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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. **P8**

The new criminal law is compelling disclosure of sources
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. **P6**

Hyd leads hiring in education sector
India's white-collar job market in October 2025 showed notable strength in education, accounting and finance, BPO/ITES, and specialised tech roles despite a slowdown in recruitment during the Diwali-Dussehra holidays. **P11**

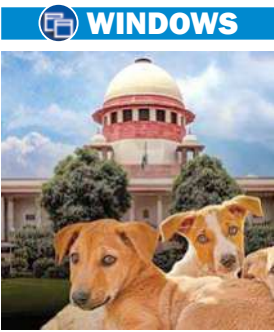
Companies reap profits while farmers get pittance
The crop insurance schemes introduced by the Central government, projected as a safety net for farmers facing natural calamities, have instead become a source of windfall profits for private insurance companies. **P5**

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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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CII PARTNERSHIP SUMMIT

AP WILL INK MoUs WORTH ₹9.8 LAKH CRORE: LOKESH

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IT and HRD Minister Nara Lokesh on Monday announced that 410 Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) are expected to be signed at the CII Partnership Summit on November 14-15 in Visakhapatnam, unlocking Rs 9.8 lakh crore in investment commitments with a potential to generate 7.5 lakh jobs across the state.

Addressing the media at his camp office in Undavalli, Lokesh said the Summit will embody a three-way partnership between the people, the government, and corporates, aligning growth with opportunity and shared prosperity reminding that the summit was named a Partnership Summit and not an investors' summit.

Terming the summit as a catalyst for inclusive growth, the IT Minister positioned the event as a curtain raiser to Andhra Pradesh's mis-

- 410 investment commitments span across various sectors
- The two-day summit is scheduled for Nov 14, 15 in Vizag
- It will host 300 overseas delegates from 45 countries
- 72 international speakers, 48 business sessions



IT and HRD Minister Nara Lokesh addressing the media at his camp office in Undavalli on Monday

sion of creating 20 lakh jobs and decentralising development across every region of the state. He emphasised that every investment is ultimately about empowering youth. He unveiled the tagline 'Companies that choose

speed, choose Andhra Pradesh.'

He further said: "This Summit is a partnership among our people, our government, and forward-looking corporates."

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Brookfield's AP projects get ₹7,500-cr REC boost

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IN a major development, the Rural Electrification Corporation (REC) sanctioned a record Rs 7,500 crore in funding for Brookfield's hybrid renewable energy project at Kurnool, comprising 640 MW of wind and 400 MW of solar capacity.

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19 killed in Chevella truck-RTC bus smash

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

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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 report-



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

Photo: Adula Krishna

edly 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.

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UNBEARABLE HEARTBREAK

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Three sisters from Tandur die in mishap

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

PATNA/KATIHAH

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

NEW DELHI: Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge on Monday refuted Prime Minister

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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VOTER LIST CLEANUP IN 12 STATES 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

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Hinduja Group set to invest ₹20k cr in AP

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IN a significant development, the Andhra Pradesh government on Monday signed a landmark investment agreement with the Hinduja Group, paving the way for a Rs 20,000-crore phased investment across power generation, renewable energy, and electric mobility sectors. The memorandum of understanding (MoU) was signed in London in the presence of Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu, marking a major step in the state's bid to attract

global capital and accelerate industrial growth.

During his meeting at The Langley, Buckinghamshire, the Chief Minister engaged with Ashok P Hinduja, Chairman of the Hinduja Group, Prakash Hinduja, Chairman of Hinduja Group Europe, and Vivek Nanda, CEO of Hinduja Investments and Project Services Ltd. Naidu outlined Andhra Pradesh's infrastructure readiness, ease of doing business and policy incentives designed to position the state as a leading industrial destination in India.

Under the MoU, the Hin-

CM seals landmark pact with Hinduja in London
Diversified group will invest in power, EV sectors
Naidu meets several global industry leaders



Hinduja Group top executives and officials of AP government exchanging copies of the MoU signed for investments in the state in the presence of Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu in London on Monday

duja Group will expand its existing 1,050 MW thermal power plant in Visakhapatnam by adding an additional 1,600 MW (2x800 MW) units. In parallel, the group will invest in largescale solar and wind energy projects across Rayalaseema, strengthening Andhra Pradesh's clean energy base. In the mobility sector, Hinduja will establish a state-of-the-art electric vehicle manufacturing unit at Mallavalli, Krishna district, focusing on electric buses and light commercial vehicles.

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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.

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-

der Ahmed and his brother Adil Hussain, containing records of substantial international transactions. One key private bank account showed significant foreign deposits dating back to 2001.

Investigators estimate that since 1996, Ahmed had been receiving regular funding from countries including the US, Iran, and Iraq, though the exact sources of these funds remain unidentified.

During interrogation, Ahmed claimed to possess



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

