



Drew Barrymore had breast cancer 'scare' post 'emergency biopsy'

Barrymore discussed the killer disease with comedian Tig Notaro, who underwent a double mastectomy in 2016 after being diagnosed with bilateral breast cancer.

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The decline of moral ethics and values in marital life

The mind turns towards wrong thoughts about the spouse. One of the reasons is the absence of elders in the family to guide the younger ones and there are not as many joint families as there used to be earlier.

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Sensex tanks on profit booking as FIIs offload

Benchmark Sensex tanked 519 points and broader Nifty settled below the 25,600 level on Tuesday due to profit-taking in utility, metal and IT shares triggered by weak global trends and foreign fund outflows.

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Gopichand Hinduja passes away in London at 85

LONDON: Gopichand P Hinduja, the Hinduja Group Chairman, passed away in London on Tuesday. The business world veteran was 85 years old. Gopichand, a member of the Hinduja family's second generation, assumed the role of chairman after his older brother Srichand passed away in May 2023. He leaves behind his spouse Sunita, two sons Sanjay and Dheeraj, and a daughter Rita. Gopichand P Hinduja, commonly referred to as 'GP' amongst industry peers, served as the Chairman of both the Hinduja Group and Hinduja Automotive Ltd in the United Kingdom.

6 killed in Bilaspur train accident



BILASPUR: At least six persons were killed and several injured after a passenger train collided with a goods train near the Bilaspur railway station in Chhattisgarh on Tuesday. Bilaspur Collector Sanjay Agrawal said the total number of injured had not been compiled as some trapped under a coach were being taken out. He added that at least one person was critically injured. Around 4 pm, the MEMU passenger train was heading to Bilaspur from Gevra (in neighbouring Korba district) railway officials said. A police officer added that when the train was between Gatora and Bilaspur railway stations, the passenger train rammed into a goods train from behind, they said. The railway authorities have moved all the resources at the spot, and all measures are being taken to treat the injured persons, a railway spokesperson said.



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MODI SURE OF RECORD WIN FOR NDA IN BIHAR

Predicts people of 'Jungle Raj' will suffer their worst defeat

NEW DELHI

PRIME Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday asserted that the people of Bihar have made up their mind to ensure that the NDA breaks the record of its scale of victory in the last 20 years, while the "jungle raj people" would suffer their worst defeat at the hustings in the state.

Addressing rallies in Bihar, Modi said: "I have been observing the polls closely and it is confirmed that the NDA is winning, and it is winning big. So, I have no questions about the victory but (I want) there should be more and more polling."

Interacting with a BJP worker who said there is tre-



mendous enthusiasm among the people for the NDA, Modi said her words echo the feeling prevailing among the poor, Dalits, Maha Dalits, backward and extremely backward.

The Prime Minister has been using the "jungle raj" analogy to attack the Mahagathbandhan. "Jungle raj" is an apparent reference to the time when Bihar was under

the rule of RJD chief Lalu Prasad and his wife Rabri Devi. In his remarks, Modi said the NDA government is committed to improving the ease of living for women and empowering them.

Bihar will go to polls in two phases on November 6 and 11. The counting of votes will be taken up on November 14.



OPINION POLL

Polstrat predicts easy win for NDA

NEW DELHI: Contrary to recent findings of a tight contest between the BJP-led National Democratic Alliance (NDA) and Mahagathbandhan (RJD-Congress-Left), the Polstrat Opinion Poll has predicted a clear and comfortable victory for the ruling coalition in the high-stakes battle for Bihar. Another notable finding of the Polstrat poll survey is the emergence of new entrant Jan Suraj as a crucial player in the power matrix of Bihar, banking largely on the young voters in the range of 18-25 years. Polstrat, a leading polling agency, released its Opinion Poll for the Bihar Assembly elections 2025 on Tuesday, based on a sample size of 8.42 lakh respondents.

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CM dares Kishan to slap CBI case against KCR

- ▶ Revanth says BRS will be merged with BJP soon
- ▶ No nod from Guv to arrest KTR in Formula E case
- ▶ BJP supporting BRS in Jubilee Hills byelection
- ▶ 4,000 houses to poor in Jubilee Hills after polls



Chief Minister Revanth Reddy participating in Congress rally at Rahmathnagar in Hyderabad on Tuesday

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CHIEF Minister A Revanth Reddy threw a challenge to Union Minister of Coal G Kishan Reddy to book a CBI case against former chief minister and BRS president K Chandrashekar Rao and former irrigation minister T Harish Rao and arrest them before November 11 - the

byelection day of the Jubilee Hills Assembly constituency. Coming down heavily on the Union Minister for not accepting the state government's request to the Centre to order a detailed probe by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) into the irregularities in the Kalesh-

waram project, the Chief minister also questioned Kishan Reddy for not giving approval to arrest BRS working president KT Rama Rao in Formula E race scam.

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KTR URGES JUBILEE HILLS VOTERS: CHOOSE 'CAR' OVER 'BULLDOZER'

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'10% of population controls Army'

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- ▶ Rahul Gandhi's remark in Bihar sparks row
- ▶ Cong leader makes caste claim at Bihar rally
- ▶ Says 90% Indians are 'nowhere to be found'

CONGRESS leader and LoP in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi on Tuesday made a striking claim in Bihar, alleging that country's 10 per cent, referring to upper castes, "hold control over the Army." Addressing a poll rally in Aurangabad's Kutumba, Rahul said, "90 per cent of the people come from extremely backward, Dalit and Adivasi communities." Continued on Page 7



HRC seeks report on Chevella bus mishap

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IN a swift response to the fatal road accident at Mir-jaguda village near Chevella on the Hyderabad-Bijapur Highway (NH-163) that

claimed 19 lives on Monday, the Telangana Human Rights Commission (TGHRC) has taken suo motu cognizance and asked for comprehensive action-taken reports from various government departments. Continued on Page 7



FRAMEWORK FOR RATIONALISATION OF RTF POLICY

Under pressure, govt floats panel

TO FIND WAYS TO STREAMLINE FEE REIMBURSEMENT APPARATUS

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FOLLOWING the closure of many educational institutions, mainly professional colleges, in protest against nonpayment of long-pending fee reimbursement dues and mounting pressure, the state government has constituted a committee involving top officials and representatives from the Federation of Association of Telangana Higher Institutions (FATHI) to mobilize funds for fee reimbursement. The committee has been asked to submit a report within three months.

The 15-member committee to be headed by Special Chief Secretary

(Welfare department) with the Finance Secretary as the Vice-Chairman will have three members from FATHI, and include Prof Kodandaram, Prof Kancha Ilaiah, Secretaries of Education, SC Development, ST and Minority welfare departments, Chairman of the State Council of Higher Education and Commissioner of the SC Development Department.

The terms of reference include studying the self-sustainable fee reimbursement scheme through the proposed trust bank, constructive and robust inputs, transparent and sustainable framework for rationalisation of fee reimbursement policy. Continued on Page 7



West Bengal CM Mamata Banerjee during a rally against process in Kolkata on Tuesday

Mamata leads SIR stir in Bengal

KOLKATA: West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Tuesday took to the streets of Kolkata, spearheading a massive rally against the ongoing Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls. The Trinamool Congress, which she heads, has alleged that the revision drive amounts to a "silent, invisible rigging" orchestrated by the BJP-led central government in collusion with the Election Commission.

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EC BEGINS SIR 2.0 IN 9 STATES, 3 UTs

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Mira Nair's son front-runner in NYC poll

Indian origin Mamdani promises free bus travel and free childcare

NEW YORK



Mira Nair with son Zohran Mamdani

NEW YORK City is all set to elect a new Mayor as the mayoral race enters its final lap, with Indian-descent Zohran Kwame Mamdani emerging as the front-runner to take up the top political post in America's biggest city.

Mamdani (34), the son of renowned Indian filmmaker Mira Nair and Mahmood Mamdani, a Ugandan author of Indian ancestry, born in Uganda and raised in New York

US goes to polls in crucial elections

All eyes on NYC mayoral candidate

NEW YORK: Polls opened on Tuesday morning across the US as the country headed to a crucial poll, with all eyes set on the important New York City mayoral election, where Democratic nominee Zohran Mamdani is emerging as a front-runner. November 4 is election day across the US, with polls opening from 6 am to 9 pm. This is the first national election in the second term of Donald Trump's presidency.

City, is a New York State Assembly member and democratic socialist running for Mayor. The Democratic nominee will face off against former

New York State Governor Andrew Cuomo, who is running as an independent candidate and the Republican nominee Curtis Sliva on the ballots. Cont'd on P7

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Forest officials in Telangana have encouraged volunteers, researchers, and local communities to actively support this massive wildlife monitoring programme.

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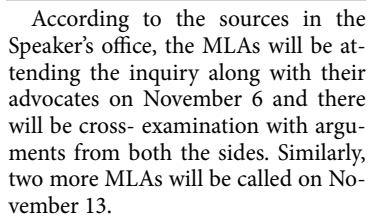
TELANGANA Legislative Assembly Speaker Gaddam Prasad Kumar will take up the hearing of the remaining BRS MLAs, who are facing defection charges from November 6.

The BRS MLAs facing the charges of defection to Congress including Bhadrachalam MLA Tellam Venkat Rao and Jagtial MLA M Sanjay Kumar will be called on November 6 while Bhanswada MLA Pocharam Srinivas Reddy and Khairatabad MLA Danam Nagender will attend the hearing on November 13. The Speaker has been taking up hearing of the petitions filed by the BRS party against its ten MLAs who had joined the Congress party.

While hearing and cross-examination has been completed for four MLAs so far, hearing of other six MLAs is yet to be taken up. The four MLAs had appeared along with their advocates. There was cross exami-

nation from both sides before the Speaker. The Speaker's office sources said that out of the ten MLAs facing charges, only eight of them have responded to the notices and hearing of only four MLAs was completed. The MLAs, who appeared at the hearing along with their lawyers, had argued that they were still in BRS and that there was no defection. However, the petitioners, BRS leaders, submitted evidence, affidavits and videos related to them.

It may be mentioned here that the BRS leaders had first approached the Speaker against the ten MLAs seeking their disqualification. With lack of response on their petition, they approached the High Court. When the High Court did not give a positive verdict to BRS, the party approached the Supreme Court. The Apex court took up the hearing and directed the Speaker's office to take a decision within three months, which ends on October 31.



- The new facility will provide 1000 jobs
- CM Revanth Reddy invites the company for more investments in IT, Pharma and Automobile in Telangana
- CM requests German Consul General to appoint German teachers and provide vocational training in Hyderabad



GCC, CM Revanth Reddy said that Hyderabad is the best destination for investments and the People's Government is ready to extend full support to the global investors.

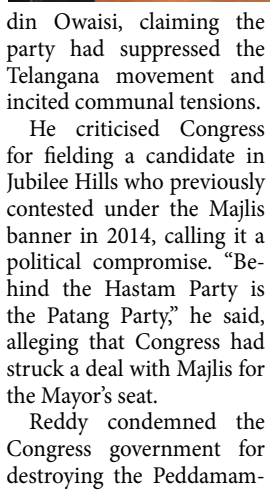
CM Revanth Reddy urged the German companies to invest in IT, Pharma and Automobile sectors. The CM reaffirmed that Telangana is ready to strengthen ties with Germany for more investments.

The CM also appealed to the German team to extend cooperation to promote Hyderabad as an innovation hub. The German Consul General was requested to appoint German teachers in Hyderabad and to help teach the German language to the Telangana students. The CM appealed to Consul General to provide vocational education and skills development training through the TOMCOM.

HYDERABAD: The most sought after technology development and innovation centre in the country - Hyderabad is set to adorn another big facility of Global Capability Centre (GCC). German company Deutsche Borse launched its GCC in Hyderabad. This was informed to Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy by the company delegation during a meeting today .

- **Terms Pathangi party behind the Hastam party to deceive people**
- **Called to back Deepak Reddy in Jubilee Hills**

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magudi in Banjara Hills and allocating graveyard lands in Mehdiapatnam and Erragadda, accusing them of indulging in divisive politics. He warned that if the BJP doesn't win, Majlis influence will continue unchecked.

He also slammed Congress's unfulfilled promises, including free scooters for students, Rs 2,500 monthly aid for women, and Rs 4,000 for unemployed youth. "These are not guarantees, they are 420 sub-guarantees," he said.

Calling for a boycott of the "three family parties"—Congress, BRS and Majlis-Reddy urged voters to remember the sacrifices of 1,200 martyrs, who fought against the Nizam's Razakars. He criticised the lack of development in Jubilee Hills under the BRS MLAs 11-year tenure, citing poor roads and overflowing drains. Terming Deepak Reddy as a people's candidate, and urged voters to support the BJP for real development and unity in Telangana.



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KEEN TUSSLE ON THE CARDS...

BRS, Cong uncork plans tailored to tap JH voters

Development track record clashes with electoral sentiment in the high-voltage battle for the key seat

K CHANDRASHEKAR
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AHEAD of the upcoming Jubilee Hills Assembly election, a significant question is preoccupying the three major political parties: will the constituency's voters choose in favour of past development or be swayed by the sentiment factor? The campaign has intensely heated up, with leaders from all three parties hitting the roads to present their respective cases before the electorate.

The BRS campaign is being spearheaded by the party's working president, K T Rama Rao, who is focused on two main themes. Firstly, he is aggressively targeting the Congress government, alleging that it has failed to implement its promises to the people.

Secondly, he is meticulously listing the development works achieved during the BRS's nine-and-a-half-year tenure. He stated that the party followed tradition by giving the ticket to the family member of the deceased candidate, and promised that candidate Sunitha was not alone; he would be behind her and would personally ensure the safety of the people "even at midnight" against the "goondaism" of Congress leaders.

On the other side, all Ministers, along with the AICC in-charge Meenakshi



Natarajan, are campaigning vigorously in favour of the Congress candidate, Naveen Yadav. Ministers are relentlessly campaigning, with newly inducted Minister Md Azharuddin also participating in the electioneering.

Minister Ponnamp Prabhakar asserted that the people of Jubilee Hills have a clear opportunity to "teach a lesson to the BRS." He alleged that the BRS and the BJP have colluded in this election. Prabhakar claimed that the Revanth Reddy-led government has accomplished numerous welfare and development works in the last two years, criticising the BRS for failing to give a single ration card during their ten-year rule.

He cited the Cantonment constituency, where he

claimed voters ensured the Congress candidate's victory and subsequently received development works worth Rs 6,000 crore in the last two years. He called upon the people to ensure Naveen Yadav's victory, assuring them that the entire government would stand behind him to deliver development.

BRS senior leader Nagesh Mudiraj countered the Congress's claims, arguing that people will teach the Congress government a lesson for failing to implement its promises. He noted that the Congress gained power by giving "guarantees as promises" and pledging implementation within 100 days. "It has been 700 days but there is not a single guarantee they have implemented," he claimed, expressing confidence that the "victory parade of BRS would start from Jubilee Hills."

Political analysts have opined that this election is a crucial litmus test for both major political parties. One political analyst suggested that a Congress victory would provide a significant boost to the party and Revanth Reddy in particular, while being detrimental to the BRS. Conversely, if the BRS wins, it would signify that voters prioritised the sentiment factor, setting a positive tone for coming elections by showing that the "Pink party was back in business."

VOTE-BANK POLITICS...

POLITICAL PARTIES CAUGHT IN A BIND OVER MINORITY VOTES

Azharuddin's elevation is countered by BRS accusations of 'tokenism' as both parties aggressively woo Muslim voters

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DESPITE actively wooing minority communities with political incentives, the two major political parties—the Congress and the BRS—are caught in a dilemma regarding which way the crucial 1.4 lakh Muslim minority voters will lean in the upcoming Jubilee Hills by-election on November 11.

The Muslim minority vote shifted heavily towards the Congress during the 2023 Assembly election, which played a key role in the party forming the state government. However, the current situation is tricky for the Congress as city voters have historically favoured the BRS. This concern reportedly prompted the ruling party to grant Mohammed Azharuddin a cabinet berth.

The minority votes appear to be sharply divided between the ruling Congress party and the opposition BRS. Both parties are facing a dilemma as to whether they will secure a considerable number of votes from the minority, particularly the Muslim community, in the by-poll.

Political observers note



TPCC President and MLC Mahesh Kumar Goud addresses minority leaders of Yusufguda Division in Hyderabad

that following a longstanding demand for minority representation in the Cabinet, the Congress appointed Azharuddin as Minister for Minority Welfare and Public Enterprises ahead of the by-polls, projecting this as proof of its commitment to minorities. The BRS, however, accuses the Congress of political tokenism, alleging that Azharuddin's elevation was a calculated move purely for the by-election.

Political analyst Mohammed Asif Hussain Sohailobserved that Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy is accompanying Azharuddin during his campaign to woo Muslim community votes.

Asif Hussain added that, apart from development and

infrastructure, minorities require upliftment in terms of education, jobs, and employment. With Muslims constituting 1.4 lakh of the total 3.9 lakh voters, the community's vote will play a crucial role, a fact evident from the aggressive efforts by both Congress and BRS to woo these voters.

For Congress, the by-poll is about retaining dominance in the City, while for the BRS, it is an opportunity to prove its grassroots strength after losing power. BJP Union Minister G Kishan Reddy also weighed in, criticising Revanth Reddy for allegedly becoming a slave to the Majlis Party in the state and calling him a 'Ji-Huzur' in his attempt to

win in Jubilee Hills and save his party's reputation.

Meanwhile, the AIMIM is backing the Congress party nominee V Naveen Yadav and has been actively campaigning in the minority-dominant areas of Jubilee Hills. The MIM had fielded Shaikpet corporator RashedFarazuddin in the 2023 elections, who received some 7,800 votes.

BRS working president K T Rama Rao alleged that the Congress is treating minorities as a mere vote bank and accused the party of cheating the minorities by failing to implement its Minority Declaration. He stated: "Two years ago, it said it would allocate Rs 4,000 crore annually for minority



welfare and introduce a Minority Sub-Plan. But both these promises were broken. Two years have passed, and even in the next three years, they will not be able to deliver anything," he asserted.

Moreover, in an attempt to woo voters, Revanth Reddy recently met with religious leaders, who urged the Chief Minister to introduce a separate minority sub-plan, similar to the SC/ST sub-plan, in the state budget and also requested him to protect Wakf properties.

In the 2023 Assembly elections, Congress candidate Azharuddin received 64,212 votes. The winner, BRS's Maganti Gopinath, polled 80,549 votes, and BJP's Lankala Deepak Reddy got 25,866 votes. The MIM candidate, Rashed-Farazuddin, received 7,848 votes.

97 citizens cast votes via home voting in Jubilee Hills

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THE Hyderabad District Election Officer and GHMC Commissioner RV Karnan on Tuesday inspected the home voting process in Madhura Nagar of the Jubilee Hills Assembly constituency.

Out of the 103 voters, who had applied for home voting, 97 senior citizens and persons with disabilities exercised their right to vote from their homes, ensuring inclusive participation in the electoral process.

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STATE Irrigation and Civil Supplies Minister N Uttam Kumar Reddy on Tuesday asserted that the Congress was the only party that remained truly secular "from Delhi to Gully" and the sole force capable of defeating the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) both in Telangana and across India.

Addressing a minority meeting at Yousufguda as part of the Jubilee Hills by-election campaign in support of Congress candidate Naveen Yadav, he argued that regional parties like the Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) were politically unreliable and had repeatedly facilitated the BJP's growth



by dividing the secular vote base.

The meeting was also addressed by TPCC President B Mahesh Kumar Goud, Advisor to Telangana Government Mohammed Ali Shabbir, Ministers Pon-

nam Prabhakar and Md Azharuddin, and other senior leaders.

"The BRS will meet the same fate as the Telugu Desam Party (TDP)," Uttam Kumar Reddy stated, recalling that the TDP's oppor-

Minister asserts Congress is the only reliable force against the BJP, predicting BRS will meet the same fate as TDP

tunistic alliance with the BJP led directly to its political decline. He stressed: "Wherever regional parties grow, Congress declines, and BJP gains. BRS too has been acting as a silent partner of the BJP. It never protested when the BJP reduced budgets for minorities or targeted their educational and employment opportunities."

He said that while the BRS government failed to protect minority institutions and interests, the Congress had a long and verifiable record of empowerment. The Minister alleged that nearly 80 per cent of minority colleges had closed during the BRS regime and welfare schemes for minority men were left incomplete.

"In contrast, the Congress government announced a Minority Declaration with a Rs 4,000 crore budget and a Minority Sub-Plan. Out of this, Rs 1,000 crore subsidy was earmarked for the first two years. Though not fully released yet, the process has started, and the implementation is underway," he explained.

Elaborating on the educational achievements, he said that in the past 22 months of the Congress government's rule, 2,200 additional engineering seats were sanctioned for minority colleges, while one law college and one pharmacy college were approved exclusively for minority students.

BJP State unit chief calls for change in JH amid civic neglect

HYDERABAD: BJP State unit President N Ramchander Rao strongly criticised the state government's handling of civic and administrative issues during a public meeting held at Kalpataruvu Residency Club House, Multipurpose Hall in Erragadda Division on Tuesday. Addressing residents and party supporters, he called for a political shift beginning from Jubilee Hills, citing years of neglect and misgovernance by successive regimes.

Ramchander Rao condemned the recent decision to permit a private cemetery in the heart of Erragadda's residential colony, calling it "unwise and inhumane." He alleged that the government was manipulating public sentiment for electoral gains and warned against granting permissions near sensitive military lands without proper scrutiny.

He credited the NDA government led by Atal Bihari Vajpayee, along with the then Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu, for laying the foundation of Hyderabad's modern development. "Projects like Gachibowli Stadium and Cyber City are the result of that visionary leadership," he said, adding that it was misleading for current governments to claim full credit for continued progress. Highlighting the dire state of civic infrastructure in Erragadda and nearby colo-

nies, Ramchander Rao pointed to the absence of basic amenities such as drainage systems, manholes, roads and street lighting. "Flooding, foul smells and uncovered manholes during rains are posing serious health risks," he said, expressing disappointment over the inaction of municipal officials and local representatives.

He also raised concerns about the violation of noise regulations, noting that DJ programmes and loud music continue beyond the permitted hours in several areas. "The police and local authorities must enforce these rules strictly," he urged.

Taking aim at both Congress and BRS, he said that despite having had opportunities to govern, both parties failed to address core public issues. He appealed to voters to give the BJP a chance, citing the party's 12-year record of corruption-free governance under Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

He said the party's Jubilee Hills candidate, Deepak Reddy, is a responsive and experienced leader, deeply connected to the people. "Your vote is more powerful than a bullet," he declared, urging citizens to vote responsibly and strengthen democracy. "The people have seen the rule of two parties. Now it is time for change—and that change should begin in Jubilee Hills."

KTR urges Jubilee Hills voters: Choose 'car' over 'bulldozer'

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STATING that it was a contest between 10 years of development and two years of destruction and people were the real judges, the BRS Working President KT Rama Rao on Tuesday called upon the voters in Jubilee Hills Assembly constituency to judge between the two by voting on November 11.

Addressing a road show in the Somajiguda division in the Jubilee Hills Assembly constituency, Rama Rao targeted the government on various aspects, including unfulfilled promises. Rama Rao said the Congress leaders were asking again to give them one chance. Is it because of this one chance the state has become pathetic. It is because of giving one chance the auto drivers have committed suicide, the real estate has been destroyed. The state which was in first place has fallen to last place.

Rao accused Chief Minister Revanth Reddy of deliberately withholding fee reimbursement dues worth over Rs 10,000 crore, thereby depriving lakhs of poor and middle-class students of their right to higher education.



Targeting the government on HYDRAA and real estate, Rao said that the Indiramma rule has become a rule of destroying houses. The Hydras monster is destroying the houses of the poor. Is Hydras brought only for the poor and not for the rich, he asked.

The HYDRAA does not go to the houses of Tirupathi Reddy, the brother of the Chief Minister, Ministers Patnam Mahender Reddy, Ponguleti Srinivasa Reddy, G Vivek's and others. The party leaders showed videos of people affected due to HYDRAA, their pain and sorrows on the big screens.

KTR said that this election was not a random contest but a fight between a car and a bulldozer. People should vote for car symbol to teach the bulldozer government a lesson. Vote on the car symbol because it is the only thing

Jana Sena extends support to BJP in Jubilee Hills by-poll

Jana Sena Chief and AP Deputy CM Pawan Kalyan is likely to campaign

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IN an important political development ahead of the Jubilee Hills by-election, the Jana Sena Party has formally announced its support for the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) candidate, Lankala Deepak Reddy. Jana Sena Telangana state president Shankar Goud, accompanied by senior party leaders, met with BJP state unit president N Ramchan-

der Rao and Union Minister G Kishan Reddy on Tuesday to convey the party's decision. The meeting marked a strategic alignment between the two parties, aimed at consolidating votes in the high-profile constituency.

Jana Sena leaders confirmed that they will actively participate in the BJP's campaign efforts, lending their cadre and resources to bolster Deepak Reddy's prospects in the upcoming poll.

The by-election for Jubilee Hills is scheduled to be held on November 11, and this alliance is expected to reshape the electoral dynamics in the constituency, which has traditionally witnessed multi-cornered contests.

Political observers are closely watching the impact of this partnership, as it may signal broader cooperation between the two parties in future electoral battles across Telangana.



Jana Sena Telangana State President Shankar Goud, along with several party leaders, met BJP State President N. Ramchander Rao and Union Minister Kishan Reddy. The leaders discussed Jana Sena's participation in the campaign supporting BJP candidate Lankala Deepak Reddy.

Bandi Sanjay inspects world's highest railway bridge; vows full support for Manipur's development

VRC PHANIHARAN
IMPHAL/HYDERABAD

UNION Minister Bandi Sanjay inspected the construction of the world's highest railway bridge in Manipur's Noni district, reaffirming the Centre's commitment to accelerating development in the state's most backward regions. The bridge, part of the ambitious Jiribam-Imphal railway line project, is being built at a height of 141 metres with seven pillars spanning 703 metres, and is set to become a global engineering landmark.

The Rs 650 crore bridge is a key component of the Rs 21,885 crore railway corridor connecting Imphal to the national railway network via



Assam. Officials briefed the minister that the bridge will be completed by March 2026, while the entire 110 km railway line--featuring 55 tunnels, including one of 10.25 km length--will be operational by December 2028.

Walking half a kilometre along the bridge site, Bandi

Sanjay praised the engineering teams for their dedication despite harsh terrain and weather. He said the project will transform connectivity, ease transportation, and stand as a testament to Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of inclusive development. "This bridge will place Manipur

firmly on the Indian Railways map," he said.

Earlier in the day, the minister arrived by helicopter and held a review meeting with Collector Sarath Chandra, the District SP and senior officials from Tamenglong district.

He was briefed on challenges in implementing cen-

tral schemes, including a lack of infrastructure, a shortage of teachers, and only 13 doctors serving a population of 59,000. He assured full central support and promised to escalate proposals to the relevant ministries.

Bandi Sanjay also met with local leaders, SHGs, and public representatives, collecting petitions and pledging action. He planted a sapling to mark his visit and toured an exhibition showcasing local products.

"The Centre is committed to ensuring that even the remotest corners of India receive the fruits of development," he said, urging officials to intensify efforts and ensure full coverage of central welfare schemes.

Leaders said that Azharuddin was not happy with the allocation of non-focal departments. The CM assured his new cabinet colleague of allotting good departments only after the Jubilee Hills by-election.

Azhar unhappy over portfolio allocation

Welfare and Public Enterprises portfolios.

Currently, SC Welfare Minister Adluri Lakshan was holding

the Minority Welfare portfolio and the Public Enterprises was with the Chief Minister. The new Minority Welfare Minister

was also allotted room number 15 for the minister's chambers in the ground floor of the state Secretariat.

HYDERABAD: WITH no minister and also Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy ready to give up one of their existing focal portfolios, the newly inducted minister Mohd Azharuddin has got Minority

HC disposes of Sridhar Babu's criminal petition

LEGAL CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD

THE Telangana High Court single bench of Justice Anil Kumar Jukanti on Tuesday disposed of the criminal petition filed by Minister Duddilla Sridhar Babu, seeking to quash a criminal case registered against him and over 300 others in 2017.

The case, registered as FIR 162/2017 at Basantnagar police station, Peddapalli district, pertained to alleged offences under Sections 147, 353, 427 read with 149 of the IPC. The charges stemmed from an incident during a public hearing on the "Kaleshwaram Irrigation Project" held at Reddy Functional Hall, Raghavapuram, Peddapalli, where the accused allegedly created obstacles for officials on duty.

According to the complaint, Sridhar Babu and others, including Harkare Venugopal Rao, Kotha Srinivas, Kranthi, Polu Shiva, Uppath Srinivas, raised slogans against the then Chief Minister K Chandrashekar Rao, threw chairs, and disrupted proceedings during the hearing.

Public Prosecutor Palle Nageshwar Rao informed the court that a chargesheet had been filed in the lower court under Section 186 IPC; the petitioner, who was named A-1, had already been acquitted. Considering the submission that the case against the petitioner was closed in the lower court, Justice Jukanti disposed of the petition.

The disposal of the petition effectively brings an end to the long-pending case that originated from the hearing protests over the Kaleshwaram project.

Court closes BL Santosh's criminal petition in BRS MLAs poaching case

The HC on Tuesday closed the criminal petition filed by BJP general secretary BL Santosh, and two others seeking quash of



a Special Investigation Team (SIT) notice issued under Section 41 A of the Code of Criminal Procedure in crime 455/2022 of Moinabad police station.

The single judge bench of Justice Jukanti Anil Kumar observed that since the investigation into the alleged BRS MLAs poaching case has already been transferred to the CBI, the petition stands closed.

The case stems from allegations that BJP leaders attempted to poach BRS legislators in 2022. The BRS government subsequently constituted a SIT to probe the issue and summoned several individuals, including Santosh. Despite being served notice--dated November 23--he had not appeared before the team, but secured interim orders from the HC restraining his arrest.

Meanwhile, another writ had been filed by Gujjala Premender Reddy, BJP general secretary from Hanumakonda, seeking transfer of the investigation to CBI.

PP Rao told the court that the case had already been handed over to the central agency and that the SIT notice to Santosh was under stay.

Taking note of the submissions, Justice Kumar closed the petition. Earlier, on November 25, Justice K. Surender had stayed the SIT notice to Santosh; on December 26, Justice B Vijayen Reddy directed the CBI to investigate the case registered by the Moinabad police.

Ray of Sunshine Foundation to aid cancer patients, athletes

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A new social service organisation, Ray of Sunshine Foundation (ROSF), dedicated to promoting humanity, help and hope, has been launched in Hyderabad. Founded by Srikanth Taduri and Johanna Samuel Hull in October 2025, the foundation aims to bring positive change through three focus areas -- cancer support and CPR awareness and assistance to financially struggling athletes.



Speaking at the launch event held at their office in Kapra, Sainikpuri, the founders said the foundation's mission is to "light up lives like sunshine" by providing financial aid, encouragement and emotional support to cancer patients.

ROSF will also conduct Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) training programmes across the country to equip people with lifesaving emergency skills. Additionally, the foundation will support underprivileged athletes by funding race fees, jerseys and essential gear.



Envoys meet at Kazakhstan Investment Roundtable

Vishal Hajharia (left), Honorary Consul of the Republic of Kazakhstan in Kolkata, and Dr Nawab Mir Nasir Ali Khan (right), Honorary Consul of the Republic of Kazakhstan in Hyderabad for Telangana and Andhra Pradesh, meet YK Sailas Thangal (centre), Ambassador of India to the Republic of Kazakhstan, at the Embassy of India in Astana during the Kazakhstan Global Investment Roundtable on Tuesday.

TRLD terms Azharuddin's induction into cabinet unconstitutional

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TELANGANA Rashtriya Lok Dal (TRLD) President and former MLC Kapilavai Dileep Kumar on Tuesday demanded the immediate suspension of cricketer-turned-politician Mohd Azharuddin's appointment as a minister in the Telangana Cabinet, calling it "unconstitutional" and a violation of the Election Commission's code of conduct.

Addressing a press conference at Somajiguda Press Club, he alleged that the move aims to influence around 1.2 lakh Muslim voters in the Jubilee Hills constituency, where a by-election is underway. He urged the Governor of Telangana,

the Chief Election Commissioner, and the Chief Electoral Officer to suspend Azharuddin's appointment and restrict his movement in the constituency until polling concludes.

Dileep Kumar also announced the launch of the second phase of the Saamajika Chaitanya Rath Yatra from Karimnagar on November 13, covering several northern districts before concluding in Adilabad on November 17.

The yatra seeks to unite SC, ST and BC communities for greater political empowerment. TRLD National Women's President K Indira expressed condolences to road accident victims in Chevella and demanded Rs 25 lakh compensation for bereaved families.



CHANGE OF NAME

I, Farhath Sultana R/o H.No. 6-2-23, Plot No. 23, YSR Enclave, Secretariat Hills, Nekkampur, Hyderabad, Telangana 500089 changed my name as **Farhat Khan W/o Shaik Mahmood Khan** (TH_ 33099)

I Ishrath Begum (Old Name) R/O 8-4-544/M/77/A, Sultan Nagar Erragadda, Hyderabad, 500018 TG have changed my name as **FARZANA BEGUM W/o Shaik Arif** (TH_ 33099)

I, MOHAMMED ABUBAKAR S/O Late Abdul Sattar, R/o: 18-2-634/B, Risala Ground, Falaknurna, Charminar, Hyd-53. Has Changed My Name as **MOHAMMED ABUBAKAR QUADRI** (TH_ 33099)

I, Birudula Devamma R/o P.No: 1748/C, Bhavana Nagar, Kapra (M), Medchal - Malkajigiri Dist. Changed My Name Form Birudula Devamma to **BRUDULA ANJALI** For all Purposes. (TH_ 33099)

I, Ismail shaik Kadambar S/o mohammed H.No. 4-1-938/22/25 flat no: 604 krishna apts abids tilak road change my name as **Ismail shaik khader s/o mohammed** (TH_ 33099)

I, FARDHANA BEGUM W/O SHAFI AHMED QUADRI, R/O. 19-4-8/101/1, Hashmabad, Chandrayangutta, Hyd-05 Would Like to change my name as **FARZANA BEGUM**, Passport No. M6844889 (TH_ 33099)

I, REETA ATTAL MALANI W/O. VISHAL MALANI R/O. H.NO: 10-3-43/1, VILLA 15, PLOT NO 36/4, SEVA MANDAL SOCIETY, EAST MAREDPALLY, SECUNDERABAD-500026, TS. changed my name from REETA ATAL to **REETA ATTAL MALANI W/O. VISHAL MALANI** for all purposes (TH_ 33099)

I,ANJALI KUMARI PEGALLAPATI W/O PEGALLAPATI PHANI RAJA TRIVIKRAMA RAO ADDRESS: H.NO:8/42 PLOT NO:06 MYNTRI PURAM COLONY, KARANGHAT SARDOR NAGAR HYDERABAD TS 500079 CHANGED MY NAME AS **PEGALLAPATI VENKATA NALINI KUMARI W/O PEGALLAPATI PHANI RAJA TRIVIKRAMA RAO** (TH_ 33099)

I, MOHD MUKRAM ALI S/O MOHD AZEEM UDDIN (old name) and resident of H.No. 3-4-24, MOMIN MOHALLA, Zaheerabad Town 8 Mandal, Sangareddy District, Telangana State have changed my name as **MOHAMMED MUKRAM ALI S/O MOHAMMED AZEEM UDDIN** (New Name as per my documents). (TH_ 33099)

I Abdul Samad, S/o Mohammed Youssuf, R/o 17-7-110, Bada Bazar, Yakutpura, Charminar, 500023, Hyderabad, TS, Has Changed My Name as **"AMJAD PASHA "** (TH_ 33099)

I VENKATESWARA RAO TANIRU S/O VENKATRAH, H.NO-19-2-31-2, OPP VENKATESWARA SWAMI TEMPLE, SRINIVASA NAGAR,CHORLA, PRAKASAM, ANDHRA PRADESH-521155. Hence changed my name as: NAME-**VENKATESWARLU SURNAME-TANIRU**-DOB-01-01-1965 S/O- VENKATRAH, For all my future need (TH_ 33099)

I, MOHAMMED MUKHTAR AHMED S/o MOHAMMED ALKBER AHMED R/o 16-9-646, OLD MALAKPET HYD-36, change my name as **MOHAMMED MUQTAR AHMED** (TH_ 33099)

I, No.14654253W, Hav, Patil Dnyaneshwar Shrivani, R/o, Dist: Jalgaon, Maharashtra, changed my Father's name from Shrivani Guman Patel to **Shrivani Guman Patil**, vide Affidavit No.282442 dt.03.11.2025. (TH_ 33099)

CHANGE OF NAME

I, No.14654253W, Hav, Patil Dnyaneshwar Shrivani, R/o, Dist: Jalgaon, Maharashtra, changed my Mother's name from Chandabai Shrivani PA to **Chandan Shrivani Patil**, vide Affidavit No.282440 dt.03.11.2025. (TH_ 33099)

I, MOHAMMED NAYEEM R/o. 3-6-105, F.No. 303, QUEENS COURT APTS, HIMAYATH NAGAR, HYD, 500029 TS. I have Changed my name to **MOHAMMED NAYEEMUDDIN S/o MOHAMMED MASOOM**. (TH_ 33099)

I, MOHAMMED ISHAQUE R/o. 8-3-229/D/33, Venkatagiri, Yousufguda Hyd-045, Passport No. R1617992 Wrongly mentioned my name in my son passport Changed My Name As **MOHAMMED ISHAQ S/o. MOHAMMED SIDDIQUE** (TH_ 33099)

I, MUNNOR KAPU SHREYA R/o. 14-2-122/B1/A1/R17, F.No. 502, HARSHITA TOWERS, BHAGERATHA Cty, Mahabubnagar, 509001 ,TS. Changed My Name As **DILLIKAR SHREYA W/o. MUNNOR KAPU SAMPATH KUMAR**. (TH_ 33099)

I, BOMPEM JAYASRI R/O. H.NO 8-2-293/116 VENKATESWARA Nagar, Banjara Hills, BN Reddy Cty Hyd, TG 500034. Changed My Name As **SUNKASARI JAYASRI W/O. BOMPEN SURENDRA KUMAR** (TH_ 33099)

I, ANJALI PRASAD R/O. H.NO. 12-129, KIRBY HOUSING SOCIETY, MUTHANDI, PATANCHERU, SANGAREDDY-502307, TS. Have changed my name as **ANJALI DIWAKAR SINGH W/O. DIWAKAR SINGH**. (TH_ 33099)

I, SUKETU ANIL KUMAR SHAH* R/o. 82/202, BURJ BANJARA SARKAR PROPERTIES, ROAD NO.12, Banjara Hills, Hyd -500034, TS. Have changed my name as **SUKETU ANIL SHAH S/o. ANIL MANSUKHLAL SHAH**. (TH_ 33099)

I, Srinivasa Rao Karumanchi S/o.Subba rao Karumanchi R/o.H.No.7-1-58 3A 501, Divya Shakti Apartments, Panjagutta, Hyd, TS-500016, Changed My Name As **Srinivas Rao Karumanchi** (TH_ 33099)

I, HARIKA SURAPANENI W/o. ANANTA VENKATA RAMAN TUMMALA R/o.F.No.1401, W BY DSR, LAXMI NAGAR, Kondapur Cy/bad- R.R Dt TS. 500084. Changed My Minor Son Name From AADYA TUMMALA to **ADITYA TUMMALA** (TH_ 33099)

I, Khaja Muzaffer Uddin R/o. 10-2-556/53, Humayun Nagar Asifnagar Hyderabad Telangana-500028 Change My Name As **Khaja Muzaffar Uddin S/o. Khaja Najamuddin** (TH_ 33099)

I, PAREKH FENY SHAILESHBHAI R/o. 2-3-520/17/18, F.No.103, ARIHANTH RESIDENCY, MINISTER RD, DV ONLY SEC'AD HYD -500003 TS, changed my name as **FENY HARDIK MEHTA W/o. MEHTA HARDIK HIREN**. (TH_ 33099)

I, YADLAPALLI SUSEELA R/o. 11-1-100, UB ROAD BHADRACHALAM Village and Mandal, BHADRADRI KOTHAGUDEM DIST TS. Changed My Name As **TALASEELA SUSEELA W/O. YADLAPALLI HARIHARANATH** (TH_ 33099)

I, BODAPATI LAKSHMI SPANDANA W/o. NERALLA LAKSHMI NARAYANA (New Name) R/o.F.No.201, H.No.15-19/201, Sri Gayatri residency, Gayatri Nagar, Rd No.3, Peerzadguda, Hyd-508, changed my name from BODAPATI LAKSHMI SPANDANA (Old Name) to **BODAPATI LAKSHMI SPANDANA W/o. NERALLA LAKSHMI NARAYANA** (New Name) for all purposes. (TH_ 33099)

CHANGE OF NAME

I, Zaker Hussain Mohammed Abdul R/O. H.No. 16-7-738/A/1/303, Osmanpura, Azampura, Hyderabad Telangana. I have Changed my name as "Mohammed Zakir Hussain" (TH_ 33099)

I, VIMALA JAYA PRADHA GATTU, R/O H.NO 204/C, 7-1-277/163, SANJEEV REDDY NAGAR, HYDERABAD, TS. I HAVE CHANGED MY NAME AS **VILMA JAYAPRADHA GATTU W/O DEVENDER KUMAR GATTU**. (TH_ 33099)

I,PERUMAL SURESH ABHISHEK S/O PERUMAL SURESH (New Name) R/o.1-11-49, GOUNAJA, ALVAIA, SECUNDERABAD, CYBERABAD-MEDCHAL-500010, changed my name from PERUMAL SURESH ABHISHEK (OLD NAME) to **PERUMAL SURESH ABHISHEK S/O PERUMAL SURESH (NEW NAME)** for all purposes. (TH_ 33099)

I, Samala Viswashanti Reddy S/O Samala Sharvandra Reddy R/O H.no. 1-88 Koheda Hayathnagar Ranga Reddy Telangana 501511 changed my name as **Samala Vishwashanth Reddy S/O Samala Sharvandra Reddy** (TH_ 33099)

I, Bussa Satheesh Kumar S/O: Bussa Srihari R/O.18-19-25/E2, Bhavani Nagar Near Block Office Circle Siddipet Dist-502103 T.G Changed My Name As **Bussa Satish Kumar** (TH_ 33099)

I, Mylarapu Praveen Kumar S/o Mylarapu Veeraiah. R/O H.no 12-10 Rajiv nagar, karthikheya Nagar, nacharam, Uppal mandal, k.v. Ranga reddy dist, Telangana-500076, have changed my surname from Mylarapu Praveen Kumar to **Mylarapu Praveen Kumar S/o Mylarapu Veeraiah**, for all purpose. (TH_ 33099)

I, Samala Saravinda Reddy S/O Samala Bal Reddy R/O H.no. 1-88 Koheda Hayathnagar Ranga Reddy Telangana 501511 changed my name as **Samala Sharvandra Reddy S/O Bal Reddy** (TH_ 33099)

I, Upendra Raitthatha S/O Jayantilal Raitthatha Resident of 1-4-158/103, 2nd floor, Saijuri colony, Sainikpuri, Medchal Malkajigiri, Hyderabad, Telangana 500094, have changed my name from Upendra Raitthatha to **Upendra Jayantilal Raitthatha S/O Jayantilal Raitthatha**. for all purposes (TH_ 17379)

I, Mridula Raitthatha W/O Upendra Jayantilal Raitthatha Resident of 1-4-158/103, 2nd floor, 4th cross rd, Saijuri colony, near HDFC Ant Secunderabad, Sainikpuri, Hyderabad, Telangana 500094, have changed my name from Mridula Raitthatha to **Mridula Upendra Raitthatha W/O Upendra Jayantilal Raitthatha**. for all purposes (TH_ 17380)

I, SATHYAMMA W/O KOCKONDA BALA KISTIAH, 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 SATHYAMMA**. (TH_ JSY)

I, Service No. 15427169Y Hav (Nur Asst) RAJASEKHAR REDDY YALLURI of 13 Sikh LI, C/o.56 APO, Resident of Vill: Cherlopalli, PO: Edavalli, Teh: Racherla, Dist: Prakasam, Andhra Pradesh-523356 that my son name is to be changed from YALLURI DEVANSH REDDY to **DEVANSH REDDY YALLURI** vide affidavit dt:4-11-2025 before C.Samuel, Advocate and Notary, Secunderabad. (TH_ 33099)

CHANGE OF NAME

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CHANGE OF NAME

I, Smt.K.RAJA KUMARI, Spouse of No. 15115199L, Rank HAV, Name: PERABOINA RANGA SWAMY, R/o. H.No. 1-1-29/172, Jai Jawan Colony, Kapra, ECIL Post, Hyderabad- 500062, T.S. have changed my Name from K.RAJA KUMARI to **PERABOINA RAJA KUMARI** for all records purpose vide affidavit No. AB482255 dated 03 Nov. 2025 at Hyderabad (TH_ 01933)

CHANGE OF NAME & D.o.B

I, Mirza Ahmed Baig S/o. Mirza Murtuza Baig, R/o. 13-4-411, Subzi Mandi, Karwan, Asif Nagar, Hyderabad, Telangana. That my Date of Birth 19/07/1967 was mentioned in my E0995195 & Correct Date of Birth is **01/01/1967**, for all purposes. (TH_ T.M.RAO)

I, SC No.15822636- P, Rank. NK (DMT) Name: GOLDI, R/O. VILL. KASERLA KHURD, TEH. BARARA DISTRICT AMBALA STATE: HARYANA, PIN NO. 133205, and have change my mother name & DOB: **ANITA DEVI TO ANITA** & DOB: 02-06-1975 to **01-01-1968** in my service records. (TH_ 33099)

CHANGE OF NAME

I, Achita Omprakash Agarwal W/o TANUJ KEDIA R/o. Plot.No. 108, Ambience Fort, Attapur, Ranga Reddy Dist. Telangana-500048. have changed my name from **ACHITA OMPRAKASH AGARWAL** to **ACHITA AGARWAL** for all Purposes. (TH_ 173)

PASSPORT MISSING

I, Gade Sandeep Reddy S/o : Gade Ashok Reddy. R/o:plot no.23, Raghavendra homes Bonglor Pin : 501510, Dist : Ranga Reddy, my missing Passport no: V8198882 Traveling from injapur to ibrahimpatnam, If any one found passport, please contact Mobile no: 9705071717, 7794841906 (TH_ 33099)

CHANGE OF NAME

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KILLER ROAD: NH-163 A TICKING TIME BOMB

HARISH ANGADI
HYDERABAD

FOR years, the Chevella-Moinabad stretch of NH 163 has been a ticking time bomb. A horrific accident that claimed 19 lives near Mirzaguda has once again underscored its deadly reputation. The highway, notorious for fatal crashes, has earned the grim label “Death Trap Lane” among terrified commuters and locals alike.

This stretch of NH-163 is plagued by narrow lanes, sharp curves and poor road conditions aggravated by halted road widening works. Despite being one of the busiest highways connecting Hyderabad to outlying regions, expansion from two to four lanes has been stuck for years.

The recent National Green Tribunal (NGT) nod to resume construction only came after multiple delays due to environmental litigation focused on safeguarding over 900 century-old banyan trees lining the route.

Investigations reveal a deadly combination behind the increasing death toll:



Photo: Adula Krishna

reckless driving on a highway unsuitable for soaring traffic, deteriorating road surfaces and confusing diversions amid halted construction. Between 2018 and 2025, over 180 fatalities and hundreds of injuries have been reported along NH-163, with the Chevella-Moinabad section bearing a disproportionate share.

Several high-profile accidents have punctuated this

timeline, underscoring the dangers. The most recent calamity, a head-on collision between a gravel-laden tipper and an RTC bus near Mirzaguda, reignited local outrage over the lack of swift action despite repeated warnings. Eyewitnesses cited hazardous curves and construction debris as contributing factors.

NGT's delay in approving the widening project

stemmed from environmental concerns raised by activists who campaigned to preserve the century-old banyan trees. Though a fresh environmental impact assessment was ordered, critics argue that saving trees was prioritised at the human cost of continued peril on this narrow highway. The road widening work, which began partially near Manneguda, still awaits full completion

amid ongoing legal challenges.

Traffic congestion on NH-163 has surged exponentially with Hyderabad's urban sprawl, further compounding risks. Thousands of vehicles, including heavy trucks, daily navigate this hazardous corridor with no adequate safety measures like signage or barriers to warn of imminent danger, exacerbating accident frequency.

The state government has announced compensation and relief for recent accident victims, while officials pledge to expedite completion of the stalled expansion. Yet, the grim reality remains that residents of Chevella and Moinabad inhabit a lethal transit zone where human lives hang in the balance between bureaucratic inertia and ecological debates.

With every new tragedy, the question intensifies: Who will take responsibility for this death trap lane, an infrastructure failure, environmental hesitancy, or sheer neglect? For now, the people of Telangana endure and fear the perilous passage of NH-163.



Bloodbath continues on Moinabad-Aloor stretch

- The 45-km of stretch on NH-163 filled with potholes, cracks and uneven surface
- Caused three ghastly accidents in five years

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RANGAREDDY

THE ghastly accident on the Hyderabad-Bijapur highway on Monday morning that left 19 people dead and dozens wounded and soaked the State into grief, raised many eye-brows. Experts are questioning safety of passengers who chose to take a journey through a narrow, rough and bumpy road from Moinabad to Aloor in Chevella mandal of Ranga Reddy district.

The tragic incident gives a deep insight into the alleged blind-eye towards development of the 45-km stretch on the National Highway 163 from Moinabad to Aloor which often turns a death trap always chasing commuters. The ill-maintained highway in a pathetic state continue to hunt commuters on this otherwise calm passage that covers areas such as Aziznagar, Moinabad, Chevella, Damargidda, Aloor and Mirzapur villages in Ranga Reddy and moves to Manneguda in Vikarabad.

The moment one enters the Moinabad area from Hyderabad, the poorly maintained pothole-filled, cracked and uneven highway welcomes to utter shock. Uneven patches, some even overpowered half of the highway every few meters poses a grave threat to travelers on the stretch.

"Accidents, some as ghastly as Monday's, that make



headlines on several occasions, are common on this stretch," rued M Balaiah, a local resident.

In December 2020, a car collided with a bore-well drilling truck that left seven members of the same family belonging to Kalapathar (Hyderabad). The accident occurred on December 3 near Malkapur Gate in Chevella mandal on the Hyderabad-Bijapur Highway. The victims were heading to Karnataka following the same stretch that unleashed a mayhem on Monday.

Four years later, another ghastly accident took place in the same area on December 2, in which at least four people killed and six injured when a speeding tipper rammed road-side vegetable

vendors. Mohd Ghouse, a passenger regular to this road, said, "Lack of proper supervision of this part of the highway over the years led to such ghastly accidents frequently. Despite loss of precious lives, no serious measures were taken at least to maintain the Moinabad-Aloor road"

"Officials from National Highway Authority of India (NHAI) frequently travel through the stretch when they are on their mission to carry out new projects. However, none gives a hoot about the pathetic state of this road that serves as a main passage that links at least three neighbouring States-Karnataka, Maharashtra and Chhattisgarh," said Malleth Goud, a construction material trader.

Chevella MP pins blame on BRS govt for bad condition of roads

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IN the wake of a tragic road accident in Chevella that claimed 19 lives, BJP MP Konda Vishweshwar Reddy has launched a sharp critique of the previous BRS government, blaming administrative apathy and delayed infrastructure development for the deteriorating road safety in the region.

Addressing the media on Tuesday, Reddy expressed deep anguish over the loss of lives and underscored the urgent need for comprehensive road upgrades. He attributed the rising number of accidents to a combination of poor road conditions and high-speed vehicular movement, warning that even improved roads could become hazardous without proper planning and enforcement.



The MP specifically pointed to the Hyderabad-Bijapur Highway, which was granted national highway status in 2016. Despite this designation, he said, progress has been sluggish due to bureaucratic hurdles, particularly in land acquisition. "The previous government's inefficiency in acquiring land

has stalled critical stretches, leaving commuters vulnerable," Reddy stated.

He criticised the earlier BRS regime responsible for the present situation and expressed disbelief that BRS was trying to target him for the accident, besides announcing to hold protests. Reddy asked if he was the

one who got the road sanctioned. How he could be responsible, he asked.

Expressing serious reservations towards the casual attitude of the Congress government, he urged carrying out land acquisition properly to ensure the road is laid properly to prevent further accidents.

He further advocated for the full conversion of regional roads into national highways, arguing that such a move would bring in better engineering standards, central funding, and enhanced safety mechanisms.

On environmental concerns, Reddy assured that the ongoing road works would be sensitive to ecological preservation. He noted that the National Green Tribunal had cleared the project and efforts were underway to translocate banyan trees along the route to minimise environmental disruption.

With infrastructure work now underway, Reddy expressed hope that the region would soon witness safer and more reliable road networks. He called for coordinated efforts between state and central agencies to expedite the process and prevent further tragedies.

The Chevella accident has reignited debate over road safety and governance, placing renewed focus on the need for timely infrastructure execution and accountability.

Chevella bus accident: Most injured to be discharged

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POLICE confirmed that 30 of the 38 injured in the Chevella bus accident on November 3 are set to be discharged after their condition stabilised in hospitals. The tragic collision between a gravel-laden tipper truck and a Telangana State Road Transport Corporation (TSRTC) bus near Mirzaguda in Rangareddy district claimed 19 lives, including women and infants, police said.

Funerals for most victims have been completed in their native villages, attended by family members and local officials. Medical teams at Vikarabad Government Hospital and other facilities continue treating the remaining injured passengers.

Chevella police have intensified their probe. Inspector K Srinivas said the investigation includes checking the truck owner's compliance with permits and vehicle fitness. The truck owner, who fled the city, is being traced using mobile tracking. Meanwhile, the Road Transport Authority (RTA) has launched a safety audit of the operator's entire fleet. Authorities assured measures to prevent such accidents, including stricter regulation of contract vehicles on busy routes and enhanced night patrolling between Chevella and Shankarpally.



India's agri strength key to self-reliance: Kishan Reddy at Agri Business Awards

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UNION Minister G Kishan Reddy stressed the central role of agriculture in India's journey toward self-reliance while addressing the Agri Business Awards ceremony on Tuesday, which honoured farmers, innovators and agripreneurs for their contributions to the sector.

"Agriculture is not just an occupation—it's a way of life for millions," he said, noting that 54% of India's population depends on agriculture and the sector contributes 18% to the national GDP. He credited Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership for launching transformative schemes aimed at farmer welfare.

Highlighting India's glob-

al achievements, the minister announced that India has overtaken China in grain production, reaching 149 million tonnes this year. Milk production has surged by 63% since 2014-15, making India the world's largest milk producer. The country also leads in pulse production, with 26 million tonnes annually.

Despite global supply challenges during the COVID-19 pandemic, India ensured food grain availability and even exported to other nations. Under PM Modi's leadership, five kg of rice is being provided free to 80 crore citizens, and schemes like PM Kisan and PM Kriishi Sinchai Yojana are being implemented effectively.

Since 2019, Rs 4 lakh crore has been deposited

directly into the accounts of 11.8 crore farmers under the PM Samman Nidhi Yojana, eliminating middlemen and empowering small and medium farmers. The minimum support price for paddy has also seen significant hikes since 2014.

Reddy highlighted GST 2.0 reforms, which reduced taxes on tractors and farm machinery, lowering cultivation costs and boosting farmer incomes.

He stressed the need to embrace agri-tech innovations such as artificial intelligence, IoT, and drones to further modernize the sector.

"The prosperity of farmers is the foundation of a prosperous India," he urged, and continued support and innovation in agriculture.

Patel's legacy: Laxman urges youth to join nationwide 'Sardar @150 Unity March'

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Dr K Laxman, the BJP OBC Morcha National President and Rajya Sabha MP, has called for widespread public participation in the upcoming 'Sardar @150 Unity March', a nationwide initiative dedicated to commemorating the 150th birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel. Addressing the media on Tuesday, Dr Laxman underscored the critical importance of remembering Patel's immense contributions to national integration and fostering unity among all citizens.

The campaign, which was launched by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, aims to instil patriotic values and a deep sense of national pride, particularly among the youth. Union Minister Dr Mansukh Mandaviya inaugurated the digital segment of the campaign in New Delhi on October 6.

Dr Laxman specifically highlighted Sardar Patel's historic role in integrating the erstwhile Hyderabad State into the Indian Union on September 17, 1948,



Rajya Sabha MP highlights Sardar Patel's role in Hyderabad State's integration, calls for patriotic participation

which brought an end to the oppressive rule of the Nizam and the Razakars. "The people of Telangana owe a deep debt of gratitude to Sardar Patel," he said, while simultaneously paying tribute to regional freedom fighters such as Chakali Ailamma, Doddi Komarappa, and Kumaram Bheem.

He urged young citizens to actively engage in the campaign's activities, including essay writing, quizzes, and social media contests, and to formally register on the official

portal mybharat.gov.in. The main event, the Unity March (Pada Yatra), will commence on November 26, marking Constitution Day, from Karamsad in Gujarat to Sardar Patel's birthplace and will conclude on December 5 at the iconic Statue of Unity.

The march will include various community-focused activities such as yoga sessions, health camps, anti-drug awareness drives, cleanliness initiatives, and educational lectures focusing on Patel's life and ideals. "Sardar Patel

stood for unity beyond caste, creed, and language. That spirit must be carried forward by today's youth," Dr Laxman emphasised.

He also noted that the entire campaign aligns closely with Prime Minister Modi's vision of a developed India by 2047, a vision rooted in Swadeshi values and inclusive progress. Dr Laxman appealed to citizens from all backgrounds to join the district and state-level events and ensure the Unity March is a resounding success.

The press conference was attended by Khushbu Gupta, District Youth Officer, My Bharat Kendra, Hyderabad; Madhvi Kohli, State Convenor; and Saida Nayak, NSS District Youth Officer.

Intense battle on in Bengaluru for a ‘new’ Congress CM

THE penultimate month of 2025 has begun in an unexpectedly turbulent manner in Karnataka. After all, the struggle for the pinnacle of power in the south-western state of India – the CM post – had been set in motion right from the day Congress assumed power in May 2023. While it is still unclear whether it had the backing of the high command or not, it seemed like there was an undeclared agreement between the top two leaders – Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and his deputy D K Shivakumar – that the two would trade places at the midpoint of the five-year government, which happens to be this month. As the deadline drew near, the pulls and pressures from both lobbies started impacting the political atmosphere in the state for some weeks now. While the CM, who has survived similar power struggles throughout his long career, emphatically denied existence of any such power-sharing arrangement and asserted that he would last the full term, the Deputy CM, also the state unit chief, was not openly contradicting it yet had enough backers within the state Congress unit and government to raise a call in his favour. After having joined the Congress nearly 20 years back, Siddaramaiah has proved to be more useful and effective to the New Delhi power lobby.

His smart usage of the potent minority and backward caste cards

have kept his detractors a little wary of what his next moves could be and presumably, a better candidate for remaining at the top of the helm. In contrast, a life-long Congressman, Shivakumar, has been feted for his crisis management dexterity and ability to raise funds for various political wheeling-dealing in States where Congress is in power. Yet, he has been deprived of the CM chair as he doesn't have the aggregating influence of his arch-rival, who has survived vicious criticism from Opposition parties who have targeted him for his appeasement and conciliatory politics with caste groups and a defiant anti-Hindutva streak in most of his actions. Shivakumar has also not earned much apprecia-

tion for his ‘friendly’ attitude with the Opposition (read BJP) which has added to the former’s problems by extending a welcoming approach if ever he decides to switch sides. That may not happen as DKS, as he is popularly known, has exhibited unflinching loyalty to the GOP high command and is unlikely to do something catastrophic as joining hands with his political foes.

Yet, vested interests on both sides keep loading the media with their sensational observations, the latest being that of Yathindra, son of the incumbent CM, who had predicted that his father may not be seen in active politics for long and speculated that a minister from Belagavi may be his replacement. Divided

that the Congress party is in the state, no one is now bothered to cover themselves with ambivalent statements or comments and freely express their opinions about whom they want as the next CM, provided the ‘November revolution’ takes effect. Bengaluru is awash with speculation and intense rumours on the power struggle drama once again as it has been in the past month or so. Bihar election results are awaited by Congress, which senses that they may be in with a chance to dislodge NDA and silence dissent in party units by announcing cabinet reshuffles or appeasing rebels with a post or two. The battle has just taken a pause, but it has not come to a grinding halt, for sure.

LETTERS

Guru Nanak Jayanthi today

GURU Nanak Gurburab holds profound significance as a day to honour the holy Guru and embody his teachings, encouraging followers to fight the five vices-lust, greed, attachment, anger and pride. His teachings are embedded in the Guru Granth Sahib, the holy book of Sikhs. Guru Nanak Jayanthi, also known as Gurburab, which is being celebrated on Wednesday (Nov 5) is a momentous occasion for the Sikh community worldwide. It marks the birth anniversary of Guru Nanak Dev, the revered founder of Sikhism. According to Sikh tradition, this celebration takes place on the full moon day of the Indian lunar month of Karthik.

C K Subramaniam, Navi Mumbai

Chevella horror: HC must take suo motu cognizance

IT’S heartbreaking that three college-going sisters from the same family died in a road accident at Chevella that killed 19 people on Monday. The impact was devastating - the truck, overloaded with small stones, left passengers half-buried under the debris. Who has the courage to console the victims’ families, and who will take responsibility for the potholes that led to the collision? The High Court of Telangana should take suo motu cognizance of the accident and hold the Telangana government accountable for the poor maintenance of Hyderabad’s roads.

Ganti Venkata Sudhir, Secunderabad

Highway roads turn deathtraps

THE bus-truck collision on the National Highway near Mirjaguda, which claimed 19 lives, is a grim reminder of the quality of roads on the National Highway and the apathy of the state transport department. The accident was caused due to a pothole on the road that the truck driver tried to avoid and ended up colliding with the bus. Huge loans are taken from the World Bank to build National Highways, and the citizens also pay toll tax and yet the condition of roads remain pathetic and risky. Will the Minister of Highways and State Minister of Transport own responsibility for the mishap?

P R Ravinder, Hyderabad

Punish errant drivers

THE gruesome accident near Chevella, involving a tipper truck and TGSRTC bus which collided head-on resulting in the death of 19 people was heart-wrenching. Some deaths were due to gravel being thrown on the passengers much like a shrapnel in a bomb blast; and burying the unwary travellers. Over speeding seems to be the cause for the accident. Rash and negligent driving must be strictly curbed on highways, which can be done by way of severe punishment and heavy penalties.

S Lakshmi, Hyderabad

Don’t malign women players

MANY self-styled cricket lovers celebrate players one day and trash them the next. Even as praise poured in for the Indian women’s team after their historic World Cup win, an ugly post targeted one of the key players, who helped India cross the final hurdle. The troll mocked her saying her “God was on holiday” — a cheap and disgraceful remark. Such venom shows how shallow and reactionary our fandom has become. Sport is about respect, not ridicule. True supporters stand by their players through both triumph and trial. It’s time we learn to cheer with dignity, not spew hate when things don’t go our way.

N Nagarajan, Hyderabad

Mazumdar displayed Chak De! spirit

A MOL Muzumdar, the unsung hero of Indian cricket, displays the spirit of coach Kabir Khan in Chak De! India. He never played for India but coached our women to the 2025 World Cup glory. With calm resolve and fierce faith, he united warriors and shattered barriers. His mantra is ‘believe, build, conquer’.

TS Karthik, Chennai-10

Women empowerment in Indian sport

A PROPOS ‘Harman’s angels cast a spell for ages’ (THI, Nov 4), close on the heels of the men in blue winning the Asia Cup, the women in blue won the coveted ICC Women’s World Cup for the first time. Surely this achievement will not only bolster women empowerment in Indian sport but also instil gender parity in the same. Indian women players displayed their abilities to match their male counterparts in every department of the game, an apt representation of sport in India, where cricket is almost a religion and cricketers’ demigods.

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BENGALURU ONLINE

Engineers given weekly targets to demolish illegal buildings

BENGALURU: The drive to remove unauthorized constructions in Bengaluru is picking up pace once again. The Bengaluru East Municipal Zone has set a weekly target for engineers to demolish eight illegal buildings as part of a renewed crackdown on unauthorized structures. Following the formation of the Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA), the city’s civic officials have intensified their focus on illegal construction activities.

Bengaluru East Zonal Commissioner Lokhande Snehal Sudhakar recently convened a coordination meeting with municipal engineers, directing them to implement the demolition plan with strict timelines. Under the East Zone’s jurisdiction, there are 8 divisions, 24 sub-divisions, and 50 wards. Officials have been instructed to compile and maintain complete data related to construction activities in their respective areas within a week. As per the directive, each division must remove at least one illegal building per week, resulting in a total of eight demolitions weekly across the East Zone.

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The decline of moral ethics and values in marital life



TADAKAMALLA MURALIDHAR

In Hindu tradition, marriage is considered a sacrament that unites two souls and two families. However, the present marriage system in India, whether arranged or love, is undergoing significant pressure and witnessing a transformation because of declining values within the families.

Spouses shift their responsibility and accountability for their own actions, which is known as the “blame game” resulting in misunderstandings, quarrels and fights and lack of happiness in marital life. The harmony between the spouses is damaged and a bitter experience is left between the two families of the married couple.

Thus, there is a possibility of breaking of the marital bond. The mind turns towards wrong thoughts about the spouse. One of the reasons is the absence of elders in the family to guide the younger ones and there are not as many joint families as there used to be earlier.

The ego of “me, mine” distances the couple from the idea of “we, ours”. Like adding fuel to the fire, the instigation of parents also causes damage to the system.

In today’s system, extra-marital affairs in the name of civilization are destroy-

ing marital life. Thus, situations arise in which the spouses do not want to live together.

The Union Government brought the Family Courts Act in 1984 as a viable measure to resolve rifts, misunderstandings and conflicts between the husband and wife through mediation, keeping them together without going in for a divorce, and providing speedy justice.

In Telangana State, three Family Courts were established for the first time in 1994 at the level of District Judge. Today, there is one Family Court in each district headquarters apart from two in the Hyderabad City limits, one in Secunderabad limits, three in NTR Nagar in Rangareddy district limits and one each in Malkajigiri and Kukatpally.

Approximately 2,000 to 2,500 cases are pending in each Family Court and each presiding judge calls about a hundred cases for hearing every day. Keeping in mind the increasing number of cases, unlike other courts, Family Courts are hearing cases even on Saturdays.

The presiding judges are working under a lot of pressure and carrying an unbearable burden because of the huge number of cases piled up before them.

Dispensation of justice by the presiding judges as desired by the divorcing couple is not an easy task. The two sides throw mud at each other with accusations, stubbornness, jealousy and hatred and sometimes quarrels in the courtroom itself. Filing of cases with false accusations with a malicious intention and trying to hurt the op-



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Before the advent of the Family Courts Act, 1984 three judges, namely District Judge, Senior Civil Judge, and Magistrate, used to deal with matters pertaining to estranged spouses with different duties. However, after the enactment of this Act, all those duties are tacked to the Family Court Judge. The main duty of the Fam-

ily Court Judge is to first bridge the gap between the couple through mediation and overcome the problems and keep them together, and only as a last resort, grant order of divorce by dissolution of marriage.

Apart from these, restitution of conjugal rights, judicial separation for six months as provided by the law, declaration of marriage as nullity, custody of children, property disputes between husband and wife, temporary and permanent maintenance and domestic abuse cases are all dealt with by the Family Courts.

A significant portion

of divorce cases involve young couples with good income. There has been a large increase in two types of cases i.e., cases of divorce sought by mutual consent after one year of marriage under Section 13-B and cases where the spouses seek declaration of annulment of marriage within a month of marriage under Section 12.

In cases instituted under Section 13-B, the most common reason cited by the estranged couples for divorce is that their differences were irreconcilable and they are unable to get along in life. Once the mar-

Bihar-The seat of ancient Indian civilisation

DR HYMA MOORTY

Bihar, the region known historically as Magadha, Anga and Mithila has over the years evolved and transformed itself into a developing state, which makes for a laudable development.

In keeping with its rising status, this month’s Assembly elections in the State has become a prestigious issue for several key players, especially to all political contenders in the fray as also the stakeholders and the people across the national firmament.

A unique feature of Bihar is that the more you try to understand the entire gamut of its politics, the more likely that it slips away like sand through your fingers. Not surprisingly, the upcoming elections are generating significant interest across the country, more so because the eventual outcome will have a significant bearing on national politics.

As things stand, the electoral dynamics of one of the largest states in India that are characterised by complex caste equations and high-stake battles make it a closely watched event.

What I gathered from television channels and pod-

casts is that people at the nukkads, tea stalls and village court yards, with their spirited conversations show that they keep track of the State’s politics, and display their preferred ideas or parties. This shows that they are politically mature. The characteristic of every Bihar is that the individual nurtures a revolutionary temperament and speaks with a fearless mind.

Lest one forgets, this is the land of Gautama Buddha, Vardhamana Mahavira- the last Jain Tirthankara, and Chanakya. It is this very land that was once ruled by the Great Mauryan Empire, which unified a large part of the Indian sub-continent.

The Gupta Empire, often referred to as India’s Golden Era, for its advancements in art, science and philosophy flourished in this region with Pataliputra (the present day Patna) as their capital.

Going deeper, Bihar was the seat of prestigious ancient Universities like Nalanda, Vikramshila, Odantapuri and Telhara, which figures prominently in the travel accounts of Chinese travellers HiuenTsang, and Mithila University, which were major centres of learning with a global reputation.



They once symbolized the grandeur of ancient Indian Civilization.

Overtime, Bihar gradually lost its lustre and its rich heritage, glorious past and pioneering intellectual traditions. It has been observed that people from Bihar often hesitate to identify themselves as Biharis due to the negative connotations associated with the term. Historically, the word “Bihari” has evolved from a neutral geographical identifier to a derogatory label, symbolizing backwardness, poverty and lack of sophistication. It is such extremes that films and even the media often portray Biharis in a negative light, reinforcing stereotypes

and stigmatising the community.

However, of late, there is a growing movement to reclaim the term “Bihari” and challenge these negative perceptions. Many people from Bihar proudly declare their roots, using phrases like “Bihari hoon, garv hai” (I am a Bihari, and I am proud of it) to promote a positive identity to counter stereotypes.

One should not forget that Biharis are well represented in civil services, engineering and medical fields due to several factors. The State has a rich tradition of prioritising education with many students excelling in competitive exams at all

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India level. One can come across countless quality technical and medical institutions, thanks to the initiatives launched by the State government.

Bihari culture places high value on merit and hard work, which together drive students to excel academically and secure prestigious jobs and be assured of a prosperous future.

Bihar elections are crucial for all the parties as their reputation and leadership is being tested. At the end of the day, the real winners should be the people of Bihar. It’s crucial for the elected representatives to

prioritise the State’s development, progress and welfare of the people. Bihar has immense potential. A pro-people government can tap it to the fullest and also open up opportunities for its citizens, to eventually propel growth and prosperity.

One hopes that the focus of the contenders will be on key issues like infrastructure, education, and healthcare and job creation to ultimately improve the quality of life for the people of Bihar. All said and done, Bihar, especially its people, deserves leaders who will work tirelessly and strive for all-round betterment.

GHMC speeds up road repairs; fills19,659 potholes across city

GHMC uses geo-tagged app for real-time road maintenance

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IN an ongoing road safety initiative, the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corpora-tion (GHMC) identified a total of 21,000 potholes across the city, of which, 19,659 have been repaired.

To ensure smooth and safe commuting for citizens and to prevent traffic congestion across the city, the GHMC has placed special focus on achieving 100 per cent pothole repairs within the shortest time frame.

Under the directions of GHMC Com-missioner RV Karnan, the city-wide road safety measures such as pothole filling, catch-pit repairs, patch works, cover re-placements, and central median restora-tions are being executed on a war footing.

Maintenance teams of GHMC are working tirelessly to ensure roads are safe for commuters. According to GHMC, it has identified over 21,078 potholes, of which 19,659 have already been repaired. Additionally, 920 catch-pits, 465 cover re-placements and 18 central median repairs have been completed.

Maintenance chief engineer Sahadev Ratnakar is overseeing field-level execu-tion and progress monitoring.

CE Sahadev informed that the in the

LB Nagar Zone over 3,547 potholes re-paired, and in Charminar Zone – 2,846, Khairtabad (3,404), Serilingampally (2,228), Kukatpally (2,942),and Secun-derabad (4,692) potholes were repaired.

RV Karnan said that the GHMC has intensified road restoration works to avoid public inconvenience. “We are moving ahead with a goal to fill all iden-tified potholes within a week,” said the Commissioner. Meanwhile, during the intensive GHMC special sanitation drive in the Greater Hyderabad area, the sani-tation teams collected municipal waste and eliminated construction and demoli-tion (C&D) waste from over 2,400 col-onies across 150 divisions.

During this sanitation drive, a total of 335 vehicles have been deployed for mu-nicipal waste removal, alongside 67 ve-hicles dedicated to C&D waste removal. Waste collection efforts are currently underway in the LB Nagar, Charminar, Khairtabad, Serilingampally, Kukatpal-ly, and Secunderabad zones under the GHMC. Meanwhile, to ensure public safety and better road infrastructure management across the city, the GHMC recently launched an innovative ‘Periodic Public Safety Inspection app’, developed using ArcGIS Field Maps. According to GHMC, the mobile-based application



enables field engineers to record, update, and capture geo-tagged photographs of road issues such as potholes, open man-holes, damaged catch pits, protruding bars or stones, open electrical boxes on footpaths, and improper barricading for ongoing works — all directly from the field.

RV Karnan said, “The app would en-able real-time tracking, faster inspec-tions, and transparent reporting, ensur-ing higher efficiency, accountability, and safety in road maintenance operations.”

Telangana Tamil Sangam members seek govt support for celebrating festivals, literary events

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ON an invitation of the Chief Minister’s Office (CMO) ear-lier on Tuesday, a delegation comprising a well-wisher of the Telangana Tamil Sangam BN Reddy along with Vice President P Dharamaseelan, General Secretary S Rajku-mar, Treasurer N Nehru Sastry and Executive Com-mittee Members. Saravanan, Jayaprakash, Prabhu Vijayan, and A Saravanakumar met the Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy.



During the meeting, the delegation submitted a mem-orandum highlighting various welfare and cultural devel-opment needs of the Tamil-

speaking community residing in Telangana. The memo-randum included requests for: Establishment of a Tamil Bhavan (Tamil Cultural Cen-

tre) in Hyderabad, promotion of Tamil language and cul-tural education in Telangana schools, government support for Tamil festivals and liter-ary events and other welfare initiatives for Tamil students, workers, and families living in the state. The Sangam reas-sured that it would continue to endeavour and strengthen the cultural ties between the Tamil community and the government. The Chief Min-ister appreciated the Sangam’s role in promoting unity and assured his continued support for Tamil welfare initiatives.

Amazon Web Services delegation meets CM Revanth

The CM assures full support to the company to invest in Telangana

Hyderabad

An official delegation of the Amazon Web Services (AWS) paid a courtesy call on Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy on Tues-day. During the meeting, the delegation briefed the Chief Minister about the ongoing Data Center projects, expansion plans and other issues related to the AWS operations

in Telangana state. The CM assured that the government will extend all kinds of support to the company to invest in the state.

Kerry Person, Global Head of AWS Data Center, Vikram Sridharan, Director of Infrastructure Public Policy, Anurag Kilnani, and others were also present.



CM dares Kishan to slap CBI case against KCR

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Alleging that the BRS and BJP entered a “secret agree-ment”, Revanth Reddy said that it was the BJP which made allegations that the Kaleshwaram lift irrigation project was an ATM for the KCR family. The Union min-isters from Telangana also made comments that KCR and Harish Rao would be sent to jail in 48 hours if the case was handed over to the CBI, he pointed out.

“Now, the Union govern-ment took ‘U’ turn and did not take any action despite the state government writing a letter to it to order a CBI investigation into the project case. No case has been filed for the last three months. Even after seeking permis-sion from the Governor to arrest KTR in the Formula E race case, there was no response for the last two months,” the Chief Minister alleged.

Addressing a byelection

rally in the city after con-ducting a roadshow, the Chief Minister said that the car, the election symbol of BRS, was slowly morphing into a lotus (the election symbol of BJP). He further alleged that the BJP was in-directly supporting the BRS in Jubilee Hills byelection. “The BRS will merge with the ruling national party in the coming days. KCR’s daughter Kavitha recently revealed the plans of the BRS to merge with the BJP,” he pointed out.

The Chief Minister also took a swipe at KTR for not doing anything to the Jubilee Hills constituency during his tenure as MA&UD minister. “As the minister, KTR was busy roaming in swanky cars. Now, the BRS leader is shedding crocodile tears by targeting the Congress gov-ernment,” he said.

According to the Chief Minister, everyone was aware of KTR’s conspiracy

politics of throwing his own sister Kavitha from the KCR family with an aim to corner the entire ill-gotten wealth. “BRS leaders are trying to win votes in the name of sentiment when their own woman family member was not given due respect. Those who did not give ministerial positions to women for five years while in power should be beaten with a broom,” Re-vanth said.

Congress is the only party that has given respect and proper place to women and minorities in the govern-ments, the CM said and de-manded KTR to apologize by touching his nose on the ground at the Rahmathna-gar crossroads for insulting departed Congress leader P Janardhan Reddy.

The Chief Minister an-nounced that 4,000 houses would be given to the poor in Jubilee Hills Assembly constituency soon after the byelection.

Mira Nair’s son front-runner in NYC poll

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Current New York City Mayor Eric Adams, whose administration has been plagued by scandals, dropped out of the may-oral race in September. The early voting period, which commenced on October 25, ended on Sunday. Mam-dani upset Cuomo in the Democratic primary race for New York City Mayor and was declared victorious in June.

The Board of Elections has said that more than 735,000 people voted early in this election, which is about four times more than the number of ballots cast during the 2021 elections.

Mamdani has emerged as the front-runner in the NYC Mayoral election race and has promised to “lower costs and make life easier”

for New Yorkers as the city gets “too expensive.”

Mamdani has vowed that as Mayor, he will immedi-ately freeze the rent for all stabilised tenants and use every available resource to build the housing New Yor-kers need and bring down the rent.

Promising fast, free-free buses, his campaign said that as Mayor, he’ll perma-nently eliminate the fare on every city bus – and make them faster by rap-idly building priority lanes, expanding bus queue jump signals, and dedicated load-ing zones to keep double parkers out of the way. Mamdani would also im-plement free childcare for every New Yorker aged 6 weeks to 5 years, ensuring high-quality programming for all families.

UNDER PRESSURE, GOVT FLOATS PANEL

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The committee will hold detailed del-iberations and examine suggestions and proposals before submitting its report to the government within the stipulated three months. Meanwhile, the panel is expected to come up with suggestions to improve the state’s higher education sys-tem. Department officials said that the government has taken a serious note of the repeated threats from private educa-tional institutions vis-à-vis payment of fee reimbursement dues.

Reportedly, many educational in-stitutions flouted norms and ran them without maintaining the standards pre-scribed by the government. The com-tee is also expected to come up with some bold recommendations to check exploitation of the fee reimbursement scheme through a strict regular scrutiny.

The authorities said that the govern-ment was already cracking the whip against institutions that have failed to maintain the mandated standards.

An earlier vigilance commission report has sought the government to take stringent action against erring institutions.

INDIA bloc plans nationwide protest against SIR

NEW DELHI: The INDIA bloc has announced a nationwide protest campaign against the Election Commission’s Special Summary Revision (SIR) of the voter list, coinciding with the start of the second phase of the revision exercise on Tuesday. The ongoing phase will run until December 4. According to sources, the INDIA Alliance plans to launch a nationwide agitation over the SIR after the Bihar Assembly elections.

The bloc is also preparing to approach the Supreme Court collectively once again on the issue.

Sources added that a formal meeting of the alliance leaders will be held after the Bihar polls to finalise the plan for both the legal and the national protest. For now, West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee, NCP chief Sharad Pawar, former Maharashtra Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray, RJD leader Tejashwi Yadav, former Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Akhilesh Yadav, and Jharkhand Chief Minister Hemant Soren have agreed with the Congress leadership to intensify the movement over the voter list revision issue.

HRC seeks report on Chevella bus mishap

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The tragedy raised serious questions about repeated road safety lapses and alleged state negligence.

Observing the incident as part of a disturbing pattern, the TGHRC, headed by Dr Justice Shameem Akther, registered the matter as HRC No 7141/2025 and asked for detailed factual and action reports from the Transport, Home, Mines & Geology Departments, the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI), Ranga Reddy District Collector, and the Tel-angana State Road Transport Corporation (TGRTC). The departments are to submit their reports by December 15, 2025.

The Commission con-demned the repeated ac-cidents on this stretch, signaling serious lapses in enforcement, infrastructure, and road safety mechanisms. It emphasized that such neg-ligence amounts to a viola-tion of the Right to Life guar-

anteed under Article 21 of the Indian Constitution.

Article 21 explicitly guar-antees the protection of life and personal liberty. The Su-preme Court of India has ex-panded the interpretation to include the right to safe and well-maintained roads as an essential facet of this funda-mental right.

Courts have held that the state must ensure safe mobil-ity as part of its constitution-al duties, linking road safety directly to the dignified right to life itself. Failure by the authorities to maintain roads and enforce safety norms in-fringes upon citizens’ con-stitutional rights.

Meanwhile, as investi-gations continue, families mourn their loss while de-manding justice under con-stitutional protections that mandate the state’s responsi-bility to safeguard its citizens’ lives not only against crime but also against preventable tragedies arising from sys-temic failures.

EC begins SIR 2.0 in 9 states, 3 UTs

NEW DELHI

THE second phase of the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls started in 12 states and Union Territories on Tuesday, with Booth Level Officers (BLO) distributing enumeration forms door-to-door.

The BLO in Rashbehari Assembly constituency in West Bengal’s Kolkata said that they have been instructed to get the enumeration forms filled within a month.

BLO Rajesh Singh told media, “This is the 160-Rashbehari Assembly constituency. We have to distribute and get enumeration forms fulfilled in one month’s time.”

In Tamil Nadu, District Election Officer and District Collector K. Ilambhagavath inspected the progress of this procedure in urban

areas of Thoothukudi, including Amutha Nagar, Millerpuram, NGO Colony, P&T Colony, Tooviepuram, and Meelvittan.

The distribution of enumeration forms marks the beginning of the SIR exercise covering the Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Chhattisgarh, Goa, Gujarat, Kerala, Lakshadweep, Madhya Pradesh, Puducherry, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh, and West Bengal.

The Election Commission of India (ECI) had announced the second phase of the SIR exercise on October 27, with the final voter list to be published on February 7, 2026.

According to the Election Commission, printing and training took place from October 28 to November 3, followed by an Enumeration Phase from November 4 to December 4.

Polstrat predicts easy win for NDA

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As per Polstrat survey findings, the BJP-led NDA is set to take a decisive advantage over the main RJD-led Op-position and looks poised to return to power with a clear majority. BJP-led NDA is seen fetching 44.80 per cent vote share while the grand alliance is trailing behind at 38.60 per cent.

The difference of 6 per cent vote share between the two rival alliances also resonates in the stark contrast in victory margin, as the NDA is expected to win 133-142 seats, while the grand alliance is likely to emerge victorious in 80-88 seats.

BJP is seen claiming victory in 70-72

seats, JD (U) in 53-56 seats, while the smaller alliance partners like LJP and HAM are expected to win 10-12 and 0-2 seats, respectively.

In the Mahagathbandhan, the power equation remains tilted towards RJD, much like the earlier electoral perfor-mances. RJD is seen emerging victori-ous in 69-72 seats while Congress could taste success in just 10-13 seats, as per the survey findings.

The Polstrat Opinion Poll has also delved into the voting percentage of the state’s population, depending on their age. Its findings show a large chunk of young voters swaying towards Maha-gathbandhan, almost in equal measure

to the NDA. In the 18-25 age bracket, the grand alliance is seen surging ahead of NDA with 40.73 vote share, while in the 26-40 age bracket, NDA is seen taking the lead with 43.18 per cent vote share.

For the middle-aged and senior citizens, NDA remains the favourable choice of voters, with over 47 per cent in the 41-59 age group and over 47 per cent in the senior citizen category opt-ing for the BJP-led alliance.

Prashant Kishor-led Jan Suraj is seen gaining notable support in the young voters category, with over 12 per cent voters opting for it in the 18-25 age category.

‘10% of population controls Army’

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He went on to assert that these groups - forming the vast majority of India’s population - remain largely excluded from power and privilege.

"All the wealth goes to them, all the jobs go to them. Look at the judi-ciary - they have control there, and even in the Army," Rahul said, in one of his most direct attacks on the country’s social and institutional hi-erarchy. He further said, "90 per cent of India’s population is nowhere to be found," suggesting that marginal-ised communities have been system-atically denied access to leadership and opportunity.

"We want the data. How many Dal-its, OBCs (Other Backward Classes), women, minorities... are there. We are trying to protect the Constitu-tion through this demand for a caste census. If 90 per cent people don’t have participatory rights, the Con-stitution can’t be protected," he said.

The BJP hit back at Rahul Gan-

dhi over his remarks on the Army. Party spokesperson Suresh Nakhua, in a post on X, said, "Rahul Gan-dhi is now searching for caste in the Armed Forces and says 10% of people control it. In his hate for PM Modi, he has already crossed the line into hating India."

Directing his attack on the NDA government in Bihar, Rahul painted a picture of unemployment in the state, blaming the Nitish Kumar gov-ernment for pushing its youth into low-paying, menial labour across the country. "The people of Bihar are doing manual labour across the entire country. In different parts of the country, people from Bihar are building large buildings, roads, tun-nels, and factories," he said. Accus-ing the state government of failing its people, Rahul added, "In other words, the truth is this—that Nitish Kumar has wiped out employment here and turned the people of Bihar into the country’s labourers.

Health Minister thanked for 85% PG seat quota

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THE Telangana Junior Doctors Asso-ciation (T-JUDA) on Tuesday formally thanked Health Minister C Damodar Raja Narsimha for the “historic and student-friendly decision” taken by the Government of Telangana to reserve 85 per cent of MQ1 seats in medical col-leges for local Telangana students.

A delegation from T-JUDA, led by President Dr J Isaac Newton and Gen-eral Secretary Dr Ajay, along with several junior doctors and medical students, met with the Health Minister Damodar Raja Narsimha at his residence in Hyderabad.

The T-JUDA members reaffirmed their continued support and cooperation to the Health Minister and the Govern-ment of Telangana in successfully im-plementing these reforms and in advancing the shared goal of accessible, quality healthcare for every citizen.

Mamata leads SIR stir in Bengal

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Launching a sharp at-tack on the BJP, Banerjee said, “Many unorganised sector workers are thinking whether their names will be removed. Talking in Bangla does not mean Bangladeshi, just like speaking in Hindi or Punjabi does not mean Pakistani. Whoever is talk-ing in Bangla is branded as Bangladeshi. These idiots who have not fought the freedom fight... where was BJP at that time? That is why they don’t know that India, Bangladesh and Pakistan were part of the same land before independence.”

The Bengal CM added, “BJP is a lootera party. They have used several agencies, spread fake news and misin-formation. But you will not

be in power in the future.” Banerjee, accompanied by her nephew and party’s national general secretary Abhishek Banerjee, led thousands of supporters through the heart of the city. The 3.8-km march started at the statue of BR Ambedkar on Red Road and made its way towards Jorasanko Thakur Bari, the ancestral residence of Rabindranath Tagore, where it was set to conclude.

Roads along the route were packed with TMC workers and sympathisers waving party flags, chanting slogans, and carrying bright placards condemning the SIR process.

Clad in her familiar white cotton saree and slippers, the chief minister walked at

the front of the procession, pausing occasionally to greet residents who leaned out from balconies or stood by the roadside to catch a glimpse.

Addressing supporters, Abhishek Banerjee launched a sharp attack on the BJP. “The BJP must think, if we can arrange such a huge gathering in two days, what will be our turnout when we go to Delhi for our protest,” he said, adding, “We won’t bow down to the zamindars of Delhi.”

He alleged that fear sur-rounding the SIR process had already claimed several lives. “In the last seven days, the family members of those who died due to SIR fear are present with us in today’s rally. All seven people who

have lost their lives feared their voting rights would be snatched,” he said.

Warning the BJP against voter deletions, he added, “If a single legal voter loses his name, TMC will show the power of the people of Bengal in Delhi.” He also ac-cused the Centre of “doing drama by setting up CAA camps” and cautioned that “if you fall in their trap, you will lose everything, just like 12 lakh Hindu Bengalis lost their voting rights in Assam due to NRC.”

“Be ready for a mega protest in Delhi,” he declared, alleging that “PM Modi, as per his whims and fancies, is dictating terms to common people, be it demonetisation or asking for documents for citizenship.”

Work-integrated learning: Building a future-ready through skills and experience

Education must do more than prepare students about the world of work – it must prepare them for it

GAURAV BHAGAT

For decades, India's education system has prepared students about the world of work, not for it. The traditional path of completing school, earning a degree, and then hoping to find a job is proving increasingly out of date in a fast changing economy. Industry data paints a clear picture, while millions of students graduate every year, fewer come out as employable.

The gap that must be closed

According to the India Skills Report 2025, the country's graduate employability rate currently stands at 54.8 percent. In some technical and vocational streams, the numbers are even lower. Meanwhile, about 75 percent of employers now turn apprentices into full time roles, showing the growing success of work based learning models. In other words, while academic credentials still matter, employers are prioritising hands on experience, adaptability and problem solving skills more than ever before. The mismatch between education and work has become one of the key challenges of India's young population. And around the world, countries that are leading the way, from Germany to Singapore, are



those that weave vocational and work integrated learning directly into their school to career pathways.

Why work integrated and vocational learning must take centre stage

1. Industry demands job ready talent

Employers are increasingly looking for people who can hit the ground running. The 'learn for four years, then work it out' model no longer works. Work integrated approaches, from internships and apprenticeships to live industry projects, are closing this gap by turning education into a launch pad for careers. As highlighted by QS

Quacquarelli Symonds and NSN analyses, India's education ecosystem must move from knowledge centric to being career centric.

2. Vocational education builds inclusivity

Vocational education is no longer a second class option; it's a parallel and vital pathway to employability. India currently has more than 14,000 Industrial Training Institutes ITIs and 127 vocational awarding bodies, yet just 4.1 percent of people aged between 15 - 59 have had formal vocational training. With focused investment and social acceptance, vocational

learning could open up opportunities for millions, especially in tier 2 and tier 3 cities, where hands-on skills can help boost regional growth and jobs. Work integrated models deliver real outcomes. Apprenticeship trends prove their worth. The India Employer Forum reports that sectors such as hospitality and manufacturing have seen a Net Apprenticeship Outlook of nearly 79 percent, and more than three quarters of apprentices are taken on into permanent roles. The message is loud and clear: when students are exposed to real world environments, both they and the employers benefit. An



example from the field IIT Delhi's practical learning initiative A recent training session hosted at the IIT Delhi campus for students aged 14-17 years showed how early exposure to experiential learning can prepare students for what is to come. The workshop focused on problem solving, product prototyping and business ideas, giving participants the chance to work directly on real world challenges under the guidance of industry mentors.

Bridging gender, geography and the "missing millions"

The skilling ecosystem must now expand its focus beyond metros and elite institutions.

- Women learners: About 44 percent of employers plan to increase women's participation in appren-

ticeship programmes at this year's India employer forum.

- Tier 2 and tier 3 cities: These regions have untapped potential but need flexible, locally integrated training models.

Alternative pathways:

Short format vocational modules and microcredentials offer quicker, cost effective routes to meaningful employment or entrepreneurship, especially for youth who cannot commit to long duration degree programmes. Programmes should be co-created with employers, using live projects, internships and mentorship. Curriculums must be aligned with actual job roles and changing skill needs rather than static syllabi. Institutions should track employability, internship

The future of education lies in connection – between classrooms and companies, theory and practice, ambition and opportunity. Vocational and work-integrated learning models are helping students gain the skills employers actually need, from digital innovation to real-world problem solving. As apprenticeships grow, institutions modernize, and young people seek alternative pathways, India's next generation has a chance to learn by doing – and build a more inclusive, employable, and resilient workforce for tomorrow

conversions and entrepreneurial ventures to measure real impact.

Why now the cost of delay:

India's demographic advantage depends on turning its young population into a job ready workforce. With industries being reshaped by AI, automation and sustainability, the skills gap is widening faster than traditional education can adapt. The Union Budget 2024-25, which allocated Rs 1.48 lakh crore for education, employment and skilling, signals government awareness of this urgency. The national conversation has shifted, being 'educated' is no longer enough; being 'employable' is what matters.

The way forward:

- For learners: Choose programmes that provide practical exposure and mentorship alongside theory.
- For training providers: Design industry aligned, inclusive pathways that empower women and youth beyond metros.
- For industry: Invest in apprenticeships and early career talent partnerships.
- For policymakers: Incentivise outcome driven training and prioritise skill quality over quantity.

Conclusion

The IIT Delhi experience is just one example of how work integrated learning can inspire a new generation to think, build and lead. When students move seamlessly from school to hands-on environments, they begin to see themselves not just as learners but as problem solvers. Vocational and work integrated learning are not alternatives, they are the future. The faster India embraces this frontier, the sooner it will unlock its full potential, a confident, skilled and employable generation ready to power the country's next decade of growth. The author is Founder, Gaurav Bhagat Academy.



HackWave 2025 – 24 hours of national-level innovation organised

The Career Development Center (CDC) of SNIST organised HackWave 2025, a 24-hour national-level hackathon that brought together some of India's brightest innovators, developers, and problem-solvers. The event celebrated creativity and technology-driven solutions designed to tackle real-world challenges.

HackWave 2025 reflected SNIST's commitment to fostering innovation and excellence under the leadership of Abhijit Rao Kati-

kaneni, CEO, SNIST. Over the course of 24 hours, participant teams collaborated to design and develop prototypes in diverse domains, including FinTech, Healthcare, Education, and Open Innovation, while receiving mentorship from leading industry professionals.

The hackathon featured a distinguished panel of judges, including Om Ashish Mishra (Product Scientist, Deloitte), Sonu Kumar (Co-founder, Sporo Health), Kalyan Prasad (Senior

Advisor, Kaggle), and Vikas Katragadda (Founder, Naandi Ventures; BITS Pilani alumnus).

The event was graced by Chief Guest Anjani Prabhakar, Executive Director at Hexagon Capability Center, along with Dr. Ramesh Kanneganti and Vasudeva Rao Yellapu, Group Directors, CDC, SNIST and Sreenidhi University. They emphasized the importance of innovation, collaboration, and lifelong learning in shaping future technologists and entrepreneurs. Participants

from across India showcased their talent and problem-solving abilities, competing for cash prizes worth ₹1 lakh. The hackathon provided an invaluable platform for students to gain hands-on experience, interact with mentors, and explore career opportunities in cutting-edge technology domains.

HackWave 2025 concluded with the prize distribution ceremony, recognizing top-performing teams and encouraging all participants to continue innovating for real-world impact.

TODAY IS NATIONAL HEALTHY EATING DAY

The student guide to healthy living

In today's fast-paced academic world, students often find themselves juggling classes, deadlines, and social commitments — leaving little time to think about their health. Yet, building healthy habits during student life is one of the most valuable investments for the future. Prioritizing good nutrition, regular exercise, and a heart-healthy lifestyle not only strengthens the body but also sharpens the mind, boosts energy, and improves overall academic performance.



Eating smart for a strong start

A balanced diet fuels both body and brain. Students should aim to include whole grains, fruits, vegetables, lean proteins, and healthy fats in their daily meals. Skipping breakfast or relying on processed snacks and sugary drinks can lead to fatigue and lack of concentration. Staying hydrated and choosing nutrient-dense foods — like nuts, yogurt, and fresh fruit — can make a big difference in energy levels and focus throughout the day.

Move more, stress less

Regular physical activity is one of the best ways to protect heart health and relieve academic stress. Whether it's a brisk walk around campus, cycling, dancing, or playing a sport, even 30 minutes of moderate exercise a day can strengthen the heart, improve mood, and enhance sleep quality. Universities and colleges can promote physical wellbeing by organizing fitness challenges, yoga sessions, or active breaks between lectures.

Building lifelong habits

A heart-healthy lifestyle isn't just about food and exercise — it's about balance. Managing stress, getting adequate sleep, and avoiding smoking or excessive caffeine also play crucial roles in long-term wellness. Creating supportive environments — from offering healthy cafeteria options to encouraging peer wellness groups — helps students stay on track.

By taking small, consistent steps, students can build habits that last well beyond college life. A healthy heart fuels a healthy mind — empowering young people to thrive, achieve, and lead with vitality in every aspect of life.

Today is National Stress Awareness Day

Mind matters: Overcoming stress and strengthening your wellbeing

In today's demanding world, maintaining good mental wellbeing is just as important as taking care of your physical health. Whether you're juggling deadlines at work, facing exams at school or college, or managing life's everyday pressures, it's easy to feel overwhelmed. The good news is that with small, consistent changes, you can build stronger mental resilience and feel more in control of your emotions and mindset.

1. Recognize the signs and take action

The first step toward improving mental wellbeing is awareness. Feeling tired, irritable, or demotivated for long periods can be a sign that your mind needs attention. Ignoring these signals often leads to burnout or emotional exhaustion. Acknowledging that you need support — whether through rest, conversation, or professional help — is a sign of strength, not weakness.

2. Create healthy boundaries

Whether you're in the office, classroom, or at home, boundaries protect your mental space. Overworking, overcommitting, or constantly being online can drain your energy. Learn to say no when necessary, take short breaks during the day, and separate work or study time from personal time. Setting clear limits allows your mind to recharge, improving productivity and emotional balance.

3. Practice mindfulness and stress management

Mindfulness — the practice of staying present — can greatly reduce anxiety and stress. Simple activities such as deep breathing, meditation, or mindful walking can calm your thoughts and lower stress hormones. Apps like Headspace or Calm make it

easy to start, even if you only have five minutes a day. Over time, mindfulness improves focus, patience, and self-awareness.

4. Stay physically active

Exercise is one of the most effective ways to boost mental health. It releases endorphins, the brain's natural mood-lifters, and reduces symptoms of depression and anxiety. You don't need to spend hours at the gym — a brisk walk, a dance class, or yoga session can make a big difference. Physical activity also improves sleep, which plays a vital role in emotional stability.

5. Build positive connections

Social connection is essential for mental wellbeing. Surround yourself with people who support and uplift you. Talk openly with trusted friends, family members, or mentors about what you're going through. If you're at school or university, join clubs or groups that align with your interests.

At work, connect with colleagues outside formal settings — small moments of laughter and shared experiences can strengthen your sense of belonging.

6. Develop a growth mindset

Challenges and setbacks are part of life, but how you view them shapes your mental health. A growth mindset — believing you can learn and improve through effort — helps you stay motivated and optimistic. Instead of fearing mistakes, treat them as learning opportunities. This mindset reduces stress and builds confidence over time.

7. Seek professional support when needed

If you're struggling to cope, talking to a counselor, therapist, or mental health professional can make a huge



difference. Many workplaces, schools, and universities offer confidential wellbeing services. Seeking help is not a sign of failure — it's a proactive step toward healing and self-improvement.

Final thoughts

Improving your mental wellbeing doesn't require drastic changes. It's about small, consistent actions — taking a walk, breathing deeply, connecting with others, or simply being kind to yourself. Whether you're managing the stress of exams, the pressures of work, or the ups and downs of daily life, remember: your mental health matters. With awareness, support, and self-care, you can overcome challenges and build a stronger, happier, and more resilient you.

Mandhana concedes top spot to Wolvaardt

DUBAI

SMRITI Mandhana dropped a rung to second but Jemimah Rodrigues scaled nine positions to be 10th in the latest ICC women's ODI rankings after India's title-winning World Cup performance.

South Africa captain Laura Wolvaardt has moved up two positions to the No.1 spot in the latest list. Wolvaardt overtook Mandhana after her incredible effort of striking hundreds in both the semifinal and final.

The two innings took Wolvaardt to 571 runs, the most in a single edition of the tournament, and the run was rewarded with a career-high rating of 814.

Mandhana, who held the top spot for the entirety of the World Cup, was named



in the Team of the Tournament alongside Wolvaardt. India defeated South Africa by 52 runs in the final on Sunday.

Rodrigues' match-winning hundred against the Australians in the semifinal in Navi Mumbai meant the 25-year-old entered the top-10, while Phoebe Litchfield made a 13-spot jump to a career-high 13th (637) thanks to a century in the same match.

Australia's Ellyse Perry moved to seventh, sharing the spot with New Zealand's Sophie Devine, who has announced her retirement from the format.

India captain Harmanpreet Kaur also rose four spots to 14th in the updated

list.

There was marked movement in the bowling rankings, with South Africa's Marizanne Kapp now the closest to knock Sophie Ecclestone off the top spot thanks to her 5/20 against England in the other World Cup semifinal.

Kapp moved two spots to a rating of 712, with Australians Annabel Sutherland (sixth) and Kim Garth (seventh) making one-spot moves in the top 10.

World Cup's Player of the Tournament Deepti Sharma cemented her credentials with seven wickets and 82 runs across the semifinal and final at the tournament. As a result, she gained a spot to fourth in the all-rounder rankings, overtaking Sutherland (388)

Smriti, Jemimah, Deepti named in ICC Women's WC team of tournament

DUBAI

THE title-winning Indian stars expectedly dominated the ICC Women's Cricket World Cup Team of the Tournament with Smriti Mandhana, Jemimah Rodrigues and Deepti Sharma making it to the line-up announced on Tuesday.

The Indian trio played a stellar role in the team's maiden World Cup triumph. India defeated South Africa by 52 runs in the summit clash on Sunday.

Runners-up South Africa also have three of their players in the side, with skipper Laura Wolvaardt chosen to captain the Team of the Tournament following her sensational efforts with the bat where she amassed a whopping 571 runs at an average of 71.37 to break the record for the most runs at any single edition of the Women's World Cup.

Annabel Sutherland, Ash Gardner and leg-spinner Alana King feature from the Australian team that reached the semi-finals, with standout wicket-keeper Sidra Nawaz of Pakistan the only player named in a side to miss out on the final four,



stated an ICC press release.

England's Sophie Ecclestone was also included following some strong efforts that helped her side reach the semi-finals, while compatriot Nat Sciver-Brunt is named as the 12th player.

Opening batter Mandhana scored 434 runs at an average of 54.25 with one century and two fifties.

A model of consistency at the top of the batting order for India, Mandhana finished as the second-leading run-scorer at the tournament behind only Wolvaardt.

Her 109 against New Zealand in Navi Mumbai

New Zealand was of vital importance in India's run to the semifinals, while Rodrigues' knock of 24 helped alongside Shafali Verma's fireworks in the final against South Africa.

With the bat, Deepti scored 215 runs at an average of 30.71 with one century and three fifties. She also took 22 wickets at an average of 20.40.

Named Player of the Tournament, Deepti was instrumental in India's title-winning campaign. She finished as the leading wicket-taker and scored crucial runs across the tournament. (PTI)

ICC Women's World Cup Team of Tournament:

1. Smriti Mandhana (India); 2. Laura Wolvaardt (c) (South Africa); 3. Jemimah Rodrigues (India); 4. Marizanne Kapp (South Africa); 5. Ash Gardner (Australia); 6. Deepti Sharma (India); 7. Annabel Sutherland (Australia); 8. Nadine de Klerk (South Africa); 9. Sidra Nawaz (wk) (Pakistan); 10. Alana King (Australia); 11. Sophie Ecclestone (England); 12th Player: Nat Sciver-Brunt (England).

TELANGANA SPORTS MINISTER UNVEILS TPL POSTER

League will feature 600 teams from two Telugu states; Tournament prize money is Rs 80 lakh

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HYDERABAD

Telangana Sports Minister Vakiti Srihari unveiled the poster of the Telugu Premier League (TPL) cricket competitions. Representatives of Zuper LED, which organizes TPL, formally met the minister at his office and explained the features of the league.

Srihari said that sports have the power to make the youth not addicted to drugs and make them disciplined athletes and responsible citizens. Youth should opt any one sport and try to excel in that event, he added. He wished the success of this TPL, which is being organized to take the 'Say No to' drug campaign into the youth.

Later, O. Ramesh, Director of the league's organizing company, Zuper LED, said that this league is not just organized for entertainment but to raise awareness about healthy life fitness and sports in the society. He said that Zuper LED is organising these compe-



Minister SriHari unveils TPL poster

titions with its CSR funds. These competitions are being organised with 600 teams, at nearly 60 venues in the two Telugu states, he added. Four teams from Telangana and four from Andhra Pradesh will be selected for the

knockout competitions.

He said that their idea is also to provide an opportunity to rural cricketers to play cricket on big platform. The total prize money of this tournament is Rs. 80 lakhs, he added.

Asia Cup row: Surya fined 30%, Rauf banned for two matches

DUBAI

INDIA'S T20I captain Suryakumar Yadav and Pakistan pacer Haris Rauf were on Tuesday found guilty of breaching the ICC code of conduct at the Asia Cup in the UAE and were slapped with sanctions for their actions.

Rauf copped two financial penalties of 30 percent each for two separate incidents during matches against India,

leading to a two-match ban in the upcoming ODI series against South Africa on November 4 and 6.

India skipper Suryakumar has also been fined 30 percent of his match fees for "bringing the game to disrepute" for his comments supporting the Indian armed forces and showing solidarity with victims of Pahalgalam terror attack.

In the September 14 game, Rauf was found guilty of the same offence and fined 30 per cent of his match fee, resulting in two demerit points.

Then, in another game against India, Rauf was again found guilty of a breach of Article 2.21 and was fined 30 per cent of his match fee and received two additional demerit points.

Jasprit Bumrah copped one demerit point while Arshdeep Singh and Sahibzada Farhan were also let off without any penalty. (PTI)

'Crimes against women 'skyrocketed uncontrollably' under BJP-JD(U) in Bihar'

NEW DELHI

THE Congress on Tuesday alleged that crimes against women have "skyrocketed uncontrollably" under the BJP-JD(U) rule in Bihar and posed questions to Prime Minister Narendra Modi on the alleged "neglect" of women's safety, health, and dignity in the last 20 years.

Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge slammed the BJP-JD(U) over the security situation for women and asserted that the Mahagath-

bandhan is fully committed to their empowerment and economic upliftment.

Kharge said the Congress' promises are not just to garner votes during elections or right before them, but rather, they are the same promises that the party will fulfil.

Congress general secretary in charge of communications, Jairam Ramesh, alleged that for the 20 years under the BJP-JD(U) government in Bihar, there has been a "consistent neglect" of women's safety, health, and

dignity. The prime minister didn't remember to check on Bihar's women for an entire decade, and now, at election time, a sham digital outreach is being staged for votes, Ramesh said.

In a post in Hindi on X, Kharge said, "The BJP-JDU government in Bihar has been in power for 20 years. If even today, Modi ji has to say that in Bihar 'daughters-in-law and daughters are not safe', then this is his self-admission that in 20 years, they have not made Bihar safe!."

He alleged that the situation of women and children in the state is extremely alarming.

Citing data from the National Family Health Survey (NFHS), Kharge claimed that 70 per cent of children in the state were afflicted with anaemia and 40 per cent were victims of malnutrition. Only 11 per cent of infants receive adequate nutrition, he said.

The Mahagathbandhan is fully committed to the empowerment and economic upliftment of half the popu-

lation, he said, referring to women.

Listing the promises made to women by the Mahagathbandhan, Kharge said they will be given an assistance of Rs 2,500 per month if the opposition alliance comes to power. A monthly pension of Rs 1,500-Rs 3,000 would be given to the elderly, widows, and disabled, while Jeevika Didis will be given official status, he said.

"Our promises are not just to garner votes during elections or right before them,

but rather, they are the same promises that we will fulfil and we have already fulfilled them in Congress-ruled states," he said.

"That's why today we're asking three direct questions: Crimes against women have skyrocketed uncontrollably under the BJP-JD(U) rule: A 336 per cent increase in crimes against women -- compared to before, now 20,222 crimes every year, with a total of 2,80,000 women victimised so far," he said in a post in Hindi on X. (PTI)



Security forces bust Maoist arms factory in Sukma



SUKMA

SECURITY forces have destroyed a weapons manufacturing facility of Maoists located in dense forest in Chhattisgarh's Sukma district, and seized 17 firearms along with a huge cache of equipment used in production, a police official said on Tuesday.

A team of the District Reserve Guard (DRG) on Monday recovered 17 weapons, including a Barrel Grenade Rocket Launcher (BGL), six Barrel Grenade Launchers (BGLs),

six 12-bore rifles, three single-shot rifles, and one country-made pistol after busting the makeshift factory in the Gomguda forest area.

The seizure includes two 12-bore rifle barrels, 2 single-shot rifle barrels, one large hand-drum machine, 17 bench vises, three BGL barrels, two BGL body covers, electric wire, iron pipes, and other materials used in manufacturing firearms.

"The objective of operations by security forces is not only to dismantle Naxal infra-

structure but to establish lasting peace and development in the region. Those who wish to give up arms and return to society will be assured of a dignified life under the government's rehabilitation policy," said Sukma Superintendent of Police Kiran Chavan.

The action comes amid a string of surrenders by Naxalites in Chhattisgarh in response to widespread operations launched by security forces to eliminate the Naxal menace by March 31, 2026. (PTI)

Couple in live-in relationship jumps to death in Palghar

PALGHAR: A couple in a live-in relationship allegedly committed suicide by jumping from the fourth floor of a residential building in Maharashtra's Palghar district, police said on Tuesday.

The incident occurred in the Hanuman Nagar area of Nallasopara East in the wee hours of Sunday, an official said.

As per preliminary inquiries, the victims, Deepak Jogadia and Kanchan Solanki, both aged 35, were in a live-in relationship, and had been residing in the building for some time, he said.

The official said residents of the building alerted authorities after hearing a loud thud and discovering the couple lying in a pool of blood near the premises.

No suicide note was found at the spot, and the exact reason for the extreme step remains unclear, he said.

The duo was rushed to a nearby hospital, where doctors declared them dead, the official said, adding that an accidental death report has been registered. (PTI)

EC must act on voters' list irregularities: Maha Congress

MUMBAI

THE Maharashtra Congress on Tuesday said the Election Commission should take immediate cognisance of the demand of the Opposition parties to rectify "irregularities" in the voters' lists ahead of the local body polls, citing that leaders from the ruling dispensation had made similar claims.

Maharashtra Congress general secretary Sachin Sawant said political parties are an essential part of democracy, and the electoral process is incomplete without them.

"When all Opposition parties are together demanding a clean and error-free electoral roll, it is the EC's duty to act. Now, even ruling party leaders, including the chief minister and state BJP president Chandrashekhar Bawankule, have said that the voters' list must be cancelled. If the ruling party is saying the same thing, what's the problem now?" Sawant wrote in a post on X. Maharashtra minister Ashish Shelar on Monday accused Shiv Sena (UBT) chief



Uddhav Thackeray and MNS head Raj Thackeray of engaging in appeasement politics and conspiring to pressure government staff ahead of the local body polls in the state.

He charged that the Opposition was attempting to create a "fake narrative," with its claim about the voters' list, alleging that multiple entries of people from the Muslim community and other minority groups were ignored, but they (the Thackeray cousins) only talk about Hindus, Dalits, and Marathi people.

Referring to BJP leaders' statements, Sawant said,

'No progress in Munde murder probe, woman doctor's suicide; will meet Shah'

MUMBAI: NCP (SP) leader Supriya Sule on Tuesday expressed concern over the lack of progress in the investigations into the murder of Mahadev Munde in Beed and the suicide of a woman doctor in Phaltan, and said she would meet Union Home Minister Amit Shah to seek justice for the grieving families.

Sule said that despite the formation of a special investigation team (SIT) three months ago to probe Munde's murder in Beed, there has been "no visible progress".

Mahadev Munde, a resident of Parli, was abducted on October 19, 2023, and was found dead three days later.

"The police have not shared any details of the investigation with the victim's family. Even after repeatedly approaching the government, the Munde family continues to be denied justice," she said in a statement.

The Baramati MP further said those in power were making contradictory statements regarding the suicide of a 28-year-old woman doctor in Phaltan town of Satara district.



The Ethereal Beauty of ‘Basanta Raas’ Illuminates Hyderabad

In an enchanting evening of classical artistry, Hyderabad witnessed the rare grace of Manipuri dance at the Raw Mango Showroom’s baithak last weekend. Presented by the renowned troupe ‘Manipuri Jagoi Marup’, the performance brought alive the spiritual elegance of ‘Basanta Raas’. With its lyrical movements, divine themes, and mesmerising costumes, the recital transported the audience to the serene world of Radha and Krishna

ANNA RAO GANGAVALLI

The ‘baithak’ at the Raw Mango Showroom last weekend featured a dance form rarely seen in Hyderabad — ‘Manipuri’, originating from the state of Manipur. It is characterised by graceful, lyrical, and fluid movements, subtle facial expressions, and deep spiritual themes rooted in ‘Vaishnavism.’ ‘Manipuri Jagoi Marup’, a leading troupe founded

by the late Guru Padmashri Amubi Singh, is dedicated to the rejuvenation and development of Manipuri dance. Of the many dance dramas, ballets, and group performances in their repertoire, ‘Basanta Raas’ — considered the high-light — was the selection presented. This delicate dance, deeply integrated with rituals and festivals and often performed as a devotional offering, won the hearts of the audience with its

theme, movements, costumes, and music. Tracing its origins to ancient times, with the ‘Lai Haraoba’ festival being its earliest form, Manipuri developed significantly under royal patronage and evolved into a sophisticated theatrical art form from its indigenous tribal origins. The twenty-minute-long piece was imbued with the devotional themes of ‘Madhura Raas’ of Radha and Krishna, containing gentle eye expressions and soft,

peaceful body movements. It portrays the divine dance of love between Krishna, Radha, and the cowherd damsels (gopis) of Vrindavan. On the full moon night of Chaitra (March–April), Krishna comes to the appointed grove (kunj) for a rendezvous. The gopis, led by Radha, respond to the call of his melodious flute, and they dance together. They play Holi with coloured ‘gulal’, and the performance reaches a climactic peak in a moment

of union — the ‘Sambhoga Shringar Rasa’. This piece was often performed in the temples of Manipur. The unusual doll-like costumes (‘Potloi’) were particularly attractive. An elaborately decorated, barrel-shaped cylindrical long skirt is stiffened at the bottom and closed at the top. Decorations on its surface include gold and silver embroidery, small mirror pieces, and floral motif prints. Radha wears green while the ‘gopis’ wear

red. The faces were adorned with the ‘Gaudiya Vaishnava tilak’ on the forehead. This symmetrical, translucent dress makes the artistes appear as though they were floating on stage — like beings from another world! A cap covering the head with a transparent thin veil symbolically marks elusiveness. Krishna wore a golden headdress with wired peacock feathers. A brilliantly coloured broadcloth of yellow-orange was pleated, wrapped, and tied

at the waist, allowing freedom for leg movements. Unlike in other dance styles, ankle bells are not worn; instead, anklets and foot ornaments are used. To live orchestra and vocals — Sanasam Sanahanbi (vocals), Ningombam Joychandra (on the pung drum), and Irom Joychandra (flute) — the dancers, Gotimayum Asharani Devi as Krishna, Radha played by Athoibi, and gopis Rina, Reepa, Rashi, Roshni, and Rita, went through mesmerising, slow, elegant,

wave-like movements that dissolved into each other like the waves of an ocean. The rounded, soft footwork of the ‘gopis’ contrasted beautifully with the occasional fast steps of Krishna. It was altogether surreal to see the circular patterns created by the dancers merging into one another, evoking serenity and calm in the audience — who were delighted by the experience and responded with warm applause at the conclusion.



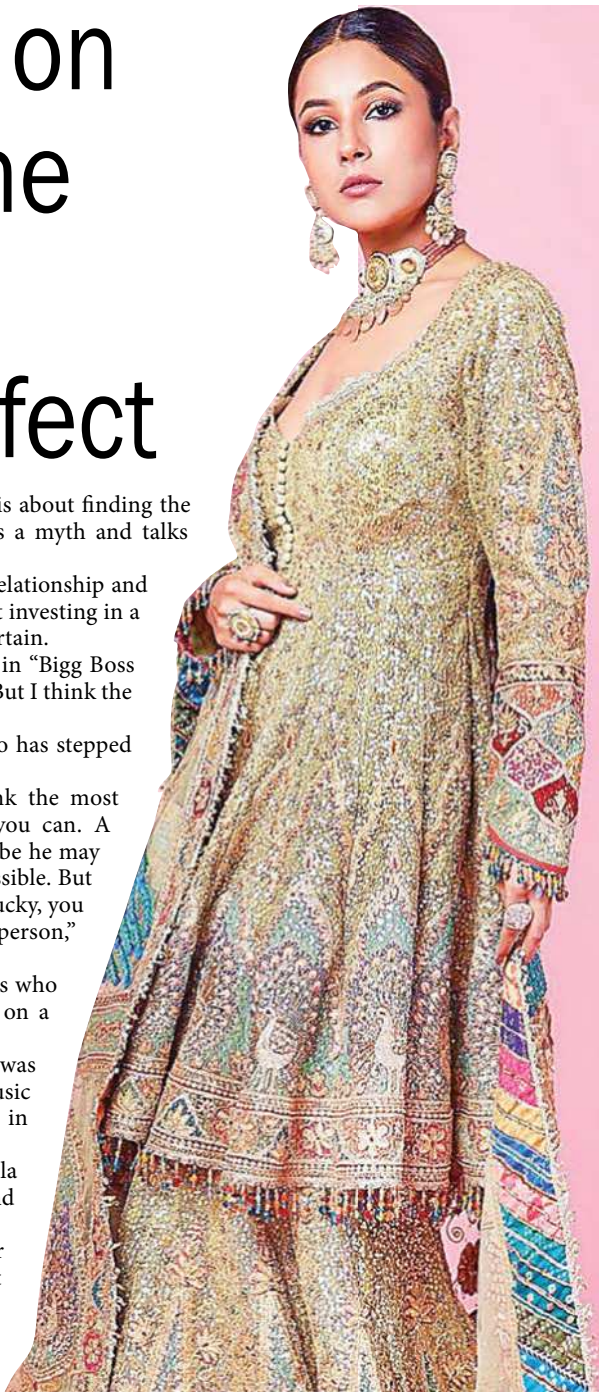
Drew Barrymore had breast cancer ‘scare’ post ‘emergency biopsy’



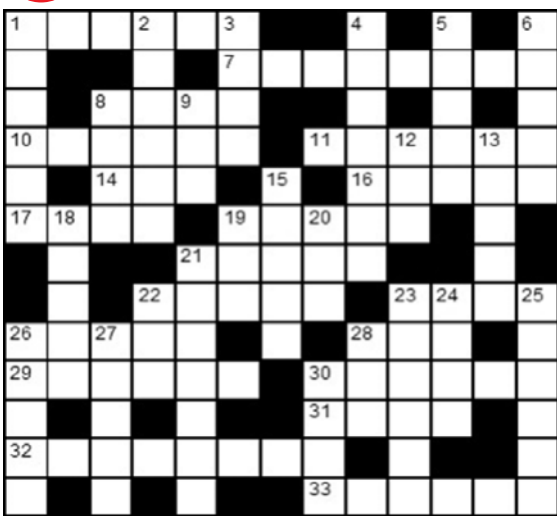
Actress Drew Barrymore shared that she recently had an “emergency biopsy” following a “bad mammogram”. Barrymore discussed the killer disease with comedian Tig Notaro, who underwent a double mastectomy in 2016 after being diagnosed with bilateral breast cancer. Speaking on The Drew Barrymore Show, the actress said: “This is the thing I’ve wanted to risk talking about on this show because - I recently had a scare. I’m completely fine, but I did get a bad mammogram and I got taken into that room and then I had an emergency biopsy and I waited those five days.” Barrymore said she was touched by Notaro’s recent documentary Come See Me in the Good Light, which follows celebrated poets Andrea Gibson and her wife Megan Falley as they navigate life following the former’s terminal ovarian cancer diagnosis. She said: “I have been wanting to discuss a certain subject on this show, and I did not know how. It is a very tough one to approach. But, having seen your documentary, I feel like I might be able to start scratching the surface here because of what you guys were brave enough, bold enough and smart enough to put out into the world, which is clearly being embraced, so I think that also gives us a little more confidence.” Barrymore added: “This documentary also gives you such an intimate portrait not only of these people’s lives, but what the journey of going through cancer is like, and it is not heavy. There’s confidence, courage, strength, reality, and humanity.” Meanwhile, Barrymore turned 50 earlier this year and revealed that she does not plan to have any cosmetic surgery, reports people.com. The star said: “I haven’t done anything and I want to try and stay that way... but I also am like, do whatever works for you. The only thing I do know is don’t judge other people because they do things differently.” “We’re all on our own path and we have to support each other. I see a lot of turkey neck or I have a lot of other time where I’m like, ‘Oh Wow, we’re there now.’”

Shehnaaz Gill on love, finding the right partner: Nothing is perfect

Actress Shehnaaz Gill, whose latest release “Ikk Kudi” is about finding the right partner, feels that perfection in relationships is a myth and talks about what really matters is the effort one puts in. Asked what she feels is the mantra to a perfect marriage, relationship and a perfect partner, Shehnaaz shared her two cents and said that investing in a relationship is essential, even though the future remains uncertain. Shehnaaz, whose chemistry with late star Sidharth Shukla in “Bigg Boss 13” was loved by all, told: “Nothing is perfect; it’s not perfect. But I think the more perfect you can be in things, the better.” Nurturing the relationship is essential, feels Shehnaaz, who has stepped into producing films with her latest release. “Invest in your relationship... It’s very important. I think the most important thing is to search for things. Do as much as you can. A relationship you don’t know how it will be in the future; maybe he may show his true self once the marriage is done... That is also possible. But you should be as safe as you can... it’s your fate. If you are unlucky, you will meet a bad person; if you are lucky, you will meet a good person,” Shehnaaz expressed. “Ikk Kudi” follows a woman from a family of broken hearts who starts doubting her arranged marriage match and embarks on a quest to uncover her fiancé’s mysterious past. Shehnaaz gained stardom after her stint in “Bigg Boss 13”. It was in 2015, when Shehnaaz began her modelling career with a music video titled ‘Shiv Di Kitaab’. In 2017, she marked her debut in Punjabi film ‘Sat Shri Akaal England’. The actress’ filmography also includes names such as ‘Kala Shah Kala’, ‘Daaka’, ‘Honsla Rakh’, ‘Kisi Ka Bhai Kisi Ki Jaan’, and ‘Thank You for Coming’ to her credit. Shehnaaz has appeared in several music videos titled-- ‘Maar Kar Gayi’, ‘Pindaan Diyaan Kudiyaan’, ‘Je Haan Ni Karni’, ‘Putt Sardaran De’, ‘Lakh Laanhta’, ‘Viah Da Chaa’, ‘Jatt Jaan Vaarda’, ‘Gusse Ho Ke Nahiyo Sarna’, ‘Jatti Hadd Sekhdi’, ‘Gunday Ik Vaar Fer’, ‘Peg Paun Wele’, ‘Gedi Route’, ‘Shona Shona’, and ‘Habit’. She also has ‘Sab First Class’ in the pipeline.



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Solution to November 4

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Mrunal Thakur showcases hilarious post eye make-up struggles

Bollywood actress Mrunal Thakur showcased a very relatable make-up struggle and added a sprinkle of humour to it. Mrunal took to Instagram, where she shared a video of herself standing in front of a mirror after doing her make-up for a shot. As she’s called to set, the actress absentmindedly rubs her eye, only to realise the grave mistake she’s made. She quickly tries to fix her eye make-up, but all in vain. Mrunal wrote as the caption: “Eye tried my best!” The actress is gearing up for the release of her upcoming film ‘Hai Jawani Toh Ishq Hona Hai’, which is now set to release on June 5, 2026. The film also stars Varun Dhawan and Pooja Hegde in pivotal roles. For those who do not know, ‘Hai Jawani Toh Pyaar Hona Hai’ is a hit song from David Dhawan’s film “Biwi No 1”, featuring Salman Khan, Karisma Kapoor, and Sushmita Sen. The name of the forthcoming drama is believed to have been inspired from this popular track. Touted to be a blend of a lighthearted narrative with romantic elements, “Hai Jawani Toh Ishq Hona Hai” reportedly shares a tale of a guy who was rejected by several women, but ends up getting help from God. It was on October 31, when the makers of the upcoming David Dhawan’s directorial



“Hai Jawani Toh Ishq Hona Hai” announced the new release date. The film was earlier scheduled to release on April 10, 2026. The film’s production banner Tips Films on Friday morning took to Instagram and shared a vibrant announcement poster. Varun took to his Instagram stories and shared the film, which also stars Manish Paul, Jimmy Shegill, Chunky Panday and Mouni Roy to name a few.

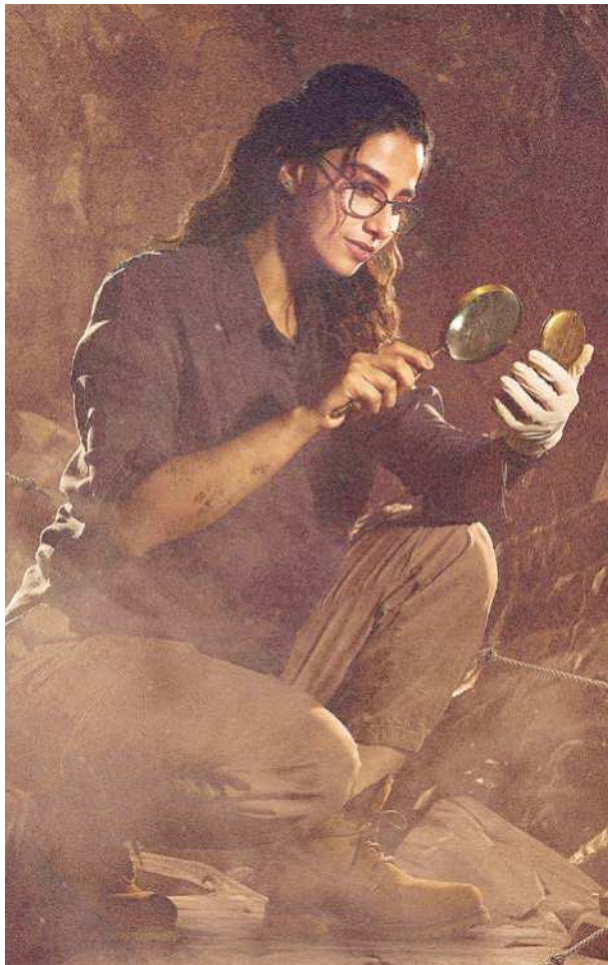


Ravi Teja begins shooting of a dance number in Annapurna Studios for 'RT76'



Mass Maharaja Ravi Teja is all set to entertain audiences once again with his upcoming film #RT76, directed by Kishore Tirumala. The movie, produced by Sudhakar Cherukuri under the SLV Cinemas banner, is being crafted as a grand family entertainer filled with fun, emotion, and Ravi Teja's signature mass appeal. The latest update from the team reveals that a song shoot has begun today at Annapurna Studios, featuring Ravi Teja and actress Aashika Ranganath. A specially designed set has been erected for the song, which is choreo-

graphed by Shekhar Master and promises to be a vibrant dance number that will surely thrill fans. Known for his boundless energy, Ravi Teja will be seen in a stylish new avatar for this project. Director Kishore Tirumala, who is known for his emotionally rich narratives, is said to be blending family sentiments, humor, and mass elements to appeal to a wide audience. The film's technical crew includes Bheems Ceciroleo as the music composer, Prasad Moorella handling cinematography, National Award winner Sreekar Prasad as the editor, and AS Prakash serving as the art director.



Meenakshi Chaudhary's first look as 'Daksha' from 'NC24' unveiled

After the massive success of Thandel, Yuva Samrat Naga Chaitanya is gearing up for an exciting new chapter with #NC24, a mythical thriller directed by Virupaksha fame Karthik Dandu. The film is being produced on a lavish scale under Sri Venkateswara Cine Chitra LLP (SVCC) and Sukumar Writings, with BVSN Prasad and Sukumar producing, and Bapineedu presenting the project. The makers recently unveiled the first look of Meenakshi Chaudhary, who plays the female lead Daksha, an archaeologist with an adventurous spirit. Set against the backdrop of a rugged cave, the poster shows Meenakshi examining ancient artifacts—her look complete with gloves and glasses, exuding mystery and intellectual allure. Her character reflects courage, curiosity, and determination, making Daksha a vital force in the film's storyline. This role marks a major milestone in Meenakshi's career, offering her the chance to portray a blend of strength and emotion. Naga Chaitanya, meanwhile, will be seen in a brave and dynamic role, sporting a never-before-seen look that has already generated huge buzz. The film also stars Sparsh Shrivastava of Laapataa Ladies fame. Ragul D Herian handles cinematography, Ajaneesh B Loknath composes the music, Sri Nagendra Tangala is the Production Designer, and Naveen Nooli takes care of editing. The shoot is currently underway in Hyderabad, with major action sequences being filmed.

'Santhana Prapthirasthu' title track creates buzz with catchy rhythm



Ooru Palleteeru, Ticket Ye Konakunda, and Sufiyana, the talented singer once again brings his trademark energy and emotion to this lively number. The song, composed by Sunil Kashyap with lyrics by Kasarla Shyam, humorously captures the lifestyle and struggles of modern married youth. Blending wit and warmth, it explores the emotional ups and downs faced by couples navigating the early stages of parenthood. Its catchy rhythm and relatable lyrics make it both entertaining and heartfelt. Starring Vikranth and Chandini Chowdary in lead roles, Santhana Prapthirasthu is directed by Sanjeev Reddy and produced by Madhura Sreedhar Reddy and Nirbi Hariprasad Reddy under the Madhura Entertainment and Nirvi Arts banners. The screenplay is penned by Sheikh Dawood G. With all the lyrical songs and promotional material already receiving an enthusiastic response, the film is gearing up for a grand theatrical release on November 14. Fans are eagerly awaiting this fun yet emotional family entertainer.

Whenever Ram Miriyala lends his voice, it almost guarantees a chartbuster, and his latest offering—the title song of Santhana Prapthirasthu—is no exception. Known for hits like Chitti, DJ Tillu, Chamkeela Angelesi,

Vijay Sethupathi's son Surya debuts as hero in 'Phoenix'; Telugu release set for Nov 7



Phoenix, the action-packed entertainer that marks the debut of Surya Sethupathi, son of Makkal Selvan Vijay Sethupathi, is all set to release in Telugu on November 7. Directed by ace stunt master Anal Arasu and produced by Rajalakshmi Arasu under AK Braveman Pictures, the film has already turned into a blockbuster in Tamil. A grand pre-release event was held ahead of its Telugu release, graced by Vijay Sethupathi, Varalaxmi Sarathkumar, Gopichand Malineni, and the film's team. Speaking at the event, Vijay Sethupathi shared his pride in his son's debut, saying, "Surya has always loved mass action films. Doing such a movie was his dream, and I'm glad he achieved it through Anal Ar-

asu sir's direction." He also thanked lyricist Bhashyasri for the Telugu dialogues and humorously promised to speak fluent Telugu soon. Director Gopichand Malineni praised the film's action choreography and said, "Phoenix has both emotion and adrenaline. It will surely connect with audiences across languages." Actress Varalaxmi Sarathkumar expressed her excitement, calling herself a fan of Vijay Sethupathi and wishing Surya success. Director Anal Arasu and producer Rajalakshmi Arasu thanked the team and audience for their support, expressing confidence that Phoenix would repeat its Tamil success in Telugu theaters on November 7.

'Pithapuramlo' promises a blend of love and family emotions



After delivering memorable films like Preyasi Raave, Aayodhya Ramayya, and Joruga Husharuga, acclaimed director Mahesh Chandra is back with his latest venture, Pithapuramlo, subtitled Ala Modalindi. The film, produced under Mahesh Chandra Productions by Dundigalla Balakrishna, Akula Suresh Patel, and FM Murali (Godari Kittayya), has completed its shooting and entered the post-production phase. Featuring an impressive cast including 'Natakireeti' Dr. Rajendra Prasad, Prudhviraj, Kedar Shankar, Mani Chandana, Jayavahini, and Annapurnamma, the film explores the intertwining love stories of three couples while highlighting the emotional gaps caused by the upbringing of three fathers. Speaking about the project, Mahesh Chandra shared, "Pithapuramlo

is a love story infused with family emotions. Audiences will relate to its themes and characters. The film is set entirely in the backdrop of Pithapuram, showcasing its transformation." The movie was shot extensively for 28 days in and around Pithapuram, 15 days in Hyderabad, and 6 days in Goa. It features three melodious songs, filmed across scenic locations in Goa, Hyderabad, and Surampalem. Mahesh Chandra, inspired by the legendary D. Ramanaidu, stated that he made the film with complete conviction and without any wastage. The release date of Pithapuramlo: Ala Modalindi will be announced soon.

Anup Rubens wishes good luck to 'Rolugunta Suri' team; launches first single



The upcoming realistic emotional drama 'Rolugunta Suri' is creating quite a stir in Tollywood for its raw storytelling and village-based setting. Directed by Anil Kumar Palla, the film stars Nagarjuna Palla, Aadhy Reddy, and Bhawana Neelap in the lead roles. It is being produced by Soumya Chandini Palla under the Tapaswi Art Creations banner. The film's first song was launched by popular music direc-

tor Anup Rubens, who praised the project for its strong emotional appeal and musical depth. He shared, "When songs are good, audiences come to theatres. If both story and music strike the right chord, the film becomes a blockbuster. Rolugunta Suri is that kind of film — powerful in story and music. My best wishes to the team." Director Anil Kumar Palla expressed his gratitude, stating, "It's an honor that Anup Rubens garu launched our first song and appreciated our work. We're confident the story and songs will resonate with everyone." Producer Soumya Chandini Palla added, "Rolugunta Suri is a meaningful Telugu film that captures real-life emotions through a village backdrop. Our team worked passionately to ensure quality at every level." The makers believe Rolugunta Suri will stand out as a unique, emotion-filled rural drama that leaves a lasting impact on audiences.

Nuveksha spices up in stunning saree look

Actress Nuveksha, who was last seen in Roti Kapda Romance alongside Harsha Narra, hasn't yet scored a major hit. While the film didn't make much noise at the box office, her latest photos have certainly turned heads and sparked fresh interest in her career. In the pictures, Nuveksha looks effortlessly graceful in a black saree adorned with delicate golden sequin stripes, paired with a sleeveless blouse. She accessorised minimally with gold bangles and dangly earrings, completing the look with loose hair and a tiny bindi. The overall vibe—soft yet confident—has left fans praising her poise and beauty. Social media is abuzz with comments suggesting that Nuveksha deserves more attention and bigger opportunities. Many believe

she has the charm and screen presence to carry a film on her own if given the right role. Though 2025 hasn't seen any releases from her, it might just be the calm before the storm. With talent, elegance, and growing popularity on her side, industry watchers feel 2026 could be Nuveksha's breakthrough year—the one where she finally claims her place in the spotlight.

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