve Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) for homes and businesses

-Bhavish Aggarwal, chairman, Ola Electric

BIZ BRIEFS

Kotak releases stock picks

Kotak Securities, a brokerage house, has released Top Stock Picks for Muhurat Trading on this Diwali. Indian markets have been lacklustre in Samvat-2081 and underperformed several global peers. The firm has recommended following stocks to buy during this season, Adani Port and SEZ (ADSEZ), Acutaas Chemical (ACUTAAS), Cummins India (KKC), Eterna, ICICI Bank (ICICIB), Mahindra & Mahindra and Reliance Industries (RIL).

Malabar Gold opens showroom

Malabar Gold and Diamonds, a Jewellery retail chain, has opened its showroom at Vaishali Enclave, Pitampura, further strengthening its footprint in Delhi. The Pitampura showroom has relocated from NSP to Vaishali Enclave. Spanning across 9,500 sq ft., the showroom offers a more organized space and improved parking facilities. The showroom was inaugurated by Bollywood actor and brand ambassador Anil Kapoor and will showcase a range of jewellery in diverse designs and styles.

Noise launches new product

Noise, a leading connected lifestyle brand, announced the launch of Master Buds Max, India's first over-ear headphones under its flagship Master Series with Sound by Bose technology. Amit Khatri, Co-Founder of Noise said "Master Buds Max is a milestone in India's global audio journey. With Sound by Bose technology, category-leading ANC, and dynamic EQ, we are delivering a product that sets new standards in its category. At the same time, we've ensured it remains accessible, because we believe premium innovation should be experienced by millions, not just a few."

Jawa unveils festive offers

JawaYezdi Motorcycles is helping its buyers improve their odds of getting a delivery of their favourite motorcycle during the festive period. Customers can now pre-book their preferred Jawa or Yezdi motorcycle online at just Rs999 with a benefit of reduced on-road prices. Sharad Agarwal, CBO, JawaYezdi Motorcycles, said: "The GST rate revision has meant most of our motorcycles now start from Rs 1.5 lakh."

Samsung logs record sales

Samsung, a consumer electronics brand, announced a strong start during the festive sales on a range of products including televisions and air conditioners. A Samsung India spokesperson, said: "Sales of Samsung's premium televisions jumped 2x as compared to the corresponding festive period last year on account of unmatched deals, extended warranties, GST rate cut, and increasing adoption of AI televisions in India. Furthermore, the sales of refrigerators, washing machines, and ACs posted 1.3x growth during the Navratri period."

Wholesale price inflation drifts lower to 0.13% in Sept

Wholesale price inflation was 0.52% in Aug, 1.91% in Sept last year

NEW DELHI: Wholesale price inflation (WPI) softened to 0.13 per cent in September on easing in prices of food articles and manufactured items, government data showed on Tuesday. WPI-based inflation was 0.52 per cent in August and 1.91 per cent in September last year.

"Positive rate of inflation in September 2025 is primarily due to an increase in prices of the manufacture of food products, other manufacturing, non-food articles, other transport equipment and textiles, etc," the Industry Ministry said in a statement.

According to WPI data, deflation in food articles was 5.22 per cent in September, compared to 3.06 per cent in August, with vegetables experiencing a decline in prices. Deflation in vegetables was 24.41 per cent in September, as against 14.18 per cent in August. In the case of manufactured products, inflation eased to 2.33 per cent, as against 2.55 per cent in August. Fuel and power witnessed a negative inflation or deflation of 2.58 per cent in September, as against



3.17 per cent in the previous month.

Barclays India Chief Economist Aastha Gudwani said that amid generally lower global commodity prices, WPI inflation is expected to stay subdued for longer. India Ratings and Research, Associate Director, Paras Jasrai, said core inflation rose to a 31-month high of 1.9 per cent in September 2025, driven by a record pace of jewellery price growth at 34.1 per cent year-over-year.

"Wholesale inflation was flat at 0.02 per cent in the second quarter of FY26, reaching an eight-quarter low. This, along with record-low retail inflation, is expected to result in muted GDP deflator growth and will put pressure on corporate margins in 2QFY26. Looking ahead, a favorable base effect is expected to push the wholesale index back into deflation in October 2025.

UK NHS awards £1.2-bn contract to Infosys

BENGALURU

IT bellwether Infosys on Tuesday said it has awarded a 1.2 billion pounds, 15-year contract by the UK's NHS Business Services Authority (NHSBSA) to deliver the Future NHS Workforce Solution in England and Wales.

Infosys said it will develop a cutting-edge, data-driven workforce management solution that will replace the current Electronic Staff Record (ESR) system and continue to pay 1.9 million NHS employees in England and Wales over 55 billion pounds in payroll annually.

"Delivering the Future NHS Workforce Solution is a critical step in supporting the ambitions of the 10-Year Health Plan. The solution will go far beyond simply replacing ESR -- it will be a strategic enabler for building a workforce that is fit for the future," said Michael Brodie, Chief Executive, NHSBSA.

By working with Infosys, "we're creating a modern, data-driven solution that will help the NHS better attract, retain and support its people," he added.

ADANI GROUP LEADS INFRA RoA GLOBALLY

Return on assets at 16.5%; Its net debt-to-EBITDA ratio at 2.6x reflecting conservative leverage profile

Mega Capex Drive

- Group takes up \$100-bn capex for next 5 yrs
- Will self-fund a large share of it
- As part of reducing reliance on external markets

NEW DELHI

ADANI Group chairman Gautam Adani said the conglomerate's return on assets (ROA) rose to 16.5 per cent in the financial year 2024-25 -- placing it among the top performers in the global infrastructure sector. Speaking at the Group's annual Shantilal Adani Lecture Series, Adani attributed the performance to disciplined growth and efficient capital deployment.

"This figure demonstrates



Gautam Adani, chairman, Adani Group, with Thomas Kurian, CEO, Google Cloud

that our growth is profitable, our assets are productive, and our capital is working with precision," he said.

The Group's net debt-to-EBITDA ratio stood at 2.6x, reflecting a conservative leverage profile. With robust internal cash flows, Adani said the company expects to self-fund a large share of its \$100 billion five-year capex plan,

reducing reliance on external markets.

"This high ROA does more than generate cash. It fortifies our credibility with lenders, deepens investor confidence, and underpins our ability to take bold bets while preserving balance sheet integrity. It is the invisible scaffolding that supports everything we build," he said.

Citing a \$500 billion opportunity in India's electricity sector by 2032, Adani said the Group is targeting a 20 per cent share of that market. Looking ahead, Adani outlined a "Two-Track Organization" model as part of the Group's next transformation phase, combining artificial intelligence with human judgment.

"The Agentic Track will bring data-driven precision, while the Human Track will guide it with judgment and ethics," he said. He also highlighted finance transformation initiatives such as the Finance Control Tower - a real-time visibility platform - and a Global Capability Center that integrates AI-led workflows for greater efficiency. "Finance is no longer a back-office function. It is the cockpit of strategic control - where foresight meets discipline," Adani said.



IMF raises FY26 GDP growth forecast to 6.6%

NEW DELHI: The International Monetary Fund (IMF) on Tuesday raised India's GDP growth forecast to 6.6 per cent for 2025-26 from 6.4 per cent earlier despite the punitive tariffs slapped by the US on the country's exports.

The upward revision was on 'carryover from a strong first quarter, more than offsetting the increase in the US effective tariff rate on imports from India since July', the IMF said in its World Economic Outlook.

In the April-June quarter of 2025-26, India grew at its fastest pace in at least a year, clocking a GDP growth rate of 7.8 per cent on the back of strong private consumption.

With the government rolling out sweeping GST reforms with tax rates reduced on consumer goods and services across the board, the domestic demand is expected to gain further momentum ahead. This is expected to offset the negative impact on external demand for Indian goods due to the US tariff hike.

Corporate India doubling capex to \$800 bn by 2030

An addl \$1 trn investment is expected during 2031-35 for advanced R&D: S&P

NEW DELHI

INDIA'S leading corporate companies may double spending and capital expenditure over the next five years, driven by rising revenues and profits, a report said on Tuesday. The report by ratings firm S&P Global Ratings noted similarities to China's corporate growth in the 2000s and India's corporate growth, highlighting that a huge revenue surge is expected for India's top companies.

S&P projected India's corporate capital spending to reach approximately \$800 billion from fiscal 2026 to fiscal 2030, largely driven by infrastructure investments.

An additional \$1 trillion investment is expected from



fiscal 2031 to 2035 for advanced research and development, the report noted.

"Improving infrastructure, political stability, and lean corporate balance sheets are propelling large expansion plans that will widen revenue bases for Indian corporates," said S&P Global Ratings credit analyst Neel Gopalakrishnan.

"Supportive government

policies are helping -- these include a focus on domestic self-sufficiency, more exports, and development of a supply-chain ecosystem," he added.

"Our baseline view is that India's growth momentum will stay strong, and its industrial base and supply chains will get deeper and more efficient," said Gopalakrishnan.

India's securitisation issuance at all-time high of ₹2.35 trn in FY25

MUMBAI: India's total securitisation issuance reached a record high of Rs2.35 trillion (\$27 bn) in fiscal 2025, with about 22 per cent allocated to residential mortgage-backed securities (RMBS), a report has said. The bulk of the RMBS issuance has been through bilateral assignments, according to the data compiled by S&P Global Ratings. Pass-through certificate structures form a significantly smaller segment of the RMBS market compared to their share in India's overall securitisation market.

"In our view, the first RMBS transaction announced by RMBS Development Co. Ltd. (RDCL) could improve investor confidence and pave the way for further issuance based on passing-through certificates (over bilateral assignments), in line with typical structures in global securitisation markets," the report said.

It further emphasised



that India could draw more domestic and offshore investors into its mortgage securitisation market as the country has emerged as one of the fastest-growing global economies. It has favourable demographics, rapid urbanisation, and strong policy support to meet its growing housing demand.

"This has propelled housing market growth. New residential mortgage origination volumes rose about 40 per cent between fiscal years 2020 and 2025 (years ended March 31)," the report said.

Tech M Q2 net falls 4.44% to ₹1,194.5 cr

MUMBAI: IT services company Tech Mahindra on Tuesday reported a 4.44 per cent decline in its September quarter net profit to Rs1,194.5 crore. The post-tax profit is lower than the Rs1,250 crore it had posted in the year-ago period and marginally higher than the Rs1,141 crore it reported in the preceding June quarter. Its revenue grew to Rs13,995 crore from Rs13,313 crore a year ago and Rs13,351 crore in the quarter-ago period, as per an exchange filing. Its managing director and chief executive Mohit Joshi said the Americas saw an over 2 per cent decline in revenues during the quarter, mainly due to macroeconomic issues.

RBI may not go for Repo cut in Dec: Yes Bank

NEW DELHI: The wait-and-watch policy of the RBI on the monetary policy is prudent, a report said on Tuesday, adding that the bank's dovish tone suggests further easing, but a December rate cut is not 'a done deal'.

While any further rate cut by the RBI will depend on

growth conditions, the depth of further rate cuts may be extremely limited and hence the RBI may also want to retain the powder dry for now, the report from Yes Bank said. The report maintained that the tone of the policy remained dovish, which signalled further easing, possi-

bly as early as December.

Despite the current inflation trending at less than the lower bound of the RBI tolerance level and expectations of a 2.6 per cent inflation for FY26, the RBI did not alter its monetary policy rate and stance at the last meeting in October.



Mkts down for 2nd session on weak global cues

Muted start to ongoing Q2 results, weaker-than-expected inflation data raised concerns about slow demand, intensifying profit booking amid FII outflows

MUMBAI: Benchmark BSE Sensex fell by 297 points on Tuesday in its second straight day of losses due to selling in metal, select auto and pharma shares amid weak trends in Asian and European markets.

Reversing its early gains, the 30-share BSE Sensex declined 297.07 points or 0.36 per cent to settle at 82,029.98 as 23 of its constituents closed lower and seven with gains. During the day, it dropped 545.43 points or 0.66 per cent to 81,781.62. The 50-share NSE Nifty went lower by 81.85 points or 0.32 per cent to 25,145.50.

Stock markets started the day on a high note but failed to hold momentum due to weak global trends and trade-related concerns, analysts said, adding that foreign fund outflows also impacted the sentiment. Bajaj Finance



was the biggest loser among Sensex stocks, dropping by 1.8 per cent. Tata Motors, TCS, Tata Steel, Bharat Electronics, NTPC, Trent, Asian Paints and Axis Bank were also among the laggards. However, Tech Mahindra, ICICI Bank, Power Grid, Hindustan Unilever and Reliance Industries were among the gainers.

"Equity markets saw broad-based profit-booking amid a lack of fresh domestic triggers, as weak cues from Asian and European peers dampened investor sentiment. Renewed US-China trade tensions reignited risk aversion, prompting a shift toward safe-haven assets such as gold and US Treasury bonds, while equities came

under pressure on concerns of escalating global trade uncertainty," Ponnudi R, CEO of Enrich Money, an online trading and wealth tech firm, said.

Ajit Mishra, SVP, Research, Religare Broking Ltd, said: "Stock markets opened on a positive note but failed to sustain early gains, ending marginally lower as trade-related concerns overshadowed favorable domestic cues."

The BSE smallcap gauge dropped 0.95 per cent and midcap index declined 0.74 per cent. All sectoral indices ended lower. Telecommunication dropped the most by 1.39 per cent, followed by oil & gas (1.01 per cent), realty (0.96 per cent), metal (0.95 per cent) and services (0.87 per cent). As many as 2,870 stocks declined, 1,337 advanced and 127 remained unchanged on the BSE.

Nifty forecast at 28,781 in next 12 mths

Domestic-oriented sectors to drive growth; PL Capital predicts a 12.1% EPS CAGR for Nifty from FY25 to FY27

NEW DELHI: The market benchmark Nifty is expected to touch 28,781 in about 12 months, a report said on Tuesday, citing the remarkable resilience of India's economy and equity markets in the face of global challenges, including US tariffs, H-1B visa fee hikes, and geopolitical volatility.

PL Capital forecasts a 12.1 per cent EPS compound annual growth rate for Nifty from FY25 to FY27, adding that domestic-oriented sectors like banks, autos and metals will lead growth. The brokerage said that with normal monsoons, a 100-basis-point cut in interest rates, rationalisation of GST rates, and tax reductions announced in the FY26 Budget, the conditions are now conducive for a strong revival in consumption.

It also added that cement,



metals, oil and gas are sectors to lead FY26 earnings. India's Q1 FY26 GDP growth reaffirmed the economy's resilience, surpassing expectations at 7.8 per cent year-on-year, compared with 6.5 per cent in Q1 FY25 and 7.4 per cent in Q4FY25, the report said.

High-frequency indicators, including GST collections, e-way bills, services exports, and credit growth, indicate strong underlying domestic demand. The reviv-

al of demand will likely increase private sector capacity utilisation and private capex, which have been waiting on the sidelines, PL Capital predicted.

The broking firm noted that India's services exports are entering a new growth phase, led by digitally delivered, high-value knowledge services. "By 2030, the country is projected to host around 2,200 Global Capability Centres (GCCs) generating over \$100 billion in revenue, with total services exports expected to reach \$500 billion," the firm noted.

The talent landscape is evolving rapidly, with rising demand in areas such as AI, cybersecurity, GenAI product engineering, and sustainability analytics -- further strengthening India's position as a global innovation hub, it added.

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.



‘Bigg Boss Telugu Season 9’ losing credibility?

MOSTLY DUE TO POOR CONTESTANT PICKS

SUHAS SISTU

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

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

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

before she even got a chance to perform.

Rules break, respect fades

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

Drama by default, not design

Elsewhere, the show is

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

A show built on gamble, not formula

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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



‘Mithra Mandali’ pre-release event sparks buzz

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

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

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

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

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

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

‘Bison’ trailer: Politically charged sports drama

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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



POPULAR actor Vishnu Vishal, well known to Telugu audiences through films like FIR and Ratsasan, is all set to return with a gripping investigative thriller titled Aryan. Directed by Praveen K and produced by Vishnu Vishal Studios, Shubra and Aryan Ramesh, the film has already sparked curiosity with its intense teaser, which received an impressive response from viewers.

Continuing the promotional momentum, the makers today unveiled a powerful single titled "I Am The Guy". The track, composed by Ghibran, features lyrics by Samrat and is sung energetically by Ghibran and Srikanth Hariharan. The high-octane song has gone viral on social media, further boosting expectations for the film.

Aryan is scheduled for a theatrical release on October 31. In the Telugu states, the film will be released by Sudhakar Reddy, father of hero Nithiin, under the Shreshth Movies banner. Known for distributing blockbuster hits like Vikram, Amaran and Thug Life, Shreshth Movies is planning a grand release across Andhra Pradesh and Telangana.

The film features an impressive cast including Selvaraghavan, Shraddha Srinath, and Manasa Chowdhury in key roles, while Vishnu Vishal will be seen as a determined police officer unraveling a dark mystery. Supporting roles are

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



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

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

Mrunal Thakur sets the ramp on fire

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