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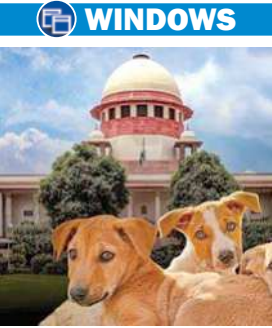
'Navarasa': A mesmerising journey through the nine emotions of Bharatanatyam
An entrancing 'Baithak' or chamber concert at the Raw Mango Showroom in Banjara Hills recently featured the Bharatanatyam ballet 'Navarasa', created by Padma Shri Dr. Ananda Shankar Jayant. **P11**

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SC cracks down on stray dog menace

Summons top officials, allows victims to testify
NEW DELHI: In a major hearing on the nationwide stray dog menace, the Supreme Court has taken states and Union Territories to task for inaction, with Amicus Curiae Gaurav Agrawal assisting the court. The Apex court has summoned the Chief Secretaries of all states and Union Territories to answer 'why their compliances have not been filed'. In a significant move, the court has allowed dog bite victims to intervene in the Public Interest Litigation (PIL) without submitting the fees required from NGOs. The court is compiling comprehensive data from every state and UT on the number of stray dogs, dog bite cases, and the status of sterilisation and shelter homes. It has also indicated that it will pass directions regarding the feeding of dogs within institutional premises and will monitor the issue continuously, taking suggestions from all parties involved. A bench of justices Vikram Nath, Sandeep Mehta and NV Anjaria said, "We will be issuing directions with respect to government institutions and public sector undertakings where employees are feeding the dogs and supporting and encouraging stray dogs in the area." The court's remark was well-timed as Chief Secretaries of all states and Union Territories - except West Bengal, Telangana and Kerala - were present in the courtroom pursuant to an order of October 27 directing their personal presence for non-compliance of its earlier order.

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Mumbai Police arrest fake BARC scientist after 30 yrs

MUMBAI
THE Mumbai Crime Branch has arrested Akhtar Hussain Qutubuddin Ahmed (60), who allegedly posed as a scientist at the Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (BARC) for the past 30 years, leveraging this false identity to travel abroad and secure international funding. Preliminary investigations reveal that Ahmed made 40 foreign trips, including visits to Iran, Saudi Arabia, Russia, Thailand, and the United States. Authorities discovered multiple bank accounts un-

19 killed in Chevella truck-RTC bus smash

HARISH ANGADI
HYDERABAD

TEN days after the horrific Kurnool bus fire mishap that claimed 19 lives, Telangana woke up to the news of yet another grisly accident that, in a bizarre coincidence, claimed 19 lives on Monday at around 6:15 AM near Indirareddy Nagar on the Chevella Road, when a speeding tipper truck carrying gravel violently slammed head-on into a TG-SRTC bus traveling from Tandur to Hyderabad. At least 22 other passengers of the bus were injured, including those who were buried completely or partially in loads of gravel that overshot from the tipper into the mangled bus due to the impact of the mishap.

The collision was reportedly caused by reckless overtaking and dangerous driving by the tipper. The ill-fated bus, bearing registration TS 34 TA 6354 and driven by 37-year-old Dastagiri, was carrying 72 passengers, including three sisters of the same family, housewives, and daily commuters. The tipper, driven by Kamle Akash from Maharashtra, was found to be

22 other passengers injured as they were buried in loads of gravel

A bizarre coincidence of the horrific Kurnool bus mishap 10 days ago



Road accident involving a gravel-laden tipper and a TGSRTC bus near Khanapur in Chevella Mandal on Monday.

Photo: Adula Krishna

speeding after overtaking multiple vehicles before veering into the bus's lane, resulting in the ghastly impact. The drivers of both the vehicles, apart from 17 passengers, died on the spot.

The gravity of the collision was such that half the bus was filled with gravel, trapping passengers inside. The authorities deployed heavy earth-moving equip-

ment to extricate passengers and clear the wreckage of the ill-fated bus. Eyewitnesses at the chaotic scene described passengers trapped amid loads of gravel, with screams filling the air as they struggled to get help.

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UNBEARABLE HEARTBREAK

Three sisters from Tandur die in mishap

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YELLAIAH Goud, who saw off his three daughters at the Tandur bus station early on Monday, never knew that it would be his final farewell to them, as the bus they boarded for Hyderabad met with a fatal

accident near Chevella on the way, killing all of them on the spot.

The three sisters - Tanusha, Saipriya and Nandini - who were staying in Hyderabad, were among the 19 killed after the ill-fated bus collided with a gravel-laden tipper.

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VOTER LIST CLEANUP IN STATES, UTs BEGINS TODAY

NEW DELHI

SPECIAL Intensive Revision (SIR), the Election Commission's voters' list cleanup exercise, will commence in nine states and three Union Territories from Tuesday. SIR in these states and Union Territories with 51-crore voters will conclude on February 7, 2026, with the publication of the final electoral roll.

After Bihar, this is the second round of SIR. The State's final voter list with nearly 7.42 crore names was published on September 30. The 12 states and Union territo-



SIR 2.0 will be conducted in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Lakshadweep, Chhattisgarh, Goa, Gujarat, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Puducherry, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh, and West Bengal

ries where the second round of SIR will be conducted are the Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Lakshadweep, Chhattisgarh, Goa, Gujarat, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Puducherry, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh, and West Bengal.

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PM sees RJD-Cong plot to alter demographic balance in Bihar

PATNA/KATIHAR

PRIME Minister Narendra Modi has turned Bihar's election battlefield into a debate on national security, accusing the RJD and Congress of engineering a deliberate demographic shift in the Seemanchal region by enabling illegal infiltration for vote bank gains.

Speaking in Katihar, Modi said the Opposition was "playing with the future of Bihar" and risking cultural identity, law and order, and welfare resources meant for the poor. He warned that the plot to change the population balance in districts like



PM Narendra Modi being felicitated with a foxnut (makhana) garland during a rally ahead of the Bihar Assembly elections, in Saharsa

Araria and Purnea was not just political strategy, but a "direct threat to national security". Modi said the real victims of this "vote bank

conspiracy" would be Mahadalits and the poorest families, whose benefits would be diverted to infiltrators.

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'WHAT MODI IS SAYING IS A LIE'

Kharge refutes PM's 'katta' remark



Narendra Modi's allegation that Rashtriya Janata Dal forced Congress to announce Tejashwi Yadav as Mahagathbandhan's pick for Bihar's chief minister's post.

"All of this is a lie. He has nothing else to say. I will answer this today in Bihar. What he is saying is a lie.

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7-DAY INTENSIFIED CAMPAIGN REVANTH SHARPENS STRATEGY IN JH

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HYDERABAD

WITH the by-election to the Jubilee Hills Assembly seat inching closer, Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy has sharpened his party's strategy by adopting a '7-day intensified campaign', roping in all his Cabinet colleagues, senior leaders, MPs, MLAs, and MLCs. Starting Monday, the Chief Minister wants to highlight one important issue every day, wrapping up with the door-to-door campaign



Congress holds a review of Jubilee Hills bypoll at Gandhi Bhavan in Hyderabad on Monday

on the last two days before November 11 - the polling day.

"Former chief minister and Bharat Rashtia Samithi

president K Chandrashekar Rao family's corruption, failure of the previous BRS government in providing housing to poor, basic amenities



including education, health and drinking water facilities to the dwellers of the Jubilee Hills constituency and the fulfillment of the promises by

the Congress government - mainly ration cards distribution, free RTC bus travel for women, interest-free loans to women self-help groups, filling of 70,000 government jobs and developmental programmes taken up with an outlay of Rs 200 crore in the Jubilee Hills segment will be highlighted during the campaign", party leaders said.

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KTR slams Congress's 'barbaad' rule in Jubilee Hills campaign **REPORT P5**

Pakistan is testing nukes, claims Trump

Justifies US' decision to resume N-tests



WASHINGTON

PAKISTAN is among the countries that are actively testing nuclear weapons, according to US President Donald Trump. The Republican leader's remarks came amid buzz of the US resuming the testing of its nuclear weapons.

Trump noted the move was necessary as several nations, including Russia, China, North Korea and Pakistan, are conducting nuclear tests, and it's also 'appropriate that the US also does it'.

"Russia's testing and China's testing, but they don't talk about it. We're an open society. We're different. We talk about it. We have to talk about it because otherwise you people are going to report. They don't have reporters that are going to be writing about it," Trump said while talking to CBS

News. "We're going to test because they test and others test. And certainly North Korea's been testing. Pakistan's been testing," he added. Trump claimed the US does not "necessarily know" where these "powerful" nations that are testing nuclear weapons are but asserted the testing is being done. "They-- they test way under-- underground where people don't know exactly what's happening with the test. You feel a little bit of a vibration. They test and we don't test. We have to test," he said. Trump made these remarks when he was asked about his decision of "detonating nuclear weapons" after more than 30 years following Russia's recent trials of advanced nuclear-capable systems, including a Poseidon underwater drone.

The conman made 40 international trips; received crores in foreign funds



BARC maps and other sensitive technical information, which he allegedly used to solicit foreign funds. The police have seized the suspects' phones, laptops, and all fraudulent documents. Adil Hussain faces separate

legal proceedings in Meerut, Uttar Pradesh.

Experts say the case highlights serious concerns regarding financial security and the misuse of international funding channels. By exploiting a fake scientific identity, Ahmed reportedly facilitated the structured inflow of foreign capital and maintained its circulation through banking networks.

Financial forensics are critical in such cases to determine whether these funds were diverted toward illicit

activities or the trading of sensitive technological information.

Security and policy concerns

Beyond financial misuse, the case underscores potential national security risks. Unauthorized access to sensitive scientific data and unmonitored international funding pathways could amplify threats related to terrorism or other unlawful activities. Security specialists emphasize that a combined cyber and financial intelligence approach is essential to prevent similar incidents in the future.

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TGSPDCL intends to float tenders and sealed bids are invited from various contractors having experiences for (1) Erection of 25KVA DTR to Smt Pkanakalaxmi in Yousufguda (2) Enhancement of DTR from 25KVA to 500KVA DTR of RBI Quarters in Ameerpet (3) Extension of Supply of 1No. M/s/Varun Motors Lt Cat-9 in Banjara Hills Section (4) Extension of Supply to 2Nos additional load for existing services to commissioner GHMC in Madhapur (5) Interlinking of 11KV Gurudwara Feeder in CBD Banjara Hills (6) Raising of 3Nos DTR Plinths at various locations in Operation Mothnagar section.
For further details, please visit www.tpsouthernpower.org.
Sd/- Superintending Engineer Operation Banjara Hills Circle
DIPR R.O. No. 10121-PP/CL/ADVT/1/2025-26, Dt: 03.11.25

GREATER HYDERABAD MUNICIPAL CORPORATION
Short tender 'e' procurement
NIT No. 44/EE/Divn.15/SBZ/GHMC/2025-26 dated 03-11-2025
S.No. 1, NIT NO.NIT No. 44/EE/Divn.15/SBZ/GHMC/2025-26 Dt:03-11-2025, Name of the Work. 6 No. Civil work, Estimated Amount. 60.00 Lakh, Start date/Last date & Time for Receipts of Bids. Down load Start date: 03-11-2025 at 3.00 P.M Down load End date: 06-11-2025 at 3.00 P.M Bid Opening: 06-11-2025 at 3.15 P.M. Name & Address Office & Cell No. Executive Engineer -Divn. 15, GHMC: 7995007437,
Sd/- EXECUTIVE ENGINEER
Division No. 15, GHMC
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Asset Recovery Branch (79170), Vijayawada, 4th Floor, Andhra Bank Building, R. R. Apparao Street Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh -520001. E-mail: arb.vijayawada@unionbankofindia.bank
NOTICE TO THE BORROWER INFORMING ABOUT SALE (30 DAYS NOTICE)
RULE 6 (2)/8 (6) OF SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES 2002
Borrowers: M/s. Sri Venkateswara Business House, Do No 54-20-9-2, Plot No 2.3rd lane, Bharathi Nagar, Vijayawada - 520008. Rep. by the Partners: 1. Sri Moturi Ravi Kumar (Partner & Guarantor) S/o Satyanarayan, D.No 54-14-5-1, Plot No-9, Road No -11, 4th lane Bharathi Nagar, Vijayawada-520008. 2. Sri Moturi Anil Kumar (Partner & Guarantor) S/o Satyanarayan D.No. 54-14-8-31A, Plot No 2.3rd Lane Bharathi Nagar Vijayawada. 3.Sri Nerella Gangadhara Rao (Partner&Guarantor) S/o N.V Subbaratnam, D.No. 8-3-168, E 57A, Rajeev Nagar,Near Community Hall, Hyderabad-500045. 4. Sri Vasireddy Mrutyunjaya Prasad (Partner & Guarantor) S/o. Surya Narayana, H.No. 1-2-48, VK- 602, Venkata Kalyana Residency, Nizampet Road, Opp 7 Hills Temple, Hyderabad 500072. 5. Ms. Vasireddy Nirmala (Partner & Guarantor) W/o. Suryadevara Subba Rao, D.No 2-62-1, Sekuru Chebrolu, Guntur District522213. 6. Ms. Kanumuri Shirisha, W/o Neralia Gangadhara Rao, H.No. 8-3-168, E57A, Rajeev Nagar, Near Community Hall, Hyderabad-500045. 7. Ms. Suryadevara Kanaka Durga, W/o Vitthal Daya Sagar, D.No. 64-1-16, Opp Indian Bank, Patamata Branch, Patamata Lanka, Vijayawada - 520008.
Subj: Sale of property belonging to M/s. Sri Venkateswara Business House for realization of amount due to Bank under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002.
Union Bank of India, Asset Recovery Branch (79170), 4th Floor, Andhra Bank Building, R. R. Apparao Street, Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh - 520001, the secured creditor, caused a demand notice dated 16-04-2019 under Section 13(2) of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002, calling upon you to pay the dues within the time stipulated therein. Since you failed to comply the said notice within the period stipulated, the Authorised Officer, has taken Symbolic possession of the secured assets under Section 13(4) of the Act read with Rule 6 / 8 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on 06-07-2019.
Even after taking Symbolic possession of the secured asset, you have not paid the amount due to bank. As such, it has become necessary to sell the below mentioned property by holding public e-auction after 30 days from the date of receipt of this notice through online mode. The date and time of e-auction along with the Reserve Price of the property and the details of the service provider, in which the E-Auction to be conducted, shall be informed to you separately.
Therefore, if you pay the amount due to the bank along with subsequent interest, costs, charges and expenses incurred by bank before the date of publication of sale notice, no further action shall be taken for sale of the property and you can redeem your property as stipulated in sec. 13 (8) of the Act.
DESCRIPTION OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY
Mortgage of immovable property described herein below:
PROPERTY 1: EM of RCC Residential Land and Building Measuring 257.50 Sq. Yards Situated At R.S.No 66/4, Door No. 64-1-16, Revenue Ward No.10, Near D-Mart Patamata, Krishnaveni School Road, Patamata, Vijayawada, Krishna Dt. Andhra Pradesh. Standing In the Name of Mrs. Suryadevara Kanaka Durga. Bounded by: East: Property of Chennupati Raja Rao, South: Property of Valluru Chandra Sekhara Rao, West: Property of Chennupati Shakuntala, North: 9' Wide Road.
Place: Vijayawada, Date: 22-10-2025 Sd/- Authorised Officer, Union Bank of India.

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Asset Recovery Branch (79170), Vijayawada, 4th Floor, Andhra Bank Building, R. R. Apparao Street Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh -520001. E-mail: arb.vijayawada@unionbankofindia.bank
NOTICE TO THE BORROWER INFORMING ABOUT SALE (30 DAYS NOTICE)
RULE 6 (2)/8 (6) OF SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES 2002
Borrowers: 1. M/s. Dautta's Spinning Mills Rep. by Managing Partner Mr.Gottimukkala Ramakrishna, 513/1, Magallu Village, Nandigama Mandal, Krishna Dist. PARTNERS AND GUARANTORS: 2. Gottimukkala Ramakrishna, S/o HariBabu, Plot No.634, Vasanthanagar Colony, Kukatpalli, Hyderabad. 3. Mrs. Gottimukkala Lalitha W/o G.Rama Krishna, Plot No.634, Vasanthanagar Colony, Kukatpalli, Hyderabad. 4. Mr. K.Venkata Leela Krishna, S/o Veeranna, D.No.1-85, RamalayamVeedhi, Parimala Village, Pentapadu Mandal, West Godavari Dist. 534166. 5. Bandaru Sambasiva Rao, S/o Raghuvaiah, D.No.11-1-329/1(19), Rama Talkies Line, Macharla, Palnadu Dt. 522426. 6. Mr. Polampalli Ravikumar, S/o Pentaiah, Flat No.101,Bhargav Residency, Elind Society, Hyderabad-500019. Guarantors: 7. Mr. V.Ram Mohan Rao, S/o Late Vappa Rao, Flat No.102, Akruithi Residency, Ceezee Colony, Sanatnagar, Hyderabad-500018. 8. Mrs. Azmeera Jyothi, W/o Raju, D.No.3-94/1, Karampudi Tanda, BhupathiPeta, Gudur Mandal, Warangal Dist. Telangana-504001. 9. Mrs. Gottimukkala Kishore Babu, S/o HariBabu, Flat No.502, 5th Block, Sriia Towers Kukatpalli, Hyderabad-500072. 10. Mr. Kommineni Ravi, S/o Satyanarayana, 7-19-160/20A, beside line of Lakshmi Vengamamba bar, Sarada Arch Center, Vasantharayapuram, Guntur, A.P. Subj: Sale of property belonging to M/s. Dautta's Spinning Mills for realization of amount due to Bank under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002.
Union Bank of India, Asset Recovery Branch (79170), 4th Floor, Andhra Bank Building, R. R. Apparao Street, Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh - 520001, the secured creditor, caused a demand notice dated 03-07-2018 under Section 13(2) of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002, calling upon you to pay the dues within the time stipulated therein. Since you failed to comply the said notice within the period stipulated, the Authorised Officer, has taken Symbolic possession of the secured assets under Section 13(4) of the Act read with Rule 6 / 8 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on 22-10-2018.
Even after taking Symbolic possession of the secured asset, you have not paid the amount due to bank. As such, it has become necessary to sell the below mentioned property by holding public e-auction after 30 days from the date of receipt of this notice through online mode. The date and time of e-auction along with the Reserve Price of the property and the details of the service provider, in which the E-Auction to be conducted, shall be informed to you separately.
Therefore, if you pay the amount due to the bank along with subsequent interest, costs, charges and expenses incurred by bank before the date of publication of sale notice, no further action shall be taken for sale of the property and you can redeem your property as stipulated in sec. 13 (8) of the Act.
DESCRIPTION OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY
Mortgage of immovable property described herein below:
PROPERTY 1: Item 1: Land in an extent of Ac.5.72 cents along with Factory building and all other superstructures thereon at R. S. No. 513/1, Magallu Village, Magallu Gram Panchayat limits, Nandigama Mandal, Krishna Dt., belonging to M/s. Dauttas Spinning Mills, represented by its Mg. Partner Mr. G Rama Krishna. Boundaries of the Property: (Doc No.1001/2011) East: Land of Cherukupalli Kondaiah & others, South: PWD Kaluva, West: Land of Machavarapu Yallamandaiah, North: Land of Chandra Murahari Rao. Boundaries of the Property: (Doc No.2151/2011) East: Land of Cherukupalli Kondaiah & others, South: Land of Dauttas Spinning Mills, West: Land of Chandra Murahari Rao, North: Road.
Boundaries of the Property: (Doc No.3738/2013): East: Land of Dauttas Spinning Mills, South: Land of Dauttas Spinning Mills, West: Land of Machavarapu Yallamandaiah North: Road.
Item 2: Plant and Machinery situated in the Factory building, at R. S. No. 513/1, Magallu Village, Magallu Gram Panchayat limits, Nandigama Mandal, Krishna Dt., belonging to M/s. Dauttas Spinning Mills, represented by its Mg. Partner Mr. G Rama Krishna.
PROPERTY 2: Vacant site at D.No.1206/4, Patta No.1247, Guntur Sivaru Zilla Parishat Area, Guntur Dist Extent out of total 600.00 Sq. Yds. 488.88 Sq. Yds. Considered for Valuation. Bounded by: East: Property of Perecharla Narayana, South: Property of Nageswara Rao, West: Property of Perecharla Narayana, North: Road. Doc No:9111/2016
PROPERTY 3: Residential House Property, situated at Door No 11-30-16/1, Ramachandra Rao pet, Near Gandham Zones School, Tadepalligudem, West Godavari Dist., AP. Extent: out of 329 Sq. Yrds. (As per Deed & Actual) 290.77 Sq. Yds. (as per Plan) standing in the name of Kilaparthi Venkata leela Krishna. Bounded by: East: Road, South: Boundary Wall of Akula Nagamani, West: Property Sold by Koppineedi Nageswara to others, North: Road. Doc no: 530/2014 Dated 18.06.2014
PROPERTY 4: Vacant site at D. No.1206/4, Patta No.1247, Guntur Sivaru Zilla Parishat Area, Guntur Dist. Extent: 31.11 Sq. Yds. Standing in the name of Mr. Kommineni Ravi. Bounded by: East: Property of Usilla Katamma, South: Property of Nageswara Rao, West: Property of Nadendla Kamalamma, North: Road. Doc No:9112/2016
PROPERTY 5: Vacant Site situated at R.S. No. 170, Near Door No.3-113-1-AB, Beside TRS Bhavan, Anurag Ladies Hostel Road, Nayanaagar, Kodada Town, Nalgonda District, Telangana State. Extent: 3339.60 Sq. Yards, Bounded by: East: Lands of kondapalli Muralidhar Rao, South: Donka dari (Way), West: Land of Madagoni Kasaiiah, North: Vaagu(Caluva), Doc No: 2848/2011 Dt.21.03.2011 at SRO Kodad.
Place: Vijayawada, Date: 22-10-2025 Sd/- Authorised Officer, Union Bank of India.

State Alcobev industry pours out woes

Threaten to put brakes on booze supply

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HYDERABAD

Leading liquor and beer associations issue ultimatum, demanding state government to clear a year's worth of outstanding dues by November 10

LEADING industry associations representing the alcoholic beverages sector – the International Spirits and Wines Association of India (ISWAI), the Brewers Association of India (BAI), and the Confederation of Indian Alcoholic Beverage Companies (CIABC) – have collectively stated that the Alcobev sector in Telangana continues to reel under a tremendous financial crisis. This situation is attributed to the worsening payment backlog from the state government for liquor and beer supplies delivered to the state-owned wholesaling corporation.

The industry bodies have warned that this crisis can only be averted if the state government clears its old outstanding payments by November 10. Should the state fail to meet this deadline, the associations stated that the industry may not be able to fulfil supply demands in December 2025.

The associations highlighted a critical contradiction: while the sales of alcoholic beverages and corresponding revenue collections surged in October 2025, riding high on festive demand, the payments released to suppliers actually fell by almost 50 per cent compared to the preceding four months.

In October 2025, the heads of all three major industry associations repeatedly met senior government officials, including the Deputy Chief Minister and Excise Minister. They were reportedly given assurances that

the state would commence releasing payments and clear old outstanding on a priority basis, specifically those for the period May 2024 to August 2024, which have been outstanding for over a year. Despite these assurances, the associations jointly noted that there has been hardly any progress in settling the dues. The payment situation, they pointed out, turned for the worse in October 2025.

While Rs 484.58 crore was released until October 15, 2025 (including Rs 350 Crores for the May 1st to May 15th 2024 period), no payment has been released since then.

As a result, the total overdue outstanding amount now stands at a staggering Rs 3,366.21 Crores, which includes Rs 1,959.72 Crores pending specifically for the May to August 2024 period.

The industry reiterated that the failure to clear these old outstanding by November 10 could severely jeopardise the continuity of supply, potentially leading to shortages across the state during the critical month of December 2025.

CM Revanth fires SLBC failure salvo on KCR; asks Harish not to talk crap

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HYDERABAD

STATING that the government is committed to complete the long pending world's biggest 40 km long SLBC Tunnel project works, Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy has announced that the government will provide compensation and address the grievances of the dwellers of the submerged Marlapadu, Keshya tanda and Nakkalagandi habitations located close to the SLBC project.

The project cost is estimated at Rs 4,600 crore and the government is ready to provide irrigation facilities to three lakh acres by lifting 30 TMC of water from Krishna River, the CM said.

Addressing the media after launching Aerial Electromagnetic Survey for the SLBC tunnel works at Mannevari Palli in Nagarkurnool district on Monday, the Chief Minister came down heavily on the previous BRS government for not completing the prestigious SLBC tunnel works during its 10 year rule for political reasons.

The SLBC project was sanctioned in 1983. The YS Rajasekhara Reddy government initiated the Tunnel-1 and Tunnel-2 works in the erstwhile united Andhra Pradesh in 2004 at a cost of Rs 1,968 crore. However, after K Chandrashekar Rao became Chief Minister in 2014, the works stalled.

Slams KCR for decade-long delay



“KCR and Harish intentionally put the project on hold and created hurdles to prevent water supply to Nalgonda through gravity,” the Chief Minister said, adding that such a massive tunnel project had not been undertaken anywhere else in the world.

CM Revanth Reddy noted that the project would have been completed at the cost of Rs 2000 crore had the KCR government completed the works. Today, the project cost was escalated to Rs 4,500 crore.

The CM took a broadside at KCR for not taking up even a single project on river Krishna and spent Rs 1.86 lakh crore on contractors in 10 years. Rs 1.05 lakh crore were spent alone on Kaleshwaram project, the Chief minister said that Irrigation Minister N Uttam

Kumar Reddy was making all out efforts to complete the SLBC works by roping in the Army officials to dig the tunnels without any trouble in the future. It was unfortunate that eight workers died during the excavation of the tunnel and the government supported the bereaved family members.

People dethroned the BRS government for not completing the SLBC project and now we are taking up the works on a war footing, the CM said that people will also not forgive us if the project is not completed.

The Chief Minister also criticised the previous BRS government for compromising on the utilisation of Krishna water. “The then Irrigation minister T Harish Rao signed an agree-



ment with Andhra Pradesh to utilise only 299 tmc of water.

The Congress government took serious note of it and made strong arguments before the Tribunal to protect the state interests “. The CM warned Harish Rao to stop making cheap comments and creating nonsense on water issues.

Police foil SFI activists' bid to lay siege to ministers' houses

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HYDERABAD

TENSIONS prevailed on Monday when members of the Students' Federation of India (SFI) staged a protest outside ministers' residential complexes, demanding the immediate release of pending scholarships and fee reimbursements for students across Telangana.

Led by SFI State President S Rajinikanth and Secretary T Nagaraju, the protest accused the state government of neglecting the education sector and failing to release student fees. “The government is threatening not to pay student fees and is doing grave injustice to over 15 lakh Dalit, tribal and backward class students,” they said, alleging that arrears have mounted to Rs 10,500 crore, including dues from both the previous and current governments.

The leaders criticised the



government for withholding certificates of students in private institutions and ignoring arrears in government universities, colleges and hostels. They claimed

the Chief Minister has not even appointed a minister for the education department and is allegedly conspiring to dismantle the Chief Minister's Scholar-

ships and Fee Reimbursement Scheme.

“Ministers and MLAs receive their salaries without delay. Why are students being denied their dues?” Rajinikanth asked, warning that SFI would launch a state-wide agitation and obstruct public representatives if the fees are not released.

The protest turned confrontational when police attempted to disperse the gathering. A fierce scuffle broke out, and several student leaders were detained and shifted to the Banjara Hills police station, according to SFI sources.

SFI State Vice President D Kiran coordinated the protest, which saw participation from district leaders and committee members, including Shankar, K Ashok Reddy, G Karthik, Avinash, Lenin Guevara, Junugari Ramesh and others from Hyderabad, Rangareddy and Medchal districts.

CM to lay foundation for mega kitchen

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HYDERABAD: A significant revolution in providing hygiene and nutritious food to government school students is set to begin in Telangana. Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy will lay the foundation stone for a large green-field kitchen on November 14 at Enkepalli near Kodangal. The kitchen, which will span a sprawling 2 acres, is being constructed by the Akshaya Patra Foundation and is designed to supply mid-day meals to all students studying in government schools across the Kodangal assembly constituency.

Representatives of the Akshaya Patra Foundation met with the Chief Minister on Monday to extend the invitation for the foundation-laying ceremony. The foundation representatives briefed Revanth Reddy on the facilities planned to ensure the cooking and supply of quality food to students within the Chief Minister's

own constituency. The breakfast scheme has already been successfully launched in the constituency since December, supplying meals to 28,000 students in 312 schools.

Currently, the government contributes Rs 7 per student towards the mid-day meal scheme across all government schools in the state. The Akshaya Patra Foundation, however, is spending up to Rs 25 to prepare and provide these quality meals. The Foundation has committed to bearing the additional expenses beyond the funds paid by the government. Furthermore, arrangements are being made to implement this scheme with the assistance CSR funds.

Foundation members noted that the existing breakfast scheme has already received a tremendous response from students and parents, establishing it as a role model for the country.

Land acquisition begins for Adilabad airport

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THE state government of Telangana has initiated the process of acquiring 700 acres of land for the development of the Adilabad airport, following approval of the proposal by the Airport Authority of India .

Permission has been officially granted for the acquisition of the total 700 acres required to develop a joint user airfield in Adilabad district. The AAI provided a positive feasibility report for the project, leading to immediate instructions being issued to the District Collector to commence the land acquisition process. Roads and Buildings Minister Komati Reddy Venkat Reddy said this decision will significantly benefit sectors such as trade, tourism, industries, and emergency services across North Telangana. He affirmed that the government is fully committed to regional development through the establishment of comprehensive transport infrastructure. The Minister expressed confidence that Adilabad will soon secure a key position on the country's aviation map.



DANCE OF DEATH ON ROADS ...

The dance of death continues unabated on the roads across the State. Even before the appalling memories over the recent bus blaze in Kurnool have could fade out, another ghastly road mishap in Chevella snuffed out 19 lives and injuring 22 passengers on Monday, sending shockwaves across Telangana. Driven by a speed demon, the gravel-laden tipper was said to be on the wrong side, leading to the grisly accident.

Chevella banyans battle: Heritage vs highway makes NH 163 a 'deadly' corridor

Conservationists clash with NHAI over plans to fell 900 Nizam-era trees for road expansion, citing accident risks

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HYDERABAD

FOR nearly a century, the majestic banyan trees lining the Chevella-Moinabad stretch of National Highway 163 (NH 163) have stood as a living heritage of Telangana's past, with their origins dating back to the Nizam era. These almost 900 ancient trees, along with thousands of others, provide a unique ecosystem and a remarkable canopy that travellers have marvelled at for generations.

However, since 2019, this green legacy has become the epicentre of a fierce environmental battle. Citizen-led groups, notably 'Save Banyans of Chevella' and 'Nature Lovers of Hyderabad (NLH)', have been championing the cause to protect these irreplaceable trees against the National Highways Authority of India's



(NHAI) plans to expand the highway from two to four lanes.

These groups have mounted persistent protests, filed petitions with the National Green Tribunal (NGT), and meticulously geotagged the banyans to counter government claims and demand comprehensive ecological considerations within the

expansion plans.

During the previous BRS government's tenure, the land acquisition for the NH 163 widening project saw significant delays. Disputes over compensation, protracted court cases, and environmental litigations fuelled by activism culminated in multiple NGT orders halting construction to

ensure thorough Environmental Impact Assessments (EIA).

The NGT formally recognised the ecological importance of the banyans, particularly their biodiversity support, and mandated revised assessments to minimise environmental damage. Despite these clear directives, stalled land acquisitions and political hesitance have perpetuated dangerous bottlenecks on this already perilous highway.

Activists contend that the government prioritised avoiding conflict over proactive dialogue, which effectively prolonged the highway's hazardous state and led to numerous fatal accidents.

The 'Save Banyans of Chevella' group employed a scientific approach to data collection and advocacy, exposing gaps in the NHAI's

mitigation claims. They have demanded genuine measures, such as reliable tree translocation with survival guarantees and road realignment where feasible.

This critical stretch between Moinabad and Manneguda, which links Hyderabad and Bijapur, remains a stark reminder of the clash between heritage conservation and infrastructure needs. While the ancient banyan trees are spared for the moment, the highway continues to bear the burden of delayed development and recurring tragedy.

As the NH 163 expansion resumes under government mandates, the hope remains for balanced progress that preserves these ecological treasures while simultaneously ensuring safe passage for the thousands who travel this vital route daily.

HORROR PAIN...
Post-mortem done, bodies handed over to kin; 22 injured get treatment

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THE injured passengers in the RTC bus and tipper collision were treated at Chevella and nearby hospitals, while the post-mortem examinations of the deceased were conducted by a team of doctors from Gandhi and Osmania Hospitals. The bodies were handed over to their families by 3 p.m.

According to officials, 19 passengers died in the accident, including 13 women, five men, and a two-month-old infant. As many as 19 passengers are undergoing treatment at various hospitals — 14 at Patnam Hospital, three at the CHC in Chevella, and two at Lalitha Hospital in Chevella. The condition of 18 passengers is said to be stable. Doctors stated that one patient with a head injury is under treatment but is now out of danger.

After learning about the accident, the Health Minister C Damodar Raja Narasimha directed the higher officials to rush to the accident site and supervise the treatment and complete other formalities.

He had directed the Health and Family Welfare Commissioner Sangeetha, State Medical Education Director Dr Narendra Kumar and Vaidya Vidhana Parishad Commissioner Dr Ajay Kumar to form a team of doctors to provide better treatment to the victims.

The minister directed the officials over the phone to appoint a committee of doctors to provide better treatment to the injured. The minister later visited the hospital and interacted with the injured. The minister consoled the injured, assuring that the government would oversee their treatment. He also enquired about the incident from the bus conductor.

TGSRTC announces ₹2 lakh exgratia sum after fatal crash

Corporation confirms insurance aid for victims; preliminary report clears bus driver, blames speeding tipper lorry

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THE TGSRTC has announced an ex-gratia payment of Rs 2 lakh each to the victims of the recent fatal road accident in Chevella, in addition to providing the insurance amount through the Vehicle Insurance Policy.

Y Nagi Reddy, the TGSRTC Vice Chairman and Managing Director, visited the accident site, personally monitored the rescue operations, offered his condolences to the bereaved families, and instructed officials to provide comprehensive support.

According to a preliminary inquiry conducted by the TGSRTC, there was no fault found with either the condition of the TGSRTC bus or the driving of the bus operator. The bus was confirmed to possess all necessary Fitness and valid Insurance certifications. The

corporation stated that the accident was caused by the over-speeding of a heavily loaded gravel tipper lorry, which overturned and fell onto the bus after the tipper driver lost control of the vehicle in what is known to be an accident-prone spot.

The crash occurred around 6:15 am near Indira Reddy Nagar, Mirzaguda (within Chevella limits). The bus, registered TS34TA 6354 (Tandur), was struck head-on by the tipper lorry, registered TG06T 3879, which was travelling in the opposite direction at high speed.

A senior TGSRTC officer explained that the tipper, which was loaded with gravel and hard stone chips from Lakdaram (Patancheru, Sangareddy District) and en route to Manneguda, lost control while attempting to overtake multiple vehicles. It subsequently veered directly into the path of the oncoming bus. The

resulting impact caused extensive damage to the bus, with a large volume of gravel and dust pouring into the passenger compartment. This debris led to passengers being trapped, resulting in severe breathing difficulties, multiple injuries, and fatalities due to a combination of suffocation and trauma.

Senior TGSRTC officials, including the Executive Director (O&IT), ED/HZ, JD(V&S), RM/RR, Dy.RM(O)/RR, and Dy.RM(M)/RR, rushed to the location to oversee operations and review the circumstances of the crash.

Swift rescue and relief operations were coordinated by senior Police Officers, Emergency Services personnel, the District Collector, and Revenue Department officials. TGSRTC Depot Managers from Tandur, Parigi, and Vikarabad coordinated the on-ground response and the transfer of the injured to hospitals.

Experts warn overloaded buses: heavy vehicles fuel road tragedies in TG

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HYDERABAD

FOLLOWING heavy vehicle accidents, the road safety experts have stressed a combination of safety measures focused on controlling overloading of carriers or overcrowding of buses, over-speeding and vehicle condition. The experts urged the State Transport Department to be proactive in their enforcement efforts.

In the last 10 days, the state witnessed two major road accidents with nearly 40 deaths of the people in two Telugu states. On October 24, a private bus going to Bengaluru from Hyderabad burst into flames in Kurnool district after colliding with a bike, killing 19 people.

On Monday, 19 persons lost their lives when an RTC bus from Tandur to Hyderabad was crushed under a gravel-laden tipper truck near Mirzaguda in Chevella in Ranga Reddy district.

The experts highlighted that the preliminary police investigations revealed that both vehicles were carrying excess load. The truck was overloaded with gravel, while the RTC bus had far more passengers than its permitted capacity.

Opinions are that an overloaded truck and an overcrowded bus were a deadly combination, regardless of who was at fault. Poor road conditions and failure to deploy enough buses to handle passenger rush were also being cited as major causes.

The experts said that the Mahalakshmi scheme has caused overcrowding on TGSRTC buses by significantly increasing daily commute, especially among women.

Earlier, the state-run buses used to transport over 50 lakh passengers in the state but now following the scheme it has crossed 66 lakh passengers, with the same fleet of buses.

"In the tragic accident that occurred in Chevella on Monday, 14 female and five male passengers lost



their lives. The incident was caused by overcrowding, which also underscores the need for adequate bus services under the existing state transport schemes," said R. Nageshwar, a road safety expert.

It has been witnessed that the buses are running overcrowded across the state. The buses are accommodating more passengers than the capacity. The bus which collided with the tipper was accommodating more than 70 passengers.

Mohammed Asif Hussain, another expert highlighted that the RIA officers must act on the RTC buses for overcrowding. When overloaded, the vehicle becomes unbalanced, which can result in accidents.

Citing the example of the inspection by the Jagtial district transport officials in July last year, Asif Hussain said, "The Jagtial transport officials seized the state-run bus for carrying 112 passengers, which was supposed to carry 55 passengers. Since then, there were no reports of the RIA inspecting RTC buses," said Asif Hussain.

Sri Harsha, a member of the Road Squad Team dedicated to promoting road safety across the country, said that the overloading of buses is a serious concern. It can only be controlled when both the government and the public understand the risks involved. The long-term solution lies in increasing the number and frequency of buses so that passengers are not forced to travel unsafely.

Furthermore, the Tipper lorries are often used

for shuttle services repeatedly travelling on the same stretches of roads. This familiarity tends to create overconfidence among drivers, leading to over speeding and careless driving, pointed out Harsha.

He said that a major reason behind the frequent heavy vehicle accidents is the lack of proper driver training. In many cases, cleaners gradually become drivers without undergoing any structured training. This poses serious risks on highways.

"In Telangana, there are only a few Institutes of Driver Training and Research such as those in Karimnagar, Sangareddy. For RTC drivers Warangal and Hyderabad training institutes are available, which are insufficient to meet the state's growing demand.

The government should encourage and support private sector participation in establishing more high-quality driver training institutes across all districts," said Harsha.

The member of the Road Squad Team said that strict enforcement is equally important. Installation of dashcams in all heavy vehicles and periodic monitoring by independent audit teams can greatly enhance accountability and road safety standards.

The road safety experts urged the authorities to fill potholes and resurface damaged patches, install lane reflectors, signage, and rumble strips, enforce speed limits and driver rest regulations and deploy night highway patrols.



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Give an action plan for Manipur's development: Bandi Sanjay

- Asked the state government to send proposals for Manipur's tourism development
- Urged to hold Manipur Mela in every state as part of a bold development blueprint for Manipur

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UNION Minister of State for Home Affairs Bandi Sanjay Kumar has called for a comprehensive action plan to accelerate Manipur's development, urging the state government to submit short-term, medium-term, and long-term proposals within a week. During his three-day visit to the state, the Minister emphasised the urgent need to address critical sectors, including education, healthcare, transport, tourism, electricity, agriculture, and allied services.

At a high-level review meeting held at the State Secretariat, Bandi Sanjay assessed the implementation of central welfare schemes and discussed the unique challenges faced by Manipur's hill-dwelling popu-



lation, which constitutes 92% of the state's 28 lakh residents. He expressed concern over the lack of employment, poor transport connectivity, and frequent road damage due to landslides. Officials highlighted the need for a textile park, eco-tourism initiatives, and the development of the Imphal-Myanmar international highway to boost foreign tourist inflow.

The Minister proposed organising a nationwide 'Manipur Mela' in every state to showcase and sell the state's handloom products and local delicacies, citing strong demand for black rice and indigenous crafts, as part of a bold development blueprint. He also pledged to engage with corporate hospitals to improve super-specialty medi-

cal services, noting that 45% of nursing posts remain vacant and rural areas lack adequate healthcare and education infrastructure.

Tourism, severely impacted by law and order issues over the past two and a half years, was a key focus. Officials revealed that Rs 500 crore has already been spent on relief and rehabilitation, with over 59,000 victims currently housed in 262 camps. The Centre has sanctioned 7,000 homes under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana and is providing Rs 3 lakh per unit, along with Rs 75,000 for repairs of partially damaged houses.

Bandi Sanjay also addressed the need to modernise Imphal Airport, reduce airfares, and initiate cargo services.

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Following the review, Bandi Sanjay met Governor Ajay Bhalla at Raj Bhavan, where they discussed the state's current challenges and future roadmap. The Minister was felicitated with a shawl and reiterated the Centre's unwavering commitment to Manipur's holistic development.

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TG Colleges shut down over ₹5,000 cr fee reimbursement dues

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A sweeping disruption unfolded across Telangana's academic landscape on Monday as numerous private colleges and higher education institutions suspended operations. This was in response to a coordinated, indefinite strike led by the Federation of Associations of Telangana Higher Institutions (FATHI), aimed at drawing attention to the state government's long-pending financial commitments.

Outside campuses, handwritten notices and banners signalled the closure, while students, faculty, and staff staged demonstrations across various districts. The protests, which included sit-ins and symbolic blockades, received backing from student unions and civil society groups, amplifying the collective demand for fiscal accountability.

Institutions offering professional courses, including engineering, pharmacy, business administration, education, and nursing, were among those participating. Organisers allege that the government had previously pledged to release substantial funds to cover tuition reimbursements but failed to fulfil the commitment in full. While an initial tranche was disbursed, the remaining amount which

FATHI launches indefinite strike, planning 30,000-strong rally and 'Long March' of 10 lakh students to demand state funding

is critical for institutional operations remains pending.

FATHI Chairman Ramesh Babu and association representatives, addressing the media on Monday, warned that 'the movement would escalate unless concrete steps were taken.' They announced two major mobilisation events to intensify pressure:

November 8 A large-scale meeting will be held at L B Stadium in Hyderabad, with an expected turnout of nearly 30,000 participants, including parents, students, and teachers.

November 11 A massive "Long March," planned to involve nearly 10 lakh students and college representatives, is scheduled from various points in the city to the State Secretariat. This march is projected to be on the scale of the 'Million March' conducted during the separate statehood struggle, intended to highlight the urgency of the issue and compel decisive government action.

The federation has made its demand clear: the state government must immediately release at least Rs 5,000 crore, which FATHI claims represents

half of the total outstanding tuition reimbursement dues. Until this condition is met, the strike will continue, and academic activities will remain suspended across participating institutions.

The ongoing impasse has raised serious concerns among students and parents, particularly those preparing for examinations or awaiting placements.

As the strike gains momentum, all eyes are on the government's response. Whether it will engage with the protesting institutions or propose an interim solution remains to be seen. For now, the corridors of learning across Telangana fell silent on Monday.

FATHI leaders also expressed gratitude for the widespread support of the strike. Ramdas thanked students, parents, and the general public for their overwhelming backing of the bandh. He stated, "We thank everyone who stood with us today. The complete shutdown across Telangana reflects the seriousness of the issue and the unity of the education community." The leaders emphasised that the delay in scholarship payments has severely impacted colleges' ability to function, pay staff, and support students, urging the government to act swiftly to prevent long-term damage to the higher education sector.

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I Mohammed Shafi Ahmed S/o.Nazeer Ahmed H.No.19-5-32/13/A/5/1/B, Asad Baba Nagar, Kishan Bagh Hyderabad, TG, i have Changed My Name as **"SHAKEEL AHMED "** (TH_ 33099)

I, SYED MOHAMMED ATHER S/O. SYED AZIZ ASHRAF, R/o. 8-13-72/5/1, Raghvendarnagar, Colony, Shivarampally, Rajendranagar, K.V. Ranga Reddy District, TG, has Changed My Name from Syed MOHAMMAD ATHER ASHRAF To **Syed MOHAMMED ATHER**. For All purposes. (TH_ 33099)

I, VANARASHI NARSIMHA, R/O: 1-114, sheshamma gudum, nalagonda, Telangana-508001 Qualification: GRADUATE, Designation: CONSTABLE CTC422, EID: 4504222 (TELANGANA SPECIAL PROTECTION FORCE) shall henceforth be known as **VANARASHI ROSHAN** for the purpose (TH_ 33099)

I, KASARLA PADMA W/O BUCHI REDDY DASARI ADDRESS: 4-81 DASARI PALLI KAMEPALLY, POST NARSAMPET MANDAL, WARRANGAL PIN 506331 CHANGED MY NAME AS **DASARI CHANDANA W/O BUCHI REDDY DASARI** (TH_ 33099)

I, MAMIDI ARUN MADHURI W/O. MAMIDI ARUN KUMAR R/o. H.NO: 13-1-116, BANGARU NILAYAM, AZIZBAGH, ASIFNAGAR, KARWAN SAHU, HYDERABAD-500006, TS changed my name from SAPURU BABITHA to **MAMIDI ARUN MADHURI W/O. MAMIDI ARUN KUMAR** for all purposes (TH_ 33099)

I, SALAM BIN MOHAMMED S/o Mohammed Bin Omer Al Guthmi R/o: 18-11-67/A/6/C, Barkas, salala Barkas, Bandlaguda, Hyderabad, Has Changed My Name as **SALAM BIN MOHAMMED AL GUTHMI** (TH_ 33099)

I, AMENA W/o Salam Bin Mohammed Al Guthmi R/o: 18-11-67/A/6/C, Barkas, salala Barkas, Bandlaguda, Hyderabad, Has Changed My Name as **AMEENA ALI BIN ABDUL AZIZ** (TH_ 33099)

CHANGE OF NAME

I, YETUR MASTANAIAH, R/o.4-7-38, Electricity Cly, Nr. Sai Baba temple Sangareddy, - 502001,TS, Changed My Name As **YETURU MASTANAIAH S/o. YETURU POTHAIAH**. (TH_ 33099)

I Hashmi Syeda Nazreen Sultana Hashmi Syed Nisar D/O Hashmi Syed Nisar, R/O 2-3-3, paigambar pura, beside al hayat medical, Udgir. Hereby changed my name as Hashmi Syeda Nazreen Sultana. Henceforth I will be known as **Hashmi Syeda Nazreen Sultana**. (TH_ 33099)

I, HARSHIA JABEEN, D/O. SHAIK AHMED, R/O.1-1-66/599, URBAN COLONY, BHONGIR YADADRI DISTRICT-508116, TELANGANA CHANGED MY NAME AS **"ARSHIYA JABEEN"**, for passport purpose (TH_ 33099)

I, P Mehataj D/O P Khasim R/O 2-201, Chandra Sai Nagar, Sku, Akuthotapalli, Itikalapalle, Po-Sri Venkateswara Puram, Ananthapuram, Andhra Pradesh-515003 have changed my name to **Pari Mehataj**. (TH_ AANCHAL)

I, Vivek Naga Sai Hrudith Ponna S/O Venkata Subramanyam Ponna R/O G-1 Mahadevi Enclave Block-1, BSNL Office Beside Road, Hyderabad, Chandanagar, K.V. Rangareddy, Telangana-500050 have changed my name to **Hrudith Ponna**. (TH_ AANCHAL)

I, Haji Mohammed S/O Mohammed Fazlur Rahman R/O. 16-8-240/3; E-block, Vedant Paradise Kalandera Malakpet, Hyd-500036, T.G, Have Changed My Father's Name From Mohammed Faizul Raheman To **Mohamed Fazlur Rahman**. For Information All Perpose (TH_ 33099)

I, TYARALA MANISHA (in my Husband Passport no. N4235892) W/o. Tyarala Ravi R/o.12-11-290, Brahman Basthi, Wangruguda, Secunderabad, Hyderabad-61, Telangana. Has Changed my name as **GONE MANISHA**. (TH_ 01900)

I, PANCHAGNULA PREETHIKASARAN (Old Name) D/o Panchagnula Dayal Saran, R/at H.no:3-12-1/s, Flat no-201, Agam Nagar Colony/Copp. Chaitanya School, VTC,Mansoorabad, PO GSI (S.R) Bandlaguda Dist. Kiv Rangareddy,Telangana-68 have changed my name to **PANCHAGNULA PREETHIKA SARAN** (New name) Henceforth I shall be known as **PANCHAGNULA PREETHIKA SARAN** for all purposes. (TH_ 33099)

I, M.Laxmi Bai (Ayah Employee ID. 658505) D/o.M. Ramulu R/o H.No. 84, New Block, Bollaram, Secunderabad, Hyderabad -10 Telangana. Have Changed my name from M.Laxmi Bai to **Badha Laxmi Bai W/o Late. B.S.Sri Hari**. (TH_ 01927)

I, MORTHALA KAVITHA, W/O. MORTHALA RAMA KRISHNA REDDY R/o. F.NO. 303, Mahati Apts, Camelot Layout, Kondapur, Serilingampally, Ranga Reddy District - 500084, Telangana, have changed my name as **MORTHALA KAVITHA REDDY** (TH_ JSY)

I, SATHYAMMA W/O KOCKONDA BALA KISTAIAH, Ex-JWO-273751H R/O. H.No. 15-21-53/1, Balaji Nagar, Kukatpally, Hyderabad-500072, Telangana have changed my name from SATHYAMMA to **KOCKONDA SATHYAMM** (TH_ JSY)

CHANGE OF NAME

I THOTA RAGHU BABU S/O VENKAIAH THOTA R/O PLOT NO:40. GROUND FLOOR OMGANESH NAGAR BRAHMANAPALLY ROAD RAGANNAGUDA, TURKAYAMJAL RR DIST, TG. MY DAUGHTER IS THOTA SRI VARSHINI WHICH IS CORRECT AS PER BIRTH CERTIFICATE & AADHAR CARD. BUT MY DAUGHTER SCHOOL RECORDS NAME IS THOTA BABY SRI VARSHINI (WHICH IS IN CORRECT) CONSIDER THE CORRECT NAME AS **THOTA SRI VARSHINI** FOR ALL RECORDS VIDE AFFIDAVIT DT. 01-11-2025 SWORN BEFORE NOTARY T. SOMESHWER, TELANGANA (TH_ 2658)

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Ekalavya Archery students qualify for SGFI nationals

MAHABUBABAD: The 69th School Games Federation of Telangana (SGFI) – State Level Archery Championship 2025 was successfully held on November 2 and 3 at ZPHS Nellikudur, Mahabubabad district, under the aegis of SGFI.

In a proud moment for the Ekalavya Archery Academy, Tellapur, student M Harini Reddy won the gold medal, while Nandavaram Lashirah secured fourth place in the state-level competition. With this achievement, both have officially qualified for the SGFI National Championships, scheduled to take place in Ranchi and Varanasi during the third week of November.

Their accomplishment was met with appreciation and encouragement from across the academy. Anjaneyulu Goud,

CEO of Ekalavya Archery, and coach Srinivas congratulated both students for their dedication and remarkable progress on the field. The academy looks forward to their continued success at the national level.

OU faculty to present research paper at global conference

HYDERABAD: ARADHANA School of Business Management, affiliated with Osmania University, Hyderabad, is proud to announce that Dr M Prakash, Principal, and Prof V Lalitha have been invited to present their research paper at the 5th International Conference on 'Innovative Research and Development', to be held from November 3 to 5, at Shinawatra University, Bangkok, Thailand.

Their paper, titled 'Revolutionising Financial Services through UPI Digital Payments,' explores the transformative impact of India's Unified Payments Interface (UPI) on the financial sector. It highlights UPI's role in promoting digital inclusion, improving financial efficiency and reshaping transaction behaviour in India. This international recognition marks a significant milestone for both the university and the institution, reflecting their commitment to fostering global academic collaboration and research excellence.

Yellow alert issued: Thunderstorms and gusty winds forecast for Telangana

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IMD has issued a warning of thunderstorms and light to moderate rainfall in isolated places across Telangana until November 6.

For Tuesday, the IMD has forecast light to moderate rain or thundershowers very likely to occur at isolated places over the state. A Yellow alert warning has also been issued, predicting that thunderstorms accompanied by lightning and gusty winds (30-40 kmph) are very likely to occur at isolated places in the districts of Adilabad, Nirmal, Nizamabad, Jagtial, Yadadri Bhuvanagiri, Rangareddy, Hyderabad, Medchal Malkajgiri, Vikarabad, Sangareddy, Medak, Kamareddy, Mahabubnagar, Nagarkurnool, Wanaparthy, Narayanpet, and Jogulamba Gadwal.

Similarly, for Wednesday, IMD officials have forecast light to moderate rain or thundershowers likely to occur at a few places over Telangana. A warning for thunderstorms accompanied by lightning

and gusty winds (30-40 kmph) remains in effect for isolated places in Adilabad, Komaram Bheem Asifabad, Nirmal, Nizamabad, Jangaon, Siddipet, Yadadri Bhuvanagiri, Rangareddy, Hyderabad, Medchal Malkajgiri, Vikarabad, Sangareddy, Medak, Kamareddy, Mahabubnagar, Nagarkurnool, Wanaparthy, Narayanpet, and Jogulamba Gadwal districts.

The IMD officials have issued a forecast of light to moderate rain or thundershowers very likely to occur at isolated places over Telangana until November 6, with dry weather expected to set in from November 7. According to the officials, the winds are currently blowing north-westwards in the lower troposphere over Andhra Pradesh and Yanam. Furthermore, a surface cyclonic circulation formed over Vidarbha and its adjoining Marathwada region at an altitude of 0.9 km above mean sea level on Monday. Officials have stated that, due to this meteorological system, light to moderate rains are likely to occur in the Telugu states for the next three days.

Kishan Reddy blasts 'BRS-Congress-Majlis trio', calls for JH reclamation

Union Minister urges voters to back BJP's Deepak Reddy, accusing rivals of decades of neglect and empty promises

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UNION Minister G Kishan Reddy, as part of the ongoing electioneering for the Jubilee Hills by-poll, launched a spirited campaign with a bike rally on Monday. The rally commenced at Nagarjuna Community Hall in Sri-nagar Colony and concluded at Poorna Tiffin Center, passing through key localities including Yellareddy Guda, New Science Colony, RBI Quarters, Yusuf Guda Basti, Ganapathi Complex, IN Community Line, and Venkatagiri Ganesh Temple. The event drew enthusiastic support from BJP cadres and local residents.

Addressing the rally, Kishan Reddy appealed to voters to strengthen Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership by ensuring the election of BJP candidate Deepak Reddy with a resounding majority on November 11. He heavily criticised the BRS and Congress parties for decades of neglect in Jubilee Hills, citing overflowing drainages, unlit streets, and poor drink-



ing water facilities as visible signs of their failure.

"Let KCR walk through Jubilee Hills and see the development he claims," Reddy challenged, adding

that despite the BJP never having won this seat since independence, the time for change has finally arrived. He accused both BRS and Congress of misleading

the public with unfulfilled promises, including financial schemes for women, unemployed youth, and Dalit families.

Reddy also took aim at



Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy, alleging that his leadership merely mirrors past deception and empty rhetoric. He questioned the fate of BC welfare funds and criticised Congress for offering little beyond free bus travel. He grouped the BRS, Congress, and Majlis together, labelling them as "family-run parties working for their own interests."

Highlighting alleged attacks on Hindu households by the Majlis party, Reddy urged voters to reject divisive politics and instead support the BJP's development-focused agenda. He declared, "Let us teach these parties a lesson with our votes and pave the way for a new Jubilee Hills."

BJP is king in Jubilee Hills, asserts Kishan Reddy

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UNION Minister G Kishan Reddy asserted the BJP's dominance in the Jubilee Hills by-election campaign on Monday, strongly criticising the Congress, BRS, and Majlis as "opportunists."

In a formal discussion with the media as the by-election campaign intensifies, Reddy declared, "We are the king in Jubilee Hills," and emphasised that the BJP is rapidly becoming the focal point of Telangana's political future.

Reddy dismissed rival pre-election surveys, mockingly asking, "Where were they done in the bedroom or bathroom?" He also rejected as absurd attempts by opponents to link the Jubilee Hills election to Pakistan. He sharply criticised the ruling Congress government for offering "nothing but free bus rides," and questioned why fee reimbursement arrears remain unpaid despite their electoral promises.

Highlighting NDA unity, Reddy confirmed that the BJP's allies, the TDP and Jana Sena, are actively participating in the campaign. "TDP



Union Minister dismisses rival surveys and free bus rides; confirms TDP-Jana Sena support for a three-way contest

ranks and sympathisers are supporting the BJP. This is a three-way contest, and we're ready," he said. He further clarified that the BJP did not delay candidate announcements, having declared seven by-election nominees simultaneously. Taking aim at former cricketer and Congress leader Mohammad Azharuddin, Reddy alleged that his ministerial post was granted solely to attract Muslim votes. "If Azharuddin could win the election in Jubilee Hills, he would've been given a ticket. But he carries many allegations, and even his affidavit listed pending cases,"

Reddy claimed.

Regarding infrastructure, Reddy revealed that L&T had written to the Centre expressing its inability to manage the Hyderabad Metro due to a lack of clarity from the state government. "What should our minister do when the state has no plan?" he asked. He also criticised the state government's failure to meet with the Prime Minister and Home Minister regarding key state issues.

Addressing Backward Classes (BC) welfare, Reddy reiterated the BJP's commitment to justice for BC communities. "We made a BC the Prime Minister. We're conducting caste enumeration nationwide and will convince the courts," he said. He then challenged the Chief Minister to prevent the Majlis from contesting all BC seats in local body elections, pointedly asking, "Does he have the guts?"

Reddy also took jabs at KCR and K T Rama Rao, noting that KCR has not been seen outside and questioning his return as Chief Minister. "K T Rama Rao is dreaming. BRS has no future that party is over," he declared.

BRS to unleash war room blitz in final push for Jubilee Hills by-poll

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THE BRS leadership is set to significantly intensify its campaign during the final week leading up to the by-election in the Jubilee Hills Assembly constituency. Party leaders operating from the war room are issuing specific strategic directions and diligently gathering feedback from booth-level workers.

Leaders have been mandated to update their activity during review meetings which often run past midnight in the war room. Sources indicate that until recently, BRS working president K T Rama Rao and senior leader T Harish Rao were jointly overseeing the campaign from this base. Following the death of his father, T Harish Rao has been limited to home, yet remains

KTR and Harish Rao lead intensified booth-level operations ahead of crucial November 11 vote

busy chalking out strategies through continuous reviews. A senior party leader noted that while thousands of visitors were paying their respects to Harish Rao, he has been meeting everyone and, during breaks, engaging in vital meetings with party cadre from various divisions within Jubilee Hills. According to party sources, the ground campaign is expected to accelerate dramatically until Sunday, the last designated day for campaigning in the bypoll-bound constituency.

Sources suggest that the party leadership is assigning daily tasks to booth-level workers. These workers are required to visit voters with a specific request for their vote, simultaneously noting

their feedback and checking if their response is positive or if they appear reluctant to engage. The booth-level leaders then update the high command on the voters' responses during the review meetings and, in turn, receive necessary instructions, a BRS leader confirmed.

The BRS working president, K T Rama Rao, who skipped the scheduled roadshow on Sunday due to inclement weather, is set to undertake more corner meetings in the coming days. In addition to conducting roadshows, he will be holding targeted meetings with residential welfare associations to maximise the winning prospects of the party candidate, Maganti Sunitha.



When questioned about the potential involvement of party chief K Chandrashekar Rao, BRS leaders indicated that there were limited chances of him campaigning, as the party working presi-

dent and T Harish Rao are effectively leading the campaign effort. The campaign for the bypoll will officially end on November 11, with the election scheduled to be held on the same day.

KTR slams Congress's 'barbaad' rule in Jubilee Hills campaign

HYDERABAD: BRS working president K T Rama Rao on Monday intensified his party's campaign for the Jubilee Hills by-election, framing the contest as a critical choice between two contrasting visions. He declared that the election was a fight between the Congress party, which he claimed had made Hyderabad 'barbaad', and the BRS, which had made the city 'Aabaa'.

The BRS leader was addressing a roadshow in the Borabanda division in support of the party candidate, Maganti Sunitha. He asserted that it was the responsibility of the BRS to force the Congress to implement the promises it made before the last general elections. Rama Rao sharply criticised the Congress leaders, alleging they had made Telangana an "utter flop state."

"They are again asking for one chance. They got a chance two years back. They demol-

ished houses in the Indiramma rule. In this contest of Car and Bulldozer, Car should win. This is an anti-poor government," said Rama Rao.

He strongly lashed out at Ministers for targeting the party's candidate. "They are saying, the BRS candidate is a woman and she cannot solve the issues of the poor. I want to tell you. I am behind her, Vishnu (P Vishnuvardhan Reddy) is there, KCR is there. We will be in front of your house even in the middle of the night and save you from the Congress goons. Don't be afraid of anyone, ensure the victory of BRS," K T Rama Rao declared.

The BRS leader recalled that the Congress had promised to give Rythu Bharosa to tenant farmers but were now claiming they had no money. He alleged the state found money to send to the party's high command, stating: "You are sending hundreds of

crores to Rahul Gandhi in Delhi every month but there is nothing to give to the poor in the gali".

He cited the example of the Cantonment constituency, which the Congress won 16 months ago but for which they have not released "even 16 paisa" for development. "When they did not take up development in Cantonment, will they give up here? Keep this in mind." He continued to list other promises he claimed were broken: "They promised Vidya Bharosa but did not fulfil, they said they will give Rs 4,000 for the unemployed but they have not given, they promised 2 lakh jobs but filled their own pockets. Already two calendars have changed but there is no job calendar so far," said K T Rama Rao. He concluded by saying the people of Borabanda were living in fear, wondering when the bulldozer would arrive to demolish their houses.

Eatala pitches for natural farming & cultural revival

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MALKAJGIRI MP Eatala-Rajender emphasized the importance of returning to traditional agricultural practices and holistic living during his address at the Nature Health Festival held in Vanasthalipuram. The event drew attention to sustainable farming, health awareness, and cultural values.

Speaking at the gathering, Eatala Rajender remarked that people today are increasingly seeking harmony with nature, reviving the belief that "old is gold." He criticized modern tendencies to avoid physical labor and rely on shortcuts, warning that such habits, driven by the pursuit of growth and development, may eventually lead to irreversible consequences.

"I believe the old methods of crop cultivation and



food consumption will return," he said, expressing confidence in the future of natural farming, which he acknowledged is not yet widely practiced. He cited Prime Minister Narendra Modi's call to reduce chemical farming and adopt scientific methods as a step in the right direction.

Highlighting agricultural trends in North India, Rajender noted the increased cultivation of copper, maize, and sorghum, and stressed the need to rebuild human relationships in a rapidly mechanized world.

He raised concerns about

the rising incidence of cancer, attributing it to the excessive use of chemical fertilizers and environmental pollution. "We must continue organizing such seminars to raise awareness. Don't give up," he urged participants.

Rajender praised Indian culture and food traditions, asserting that the day will come when the world embraces these values. "We will once again attain the status of Vishwaguru," he declared, calling for a collective return to indigenous wisdom and sustainable living.



JNTUH eyes international ties: Collaboration with Iran's University of Isfahan explored

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JNTUH held a significant high-level meeting at the UCESTH to discuss future institutional strengthening and international academic partnerships. The session was chaired by Rector K Vijaya

Kumar Reddy and Registrar K Venkateshwara Rao, with other key participants including Principal G V Narasimha Reddy, Vice-Principal A Raghuram, Heads of Departments, and University Directors. The initial focus of the meeting involved a comprehensive review of the

college's academic and laboratory infrastructure, specifically aimed at bolstering institutional capabilities and improving the student learning environments.

Subsequently, JNTUH held an online interaction with officials from the University of Isfahan, Iran, who were

led by President and Head of the Board of Directors Rasoul Roknizadeh. During this dialogue, K Venkateshwara Rao presented an overview of JNTUH's academic activities, its research and development policies, and its infrastructural strengths. The discussion primarily revolved around forging a MoU to facilitate undergraduate and postgraduate student exchange, faculty mobility, and various collaborative research initiatives.

This recent engagement follows diplomatic outreach conducted last month. At that time, Mohsen Moghaddami, Vice Consul, and Fatima Naqvi, Public Relations Officer from the Consulate General of the Islamic Republic of Iran in Hyderabad, met with JNTUH Vice-Chancellor T Kishen Kumar Reddy. Those preliminary discussions had successfully laid the groundwork for exploring academic ties with the University of Isfahan.

IITH launches NBV Skilling Centre to empower rural and semi-urban youth

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IN a major initiative towards inclusive education and rural empowerment, the Indian Institute of Technology Hyderabad (IITH) inaugurated the 'Skill Development Centre' under its Rural Development Centre (RDC) on Monday. Named the NBV Skilling Centre, this endeavour is a collaborative effort between IITH, Next Bharat Ventures (an initiative of Suzuki Motor Corporation), and the Deshpande Foundation.

The Centre's core mission is to equip rural and semi-urban youth with industry-ready technical skills, entrepreneurial capabilities, and enhanced educational opportunities. It is set to serve as a hub for holistic development, offering



comprehensive programmes that combine soft skills, communication training, and hands-on exposure to innovation-driven technologies.

Speaking at the inauguration, IITH Director Professor B S Murty stated, "IITH started the Rural Development Centre in 2020 with the vision to support rural development through innovative technologies. The new Skill Develop-

ment Centre takes this vision forward by empowering India's youth through education, innovation, and real-world skill building."

Dr Satish Regonda, Chairperson of the RDC, emphasised that the Centre strengthens RDC's core themes of Education, Environment, and Entrepreneurship, transforming rural regions into spaces of opportunity and innova-

tion.

The initiative is anchored by the Next Bharat Skilling Foundation (NBSF), a Section 8 not-for-profit entity. Its flagship programmes — SkillPlus (for rural graduates), Skill in Village (SiV) (for school students), and Technical Skilling for MSMEs — aim to train over 50,000 youth and impact more than 50,000 school students by 2035.

Dr Gururaj "Desh" Deshpande, Founder of the Deshpande Foundation, remarked that collaborative initiatives like this bridge the gap between talent and opportunity, enabling youth from every corner of the country to participate in India's growth story. Kinji Saito, Director of Next Bharat Ventures and Councillor at Suzuki Motor Corporation, added that the partnership reflects Suzuki's commitment to empowering India's youth through practical skills and inclusive growth.

The event was attended by various dignitaries, including Ranga Rao Nutakki, Chairman of Sai Deepa Rock Drills Pvt Ltd, who pledged support to the mission, along with senior officials from Suzuki, the Deshpande Foundation, and IITH.

CALL it a superstition or by any other name, number 13 is generally presumed to be an unlucky number. But to the Indian women cricketers it was the 13th edition of the ICC Women's World Cup 2025 that provided the icing on the cake; the realisation of a decades-long dream. In many ways, the crème-la-crème was much like the historic day (June 25, 1983) when Kapil Dev's 'nowhere in the hunt' unsung team gave a major push to cricket back home with a stunning showing that propelled India into the big league. It is likewise with November 2, 2025, which will go down in history as a momentous day for Indian cricket, thanks to the stunning exploits of Harman's Angels (we can't think of a better sobriquet to Kapil's Devils). It was the providential third time lucky

Harman's Angels cast a spell for ages

for Indian women. Poetic justice was rendered in Navi Mumbai on a magnificent Sunday after the 'so near so far' syndrome had jinxed the team twice over in the 2005 and 2017 finals of the Women's World Cup. Meanwhile, unlike the men, Indian women had to fight two adversaries --their opponents and the naysayers. Their coming on top in the first category will hopefully silence the naysayers and the prophets of doom, once and for all. Based on past performances vis-à-vis World Cup outings, India had the psychological edge while going into the championship clash considering that their opponents South Africa were in the finals for the first time and India was playing its third

and that too on home soil. Now that Indian women have proved that they are second to none, including in the game's shorter version, and once the euphoria sinks in, the players must start regrouping themselves rather than basking in the new-found glory. After all, uneasy lies the head that wears the crown. Towards this, they must hit the ground after they are through with a well-deserved break. It is quite ironic that the team began to blossom somewhere in the middle of the championship and peaked in the matches that mattered the most, the semifinals and the championship clash in which they came up with a clinical performance that dashed the last hurrah hopes

of South African captain Laura Wolvaardt and took India to the pinnacle of glory. Meanwhile, the BCCI has done well by announcing an overwhelming Rs 51 crore to Harmanpreet and her girls for lifting cricket's most cherished trophy. Beginning tomorrow, the nation will be baffled to notice how opportunistically calculating can men players, celebrities and politicians be. The very people who shunned women cricketers all these years will go all out to be 'seen' with them and be captured in photographs with the newly crowned queens. A redeeming feature was at the DY Patil stadium that was packed to capacity. However, barring former India

captains Sachin Tendulkar and Rohit Sharma, there was no celebrity worth the name to cheer for the Indian gladiators among the audience. It was only Sunil Gavaskar who pepped up the team's morale while assuring a jamming session with the star of the semifinal conquest of defending champion Australia, Jemimah Rodrigues if India wins their maiden World Cup. A touching moment in the post-match event was Harmanpreet's thanksgiving bow to coach Amol Majumdar. Having scripted a new chapter after breaking the barrier, the girls must concentrate on consolidating their position hereafter. Diana Eduljee, was undoubtedly speaking for millions, with her remark, "I've waited for this since 2017... This is the 1983 moment for us..." Hope springs eternal.

LETTERS

Road mishaps expose systemic negligence

The tragic road accident in Rangareddy district that claimed 19 lives, coming barely weeks after the Kurnool accident which killed 19, is deeply unfortunate and distressing. Road accidents and the resultant loss of precious lives are becoming disturbingly frequent across the country. Ironically, despite repeated fatalities, authorities have failed to take effective measures to curb the road menace. Enforcement of traffic rules remain dismal and compliance among motorists is alarmingly low. Over speeding, reckless driving, and disregard for basic safety norms continue unabated as there is no appropriate check mechanism. It is imperative that stringent actions be initiated—strong law enforcement, awareness campaigns, and improved infrastructure—to ensure road safety.

N Sadhasiva Reddy, Bengaluru-56

A ghastly road accident

WITHIN a short gap, two ghastly road accidents have occurred in the two Telugu states. Around 19 persons died near Kurnool city when the bus they were travelling in caught fire on October 24. The second one that also claimed 19 lives happened early Monday morning at Mir-jaguda in Rangareddy district. This apparently occurred after a TGSRTC bus was rammed into by gravel-laden truck. Wherever the road accidents occur, the reasons generally attributed as over speed, overload, drunk and drive, pathetic roads, invisible sign boards, driving under stress or when feeling drowsy. Sadly, the governments which are in hurry to announce ex gratia never focus on coming up with corrective measures.

Pratapa Reddy Yaramala, Tiruvuru (AP)

Decades of toil bears fruit

Indian women's maiden ODI World Cup triumph is not only a stupendous achievement but also historic coming as it did after several decades of toiling and grooming. This cup of joy should remain in India forever as there is no dearth of talent in our country. Previously nepotism played a crucial role in the selection of the team. Things changed after the NDA assumed office in 2014. Slowly but surely the team gelled well and reached its goal rather easily. In fact the emphatic win against Australia in the semifinal, cemented our team's chances. Institutional encouragement and support from the government did the trick in building the players' confidence. The standout performance in the final was from Shafali Verma. The women cricketers did India proud. Hearty congratulations to the team and India!

Govardhana Myneedu, Vijayawada

A shot in the arm for women's cricket in India

CONGRATULATIONS to the Indian women's cricket team for winning the Women's World Cup 2025 after beating South Africa by 52 Runs. It was an emphatic victory for the Women in Blue. The journey to the final was quite inspirational as they defeated title favourite Australia in the semifinals. Shafali Verma and Smriti Mandhana stood with their partnership. Verma also came good with the ball while scalping two batters. Deepti Sharma was quite sensational with the bat and ball. It was a night filled with excitement and drama. The DY Patil stadium in Navi Mumbai had a capacity crowd which was cheering every shot played by the host players. Our team's incredible is testimony to the progress made by the team over the years. This win will change the future of women's cricket in India.

Parimala G Tadas, Hyderabad-50

Magnificent Indian women

IN a great show, 11 Indian women rewrote history by winning their maiden ICC Women's World Cup by defeating South Africa by 52 runs in Sunday's final. They made tryst with destiny, so to say. November 2, 2025, will be written in golden letters in the history of India. Much alike June 25, 1983, when Kapil's Devils won the first ODI World Cup for India. Shafali Verma won the 'player of the final match' award for her quickfire 87 runs (in 78 balls) and two wickets. Equally outstanding was South African captain Wolvaardt's century.

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BENGALURU ONLINE

'Two mediocre sons control K'taka'

BENGALURU: BJP MP Lahar Singh Siroya on Monday attacked Minister Priyank Kharge and Congress MLC Yathindra Siddaramaiah, alleging that the state was being "controlled by two mediocre sons" who "stoke needless controversy" and "ride roughshod over all seniors" in their party and in the government.

He alleged that despite being "arrogant" and violating their own high command's guidelines, they are tolerated. "One is not sure if the two act independently or are mouthpieces of their fathers? From my many political interactions, I have learnt that the two sons are intensely disliked by their own partymen. They are being tolerated because their fathers are in power. The moment their fathers step down, I am told, the reality for these two sons may become very different. If one son now acts like a super Congress President, the other acts like a super Chief Minister," Siroya said in a post on 'X'.

Priyank Kharge is the son of Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge, while Yathindra is the son of Chief Minister Siddaramaiah. The BJP MP claimed that, despite all the controversies, both their fathers don't seem to have the ability to stop them or correct them.

"Perhaps they secretly enjoy their dominance in the party and government, and use them as tools to communicate and accomplish what they cannot say or do directly," he said. Taking a dig at Priyank Kharge, the BJP MP said the minister constantly makes ideological statements on the RSS and BJP, which is more in tune with Rahul Gandhi's "hate-filled" language. "This indirectly earns brownie points for Kharge Senior with the Nehru-Gandhi family and helps him survive in Delhi. Kharge Junior has become a kind of guru to the Siddaramaiah government on ideological matters," he alleged.

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The new criminal law is compelling disclosure of sources



DR MADABHUSHI SRIDHAR ACHARYULU

All rules under the Data Act (DPDPA), including questions, apprehensions and queries revolving around pre-censorship that curbs freedom of press are taking one back in time to the dark days of Emergency. As things stand, the Centre, the ministry, its officers and staff pose a threat to Article 19(1)(a) in particular, and to the Constitution of India, in general.

New pre-censorship: Blocking news site

A journalist body rights contends "Repeated non-compliance can ultimately attract blocking under the IT Act, read with Section 37 DPDPA (blocking for data-protection reasons). Will MEITY commit to seeking prior judicial authorisation before any news site is disabled?

Secondly, journalists can forget public interest reporting and kill small newsrooms. What is the quantifiable threshold of non-compliances before blocking action is initiated? When deciding penalties, Section 33 directs the Board to consider factors such as the "nature, gravity and duration" of the breach. Given that honest public-interest reporting may involve leaked data, how will proportionality be guaranteed so fines do not have a chilling effect on smaller

newsrooms and individuals engaged in journalistic activity?

Third points to killing journalism through two enactments: MEITY obtaining DPDPA's consent and meeting requirements with statutory privileges under the Press and Registration of Periodicals Act and the Working Journalists (Conditions of Service) Act remain a source for debate.

The fourth point is about getting attacked in the name of the Information Technology Act. Given that the Central Government has been empowered to block information/content under Section 69A of the IT Act, what is the purpose behind including Section 37(1)(b) that creates another parallel blocking regime that further empowers the Central Government to issue blocking directions under the DP-DPA framework?

Scribes cannot pay heavy penalty:

Every rule is dangerous due to the penalty clause. The society should realise that a real threat is from the proposed penalty clause of Rs 250 crore, which can go up to Rs 500 crore against an individual or entity if the DPDPA Board appointed by the government deems fit. This effectively can close the gates of information, journalism and freedom of speech and expression. In short, it will kill a significant part of the Constitution.

Child 'Data Act':

There is a 'child data' law, though adults suffer. Implementation of the 'child data' law can be draconian. Generally, rules under a statute (an Act) should not create substantive legal problems. They are expected to help ease the difficulties in understanding and implemen-

tation of the law.

But then, Draft Rule 10(1) forces outlets to obtain age-verified parental consent before processing a child's data. How should people involved in journalistic activity or media organisations cover issues affecting minors in real-time without breaching this rule?

Revealing sources:

Media has always debated about protecting resources of reporting. It is not just an ethical question but a serious criminal point. The flashpoint is in 'revealing sources' and it gives sweeping powers to the Union Government. Journalist bodies and activists fear that clauses granting the government broad powers could be misused to unmask confidential sources. Besides pre-censorship, together with 'compelling the resource of reporting the news' will be more draconian than the '1975 Emergency' phase.

Since ages 'revealing sources' were protected as ethical and legal principles in democracies. Exceptions can only be in some compelling legal situations. Journalists' sources are revealed when their identities are exposed, either through their own voluntary disclosure or by being forced by legal authorities, which can happen in court if the information pertains to a crime or other legal proceedings. Sources are revealed when legal protections are absent, or when a journalist cannot or will not use legal or technological methods to keep them anonymous. Source protection is vital, as without it, people would be deterred from sharing public interest information with journalists.

Members from the Press Club of India (PCI) and the Indian Women Press Corps



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(IWPC) have raised worries over the consequences of the Digital Personal Data Privacy (DPDP) Act, 2023, and the rules thereof. The Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeiTy) is yet to reply to media representations and the serious apprehensions. This is how threats to journalism emanate from the Data Act. The press bodies' pointed out: Clause (c) of sub-section (7) under Section 28 and Section 36 give the Data Protection Board and the Central Government sweeping powers to call for "any data, book, document, register, and book of account or any other document."

Now, investigative journalism largely relies on "source-based information" or leads provided by whistleblowers. Given the wide range of powers that have been vested in the Data Protection Board, it can very well demand a person involved in journalistic activity or media organisation to reveal the "source".

In that case, what are the protections available to a person involved in journalistic activity and media organisations from revealing a

"source" under the Act?

No editorial independence?

Draft Rule 6(g) demands "appropriate technical and organisational measures to ensure effective observance of security safeguards" and can be enforced by the Board. What limits will be set so that inspections do not morph into newsroom searches, jeopardising editorial independence remains unknown?

Whistle-blower and a bleak future!

Draft Rule 7 obliges a data fiduciary to alert every affected person after a leak. If a whistle-blower leaks wrongdoing inside a company, PSU, government department, etc., must the person involved in journalistic activity or the newsroom notify the very officials under investigation, thereby exposing its source?

Consent management:

The draft rules allow the Board to suspend or cancel a consent manager's registration and compel information disclosure. If a media-run consent tool is

de-registered, is there an appeal platform, and how will the ongoing subscriptions be maintained?

Draft Rule 6 requires encryption, extensive logging and one-year log retention. What financial or technical assistance will be offered to small, independent outlets that cannot afford enterprise-grade infrastructure?

Section 7(b) allows data processing by the state to provide state benefits. Rule 5 explicitly lets the State reuse personal data to deliver subsidies without consent, subject only to minimal standards. What safeguards will prevent such "lawful" data-sharing from being repurposed to identify or retaliate against critical journalists?

Why is it only in India?

"Worldwide, such laws exempt journalists, and our endeavour is also to ensure that this Act also exempts the professional work of journalists. We are hoping to seek an appointment with the minister concerned for a meeting at the earliest to take forward the joint decisions taken at the open meeting on the matter," stated Gautam Lahiri, president of PCI, on X. The Press Club of India and 21 media organisations have submitted a joint memorandum to Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw, urging the exclusion of journalistic work from the Digital Personal Data Protection (DPDP) Act. In addition, the civil society should study the detailed press notes of PCI and IWPC, which seek the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeiTy) to address the serious problems stemming from the DPDP Act.

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Air pollution: Cloud seeding is not the solution



DR SRIDARALA RAMU

CLOUD seeding is the Cprocess of artificially inducing rainfall. To provide relief from air pollution in Delhi after Diwali, the Delhi government, in collaboration with IIT-Kanpur, conducted cloud seeding on October 28. Due to atmospheric heat, water from oceans, rivers, lakes, and other water bodies evaporates into vapor. The process of converting vapor into liquid droplets is called condensation while the direct transformation of vapor into a solid is called deposition. Condensation occurs with the help of tiny particles suspended in the air. Examples include dust particles, other small particles, or volcanic ash. These tiny particles act as condensation nuclei. Water vapor gathers around these particles (condensation nu-

clei) and transforms into liquid droplets or ice crystals.

When many such liquid droplets or ice crystals accumulate, a cloud is formed. As the size and weight of these droplets or ice crystals increase, they fall to the earth as rain. This is how natural rainfall occurs.

Cloud seeding:

Clouds can naturally produce rain. But not all clouds result in rainfall. In cloud seeding, chemicals like silver iodide, dry ice, or salt act as artificial condensation nuclei. These substances are released into moisture-laden clouds using aircraft, rockets, or ground-based generators. The nuclei help form sufficient liquid droplets or ice crystals, increasing their size and weight, thereby inducing artificial rainfall. Like a car with a working engine and fuel that may not start due to a weak battery and needs a push, cloud seeding works when clouds and sufficient moisture are present, but rain does not occur naturally.

Clouds may not always produce rain:

Cloud seeding does not



work under clear skies. Insufficient number of condensation nuclei to convert water vapor into droplets or ice crystals. Cloud seeding aims to address such critical issues.

How can human activities affect clouds?

Research shows that aerosols released into the atmosphere due to air pollution affect cloud formation and can inhibit rainfall. Aerosols prevent water droplets in clouds from merging into larger, heavier droplets. As a result, the droplets remain very small and continue to float in the atmosphere. Thus, air

pollution from urban and industrial activities significantly impacts rainfall patterns.

Why the experiment failed in Delhi?

Cloud seeding works only when clouds have around 50 per cent or more humidity. However, in the Delhi experiment, the targeted clouds had only 15-20 per cent humidity, according to Manindra Agrawal, Director of IIT, Kanpur, which partnered with the government for the project. He stated that a chemical mixture of common salt, rock salt, and silver iodide was used.

According to the Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology, although cloud seeding trials are usually conducted for drought management, this was the first indigenous attempt to use the method for air pollution control, Agrawal noted.

Where has cloud seeding worked?

Over 50 countries, including Saudi Arabia, the United States, Israel, Indonesia, and Australia, have conducted cloud seeding projects at some point. Some achieved good results, while others saw little or no success.

The United Arab Emirates (UAE) is noted as one of the most successful countries in cloud seeding. It conducts operations annually to increase rainfall and combat severe water scarcity. Reports indicate rainfall increased by 10 to 30 per cent in some areas.

China's success:

During the 2008 Beijing Olympics, China successfully used cloud seeding to create favourable weather conditions. To prevent rain during the opening and closing ceremonies, clouds were

"emptied" in advance. China launched over 1,100 rockets from several locations, using silver iodide for cloud seeding. This subsequently delayed rainfall in Beijing and resulted in clear skies.

Adverse effects:

Cloud seeding can interfere with naturally occurring rainfall. The chemicals used may alter the concentration of other atmospheric gases. Artificially inducing rain in one area can disrupt weather balance in nearby regions, potentially reducing rainfall nearby. In some cases, cloud seeding has led to sudden heavy rainfall, resulting in floods.

Scientists warn that cloud seeding is not a permanent solution to Delhi's air pollution. While it may provide short-term relief, it does not address the root causes of pollution. Even if artificial rain is successful, it may clear the air for only a few hours or days—a temporary fix. Therefore, it is important to implement long-term strategies to tackle air pollution.

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HC DIRECTS GOVT TO ANNOUNCE PANCHAYAT POLL DATE BY NOV 24

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THE Telangana High Court on Monday directed the government to inform by November 24 the specific date by which the local body elections will be conducted across the State.

A division bench of Chief Justice Aparesk Kumar Singh and Justice Ghouse Meera Mohiuddin issued the direction while hearing a writ filed by advocate Renka Surrender from Mancherial district, challenging the State Election Commission's decision to keep the local body election notification in abeyance.

The bench emphasised that, under Article 243(3), elections to local bodies must be held within six months of expiry of their term. However, the term of the current panchayats expired in January 2024; despite the lapse of more than 18 months, fresh elections have not yet been

conducted.

During the hearing, the CJ observed that while the government may have to consider several administrative factors, "that does not obviate the timeline which the government and the SEC are required to follow-not more than six months."

The bench referred to an earlier order staying GO 9, which allocated 42% BC reservation, exceeding the 50% cap mandated by the Supreme Court. The HC had directed the government to restrict reservations within the prescribed limit, leading to the election notification, dated September 29, being kept in abeyance.

It may be recalled that Justice T Madhavi Devi, while adjudicating a batch of writs, had directed the government and the SEC to conduct and declare the results of panchayat elections by September 30. However, the directions have not yet been



implemented.

The bench has now made it clear that the government must take a final decision and communicate the schedule for conducting the elections by November 24.

The case was adjourned to November 24 for further hearing.

Court adjourns PILs challenging Kokapet land allotment to BRS

The HC on Monday adjourned the hearing on two PILs against allotment of 11

acres of prime government land in Kokapet to the Bharat Rashtira Samithi party for construction of its office.

The division bench directed the government to file its counter within three weeks and posted the case to the second week of December 2025.

The PILs, filed by the Forum for Good Governance through its secretary M Padmanabha Reddy and by advocate A Venkatarami Reddy, challenge the decision of the BRS government to al-

lot the disputed land. The petitioners allege the land, valued at over Rs. 1,100 crore, was allotted to the party at a "throwaway price" of just Rs. 3.41 crore.

Padmanabha Reddy's PIL seeks a stay on the allotment, arguing that the transaction constituted abuse of power and misuse of public assets. The petition filed by Venkatarami Reddy, requests the court to direct the Anti-Corruption Bureau to register a case against the BRS general secretary for allegedly acquiring highly valuable government land under false pretensions.

According to the petitions, the BRS general secretary had originally requested allotment of land spread across survey no 239 and 240 in Kokapet for establishing an institute of excellence and human resource development. However, they allege that the real intent was to use the land for constructing a party office.

The petitioners noted that the prevailing market value of land in Kokapet was around Rs. 50 crore per acre at the time, yet the entire 11-acre parcel was alienated to the party for just Rs. 3.41 crore. They contend that the then BRS government misused its authority to acquire valuable lands across multiple districts for its party offices, despite already possessing a large office on a two-acre plot at Banjara Hills.

In May 2023, the then CM had approved the proposal and even participated in the bhoomi pooja for the new party office. Following complaints, the HC in 2024 had issued notices to several officials, including the Chief Secretary, Commissioner of HMDA, Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, Ranga Reddy collector and the BRS general secretary.

For further hearing the case was adjourned to second week of December.

SC to tackle digital arrests with an iron hand



NEW DELHI: The Supreme Court on Monday expressed shock over the fact that victims across India have collectively lost nearly Rs 3,000 crore to the digital arrests scam.

Hearing a suo motu case initiated to curb the surge in on-line scams and impersonation rackets, a Bench comprising Justice Surya Kant and Justice Joymalya Bagchi described the situation as "shocking" and stressed the need for urgent and stringent judicial intervention.

"It's shocking that almost Rs 3,000 crores have been collected from victims in our country alone. If we ignore it right now and are not able to pass harsh and stringent orders, the problem will magnify. We are determined to deal with it with iron hands," Justice Kant observed after pursuing the sealed cover notes submitted by investigating agencies.

The court was apprised

that these scams often involve cybercriminals posing as law enforcement officers, coercing victims, particularly senior citizens, into transferring large sums of money under false pretenses of criminal charges or investigations.

Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, appearing for the Union Government, highlighted the human cost of these crimes, stating: "Especially the victims are aged people, that's the most pathetic aspect."

Justice Kant emphasised that the Court would not hesitate to issue strong directives if necessary, warning that unchecked digital frauds could erode public confidence in digital governance and law enforcement systems. Earlier, the Court had taken suo motu cognisance of the matter after receiving a letter from a senior citizen couple from Haryana, who were victims of one such cyber fraud.

Indo-Australian academic first: PJTSAU and WSU launch joint BSc agriculture course

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PJTSAU and WSU, Australia, have officially signed a landmark agreement to jointly offer the country's first-of-its-kind BSc Agriculture programme.

A delegation from PJTSAU, led by Vice-Chancellor Professor Aldas Janaiah, visited WSU on Monday and held extensive discussions with WSU Vice-Chancellor and President George Williams AO and other senior officials.

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AS part of the ongoing 556th Prakash Purab celebrations of Guru Nanak Dev, a grand and colourful Nagar Keertan holy procession was taken out on Monday from Gurudwara Guru Singh Sabha, Afzalgunj. Devotees participated

Vibrant Nagar keertan honours Guru Nanak Dev's 556th prakash purab in Hyderabad

in the march, carrying the Guru Granth Sahib on a beautifully decorated vehicle. The procession was followed by Nishan Sahebs and spirited displays of

Gatka, the traditional Sikh martial art.

The Nagar Keertan passed through major city routes, conveying messages of peace and devotion.

The solemn occasion was further marked by Shabad Keertans and extensive community service activities.

The main event, the Guru Nanak Jayanti Vishal Diwan, is scheduled to be held on November 5 at the Exhibition Grounds, Nampally, with thousands of devotees anticipated to attend.

TG announces ₹7-lakh ex gratia

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The Minister announced an ex gratia of Rs 7 lakh, including Rs 2 lakh from TGSRTC, each to the families of the deceased and Rs 2 lakh to those injured.

Following the accident, Ponnam Prabhakar rushed to Chevella and expressed his deep shock over the road accident.

The Minister enquired about the condition of the injured and reviewed the medical treatment being provided to them. The Minister said that a probe has been ordered into the collision between an RTC bus and a tipper lorry.

According to officials, there were 72 people aboard the Telangana State Road Transport Corporation bus, which was coming to Hyderabad from Tandur. As many as 19 persons including 13 females, 5 males and an infant died. The Minister said the immediate priority of the government is to ensure the best possible treatment for the injured and extend all help to the families of the deceased.

"An official has been assigned to help the family of each of the deceased in the transport of bodies and in conducting the last rites," said Ponnam Prabhakar.

The Minister claimed that road safety is the topmost priority for the government. "No matter how many new rules we bring and how many checks we conduct, we need public cooperation to prevent accidents," the Minister observed.

Prabhakar pointed out that every day, hundreds of persons are killed in road accidents across the country, while Telangana reports fewer than 20 deaths daily. The Minister emphasized that the Transport Department is actively

addressing danger spots on highways and taking serious action on vehicle fitness and other issues.

During a crucial meeting with Transport Department officials, the Minister stressed that road accidents can be mitigated only if the authorities enforce strict measures in every district with a dedicated action plan. The Department must assess how effectively the speed limit regulations for vehicles are being enforced; if violations occur, a threefold penalty should be applied.

Special Chief Secretary Vikas Raj, Transport Department Commissioner K Ilambarathi, JTCs and DTCs, were present.

Ponnam Prabhakar said: "The DTC, RTO, and other transport department officials must establish three teams in every district to ensure continuous monitoring. Strict measures should be enforced against commercial vehicles, passenger transport vehicles, and those transporting mines and minerals that fail to comply with regulations," the Minister said.

The Minister asked the officials to implement precautionary measures to avert further incidents. Ponnam said that in Monday's collision, even though both vehicles were in good condition, the accident occurred due to the absence of even a narrow road divider. Transport officials need to be proactive in their enforcement efforts.

Tipper lorries must be covered with tarpaulin when transporting sand, gravel or other such material. An action plan should be developed to assess properly the fitness of school buses, hire buses, trucks, tippers, and lorries based on their permits, the Minister said.

Voter list cleanup in States, UTs begins today

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Among these, Tamil Nadu, Puducherry, Kerala, and West Bengal will go to the polls in 2026.

In Assam, another state where polls are due in 2026, the revision of electoral rolls will be announced separately as a Supreme Court-supervised exercise to verify citizenship is underway in the state. Also, a separate provision of the Citizenship Act applied to Assam. "Under the Citizenship Act, there are separate provisions for citizenship in Assam. Under the supervision of the Supreme Court, the exercise of checking citizenship is about to be completed.

The June 24 SIR order was for the

entire country. Under such circumstances, this would not have applied to Assam," Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar said on October 27 while announcing the latest phase of SIR.

"So, there will be separate revision orders issued for Assam, and a separate SIR date will be announced," he said. SIR will begin on November 4 with the enumeration stage and continue till December 4.

The EC will release the draft electoral rolls on December 9, and the final electoral rolls will be published on February 7. The ongoing SIR is the ninth such exercise since independence, with the last one conducted in 2002-04.

PM sees RJD-Cong plot to alter demographic balance in Bihar

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He alleged that the RJD and the Congress are putting the future of Bihar at risk and endangering "your children, including daughters".

Modi alleged that the two parties

were evidently fond of "kattar panthis" (extremists) and "kattas" (country-made pistols). "But the people must decide whether they can let the infiltrators demand a share in their entitlements," he said.

Modi, Revanth express grief

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Meanwhile, CM A Revanth Reddy expressed shock over the devastating road accident. He instructed the officials to take necessary measures to help the affected. Revanth Reddy also instructed Chief Secretary K Ramakrishna Rao and DGP B Shivadhar Reddy to shift all the injured to

Hyderabad for better medical treatment.

Guv expresses deep sorrow

Telangana Governor Jishnu Dev Varma expressed deep sorrow over the tragic bus accident. The Governor conveyed his condolences to the bereaved families and wished a speedy recovery of the injured.

REVANTH SHARPENS STRATEGY IN JH

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On the Chief Minister's instructions, TPCC president B Mahesh Kumar Goud held a crucial meeting at Gandhi Bhavan on Monday with all senior leaders before detailing the seven-day campaign strategy. All the Ministers and MPs have been asked to stay put in Hyderabad and participate in the by-election campaign regularly till the last day of the campaign.

A 16-member Coordination Committee headed by GHMC Mayor G Vijayalakshmi will guide the ministers and legislators on how to raise local issues during their campaigns in various divisions of the by-election-bound constituency. Each Minister has been advised to meet at least 100 voters every day and brief them about the government's schemes and the benefits being availed by the people in the constituency. Some of the leaders have been tasked with holding regular meetings with colony association leaders, local influential persons and community leaders.

Literary feast ahead: 38th Hyderabad book fair begins on December 19

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THE much-awaited 38th Hyderabad Book Fair is scheduled to take place from December 19 to 29, 2025, at M H Bhavan, Bagh Lingampally, promising to be a major literary feast for readers and writers. Organised by the Hyderabad Book Fair Society, the event has been a key annual cultural highlight since its inception in 1987. With over 200 participants from across the Telugu states and the rest of India, the fair will feature more than 250 stalls, expected to attract approximately 8 to 10 lakh visitors over the eleven days. The event will run

daily from 1 p m to 9 p m, offering a vital platform for publishers, authors, and readers to engage in literary exchange. Advisers Justice B Subhashan Reddy, Kodandaram, and K Sreeramachandra Murthy, alongside the executive committee, officially released the fair's logo and reviewed preparations. They collectively emphasised the fair's increasing relevance in the digital era and its vital role in fostering reading habits.

Special highlights of the fair will include book release events, interactive sessions such as "The Book That I Read, The Book That Influenced Me", and various cultural programmes.

‘What Modi is saying is a lie’

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Nobody will tell someone else to make someone the CM at gunpoint," Kharage said. "Congress has never done

this. Modi ji is the PM of this country; his saying such things is laughable. This shows his level," he said, adding that Modi is making election speeches in

Bihar." Kharage's remarks came after the PM on Sunday alleged that the RJD had 'snatched' the chief minister's post from the Congress under pressure.

19 killed in Chevella truck-RTC bus smash

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The rescue teams immediately began performing CPR and moving the critically wounded to the Vikarabad Government Hospital and PMR Hospitals, where the medical staff continued the emergency treatment. Chevella Inspector Sridhar sustained minor injuries during the rescue operation after an excavator ran over his leg, a police official said.

A doctor at the government hospital in Chevella said the accident victims suffered fractures, facial, abdominal and leg injuries. The injured passengers are undergoing treatment, including administration of IV fluid and TT injections, while some have been referred to major state-run hospitals in Hyderabad.

Recalling the horrific incident, a survivor said he was dozing in the bus when a loud thud jolted him awake, leaving him half-buried in gravel. "Several people were buried under the gravel. The tipper lorry came from the opposite direction. I was seated on the left side of the bus. We man-

aged to climb out, but those who were sitting behind the driver couldn't make it — some of them died. I was seated three rows behind the conductor," he said. He further said he opened a window and escaped, with six others following. Later, another person broke the windowpanes to free more passengers.

The confirmed names of the deceased are: Dasyam Nagamani, 55, from Karnataka; Tara Bai, 45, housewife from Vikarabad; Thabussam Jahan, 38 from Tandur; Gurrala Akhila, 22, student from Laxminagarapur Village; Panugula Kalpana, 45, from Nallagandla- Hyderabad; Hanmanthu, 35 from Doulthabad; Gogula Gunamma, 60, from Hyderabad; Shaik Khalid Hussain, 76, from Tandur; Taliya Begum from Tandur; a 10-month-old baby girl; Nandini, 18, student from Tandur; Sai Priya, MBA student from Tandur; Thanusha, degree final year student from Tandur; Muskan from Tandur; and Kudugunta Bandappa, 42, from Vikarabad, aside from the drivers of the

two vehicles. Most of the passengers were from Tandur.

Cyberabad Police Commissioner Avinash Mahanti confirmed that the bus driver Dastagiri (37) and the tipper driver Kamle Akash died in the crash. Noting that a head-on collision occurs when one of the vehicles is on the wrong side, he said the cause of the accident would be known after the inquiry.

The bus conductor, Radha, sustained injuries

Commissioner Mahanti highlighted that technical issues on the road due to ongoing construction work may have contributed to the accident. The bodies of the deceased have been dispatched to their respective native places after postmortem.

Preliminary investigations revealed that the tipper's dangerous overtaking manoeuvres at high speed primarily caused the collision. The accident site remains sealed off as forensic teams are gathering evidence and the authorities are working to identify any lapses in traffic management.

India backing high-risk R&D projects: PM

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The Prime Minister said the world was witnessing a new shift in the global order and the pace of change was exponential. "In this time of the 21st century, there is a great need for experts from all over the world to come together to brainstorm on emerging science, technology and innovation, and together they should show the direction," said Modi, giving the reasons for hosting the Conclave, which will be an annual feature.

At the conclave, the Prime Minister also launched the Rs 1 lakh crore Research, Development and Innovation Fund to spur private sector

investment in the domain. "This significant investment is aimed at benefiting the public and unlocking new avenues of opportunity. Our goal is to foster a culture of research and development within the private sector as well," he said.

India spends 0.6 per cent of its GDP on research and development, which is below the global average. On this share, the private sector accounts for 36 per cent of the investments, as against countries such as China, South Korea and the US.

In these countries, the private sector spending accounts for 75 per cent of the gross expenditure on re-

search and development.

"For the first time, capital is being allocated specifically for high-risk, high-impact projects, ensuring support for ground-breaking endeavours," he said, adding the government was focusing on 'Ease of Doing Research' so that a modern ecosystem of innovation can flourish in India. "To achieve this vision, our government has introduced significant reforms in financial regulations and procurement policies.

Additionally, we have streamlined incentives and supply chain frameworks to accelerate the transition of prototypes from the lab to the market," he said.

Three sisters from Tandur die in mishap

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Saipriya was a third year BSc student and Nandini first year BCom, while Tanusha completed her graduation and was doing a part-time job.

Goud, who works as a driver, said the three sisters came to attend a wedding in Tandur. "I told my wife not to call the children for the wedding. However, she called them without my knowledge," he said, crying inconsolably. The family conducted their elder daughter's marriage on October 17. The trio attended the sister's marriage and returned to Hyderabad. Again, they came back to Tandur to attend a wedding of a family friend, he said. Goud's wife, Ambika,

was looking devastated at the government hospital at Chevella where the bodies were brought in following the accident.

A large number of people gathered at their house in Gandhinagar in Tandur and consoled the family members after the news of the three sisters' untimely demise broke out.

A neighbour of Goud said that the sisters were very bright students. Veeranari Chakali Ilamma Women's University Principal Loka Pavani told reporters that three students of the institute died in the accident. Besides Saipriya and Nandini, another student Muskan, a BSc student, was killed in the ghastly accident.

Coding for inclusion: How a teen innovator is transforming learning for students

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Meet the 17yrs innovator Arv Jakhodia, a Grade 12 student at The Shri Ram School – Aravali, is proving that innovation in education doesn't have to wait for adulthood. Driven by empathy and curiosity, Arv has developed Samanta, an educational app that reimagines how students—particularly those who are neurodiverse—learn business studies.

Samanta simplifies complex business concepts through interactive games, short videos, and visual aids, creating an experience that's intuitive, playful, and accessible. Already piloted in classrooms, the app has made a tangible difference—impacting over 30 students, logging 50+ browser plays and 150+ site visits, and earning partnerships with the National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS) and Pallavanjali School.

His innovation has also earned him the CREST Gold Award from the British Science Association and a nomination for the Inspire-Manak Award 2025 by India's Department of Science & Technology. In this exclusive conversation, Arv discusses his inspiration, challenges, and hopes for making learning more inclusive for all.

Excerpts from an interview with Young Hans featuring Arv Jakhodia

What inspired you to create Samanta and focus on neurodiverse learners?

I always disliked the rote-learning culture in classrooms. Especially in business studies—students often memorized answers without understanding them. I saw how many of my peers, particularly neurodiverse learners, struggled not be-





“ Education should never be about memorizing facts—it should be about understanding ideas. with samanta, i wanted to create a space where every student, regardless of how they learn, feels included and capable. technology gives us the power to make learning equal, engaging, and personal. if we can adapt apps to users, why can't we adapt classrooms to students? — Arv Jakhodia

cause they lacked intelligence but because the system didn't meet them where they were. I wanted to change that by making learning visual, interactive, and joyful.

How does the app's use of games and videos differ from traditional teaching?

Traditional classrooms are fast-paced and noisy. Samanta breaks lessons down into short, manageable segments—through videos, quizzes, and

games—so students can learn at their own pace. It caters to visual, auditory, and kinesthetic learners, ensuring that everyone—regardless of learning style—can grasp complex ideas easily.

How do you balance schoolwork with app development?

It's not easy, I dedicate 1–2 hours daily to coding and extra time on weekends. Working with teachers and



peers helps me refine the app while keeping up with academics. Once people saw what Samanta could do, it started to grow organically—its quality spoke for itself.

How have awards influenced your motivation?

The recognition from the British Science Association and INSPIRE-MANAK has been incredible. It validated my belief in Samanta's purpose and inspired me to expand it. My goal is to make Samanta the go-to platform for inclusive learning everywhere neurodivergent students are supported.

What role should technology play in inclusive education?

In today's world, everything adapts to technology—except education. When used thoughtfully, technology can personalize lessons and remove barriers of pace or style. It allows students to learn for understanding, not memorization. It's the bridge to make learning truly equal for everyone.

What feedback made you realize Samanta's impact?

A visit to Pallavanjali School, I asked students if they preferred rote learning or learning through games. They all said, 'Games are more fun!' Their excitement during the session—the smiles, the eagerness to answer—was

my real reward. Even the teachers, who were initially unsure, later praised how Samanta simplified learning and reduced their workload. That moment assured me this project mattered.

What's next for Samanta?

Business studies is just the start, I plan to expand Samanta beyond NIOS subjects, offering skill-based learning that schools often overlook—like financial literacy or communication. I want Samanta to grow from an app into a movement that changes how teaching happens across classrooms in India and beyond.

What are your future plans?

After school, I plan to study AI integration, information systems, or UX design. I want to keep building Samanta—adding more features, games, and accessibility tools to make neurodivergent learning more powerful. My goal is to merge human-centered design with computer science to create education technology that truly transforms lives.

In an age where technology often feels impersonal, Arv Jakhodia reminds us that innovation rooted in empathy can redefine how we learn. With Samanta, he's not just teaching students—he's reshaping the classroom itself, one inclusive experience at a time.

IT careers: Key roles and skills for the future

The world of Information Technology (IT) is constantly changing, and professionals in this field need to adapt by developing new skills, embracing emerging roles, and aligning their careers with industry demands. As businesses increasingly rely on technology for operations, communication, and innovation, IT professionals play a critical role in shaping the future of work.



- Key roles in IT**
- IT offers a wide range of roles suited to different interests, expertise levels, and career goals. Some of the most sought-after roles include:
- Software Developer** – They design, develop, and maintain applications and software solutions for businesses and consumers. Programming languages such as Python, Java, and C++ are essential in this role.
 - Data Analyst/Data Scientist** – These professionals analyze large datasets to extract actionable insights. Skills like statistical analysis, machine learning, and data visualization tools are key.
 - Cybersecurity Specialist** – Protecting sensitive information and infrastructure from cyber threats, these experts need knowledge of encryption, threat modeling, and ethical hacking.
 - Cloud Engineer** – As organizations move to cloud platforms like AWS, Azure, and Google Cloud, cloud engineers deploy and manage cloud services and infrastructure.
 - DevOps Engineer** – They streamline software development and deployment processes, ensuring continuous integration and delivery, using tools like Docker, Kubernetes, and Jenkins.
 - Network Administrator** – They maintain hardware and software networks, ensuring optimal performance and resolving technical issues.
- Skills every IT professional needs**
- The rapid pace of change in technology means that IT professionals must constantly update their knowledge and skills. Some essential skills include:
- Technical proficiency** – Understanding programming languages, operating systems, and tools specific to the role.
 - Problem-solving ability** – Diagnosing issues, troubleshooting errors, and implementing solutions under time constraints.
 - Adaptability** – Staying updated with the latest technologies, frameworks, and industry trends.
 - Communication skills** – Collaborating with cross-functional teams, explaining technical concepts clearly to non-technical stakeholders.
 - Cyber awareness** – Recognizing and preventing security threats and breaches.
 - Project management** – Organizing tasks, managing timelines, and coordinating teams effectively.
- Building a successful IT career**
- For those starting or advancing in IT, building a career requires intentional learning and strategic planning:
- Certifications** – Earning certifications like AWS Certified Solutions Architect, Certified Ethical Hacker (CEH), or Microsoft Certified can open doors to higher-paying and specialized roles.
 - Networking** – Joining professional groups, attending conferences, and contributing to open-source projects helps build relationships and credibility.
 - Continuous learning** – Online courses, webinars, and workshops are essential for keeping pace with industry developments.
 - Real-world experience** – Internships, freelance projects, and part-time roles allow hands-on learning and practical exposure.
- Future outlook**
- With automation, artificial intelligence (AI), and machine learning transforming workplaces, the demand for IT professionals is expected to grow. Roles that require human creativity, ethical judgment, and advanced technical expertise will be highly valued. As technology becomes more integrated into everyday life, professionals who embrace lifelong learning and versatility will thrive.
- In conclusion, an IT career offers diverse opportunities, requires a dynamic skill set, and demands a commitment to ongoing learning. With the right approach, professionals can build fulfilling careers while driving innovation and solving some of the world's most complex problems.

IIT Madras aces vertical take-off and landing in aircraft, UAVs with hybrid rocket thrusters

Researchers at the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Madras have taken India a step closer to advancing vertical take-off and landing (VTOL) aircraft and an Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) with hybrid rocket thrusters.

In a sophisticated experiment that combined a real-time hybrid rocket thruster with a virtual simulation, the researchers achieved the necessary velocity for 'soft landing' -- a crucial feature for all craft ranging from planetary landing of an unmanned or manned exploration module to terrestrial landing of a VTOL aircraft.

Touchdown velocity is an important parameter to ensure safe vertical landings.

Researchers studied the feasibility of using the hybrid rocket motor for vertical landing platforms, as they are less complicated and safer compared to liquid engines. Moreover, hybrid rocket systems are gaining popularity due to their inherent safety and throttling capabilities, apart from the possibility of combining the advantages of liquid and solid rocket engines.

Currently, VTOL systems are complex and need high maintenance. Therefore, the research, published in the peer-reviewed International Journal of Aeronautical and Space Sciences, conceived the concept of a hybrid rocket thruster-powered platform as part of a system development study to bring out an effective propulsion unit for achieving VTOL in aircraft and UAVs.

"Vertical take-off and landing, as the name suggests, will enable an aircraft to take off

and land vertically, eliminating the need for infrastructure like long runways. Because of this, VTOL capability will enable access to remote locations and rugged terrains where long runways and large airports are difficult to establish. Currently, helicopters are the system operating on those terrains; however, they face limitations in terms of speed, range, and efficiency compared to a fixed-wing aircraft," said Prof. PA Ramakrishna, Department of Aerospace Engineering, IIT Madras.

"Once the VTOL system reaches the Technology Readiness Level (TRL) for commercial application, it will be a game-changer in both civil and military aviation. VTOL will help to decentralise air transport to multiple locations rather than a single big airport or an airbase. Such decentralisation brings significant strategic and operational advantages. This study is a precursor towards the development and demonstration of a proof-of-concept for a hybrid rocket-powered VTOL platform," Ramakrishna added.

The experts highlighted that a significant contribution is the development of a hybrid rocket fuel that needs only compressed air as the oxidiser. This makes VTOL systems easier to integrate with aerospace vehicles, especially in scenarios where compressed air is readily available.

"Another interesting aspect of this work is the unique Hardware-in-the-Loop Simulation (HILS) framework that IIT Madras researchers have developed. HILS combines physical hardware testing with simulations to offer a cost-effective way to quickly develop complex systems," said Dr. Joel George Manathara, Associate Professor, Department of Aerospace Engineering, IIT Madras. He explained that while typical HILS setups involve a servo motor or microcontroller as the hardware interacting with the simulation, the team integrated a real, live-firing hybrid rocket motor directly into the HILS loop. The hardware-in-the-loop simulation setup demonstrated a successful soft landing of the platform with a touchdown velocity of less than 1 m/s.



The importance of project management in achieving organizational success

Project management is a crucial discipline that ensures the successful initiation, planning, execution, monitoring, and completion of projects within organizations. It provides a structured approach to achieving specific goals by effectively managing time, cost, scope, and quality. In today's dynamic business environment, where competition and technological changes are constant, project management helps organizations remain organized, efficient, and adaptable.

A well-managed project begins with a clear understanding of objectives, resource allocation, and stakeholder expectations. Through tools such as Gantt charts, risk assessments, and progress tracking systems, project managers can monitor performance and address challenges proactively. Communication plays a central role, ensuring that all team members and stakeholders remain informed and aligned throughout the project lifecycle.

Moreover, project management fosters teamwork, accountability, and innovation. It helps identify potential risks early and provides strategies for mitigation, preventing costly delays or failures. Frameworks such as Agile, Scrum, and Waterfall offer different approaches to managing projects depending on the organization's needs and goals. Ultimately, effective project management contributes directly to organizational success by improving productivity, optimizing resource use, and delivering results that meet or exceed expectations.

Students soar high at National Model Rocketry and CANSAT competition

A hub of scientific curiosity and youthful innovation as the IN-SPACE Model Rocketry and CANSAT India Student Competition 2024–25 concluded after four days of intense, hands-on learning and competition.

Organised jointly by the Indian National Space Promotion and Authorisation Centre (IN-SPACe), ISRO, and the Astronautical Society of India (ASI) — with support from the Government of Uttar Pradesh and local administration — the event brought together 67 student teams from across India.

The participants represented some of the country's most promising young innovators in rocketry and satellite systems, demonstrating how teamwork and experimentation are driving the next generation of space talent.

A total of 37 launches — 13 in the Model Rocketry and 24 in the CANSAT category — were conducted successfully, showcasing both technical skill and creative design. The teams were evaluated by a jury of scientists from ISRO and IN-SPACe on a range of parameters including structure, recovery systems, mission execution, and data analysis.

In the Model Rocketry category, R.V. College of Engineering, Bengaluru, emerged as the top performer, while SVKM's Dwarakadas J. Sanghvi College of Engineering, Mumbai, claimed first place in the CANSAT segment. They triumphed over strong competition from leading institutions such as PSIT



Kanpur, Nirma University Ahmedabad, BITS Pilani Hyderabad, and Dayanand Sagar College of Engineering Bengaluru.

While competition was fierce, the spirit of collaboration and learning was evident throughout the event. Students spent days refining their models, running last-minute tests, and working through real-time challenges in design, simulation, and telemetry. The environment encouraged peer learning, mentorship, and innovation under pressure — a true reflection of the "learning by doing" approach central to modern engineering education.

The competition also served as a meeting ground between young innovators and India's leading space scientists. During interactions and mentorship sessions, students gained insights into mission design, propulsion, avionics, and sustainable technologies for space exploration. Experts emphasised how such experiences help participants apply classroom knowledge to real-world systems — an essential skill for future aerospace professionals.

In the Model Rocketry segment, teams were judged on parameters like flight performance, descent and recovery systems, and post-launch data analysis. Meanwhile, in the CANSAT challenge, students built miniature satellite prototypes capable of carrying sensors, collecting atmospheric data, and executing controlled descent missions. The integration of coding, electronics, and mechanical design tested both technical acumen and teamwork.

Beyond the competition, the event fostered wider community engagement. A space exhibition drew over 650 school students from nearby districts, allowing them to interact directly with participating teams and gain exposure to rocketry and satellite-building concepts. The exhibition also showcased winning artworks from ASI's "Art-in-Space" and "Space Quiz 20:20" outreach programmes, which together reached nearly 75,000 students across seven districts of Uttar Pradesh.

Adding a unique learning dimension, the event featured an Analog Astronaut Training Habitat, set up by AAKA Space, where students underwent simulated astronaut missions — experiencing the demands of life in space through controlled exercises in a 24-hour training module. For many participants, it was their first exposure to astronaut training concepts and mission-based teamwork.

The closing ceremony celebrated not just winners but every team's perseverance, curiosity, and dedication to innovation. Certificates were awarded to all participants, recognising their contribution to advancing student-led research and practical learning in space sciences.

More than a contest of rockets and satellites, the event became a platform where engineering met imagination — where young minds learned to translate theory into creation and challenges into opportunities. For students across India, it was a reminder that the future of space exploration will be shaped not only in labs and institutions but also through competitions like these, where learning takes flight in the truest sense.

Jemimah on historic WC triumph

'We made collective pledge to pour our entire hearts & souls'

NEW DELHI

AFTER India won the Women's ODI World Cup trophy for the first time, right-handed batter Jemimah Rodrigues said the 52-run win in the final over South Africa was made on a shared promise by the hosts to give their everything on the field in their defence of 298/7.

In a rain-delayed final at a packed DY Patil Stadium on Sunday, India posted a formidable 298/7, thanks to Shafali Verma's 87 and Deepthi Sharma's brisk 58. In reply, South Africa were bowled out for 246 despite a valiant 101 from captain Laura Wolvaardt, with Deepthi picking up a five-wicket haul and sparking celebrations across the country.

"We entered the match with full awareness that South Africa posed a significant threat and were entirely capable of chasing down a target of 299 runs, particularly given their history of achieving such formidable totals in high-pressure situations.

"Within our dressing room, the focus was on maximizing this opportunity, recognizing that this specific combination of players might never share the field again in exactly the same configuration. We made a collective pledge to pour our entire hearts and souls into those 50 overs, vowing to leave every last ounce of our effort on the ground in pursuit of victory," said Jemimah on JioStar.

She also felt that Laura's dismissal gave them the feeling that India was close to winning the trophy on home



BCCI announces Rs 51 cr cash reward for Harmanpreet & Co

NEW DELHI: The BCCI will reward the Indian women's cricket team with Rs 51 crore for winning the ODI World Cup, secretary Devajit Saikia announced on Monday.

The Indian women's team under Harmanpreet Kaur's leadership beat South Africa by 52 runs in the final on Sunday to win its first ever global trophy.

"As a token of appreciation, the BCCI will reward the Indian women's cricket team with a cash award of Rs 51 crore for winning the World Cup. It includes all the players, support staff and the national selection committee," Saikia told PTI on Monday. (PTI)

soil. "While immense credit is due to their skipper, Laura Wolvaardt, for her exemplary leadership throughout the tournament and her magnificent innings in the final, we understood that the crucial moment arrived with her dismissal. That was the defining moment of the match, and we made sure to seize it — turning the momentum our way to eventually clinch the title."

Head coach Amol Muzumdar believes winning the trophy will be a watershed moment for women's cricket in the country. "It is genuinely challenging to articulate the full depth of emotions

and significance surrounding this moment, but I can state with absolute conviction that this remarkable group of athletes truly merits every accolade and every success that will undoubtedly follow this extraordinary triumph.

"I have witnessed firsthand the immense dedication and relentless effort they have invested throughout this journey. Securing the Women's ODI World Cup 2025 title on our home soil is, without any exaggeration, a definitive watershed moment that will fundamentally reshape the landscape and trajectory of Indian cricket for generations to come." (IANS)

'We've broken the barrier, now winning must be a habit'

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NAVI MUMBAI

AT the stroke of midnight, Harmanpreet Kaur created her own legacy, broke a "barrier" with a bunch of sprightly women filled with guts and announced that this is not the end but just the beginning.

The Indian women's cricket team won its first-ever World Cup with a 52-run victory over South Africa in the summit clash here on Sunday to script a golden chapter in the country's pantheon of sporting achievements.

Having taken the World Cup-winning epochal catch Sunday night, the mercurial Indian women's team skipper displayed an entire gamut of emotions never seen before. She ran like crazy as if there was no tomorrow after taking the catch. Stood a bit detached as the youngsters celebrated, trying to soak in the moment.

Touched "Guruji" Amol Muzumdar's feet and engaged in an emotional hug where the tears burst out of the welled up eyes.

Called the two OGs of Indian women's cricket



-- Mithali Raj and Jhulan Goswami -- to hold the Cup. Both the legends broke down.

It was a moment to frame when the skipper and her deputy Smriti Mandhana engaged in a bear hug with Jhulan, telling her "Didi, Yeh Aapke liye tha (Sister, this is for you)".

And when Harmanpreet spoke at the post-match presentation ceremony, she didn't lose the macro picture of what it means to be the first women's team to achieve the unthinkable.

"This is the start. We wanted to break this barrier.

And our next plan is to make this a habit. We were waiting for it, now this moment has come. So many big occasions are coming, and we want to keep improving. This is not the end, just the beginning," the skipper said.

Captaincy is a lot about planning but just like it was Kapil Dev on June 25, 1983, whose gut feel told him to give one more over to Madan Lal against a rampaging Vivian Richards.

Harmanpreet felt that on Sunday, and her trump card was Shafali Verma, who possibly couldn't have done any wrong. (PTI)

Telangana State Gymnastics Meet

Ranga Reddy district emerges overall champion



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WARANGAL

THE 69th SGF Telangana State Gymnastics Championship 2025-26 for girls under 14, 17, and 19 years concluded on Sunday at the Jawaharlal Nehru Indoor Stadium, Warangal, with Ranga Reddy district emerging as the overall champion. The three-day event was conducted under the supervision of Alica Joe, NSNIS Gymnastics Coach and International Rhythmic Gymnastics Judge. In the Under-17 Rhythmic Gymnastics category, Balasaranitha Balaji of Ranga Reddy clinched the all-round champion title with 52.50 points, closely followed by Sindhura Ambati (51.80 points), also from Ranga Reddy. D. Harika of Karimnagar secured third place

with 20.30 points. Ranga Reddy gymnasts dominated all apparatus events, including the Hoop, Ball, Clubs, and Ribbon categories. The Under-14 all-round crown went to Dantuluri Sahasra of Ranga Reddy, who tallied 48.15 points, while teammate Anjana Gunukula (47.00) and B. Sankeerthana of Karimnagar (30.00) finished second and third respectively.

With consistent performances across categories, Ranga Reddy district lifted the Overall Championship Trophy, followed by Karimnagar in second place and Khammam in third.

The meet highlighted the rising standard of gymnastics among young girls in Telangana and the growing strength of Ranga Reddy's training programmes.

'BJP indulging in 'candidate chori' after vote chori'

NUAPADA (ODISHA)

BJD president Naveen Patnaik on Monday accused the ruling BJP of "betrayal" and alleged that it was now indulging in "candidate chori" (stealing candidates) in connection with the upcoming Nuapada bypoll.

Addressing his first public meeting after recovering from illness, Patnaik hit the campaign trail to seek votes for BJD candidate Snehani Chhuria in Nuapada's Komana block.

"All of you know that the BJD has been betrayed. Those who indulged in 'vote



chori' and formed the government earlier have now started 'candidate chori,'" Patnaik alleged. The BJD chief's remarks were aimed at late BJD MLA Rajendra Dholakia's son Jay Dholakia, who switched to the BJP ahead of

the bypoll and is now contesting on a saffron party ticket. The bypoll was necessitated following the death of Rajendra Dholakia on September 8. Voting for the seat will be held on November 11. Urging people to give a be-

fitting reply to those involved in "vote chori and candidate chori", the former five-time chief minister appealed to voters to press the conch symbol — BJD's election symbol — on polling day.

During his 10-minute speech, Patnaik also questioned the BJP government's performance in Odisha.

"During the last 16 months, the BJP government has only focused on publicity, not on development. They are heroes in publicity, but zero in work. Development activities across the state have come to a complete halt," he alleged. (PTI)

6 arrested for routing Rs 200 cr to Dubai-based cyber criminals

AHMEDABAD: The Gujarat police's CID-Crime has arrested six persons for allegedly routing Rs 200 crore to Dubai-based cyber criminals using nearly 100 'mule' bank accounts, officials said on Monday.

Based on a specific tip off and subsequent investigation, the Gandhinagar-based Cyber Centre of Excellence of the CID-Crime arrested Mahendra Solanki, Rupen Bhatia, Rakesh Lania, Rakesh Dekivadia, Vijay Khambhalya and Pankaj Kathiria from Morbi, Surendranagar, Surat and Amreli districts, they said.

A mule account is a bank account used by criminals to receive, transfer, or launder illicit funds with or without



the knowledge of the account holder, they added. "Investigators found details of over 100 'mule' bank accounts from the mobile phones recovered from these accused. They provided 'mule' bank accounts to cyber criminals operating in different states and then sent the fraudulently acquired money to Dubai-based crime syndicate through angadia (cash courier service) or through crypto currency transfers," a CID-Crime release said. Upon checking details on

the Union Home Ministry's 'Samanvaya' portal, it was found that the 100 bank accounts were used in 386 cyber crimes such as digital arrest, task fraud, investment fraud, loan fraud and part-time job fraud registered across the country, with victims being made to deposit Rs 200 crore in them, it said.

"The accused, for a specific commission, agreed to provide bank accounts to these cyber fraudsters to help them accept money from the victims. The accused used to withdraw cash from these bank accounts and send it to Dubai-based crime syndicates through 'angadia' (traditional couriers) or through crypto currency transfers," the release said.



Tejashwi lashes out at Modi over 'katta' remark

PATNA: RJD leader Tejashwi Yadav on Monday hit out at Prime Minister Narendra Modi for his 'katta' remark at a poll rally in Bihar, asserting that he had never heard any PM use such words.

Modi had on Sunday claimed that the Congress had been unwilling to accept Yadav as the INDIA bloc's chief ministerial, and relented only after the RJD pointed a "katta", a country-made gun, at its head.

Talking to reporters here, the RJD leader said, "I have nothing to say on the PM's comment ... I have never heard any PM in the country use such words. This shows his thought process".

"Whenever the PM goes to Gujarat, he talks about IT factories, semiconductor units and data centres... But when he comes to Bihar, he talks about 'katta'," Yadav alleged.

The PM used the simile on the campaign trail in Bihar on Sunday, where he addressed back-to-back rallies in Bhojpur and Nawada districts, and highlighted the RJD's reputation for alleged strong-arm tactics and its troubled equations with alliance partners.

"The Congress never wanted to announce the chief ministerial candidate in favour of the RJD. The RJD secured it by placing a 'katta' on the head of the Congress. They have learnt their lessons in the school of jungle raj. Such elements can never do good for Bihar," he had alleged. The Bihar assembly polls will be held in two phases on November 6 and November 11, while the counting of votes will take place on November 14. (PTI)

Lankan Navy detains 31 fishermen

Stalin urges Centre to secure release of TN fishermen

CHENNAI

TAMIL Nadu Chief Minister M K Stalin on Monday urged External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar to initiate immediate diplomatic efforts with the Sri Lankan government to secure the release of all the arrested fishermen along with their boats.

The Sri Lankan Navy detained 31 fishermen from Nagapattinam along with their three mechanised fishing boats on November 3, the CM said, adding that in a separate incident, four fishermen from Ramanathapuram district were also apprehended, along with their country craft.

The 31 fishermen had set sail from Akkaraipettai, according to Fisheries Department sources. They were



reportedly intercepted by the Sri Lankan Navy for violating maritime boundaries and were taken to Kankesanthurai Port, sources said.

"These recurrent incidents have caused profound distress among the fishing communities of Tamil Nadu, whose lives and livelihoods are inextricably linked to the sea. Each apprehension not only deprives families of their primary means of sustenance but also instills a deep

sense of fear and insecurity," Stalin wrote in his letter to Jaishankar.

According to him, as of now, 114 fishermen and 247 boats are under the custody of Sri Lankan authorities.

Stalin urged the External Affairs Minister to initiate immediate diplomatic efforts with the Sri Lankan government to secure the release of all the detained fishermen from Tamil Nadu along with their fishing boats. (PTI)

Priyanka mocks PM, says create 'Apamaan Mantrayala'

SAHARSA (BIHAR)

CONGRESS leader Priyanka Gandhi Vadra on Monday mocked Prime Minister Narendra Modi, saying that he accuses all opposition leaders of insulting the country and Bihar, and should create an 'Apamaan Mantralaya' (Ministry of Insults).

Addressing an election rally at Sonabarsa in Saharsa district, Vadra alleged that the PM speaks on "unnecessary issues but doesn't utter a word on corruption or misrule of the NDA government in Bihar".

"Instead of talking about development, the prime minister keeps accusing every opposition leader of insulting the nation and Bihar. He should form a new ministry -- Apamaan Mantralaya --



because that's what his government seems most focused on," Vadra said.

Her comments came just days after Prime Minister Narendra Modi charged the opposition Congress-RJD combine in Bihar with insult-

ing 'Chhathi Maiyya', having "problems with Ram temple at Ayodhya" and "protecting infiltrators" for the politics of vote bank and appeasement.

"Before announcing doles for Bihar during elections, Modi and Amit Shah should

first answer what the NDA did for the state in the last 20 years," she said.

The Congress general secretary alleged that the Bihar government is being "remote-controlled" from Delhi. "Nitish Kumar doesn't run the Bihar government. It is the prime minister and people at the Centre who are running the show," she said.

The NDA government in Bihar is threatening people's right to vote guaranteed by the Constitution, she alleged.

Slamming the ruling alliance over joblessness, she said, "The youth of Bihar are forced to leave the state because there are no jobs here. All major PSUs that used to generate employment have been handed over to big corporates that are friends of the BJP" (PTI)



‘Navarasa’: A mesmerising journey through the nine emotions of Bharatanatyam



ANNA RAO GANGAVALLI

An entrancing ‘Baithak’ or chamber concert at the Raw Mango Showroom in Banjara Hills recently featured the Bharatanatyam ballet ‘Navarasa’, created by Padma Shri Dr. Ananda Shankar Jayant.

Rasa is an emotion felt by the audience — an experience they undergo when they watch a performance, painting, or any form of art. These rasas are classified into nine, as per Indian aesthetic theory. In the ‘Natyashastra’ of Bharata Muni, each of these emotions is associated with a particular colour — ‘Roudra’ (red), ‘Bhayanaka’ (black), ‘Adbhuta’ (yellow), ‘Bhishatsa’ (dark blue), ‘Veera’ (orange), ‘Karuna’ (grey), ‘Shringara’ (green), and ‘Shanta’ (colourless). These form the basic tenets of Indian art — whether dance, music, or painting.

Usually, in a dance recital, the emotions are anchored to the lyrics or storyline. However, if the story is unfamiliar, the audience may not be able to grasp the emotion. Sometimes, an event is not

strictly necessary to trigger a mood — it could be spontaneous laughter, anger, or tears. The challenge of conveying these rasas without a storyline inspired Ananda in envisioning this production. This was the genesis of the idea behind the ballet.

When the lyrics or ‘sahityam’ are omitted, pure music alone remains. The grammar of Bharatanatyam — pure ‘nritta’ — was explored through group dynamics to create visual framing that expressed emotions not limited to ‘abhinaya’ but encompassing the entire body as an instrument. The dancers began in pure white costumes, serving as a blank canvas on which various colours were projected using light. This visual imagery was masterfully designed by Surya Rao, creating a spectacular feat of lighting and imagination.

The Shankarananda Kalakshetra ensemble, led by Dr Ananda Shankar, included her disciples Sneha Magapu, Poojitha Namburi, Neha Sathanapalli, Srividya Sripathi, and Shreenidhi Ramaswamy.

The order of emotions was slightly altered, as



An intimate Baithak at the Raw Mango Showroom in Banjara Hills recently came alive with ‘Navarasa’, a Bharatanatyam ballet conceived and choreographed by Padma Shri Dr. Ananda Shankar Jayant. Exploring the essence of nine human emotions as described in the ‘Natyashastra’, the performance was a vivid interplay of light, movement, and expression. Through pure dance and innovative visual imagery, Dr Ananda and her ensemble transformed rasa theory into an evocative experience for the audience

Ananda felt that anger, rather than love, is a more immediate and striking emotion. Thus, ‘Roudra Rasa’ in ‘Atana’ raga began the performance with a powerful start. Using ‘Shikhara’ and ‘Pataka’ hastas, the dancers moved strongly. A fiery red glow bathed the stage — evoking images of a mob in riot, with pulling, pushing, and tugging movements symbolising collective fury.

‘Bhayanaka Rasa’ in ‘Lavangi’ depicted fear as experienced differently by each person. The dancers were instructed to respond to imagined fears — some appearing stunned, others seeking to escape — creating a vivid tapestry of reactions through slow movements and expressive ‘abhinaya’.

‘Adbhuta Rasa’ or wonder was portrayed as a feeling of awe through buoyant, jumpy movements, where each dancer expressed individual astonishment that merged into a collective illusion of amazement.

‘Bhishatsa Rasa’ in ‘Varali’ followed, expressing disgust. The dancers moved as though navigating through dirty water after a monsoon

shower — carefully placing their steps, drawing their hands back with caution to avoid being sullied. The depiction captured the visceral essence of revulsion with grace and restraint.

‘Veera Rasa’ in ‘Amritavarshini’ showcased valour through grand, determined movements. Large, elaborate, and firm marching steps were performed both singly and in unison, giving the impression of a heroic procession, radiating courage and strength.

‘Karuna Rasa’ in ‘Dwijawanthi’ brought forth grief and sorrow. This emotion, difficult to portray convincingly, was visualised as a contagious wave of sadness moving from one dancer to another — expressed through circular turns and tender interactions. The scene captured the depth of human empathy and shared loss.

‘Hasya Rasa’ in ‘Kathanakuthohalam’ lightened the mood with humour. Through ‘adavus’ involving bends and stretches that contrasted each other, the dancers created comic effects without slipping into caricature. A delightful vignette featuring pup-

pets troubling their master added charm and wit to this segment.

‘Shringara Rasa’ in ‘Megh Malhar’ illustrated love — the state of being in love and the act of adornment. The dancers evoked subtle imagery of birds, bees, and blossoming joy, expressing tenderness and harmony without overemphasis, letting the emotion speak through graceful gestures and glances.

Finally, ‘Shanta Rasa’ in ‘Revati’ embodied peace and spiritual tranquillity. This concluding piece reflected meditative calmness, drawing the audience into stillness and introspection.

The music throughout served as a screen upon which the ‘nritta’ was projected, achieving the intended emotional impact to vivid applause. At the end of the performance, each saree used to signify the colour of a particular rasa was hung on a rack — the hanger holding all nine sarees, now a visual testament to the journey through emotion and art, standing as a symbol of completion and harmony. The music was composed by Prema Ramamurthy.

Saiyami Kher has tears of joy after women’s cricket team’s historic WC win

Actress Saiyami Kher was seen in tears of joy as the Women’s Indian Cricket Team brought the World Cup trophy home on the 2nd of November, 2025.

The actress shared a series of photos and videos on her social media, straight from the stadium where the match was held. Penning a detailed emotional caption, Kher wrote, “My love story with cricket began as an 8-year-old girl. I sat in front of the TV with my dad watching the Master bat. I was obsessed and completely consumed. But in a world of boys with bats, whenever I told them I wanted to play with them, I was laughed at. Their laughter stopped when I’d pick up the ball and bowl them out, one after another.

“Years later, in rooms full of men, when I spoke of cover drives and reverse swing, I saw that same smirk that silently said, “Oh. What do you know about cricket?” From there to last night, in a packed DY Patil stadium where chants echoed for every girl in blue, I saw tears in the eyes of those same grown-up men who’d smirk. Our girls wrote the history of a battle that started in 1978 when we hosted the first WC.

“From pooling money to sharing kit bags to this! It’s historic not just for women’s cricket but for every woman who dared to dream, for every girl who picked up a bat when the world said she couldn’t.”

She added, “Standing there, exactly where we shot Ghoomer, watching our girls lift that trophy, it felt like life had come full circle. Proud of our girls. Proud of the families who stood by them. Proud of the BCCI for believing. And grateful to Vijay Patil for an incredible



experience at DY Patil.” Kher further wrote, “Our girls have shown us that the game belongs to everyone who loves it. Last night, ‘Chak De’ and ‘Maa Tujhe Salaam’ hit harder than any other time because these songs, these chants, weren’t just for the team. They were for every little girl who has said to herself, “Someday, I’ll play too.”

For the uninitiated, the Indian women’s cricket team created history by securing their maiden World Cup title after a nail-biting win against South Africa in the final match held at the Dr DY Patil Stadium in Navi Mumbai.”

Celebrities from the film fraternity, including Priyanka Chopra, Kareena Kapoor Khan, Hrithik Roshan, Abhishek Bachchan, Samantha Ruth Prabhu, and

Anushka Sharma, among others, took to their respective social media accounts to praise the team’s incredible feat, describing it as a moment of immense pride for the country.

Talking about Ghoomer, the 2023 sports drama starred Saiyami Kher and Abhishek Bachchan and told the story of Anina Dixit, essayed by Kher, a young cricketer whose dreams are shattered after she loses her arm in an accident. Further, refusing to give in and braving all odds, Dixit is then mentored by her mentor, who helps her reinvent herself as a bowler, further mastering a unique style of bowling, ‘Ghoomer’. The film is important in the context of the recent World Cup win and how in sports, it’s a bit more difficult for some players.

Sonali Kulkarni embarks on a 3-day biking expedition to reconnect with herself on her birthday

Actress Sonali Kulkarni chose a unique way to celebrate her birthday this year by fulfilling a long-cherished dream.

Taking a short break from her busy schedule, the ‘Hello Knock Knock Kaun Hai’ actress set out on a three-day biking expedition, describing it as a journey to reconnect with herself and embrace the joy of freedom on the open road. Taking to her Instagram handle, Sonali shared a series of her photos riding a bike. The images also feature her striking different poses while sitting on the bike.

For the caption, Kulkarni wrote, “This is how my birthday is looking. Living my dream Biking 3day expedition.. Taking some time off to reconnect with myself - Much needed! Thanks so much for your best wishes and love everyone Much love right back to you all Please pardon if I miss answering /replying..#biking #bikeexpedition #birthdayspecial #adventure.”

Speaking of her work front, the National Film Award winning actress has appeared in over 70 films, spanning both mainstream and experimental cinema, as well as a few international projects.

Sonali began her acting journey with the Hindi film “Cheluvi” and soon made her Marathi debut with Mukta. Her performances

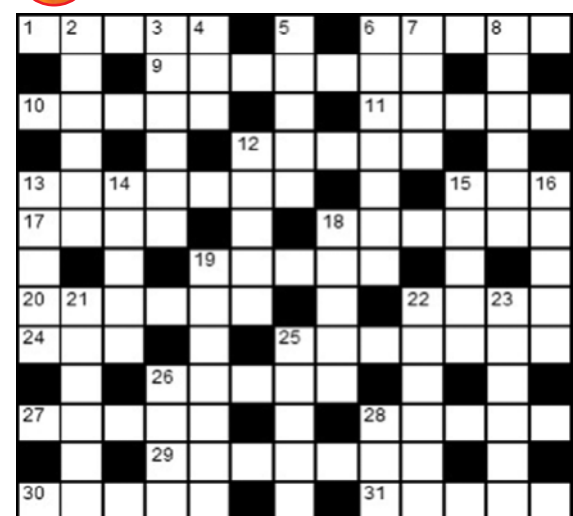


in “Doghi”, “Daayraa”, and “Gharabahr” earned her widespread critical acclaim. Over the years, she became a familiar face in Hindi cinema with notable roles in “Mission Kashmir”, “Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar”, “Pyaar Tune Kya Kiya”, “Dil Chahta Hai”, “Taxi No. 9211”, and “Singham”.

In a past interview with IANS, Sonali Kulkarni reflected on her recent projects, sharing insights into the differences and

similarities she has noticed while working across them. She highlighted how each project brings its own challenges and learning experiences. “More than differences, I notice similarities. As an actor, I feel grateful that I am doing so much work and receiving so much feedback from the audience. I don’t like to boast about compliments, as it might sound selfish, but I do get very positive responses.”

CROSSWORD



- ACROSS**
- On high (5)
 - Landing pier (5)
 - Remain longer (7)
 - Advertisement ? (5)
 - Arranged in banded areas (5)
 - Hungarian composer (5)
 - Coastal region of SW India (7)
 - Mafia boss (3)
 - Military group (4)
 - Cotton cloth (6)
 - Part of the large intestine (5)
 - Bamboo lovers (6)
 - Flying pest (4)
 - European airline (3)
 - Tolerate (7)
 - Camping shelters (5)
 - Actress Samantha (5)
 - Combine as one (5)
 - West Indian song (7)
 - Folds or pleats (5)
 - Hard as ___ (1,4)

SUDOKU



- DOWN**
- “Ali nil” anagram for a girl’s name ? (6)
 - Lay-out, arrangement (6)
 - Place to soak (3)
 - On the move (5)
 - Brubeck or Monk ? (7)
 - River island ? (4)
 - Aztec god of rain (6)
 - Former capital of Nigeria (5)
 - A contagious viral disease (5)
 - Powerful animals (5)
 - Singer Ross (5)
 - Compass point (5)
 - Young male horses (5)
 - Photographer’s equipment (7)
 - Canton in N Switzerland (6)
 - Key of Mozart’s Symphony No. 25 (1-5)
 - Acid in vinegar (6)
 - Remains or resides in a place or condition (5)
 - Short nail (4)
 - North American nation (3)



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Chiranjeevi's 'Mana Shankara Vara Prasad Garu' stylish climax shoot



Megastar Chiranjeevi's most-awaited wholesome entertainer, 'Mana Shankara Vara Prasad

Garu,' directed by hit-machine Anil Ravipudi, also features Victory Venkatesh in a pivotal role. Venkatesh recently joined the team

and received a warm welcome from Chiranjeevi on set. Produced by Sahu Garapati and Sushmita Konidela under Shine Screens

and Gold Box Entertainment, the presented by Smt. Archana. Meanwhile, the team has begun filming a stylish climax action sequence featuring Chiranjeevi and a group of fighters in Hyderabad. Unlike a typical action scene, this sequence is designed with a unique and visually captivating approach to impress audiences across the board. Renowned choreographer Venkat Master is supervising the action, ensuring every moment exudes precision. With Chiranjeevi's unmatched charisma and grace, combined with Anil Ravipudi's signature touch, the film promises a perfect and memorable ending. Production work is progressing at a brisk pace.

Nayanthara plays the leading lady in the film, which also features an ensemble cast with VTV Ganesh in a crucial role. Music sensation Bheems Ceciroleo provides the music, with the first single 'Meesala Pilla' trending nationwide. Sameer Reddy handles cinematography, Tamiraju is the editor, and AS Prakash serves as the art director. The story is co-written by S. Krishna and G. Adi Narayana, with S. Krishna also serving as the executive producer. 'Mana Shankara Vara Prasad Garu' is gearing up to be one of the biggest attractions for Sankranthi 2026.

Priyadarshi's 'Premante' teaser unveiled

Priyadarshi, known for his strong performances in content-driven films, is back with 'Premante', a refreshing romantic comedy that takes a witty and heartfelt look at love and marriage. Directed by debutant Navaneeth Sriram, the film stars Anandhi as the female lead, alongside Suma Kanakala in a key role. Produced by Puskur Ram Mohan Rao and Jhanvi Narang under the prestigious Sree Venkateswara Cinemas LLP (SVCLLP) banner, 'Premante' is proudly presented by Rana Daggubati's Spirit Media. The film also stands as a tribute to the legacy of the late Narayan Das Narang, with Adithya Merugu joining as co-producer. The teaser has been unveiled today.

The teaser paints an amusing and heartwarming picture of newly married life—where the fairy-tale romance of forever love quickly collides with the everyday madness of reality. Priyadarshi and Anandhi step into the shoes of a young couple whose picture-perfect marriage dream soon turns into a laugh riot, filled with petty squabbles, playful misunderstandings, and moments every couple will find relatable.

Just when their domestic drama seems to settle into a routine, Suma Kanakala enters as a police head constable, a character who unexpectedly stirs up more chaos in their already topsy-turvy relationship. Her arrival adds a refreshing twist, infusing the narrative with humor and curiosity about her true role in their love story.

Director Navaneeth Sriram infuses the film



with situational humor and emotional warmth, blending relatable conflicts with sharp writing. The teaser brilliantly captures the contrast between dreamy expectations of love and the everyday realities of living together, making it instantly connect with today's audience.

Priyadarshi and Anandhi share endearing chemistry, portraying the innocence, confusion, and evolution of a couple learning to love beyond fantasy. Suma Kanakala's presence adds gravitas, while Vennela Kishore brings his signature comic timing.

The technical crew adds immense value to 'Premante'. Cinematographer Vishwanath Reddy, winner of the Gaddar Award for

Gaami, brings a vibrant, colorful visual palette that perfectly suits the film's romantic-comedy tone. Leon James, who recently delivered chartbuster tracks for Dragon, adds rhythm and emotion with his lively score. Editor Raghavendra Thirun ensures the narrative flows with engaging pace, while production designer Aravind Mule crafts a lively and relatable world for the characters. Dialogues by Karthik Thupurani and Rajkumar bring humor and heart in equal measure.

With its quirky tagline "Thrill-U Prapthirasthu!" and a vibrant blend of laughter, love, and life, 'Premante' promises a refreshing cinematic experience. The film is set to hit theatres on November 21st.

Director Ramachandra Vattikuti's 'Mutton Soup' impresses

'Mutton Soup' is a film directed by Ramachandra Vattikuti and produced by Mallikarjuna Erika (Gopal), Arun Chandra Vattikuti, and Ramakrishna Sanapala under the banners of Aluka Studios, Sri Varahi Arts, and Bhavishya Vihar. The film, starring Raman, Varsha Vishwanath, and Gemini Suresh in the lead roles, was released on October 10 and received positive reviews. Among the four films released that week, 'Mutton Soup' stood out with an impressive response from audiences and critics alike,



who praised its unique narrative and execution.

At a time when the popularity of short films is on the decline, audiences continue

to value films that dare to be different. In that category, 'Mutton Soup' emerges as a refreshing crime thriller. The director skillfully weaves a story inspired by true events, filled with unexpected twists and a gripping screenplay that keeps viewers on edge.

The film is set to reach a wider audience soon through an OTT release. Director Ramachandra Vattikuti, who made 'Mutton Soup' on a very low budget, is already preparing to begin his next project, once again promising a story with diverse and innovative content.

Dheekshith Shetty: 'The Girlfriend' is the best film of my career

National crush Rashmika Mandanna and talented actor Dheekshith Shetty are uniting for the emotional love story 'The Girlfriend', directed by Rahul Ravindran and produced by Dheeraj Mogilineni and Vidya Koppineedi under Geetha Arts and Dheeraj Mogilineni Entertainment, with presentation by Allu Aravind. The film releases in Hindi and Telugu on November 7, followed by Tamil, Malayalam, and Kannada versions on November 14.

In an exclusive conversation, Dheekshith opened up about his journey, chemistry with Rashmika, and why 'The Girlfriend' holds a special place in his heart.

"After 'Dasara', this was the next major opportunity that came my way," Dheekshith began. "Director Rahul



Ravindran approached me for 'The Girlfriend'. He told me Rashmika was playing the female lead and wanted me as the boyfriend. He had watched my Dasara interviews and felt I would fit perfectly. Once I read the script, I knew exactly why. Stories like 'The Girlfriend' are rare—that's why I had to do it."

Talking about his director's clarity, Dheekshith said, "Rahul had a very clear vision of how the character of Vikram should be—his behaviour, body language, even his tone. Because of that, it was easier to perform. Vikram has many layers. Some may think he's a toxic boyfriend after watching the trailer, but Rahul made sure he didn't come across as negative. Coming from a stage and film school background, I prepared deeply. For me, a film must connect personally through its story—that's what matters most."

Reflecting on the film's message, he added, "Usually, love stories are told in a certain way, but 'The Girlfriend' explores romance from a fresh perspective. It's not just entertainment—it lingers long after you leave the theater. Larger-than-life films are fun, but this one feels real.

Rashmika even said that if she had watched a film like this years ago, her outlook on life would have changed. I believe audiences between 18 and 25 will find something meaningful in it."

Praising his co-star, Dheekshith shared, "After watching Rashmika's performance, I genuinely felt no one else could have done justice to Bhuma's character. Even when 'Anima' became a blockbuster during our shoot, she stayed grounded and approachable. You won't see Rashmika—you'll see Bhuma."

On the film's appeal, he said, "This isn't just for youth—families will relate too. It explores emotions and forms of toxicity we don't usually talk about. Rahul Ravindran is a kind director who brings out the best in everyone."

'Krishna Leela': Story is the hero

Young actor Devan takes on a double responsibility as both hero and director in the upcoming supernatural love story 'Krishna Leela', which carries the intriguing tagline 'Trigochina Kaalam'. Starring Dhanya Balakrishnan as the female lead, the film is produced by Jyotsna Ji under Mahasen Visuals and presented by Baby Vaishnavi. With story and dialogues by Anil Kiran Kumar Ji, 'Krishna Leela' is set for a grand release on November 7. The film's teaser and trailer have already received an enthusiastic response from audiences.

Recalling how the journey began, Devan shared, "I was working as a software engineer while trying to make my mark

in films and had already acted in two movies. When I was waiting for new opportunities, producer Jyotsna Ji and writer Anil narrated this story to me. After listening to it for a week, I made some changes to suit today's generation and gave it a unique screenplay. They instantly loved the idea."

When it came to choosing a director, Devan took everyone by surprise. "Though I had no prior experience in direction, I've always had a strong understanding of story and screenplay," he said. "With that confidence, I approached DOP Chota K Naidu garu. After listening to the story, he was very impressed and promised his full support. That's how 'Krishna Leela' came to life."



Explaining the film's concept, Devan said, "Krishna Leela' means Time Returned. Leela means play—it's about how Krishna plays a love story. Man cannot bring back time, but what if time itself returns with divine power? That's the

essence of our story, presented in an intriguing way." The actor-director added that the film carries deep philosophical undertones. "Every action has destiny. Everyone we meet in this life has a past connection with us. The Bhagavad Gita teaches us to love them without expectation. We've tried to depict that beautifully through this story," he explained. On incorporating Krishna's philosophy, Devan shared, "It's a vast subject. I often listened to Gangadhar Shastri's lectures and even consulted him during script development. He clarified my doubts and helped me bring depth to the story. What we visualized on paper has come alive with honesty and emotion."

'Gummadi Narsaiah' motion poster impresses

Bringing a real-life story to the big screen is never an easy task, especially when it's about a political leader known for his integrity, simplicity, and lifelong commitment to the people. Portraying such a leader's journey on screen is truly a bold endeavour, and that challenge has been taken up by young director Parameshwar Hivrale. Standing firmly behind him is producer N. Suresh Reddy, under the banner of Pravallika Arts Creations. In the titular role of 'Gummadi Narsaiah', Karunada Chakravarthy Dr Shiva Rajkumar will be seen in a powerful new avatar.

A few days ago, the motion poster of 'Gummadi Narsaiah' was released, and it quickly became the talk of the town. Everyone was curious to see how Shiva Rajkumar would appear in this iconic role and whether he could truly embody the spirit of the leader. But the actor exceeded all expectations. It's evident that Shiva Rajkumar has breathed life into the role of Gummadi

Narsaiah, perfectly adapting his look and demeanour to fit the character.

Even with a short motion poster, director Parameshwar showcased his talent and creative vision. After watching it, Shyamala Devi was all praise for the filmmaker, showering him with compliments.

Speaking about the motion poster, Shyamala Devi said: "The motion poster is excellent. You can already sense how impactful the film is going to be just by watching it. It looks like a film destined for multiple awards. Shiva Rajkumar truly breathes life into the role of Gummadi Narsaiah. I wish the entire team all the best." Producer N Suresh Reddy is reportedly sparing no expense in bringing this ambitious biographical drama to life. The technical crew includes cinematographer Satish Muthyala, music director Suresh Bobbili, and editor Satya Giduturi. The filmmakers will soon reveal details about the rest of the cast and crew.



Mohan Babu's 'MB50' tribute announced

The year 2025 marks a monumental milestone in Indian cinema, as Dr. M Mohan Babu—the legendary actor, producer, educationist, and Padma Shri awardee—celebrates 50 glorious years in the film industry. To honour this extraordinary journey, a grand event titled 'MB50 – A Pearl White Tribute' will be held on November 22, 2025, celebrating the iconic actor and his enduring contributions to Indian cinema. The entire celebration is being curated by his son Vishnu Manchu, ensuring every element reflects the grandeur and elegance of this historic milestone.

Over five decades, Dr. Mohan Babu has built a legacy that transcends generations. Renowned for his powerful performances, iconic dialogue delivery, and larger-than-life screen presence, he stands as a pillar of Telugu cinema and an inspiration to countless artists. With

over 600 films to his credit, his career embodies versatility, discipline, and unwavering passion for the craft.

'MB50' will not only celebrate his cinematic achievements but also honour his lifelong commitment to art, education, and philanthropy. The tribute aims to capture the essence of his remarkable journey—from humble beginnings to becoming a revered icon whose influence continues to shape Indian cinema.

As Dr. Mohan Babu reaches this golden jubilee, the celebration will serve as a heartfelt homage to a man whose artistry continues to inspire, whose voice commands respect, and whose dedication defines excellence.

Further details about the event will be revealed in the coming weeks. 'MB50 – A Pearl White Tribute' promises to be a spectacular celebration of a legend who has not only lived cinema but has become an inseparable part of its soul.