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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. P8 families as there used to be earlier.

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

Clear pending land issues, complete projs on time: Collector Dist Collector Dr S Venkateswar has directed officials to clear all pending land acquisition, construction works connected to key infrastructure projects within the stipulated deadlines. Reviewing the progress of various projects at a meeting held on Tuesday.

Ensuring permanent livelihoods to BCs is govt's aim: Savitha Savitha recalled that it was the TDP that first gave political, economic and social recognition to BC communities, beginning with N T Rama Rao and now continued by Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu.

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(F) WINDOWS



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 spokes-

person said.

Our opinion poll is the most accurate. We conducted it in Nirvachan Sadan

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-

>> Rahul Gandhi's

sparks row

at Bihar rally

▶ Says 90% Indians

are 'nowhere to

Cong leader

be found

remark in Bihar

makes caste claim

mendous enthusiasm among the people for the NDA, Modi said her words echo the feeling prevailing among the poor,

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

CONGRESS leader and LoP in the Lok

striking claim in Bihar, alleging that coun try'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

Adivasi communities." Continued on Page 7

'10% of population controls Army

Dalits, Maha Dalits, backward

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.





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 Suraaj 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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Narayana showcases AP as future logistics hub

- Holds key meetings with global industrialists in Dubai
- >> Invites investors to CII Partnership Summit in Vizag

Vijayawada

MUNICIPAL Administration and Urban Development Minister P Narayana has intensified efforts to attract global capital, holding a series of high-level meetings with industrialists in Dubai to showcase the state's expanding business potential. He invited industrialists and investors to the forthcoming CII Partnership Summit in Visakhapatnam. Positioning Andhra Pradesh as India's



Municipal Administration and Urban Development Minister P Narayana visits headquarters of logistics company Transworld Group in Dubai on Tuesday

most business-friendly destination, Narayana told Dubaibased industrial leaders that Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu's administration was

fully committed to supporting investors through transparent policies, robust infrastructure and swift approvals.

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High Commissioner

CM for UK collaboration in higher education, tech

Meets Indian High Commissioner to UK in London

Hans News Service

CHIEF Minister N Chandrababu Naidu held discussions with Indian High Commissioner to the UK Vikram Doraiswamy in London on strengthening academic and technological linkages between Andhra

Pradesh and leading British universities. The talks focused on establishing partnerships across four key sectors, including life sciences, biogenetics, mineral extraction, and metals, with the aim of setting up joint research and innovation centres in Andhra Pradesh. Continued on Page 7

Naidu mourns passing of Gopichand Hinduja

FORGOTTEN MONEY IN YOUR

OLD BANK ACCOUNTS?



Mamata leads SIR stir in Bengal

Warns NDA govt will fall if a single eligible voter is removed

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

EC BEGINS SIR 2.0 IN 9 STATES, 3 UTs

INDIA bloc plans nationwide protest against SIR

NEW DELHI: The IN-DIA bloc has announced campaign against the Election Commission's list, coinciding with the start of the second phase of the revision exercise on Tuesday. The ongoing phase will run until December 4.

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Special Summary Revision (SIR) of the voter



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October to December 2025

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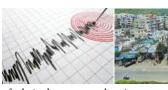
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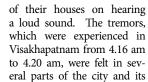
Satark Rahive!

Mild quake jolts Alluri district Tremors also felt in Visakhapatnam district on Tuesday

Hans News Service Amaravati A mild earthquake of magnitude 3.7 struck Alluri Sitharama Raju district and tremors were also felt in Visakhapatnam district on Tuesday morning. However, no casualties or property damage were reported. The tremors triggered panic among residents

in some areas. People ran out





outskirts, including Arilova, Adivivaram, Madhavadhara, Akkayyapalem, HB Colony, Allipuram, Endada, Bheemili, Simhachalam, and Pendurthi areas. Continued on Page 7

Mira Nair's son front-runner in NYC poll

Indian origin Mamdani promises free bus travel and free childcare



Mira Nair with son Zohran Mamdani

New York NEW YORK City is all set

to elect a new Mayor as the

mayoral race enters its final

Zohran Kwame Mamdani

political post in America's

Mamdani (34), the

son of renowned Indian

filmmaker Mira Nair and

Ugandan author of Indian

ancestry, born in Uganda

and raised in New York

Mahmood Mamdani, a

lap, with Indian-descent

emerging as the frontrunner to take up the top

piggest city.

US goes to polls in crucial elections

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

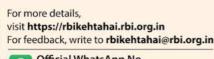
New York State Governor Andrew Cuomo, who is running as an independent candidate and the Republican nominee Curtis Sliwa on the ballots. Cont'd on P7

3 EASY STEPS TO CLAIM YOUR MONEY

1. Visit any branch of your bank, even if it's not your regular branch 2. Submit a form with KYC documents (Aadhaar, Passport, Voter ID, or Driving Licence) 3. Receive your money with interest, if any, after verification

To find your unclaimed deposits

Search your bank's website or check RBI's UDGAM portal (https://udgam.rbi.org.in) covering 30 banks currently





Official WhatsApp No. 99990 41935

Tiruchanoor Brahmotsavam arrangements inspected

HANS NEWS SERVICE Tirupati

TTD JEO Veerabrahmam along with CV&SO Muralikrishna and Tirupati SP Subbarayudu inspected the

ongoing arrangements for the mega religious fete of annual Karthika Brahmotsavams at Tiruchanoor on Tuesday. Later speaking to the media the JEO said, elaborate arrangements are underway for the Navahnika Karthika Brah-

SRI KODANDA RAMALAYAM BV Nagar(V). Gospadu(M), Nandyala District

NIT No. P/COE/813/2025-25, Dt: 12.07.2025 Tenders are invited through the e-Procurement portal for Re-Construction of Temple terested bidders may visit the official website www.apeprocurement.gov.in for detail ormation, eligibility criteria and submission guidelines



NDHRA PRADESH CAPITAL REGION DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY Rayapudi, Amaravathi - 522 237

Notice

File No: MAU61-LND0OTH/175/2025-LND:

In exercise of the powers conferred under section 39(1) and 41(3) of In exercise of the powers conferred under section 39(1) and 41(3) of APCRDA Act, 2014 the APCRDA, Vijayawada here by proposes extension of E13 road proposing width of 50meters road connecting the capital city to the NH-16 passing through the Sy.No's 201, 200, 810, 224, 808, 799, 800, 802, 801, 803, 793, 792, 791 of Nowluru village, Sy.No.232 of Mangalagiri (V), Sy.No.372 of Tadepalli (V), joining NH-16 at Sy.No. 6, 7, 8 & 10 of Vaddeswaram (V), Mangalagiri Tadepalli Municipal Corporation, Guntur district. The Draft plan of proposed extension of E-13 road and details of it can be seen in APCRDA website http://crda.ap.gov.in and also in APCRDA office. Offices of District Collector Guntur district. and also in APCRDA office, Offices of District Collector Guntur district, Offices of MRO, MPDO of Mangalagiri & Tadepalli Mandals and in office of urban local body i.e. Mangalagiri-Tadepalli Municipal Corporation.

File No: MAU61-LND0OTH/175/2025-LND:

File No: MAU61-LND0OTH/175/2025-LND:
In exercise of the powers conferred under section 39(1) and 41(3) of APCRDA Act, 2014 the APCRDA, Vijayawada here by proposes extension of E15 road proposing varying width of 30 to 45 meters on the existing Major district road MDR-104, 138 in the Sy.no's.357, 358, 351, 360, 359, 372, 356 & 113, 114, 112 of Nowluru village and in the Sy.No's. 8, 10, 271/h, 297, 273, 271/B, 288, 293, 296, 295, 292, 271/C, 298, 303, 304, 276, 274/C, 274/B, 302, 299, 274/A, 305, 309, 287, 258, 272, 260 & 254, 255, 256, 257, 111, 251, 250, 112, 41, 39, 40, 253, 279, 280, 234, 235, 236, 252, 249, 113 of Mangalagiri village, Mangalagiri Tadepalli Municipal Corporation connecting the Amaravati Capital City to the Guntur-Mangalagiri road. The Draft plan of proposed extension of E-15 road and details of it can be seen in APCRDA website http://crda.ap.gov.in and also in APCRDA office, Offices of District Collector Guntur district, Offices of MRO, MPDO of Mangalagiri Mandal and in office of urban local Offices of MRO, MPDO of Mangalagiri Mandal and in office of urban local body i.e. Mangalagiri-Tadepalli Municipal Corporation.

Any person/organization having any objection/suggestion with respect to said notification may send in writing to the Commissioner, APCRDA, Lenin Center, Governor pet, Vijayawada-520002 with in a period of 30 days from the date of publication of this public notice. The person making the objections or suggestions shall also give his/her name and address, telephone/fax, e-mail address. Without contact details, the objection/suggestions shall not be entertained.

Sd/- Commissioner, APCRDA, Vijayawada.



GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

PUBLIC NOTICE (under section 3(E) of NH Act, 1956)

Announcement of Award for acquisition of land for construction of Bangalore-Vijayawada Economic Corridor (NH-544G) for Land owners/persons interested therein and payment of Compensation

Kind attention of all landowners/ interested persons is invited to the Notification S.O. no. 3642 (E) dated 14-08-2023 issued under Section 3A of the NH Act, 1956 and Notification S.O. no. 443(E) dated 02-02-2024 issued under Section 3D of the NH Act, 1956 for acquisition of land for the building /construction of Bangalore-Vijayawada Economic Corridor and published in following newspapers:

S. No.	Notification	Names of the Newspapers in which published	Date of Newspaper
1	Section 3A	Prajashakthi (Telugu) Hans India (English)	05.11.2023
2	Section 3G	1.Prajashakthi(Telugu) 2. Hans India (English)	08.10.2024

It is informed that the undersigned has announced the Award Amount for 3rd Additional notification in respect of the said land under Section 3G of the NH Act, 1956 vide orders dated and others details are as follows

S.	Name of the Village	Name of the Mandal	Award No.&	Details	
No.			Date	L.A Extent (in Acres)	Amount ₹
1	Chennareddy peta	Porumamilla	01/2024-25 03-03-2025	12.48	27734164.00
2	Audireddypalli		02/2024-25 22-03-2025	1.17	3313596.00
3	Ganjikunta		03/2024-25 05-03-2025	0.32	448000.00
4	Mudireddypalli	Mydukur	04/2024-25 03-03-2025	0.31	434000.00
5	Thippireddypalli		05/2024-25 03-03-2025	0.01	13304.00
6	Alladupalli	Chapadu	06/2024-25 06-03-2025	1.45	4456000.00
7	Bhadripalli		07/2024-25 06-03-2025	1.085	1428000.00
8	Budidapadu		08/2024-25 20-03-2025	3.26	3402000.00
9	Pitchapadu		09/2024-25 20-03-2025	5.125	5446935.00
10	Peddanapadu		10/2024-25 02-04-2025	0.165	243477.00
11	Kodur	Yerraguntla	11/2024-25 02-04-2025	1.37	2856655.00
12	T.Sunkesula		12/2024-25 02-04-2025	0.99	6455800.00
13	Thippaluru		13/2024-25 02-04-2025	4.46	19591445.00
14	Mallepalli	B.Mattam	14/2025-26 21-06-2025	14.84	20798665.00
15	Boppapuram	Porumamilla	15/2025-26 16-07-2025	5.70	11380361.00
			Total	52.735	108002402.00

The land acquiring agency (NHAI) has placed the requisite amount of the

ompensation at the disposal of the undersigned. Accordingly, all the concerned landowners/interested persons are hereby informed/ notified through this Public Notice that the Compensation amount is hereby offered to all the landowners.

Further, it may be noted that: The Compensation amount in respect of all such landowners, who

- have already submitted their Bank account details, is being credited to their respective bank Accounts through RTGS; The landowners, who have not submitted their Bank Accounts detail may do so immediately in the office of the undersigned and the
- amount shall be credited to their accounts within one week of the receipt of such Bank Account details; All other claimants entitled to receive the compensation amount may
- collect their amount of compensation from the office of the undersigned on any working day between 10:00 AM to 06:00 PM within a period of 60 days.

It may further be noted that since the Total amount of Compensation has been determined and tendered to the concerned landowners/persons interested therein through this public notice, any failure to collect the compensation amount would be to their account and the amount shall be deemed to have been paid on expiry of this period of sixty days from the date of publication of this notice.

The landowners/persons interested therein are further called upon to surrender or deliver the possession of the subject land to the undersigned along with an application, original documents with Xerox copies of EC for 13 years, Pattadar Passbooks, Title deeds, Adangal, Plans for Structures Tax assessment, Land Enjoyment Documents, Tax receipts, Bank Pass book with Xerox copy (with Name, Address, Account no. and IFSC code), Passport size Photographs, valid ID card/Aadhar card pertaining to the land and notarized affidavit in acceptable format, within 15 days from the issue of this Public Notice, failing which the possession of subject land will be taken with police assistance on expiry of the period of 60 days.

> Competent Authority Land Acquisition & Joint Collector, YSR Kadapa District.



motsavams scheduled from September 16 to 25 and will be completed on time.

Later, the CVSO and SP also briefed on the Security arrangements made for the mega festival, especially during the important days including Gaja Vahanam and Panchami Theertham. They said, the holding points, entry-exit points at Pushkarini during Panchami Theertham

have also been examined taking the views and suggestions of various other department officials in the larger interests of the devotees. "The devotees are hereby appealed to make this festival a huge success by following the prescribed norms with patience," they maintained. Senior officers from various departments of TTD and police officers were also present.

Union Bank of India

Regional Office, Tirupati, S.V.University Campus, Tirupati, Tirupati District

GOLD ORNAMENTS AUCTION NOTICE

The below mentioned borrowers availed loan from our bank branches by pledging gold ornaments. Despite several notices sent requesting to epayment of the loan dues, borrowers has not paid. As per Guidelines of our bank i.e. Union Bank of India it is decided to conduct public auction at respective bank premises on Dated: 14-11-2025, Friday at 04.00 pm. For sale of the Gold Ornaments. If liabilities of the bank are outstanding even after adjustment of the amount received through auction, necessary Legal action will be initiated against the borrower to recover the remaining dues. If the said customer is deceased then this auction notice will be applicable to the legal heirs of the customers. If notice not received or rejected this

S.No	Loan Account No's	Borrower Name & Address	Gross Wt. (in Grams)
	PAKALA E	BRANCH (10201), PH No:9321931853	
1	102016540003786	A Ramanamma, W/o A Muni Swamy, 15-16-3, New Colony Pakala-517112	8.10
2	102016540003825	C Ramya Sucharitha, W/o Sridhar, New Colony, Pakala, Chittoor-517112	11.67
	PILER BI	RANCH (61620), PH No:8369461620	
3	616206540018923	V Reddamma, W/o V Ramesh, 2-1533, LBS road, Pileru, Chittoor-517214	33.50
	MAHARAJAPUR	RAM BRANCH (22961), PH No:8928623	234
4	229616630002817	Jayasankar A, S/o Late Venkataiah, 3-83, Zambada Vi, PO, Vijayapuram Md, Chittoor Dt, AP-517586	26.00
	PUNGANUR	BRANCH (66830), PH No:9137566830	,
5	668306540013716	G Sunitha, Dr.No.1-52, Bheemaganipalle, Chittoor-517247	14.40
	MADANAPALL	E BRANCH (55900), PH No: 83693559	00
6	559006540012340	Gali Jhansi, W/o Ramamohan, Dr.No.3-146-14, Mayabazar,NG Palle, Madanapalle-517325	
	KONGAREDI	OYPALLE BRANCH, PH No: 932171159	1
7	229416540000350	Ramineni Prabhakar, S/o Sreenivasulu 00350 Naidu, Ranipuram Village, Pulluru Post, Kothapalle, Tirupati-517167	
8	115916540010681	C Ashok Kumar, S/o CS Thyagaraju, Beside DSP Bungalow, MIG Quarters, Kongareddypalli-517001	16.80
	KUPPAM E	BRANCH (14462), PH No: 9324614462	
9	144626630000396	Padmavathi, W/o P Venkatachalam, Nijampeta, Shanthipuram-517425	24.10

1) The Interested Persons in participating the auction shall deposit an amount of Rs.10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand Only) on Dt.14-11-2025, Friday, before 02.00 pm as E.M.D. 2) The successful bidder of the auction will have to pay the remaining bid amount exclusive of E.M.D immediately and the E.M.D deposited by the unsuccessful bidders shall be refunded to them. 3) The decision deposited by the unsuccessful bloders shall be refunded to trieff. 3) The decision of bank regarding acceptence of bid shall be final, binding and will not be open to question. 4) Bank has the right to change the rules & regulations of the Auction. Also bank has right to cancel the auction at any stage 5) intended Bidders must submit their Aadhaar and PAN card copies to the bank.

Sd/-Authorised Officer, Union Bank of India Date: 04.11.2025



SYMBOLIC POSSESSION NOTICE

We , M/s. Shriram Finance Limited (formerly known as "Shriram City Union finance Limited" amalgamated with Shriram Transport Finance limit ed and converted as Shriram Transport Finance Limited as per the orders of NCLT Bench-II Chennai dated 09.11.2022) and thereafter obtained the approval to rename as Shriram Finance Ltd (Ministry of Corporate Finance letter dated 30.11.2022), is a company registered under the Companies Act 2013 and also registered with RBI to do Non-Banking Finance business having its registered office at Sri Towers, Plot No.14A, South Phase, Industrial Estate Guindy, Chennai - 600032 and branch office at KADAPA. 1" (hereinafte referred as Company/ Lender).

Where as, the undersigned being the authorised officer of Shriram Cit Union Finance Limited (SCUF) under the provisions of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interes Act, 2002 (said Act) and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) of the said Act read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 (said Rules) issued demand notices to the Borrowers details of which are mentioned in the table below to repay the amount mentioned in the said demand notices.

The Borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has take Symbolic Possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with rule 8 of the said Rules, on this 04 th day of NOVEMBER' 2025.

Borrower Name and Address:

- 1. Mansoor Ali Khan Shaik, S/O Shaik Khasim Saheb, D.No:96-190-2
- Utukur, Chintha Komma Dinne, Cuddapah-516003 2. Bhanu Shaik, W/O Mansoor Ali Khan Shaik, D.No: 96/88, Utuku Kadapa, Kadapa, Utukur, Cuddapah-516003
- Derangula Anjaneyulu, S/O G.Ganganna, D.NO: 45/450-315 Chemmumiya Peta, Kadapa
- Khadar Basha Shaik, S/O Khasim S, D.No: 11/9-2, Nabikota, Kadapa Ravindra Nagar Street, Cuddapah-516003

Amount due as per Demand Notice : to pay Rs.45,04,546/- (Rupees Forty Five Lakhs Four Thousand Five Hundred and Forty Six only)under reference of Loan A/c No: CUDP2TF2311300006 Demand Notice Dated :: 25.08.2025

SCHEDULE OF THE PROPERTY

Y.S.R.Kadapa District, Kadapa Rural Sub District, Kadapa City and Municipal Corporation, Uttukur village accounts, Circar Dry. D.no. 102 a total extent of Ac.1.23 cents and in it an extent of Ac.0.76 cents of land converted into house plots under layout and in it Plot No.12 an extent of Ac.0.02 cents and 960 sq.links and in it Southern side Ac.0.01 cents and 460 sq.links or 0.006 hectors of site and in it constructed RCC building bounded on :- East : 20 links width Road; West : Site in Plot No.11; North Remaining site in Plot No.12 of K.Chandrakala; South: Road; Within these site admeasuring east to West 37 links, or 7.40 mts and North to South 39.4 links or 7.92 mts comprising a total extent of Ac. 0.01 cents and 460 sq.links or 0.006 hectors or 70.66 sq.yards of site and in it constructed RCC building along with all fixtures and appurtenant therein including right of way on East and Southern side Road and all easementary rights

This notice is also hereby to caution the general public at large that the authorized officer of SFL is in the lawful Symbolic Possession o the immovable property mentioned herein above and the Borrowers or any person shall not after receipt of this notice transfer by way of sale, lease of otherwise deal with/ alienate any of the above mentioned secured assets referred to in this notice, without prior written consent of SFL.

Place :Kadapa / Zo Dated: 04.11.2025

Sd/- Authorised Officer **Shriram Finance Limited**

TUDA Chairman reviews development works



Hans News Service TIRUPATI

TUDA Chairman Divakar Reddy held a review meeting with Municipal Commissioner, Planning, and Engineering officials of the eight Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) under TUDA jurisdiction here on Tuesday.

During the meeting, he urged officials to create public awareness on Layout Regularisation Scheme (LRS) and Building Penalisation Scheme (BPS), stating that these initiatives would help increase revenue and improve self-sustainability of ULBs.

He highlighted the progress achieved

under the present government, noting that development works worth Rs 7.17 crore were completed in the 18 months, compared to Rs 4.52 crore during 2019-24. He directed the officials to work in coordination with TUDA for effective implementation of developmental activities in all

The Chairman also instructed Tirupati Municipal Corporation officials to take preventive measures to avoid accidents on the Garuda Varadhi flyover.

TUDA Secretary Dr N V Sreekanth Babu, SE Krishna Reddy and DC Amaraiah were present.



TTD EO inspects **SV** Goshala

TIRUPATI: TTD EO Anil Kumar Singhal inspected Sri Venkateswara Goshala in Tirupati on Tuesday. TTD EO was briefed by Director-in-Charge Phanikumar Naidu on the management of the Goshala, fodder, accommodation, medical treatment, drinking water, cleanliness and other facilities being provided to the cattle.

The Centre for Excellence building is constructed with modern facilities for about 500 cows, and the sheds where cows and calves are kept in the Goshala were also inspected. The EO interacted with the staff of the Goshala and the Agarbatti unit. Several officials participated in the programme.

YEMMIGANUR MUNICIPALITY

File Roc No.510399/2022/G1, Dt: 04/11/2025 Notification of & Road Development Plan (RDP) for proposed 100'-0" wide road as per Draft master plan of Yemmiganur. The road is connecting from the existing Mantralayam Road (Yemmiganur Municipality Limits) to Gudur Bypass100' wide master plan Road Development Plan is prepared up to Yemmiganur

Municipality limits only i.e., passing through survey no's. 17 18, 20, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 28, 30, 34, 35, 41, 42, 43, 45, 50, 51 76, 77, 351, 357 and 358 of Yemmiganur Village, Through Yemmiganur Tidco Houses, Compost Yard etc,. to a length of 3.70 Kms is prepared under the provisions of AP Metropolitar Region and Urban Development Authorities Act-2016.

Objections/Suggestions are invited on the proposed formation. widening of 100'-0" wide master plan road alignment with reference to the Draft new master plan of Yemmiganur, and Objections/Suggestions received up to 19/11/2025.

Hence, the public affected under the area may submit their objections/ Suggestions in writing or through e-mail within 15 days from the date of Notification. Further, the Draft Road Development Plan (RDP) is also Notified

in the following public places. 1. O/o the Yemmiganur Municiaplity, Yemmiganur, Kurnool District

2. O/o the Ward Secretariates, Yemmiganur, Kurnool District. Mail.ID: mc.yemmiganur@cdma.gov.in, Date: 04/11/2025 Sd/- Municipal Commissioner, Yemmiganur Muncipality

Collector warns of stern action against those encouraging FGDTs

HANS NEWS SERVICE

Nellore

THE District Level Multimember Appropriate Authority (DLMAA) meeting, chaired by District Collector Himanshu Shukla, has decided to conduct 'decoy operations' and flash raids on doctors and scanning centre organisers responsible for encouraging Foetal Gender Determination Tests (FGDTs) in the district. The meeting also resolved to recommend stringent action with rigorous punishments against such individuals in the interest of eradicating gender discrimination. Speaking on the occasion, the Collector said that the Pre-Conception and Pre-Natal Diagnostic Techniques (PC&PNDT) Act and Assisted Reproductive Technology (ART) regulations should be implemented in a transparent manner. "Conducting FGDT is nothing but encouraging foeticide. Such acts should be considered anti-social activities. Medical practitioners and organisers responsible for promoting this heinous act will be dealt with severely," he warned. On the occasion, the Collector appealed to Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) to extend support for the cause, as it would be a mammoth task for the government alone. District Medical and Health Officer (DM&HO) Dr. V. Sujatha, DIO Dr. A. Umamaheswari, noted gynaecologist Dr. Andal Baskar and others were present.

REGIONAL OFFICE: NELLORE केनरा बैंक Canara Bank

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All the part and parcel of Residential Building bearing D. No. 3/52, Sy no 43, 4th ward, Indupur Gram Panchaya area & Village, Allur Mandal, SPSR Nellore Dist. **Boundaries: North:** House of Basawareddy Venka Reddy, **East** Raja Veedhi, South: Raja Veedhi, West: House of Ambati Venkateswarlu. Between those boundaries an extent of 30 Ankanams or 240 sq.yards of site and in it constructed house which s under the possession and enjoyment of Pasupuleti Srinivasulu.

RESERVE PRICE: Rs. 10,52,000/-EMD AMOUNT: Rs. 1,06,000/-

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Details and full description of the immovable property with known encumbrances, if any: <u>Property No.01</u>; Sri Potti Sri Ramulu Nellore District Registration, Nellore Sub Registration, Nellore Town, within the limits of Nellore Municipal corporation, Dargamitta, Revenue Colony (Siromani Nagar), Survey no 2043, 2044 and 2051, layout plot no 9, Block-A Terraced RCC building and site bearing Municipal Ward no 25-11, Municipal Door No.826, Door No.1152 Assessment No.39336/75263(old), 1031037298 (New) within the following Boundaries East: Terraced house and site in plot no 16 belonging to Jayakrishna, South: Road, West: Road, North: Terrace house and site in plot no 10 belonging to P Venkata Subbiah.

Within the above said boundaries house site of an extent 60 ankanams with RCC building consisting ground floor are extent of 22.22 ankanams or 1600 sq.ft and first floor an extent of 13 ankanams or 936 sq.ft along with easementary rights RESERVE PRICE: Rs. 3,32,90,000/-EMD AMOUNT: Rs. 33,29,000/-

Property No.02: Item No.1: SPSR Nellore Dist., Nellore Registration, Nellore Sub-Registration- within the limits o Nellore Municipal Corporation, Vedayapalem area land in Survey No. 93/1 and 93/2 of Vedayapalem village under layout plan vide P.R.No.6 dt: 02.10.1970 of Vedayapalem Gram Panchayath, as per approved layout plan Plot No 204 consisting an extent of 33 1/3 ankanams or 222,969 sq.mts of vacant site **Bounded by: East:** Layout Road **South:** Plot no 203, **West:** Plot No 201, **North:** Plot No 205. Out of it an extent of 7 ankanams and 24 sq ft or 58. sq yards of vacant site within the above referred boundaries with all its easementary rights. <u>Item No.2</u>; SPSR Nellord Dist. - Nellore Registration- nellore Sub- Registration, within the limits of Nellore Municipal Corporation, Vedayapalen area land in Survey No. 91/5 of vedayapalem village under layout plan vide PR No 6, dt: 02.10.1970 of vedayapalen Gram Panchayat as per approved layout plan plot no .204 consisting an extent of 331/3 ankanams or 222.96 sq.mts of vacant site. **Bounded By: East:** Layout Road, **South:** Plot no 203, **West:** Plot No 201, **North:** Plot No 205. Out of it an extent of 26 ankanams or 208 sq yards of vacant site within the above referred boundaries with a

EMD AMOUNT: Rs. 8,25,000/-RESERVE PRICE: Rs. 82,49,000/-Property No.03: SPSR Nellore Dist, Nellore Registration, Nellore Sub-Registration, within the limits of Nellore Municipal Corporation, Vedayapalem area land in Survey No. 93/1 of Vedayapalem area under approved layou plan, situated near Door No: 26-1-1605 out of it. Item No.1: Plot No 201 consisting of an extent of 33 1/3 ankanams of vacant site, Plot No 202 consisting of an extent of 33 1/3 ankanams of vacant site, Plot No 202 consisting of an extent of 33 1/3 ankanams of vacant site, In total 66 2/3 ankanams of 445.888 sq mts of vacant site Bounded by: East: Plot No 203 & 204, South: Layout Road, West: Layout Road North: Plot no 200, an extent of 66 2/3 ankanams or 445 888 sq mts of vacant site within the above referre

its easementary rights. Item no: 1 & 2 properties ie; an extent of 7 ankanams and 24 sq ft + 26 ankanms in tota 33 1/3 anakanams of vacant site in Plot no 204, with in the above referred boundaries with all easementary rights.

boundaries. Item No.2: Plot No.203 consisting of an extent of 33/13 ankanams or 222.944 sq mts of vacant site Bounded by: East: Layout Road, South: Layout Road (cement Road leads to kalyan Nagar), West: Plot no 202 North: Plot no 204, an extent of 33 1/3 ankanams or 222,944 sq mts of vacant site within the above referred boundaries. Item no:1.8.2 properties ie: an extent of 66 % ankanams + 33 1/3 ankanms in total 100 anakanams of vacant site, with in the above referred boundaries with all easementary rights. RESERVE PRICE: Rs. 2,47,50,000/-EMD AMOUNT: Rs. 24,75,000/-Property No.04: SPSR Nellore Dist., Nellore Registration, Nellore Sub- Registration, within the limits of Nellor Municipal Corporation, Nellore City, Vedayapalem on eastern side to GNT Road area, Land in Patta No.1, Surve

No.60/11 and its corresponding present Re Survey No. 40/1 under Layout, R Mark lot, jyothi Nagar area Muncipa Ward No. 26-2, Near Door No.1243, an extent of 54 ankanams and 07 sq ft, or 432.777 sq yds, of vacant site ou of 94 ankanams of vacant site in Plot bearing Nos. 1 & 2. **Bounded by: East:** Site of Sri. Gourineni Venkateswarlu **South:** Sop Rooms of K Subbarayudu, **West:** GNT Road, **North:** Site and Building sold by Isaka Radha Krishna Reddy to others, an extent of 54 ankanams and 07 sq ft, or 361.856 sq mts of vacant site in plot bearing Nos 1 & 2 within the above referred boundaries with all its easementary rights.

RESERVE PRICE: Rs. 3,90,04,000/-EMD AMOUNT: Rs. 39,01,000/-For detailed terms and conditions of the sale please refer the link "E-Auction" provided in Canara Bank's website www.canarabank.com or may contact Respective Branch Manager or Authorized Officer, Canara Bank Regional Office, Nellore during office hours on any working day. E-Auction Process and Terms & Conditions, contact Service Provider: M/s PSB Alliance (baanknet), web portal: https://www.baanknet.com, Helpdesk No. 8291220220, E-mail: support.baanknet@psballiance.com Date: 30.10.2025, Place: Nellore Sd/- Authorised Officer, CANARA BANK

Chittoor police recover 315 lost mobiles worth Rs 63L

CHITTOOR: hittoor District Police have successfully recovered 315 mobile phones worth about Rs 63 lakh in the 13th phase of the 'Mobile Recovery Mela' District Superintendent of Police Tushar Dudi handed over the recovered phones to the rightful owners at a programme held on Tuesday and said that the police department has so far recovered 4,106 lost mobile phones valued at ⊠8.55 crore through the 'Chatbot/CEIR (Central Equipment Identity Register)' services in 13 phases. The recovered phones were traced not only from various parts of the State but also from neighbouring states including Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Telangana, and Maharashtra. Speaking to the media on Tuesday, the SP said that mobile phones have become an integral part of modern life and losing them often causes distress to people. "Without even visiting a police station or registering an FIR, citizens can now recover their lost phones right from home by using our Chittoor Police Chatbot or CEIR service," he said. He appreciated the efforts of Crime

Inspector Uma

Maheswara Rao and

the Chatbot techni-

cal team members

Bapuji and Raghura-

man, who played a

key role in tracing

the devices. He also

of appreciation to

the police person-

nel involved in the

recovery process.

presented certificates

Clear pending land issues, complete projs on time: Collector

Renigunta-Chennai six-lane road, Sagarmala packages among priority projects

HANS NEWS SERVICE Tirupati

DISTRICT Collector Dr S Venkateswar has directed officials to clear all pending land acquisition and construction works connected to key infrastructure projects within the stipulated deadlines. Reviewing the progress of various projects at a meeting held on Tuesday, he



District Collector Dr S Venkateswar reviewing the progress of projects in Tirupati on Tuesday

stressed the need for coordinated efforts among departments to avoid further delays.

The review covered major works including National

Highways, Railway projects, the Visakhapatnam-Chennai Industrial Corridor pipeline, APIIC's Dugarajapatnam works, and issues related to

the LG plant at Sri City. The Collector, who interacted virtually with officials from Tirupati, Nellore, and Chennai National Highways, as well as RDOs from Tirupati and Sullurpet, urged them to resolve all land-related bottlenecks. He specifically called for speeding up the Renigunta-Chennai six-lane road construction, as well as railway works in Renigunta, Pudi, Gudur, Pakala and Tirupati city.

He directed the Revenue Divisional Officers to work in close coordination with National Highway authorities to ensure bothquality and timely execution, particularly under Packages 2, 3, and 4 of projects taken up under the Sagarmala scheme. Departments such as Roads and Buildings, Panchayat Raj, Irrigation, Forest, and Water Resources were instructed to jointly monitor progress and complete the works without delay. Srikalahasti RDO Bhanu Prakash Reddy, APIIC Zonal Managers Vijay Bharat Reddy and L Siyakumar, Tirupati tahsildar Suresh, along with other officials attended the meeting.

'Provide free bus travel for physically

Vikalangula Hakkula Seva Sannapureddy Suresh Reddy to take steps to facilitate free APSRTC Zonal Chairman in

transgender persons. It urged the government to extend the same benefit to differently-abled individuals on humanitarian grounds. Acknowledging that the matter falls under government policy, Sannapureddy assured the delegation that he would raise the issue with the government at the earliest.NVHSS Vice President Dumpala Subba Rao, Organising Secretary Numburu Ganesh, BJP leaders M. Radha Reddy, K. Suneel, and others were present.

ifth death anniversary of educationist, industrialist and politician Kandula Sivananda Poddara vananda Reddy was observed at K S R M Engineering College in Kadapa on Tuesday. Family members, college faculty, students fans and well-wishers participated and paid tributes by offering garlands at Kandula Ghat.





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CHANGE OF NAME

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First 'keyhole' **PTBD** treatment in Medicover

Hans News Service Nellore

A patient admitted to the emergency department of Medicover Hospitals, Nellore with jaundice and critical conditions due to cancer had completely blocked the bile ducts in the liver, which stopped the flow of bile. This resulted in dangerously high bilirubin levels in the blood.

Vascular interventional radiologist Dr Krishna Teja's team performed the PTBD procedure using interventional radiology technology.

A thin tube (drainage catheter) was inserted through the skin into the liver and the blocked bile was drained out. Through the 'keyhole' (minimally invasive) procedure, the liver started functioning

normally. Dr. Krishna Teja said that the jaundice levels decreased rapidly and the patient's health improved significantly within a few days.

Forest officials tighten surveillance to prevent human-animal conflict

PRADEEP VENNELAKANTI TIRUPATI

THE Forest Department has ramped up 24-hour surveillance in and around Tirupati after a series of leopard sightings near the Alipiri footpath, Sri Venkateswara University (SVU), and nearby localities. Officials have urged residents and pilgrims to stay calm, assuring that all precautionary measures are firmly in place.

The latest scare came from Mangalam, on the outskirts of the city, where a leopard reportedly entered a residential colony in the early hours of Monday and killed a pet dog. The incident left residents alarmed, prompting forest personnel to rush to the spot. They found pugmarks and traces confirming the leopard's movement from the Mangalam forest belt into the residential area. Authorities have since advised locals to remain indoors at night and avoid keeping pets or

livestock outside. In recent weeks, leopard sightings have also been reported along the Alipiri-Cherlopalli road, one of which even led to an accident. The fear has spread



DFO V Saibaba

across the university belt as well, with SV University, SV Veterinary University, and SV Vedic University all reporting occasional sightings.

Speaking to The Hans India, District Forest Officer (DFO) V Saibaba said that three specialised teams are now on round-the-clock patrol. "Two teams are deployed along the Alipiri and Srivari Mettu footpaths — one during the day and another at night — while a third team monitors the university areas," he explained.

According to the DFO, the leopards appear to be venturing into urban areas primarily in search of food. "Leftover food and open garbage dumps attract stray dogs, which in turn draw leopards from the nearby forests. Proper waste management is crucial to stop this chain reaction," Saibaba He clarified that there are

currently no plans to capture the animals, as they have not shown aggression toward humans. "Leopards typically avoid people. Problems arise only when panic spreads. Our focus is on preventing encounters, not creating conflict," he clarified. As part of preventive

efforts, the department has

begun clearing thick vegetation along the SVU campus boundary and near the Tirumala footpaths — areas where leopard activity has been frequent. Camera traps have also been installed to track their movements and identify potential routes. In addition, specialised wildlife monitoring and rescue teams have been constituted to respond swiftly to any sightings of leopards or bears near residential areas. DFO Saibaba assured that the situation is under control. "We are taking every possible measure to ensure the safety of pilgrims, students, and residents. There's no cause for alarm," he said.

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NELLORE: The Navyandra Samithi (NVHSS) has urged APSRTC Zonal Chairman bus travel for differentlyabled persons on RTC services, similar to the facility provided to women and transgender individuals.A five-member delegation, led by NVHSS State President Sheikh Kalesha, met the his chamber in Nellore and submitted a memorandum on the issue. In its representation, NVHSS praised the TDP-led coalition government for providing free bus travel to women and

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Government of India Ministry of Road Transport and Highways

Centre allocates ₹2,000 cr for rural roads in state

- Centre sanctions funds under SASCI
- Deputy CM Pawan directs officials to prioritise quality, durability and repairs to damaged panchayat raj roads
- Says funds were secured with PM's support and CM Naidu's guidance
- Stresses that there should be no compromise on engineering norms, multiple quality checks, personal field inspections

Hans News Service Vijayawada

THE Central government sanctioned Rs 2,000 crore under the Special Assistance to States for Capital Investment (SASCI) scheme for improving rural roads across the state. Deputy Chief Minister and minister for panchayat raj and rural development Pawan Kalvan directed officials to make the best use of these funds to provide durable roads to the people.

Chairing a review with senior panchayat raj and engineering officials on Tuesday, Pawan Kalyan said that there should be no compromise on quality standards in road construction. "The responsibility for maintaining quality lies entirely with the administrative machinery," he said. The Deputy CM instructed officials to

give priority to repairing the most damaged panchayat raj roads across villages and ensure that construction is carried out strictly in accordance with engineering norms.

He noted that these funds were made possible with the support of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and under the guidance of Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu, marking yet another step forward in strengthening rural infrastructure. "Every rupee must translate into tangible benefits for the people," he asserted.

Pawan said that multiple quality checks would be conducted from the construction stage till completion. He warned contractors and officials that any deviation from prescribed standards would invite action. "Neither negligence nor irregularities will



be tolerated. I, along with experts, will personally inspect road works at the field level," he said.

As part of the SASCI fund allocation, the government has decided to spend Rs 35 crore on strengthening Panchayat Raj roads in Puttaparthi, in view of the centenary celebrations of Sri Sathya Sai Baba, as part of infrastructure development works.

"The coalition government, with consistent support from the Centre, is effectively use funds for the state's all-round development," he said.

Expressing gratitude to the Prime Minister for his cooperation, the Deputy CM added that Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu is personally monitoring the planning and utilisation of funds. "Our coalition government is fully committed to delivering better amenities to the people, and the administration must play a proactive role in achieving that goal,"

Kolleru Lake Management Authority formed for sustainable conservation

Hans News Service Vijayawada

THE state government constituted the Kolleru Lake Management Authority (KLMA) for the sustainable management and development of the Kolleru Wildlife Sanctuary. The order, issued by principal secretary for environment, forests, science and technology Kantilal Dande, follows the recommendation of the National Board for Wildlife's (NBWL) Standing Committee and aligns with the approved management plan of Kolleru Wildlife Sanctuary.

The newly-formed authority will be chaired by the chief secretary of Andhra Pradesh, with the principal secretary (EFS&T) as vice-chairman. Senior officials from revenue, fisheries, agriculture, panchayat raj and water resources departments will serve as members. The principal chief conservator of forests (wildlife) will act as the memberconvener. The authority will serve as a neutral coordinating agency to balance competing ecological and developmental interests. Its mandate includes preparing



- The state govt constitutes the body to ensure sustainable management and development of the Kolleru Wildlife Sanctuary
- The authority, chaired by the CS, will coordinate multiple departments to balance ecological protection with developmental needs
- KLMA will prepare an Integrated Management Plan, oversee pollution control, biodiversity conservation and promote sustainable livelihoods and ecotourism

an Integrated Management Plan for the Kolleru Lake, restoring hydrological regimes, improving water quality, controlling pollution, managing siltation, conserving biodiversity, and promoting sustainable fisheries and ecotourism. It will also execute multi-disciplinary projects, promote alternate livelihood opportunities, and collaborate with state, national and international institutions.

The authority is empowered to acquire movable and immovable property as needed for lake conservation without

ecological harm. Meetings of the Kolleru Lake Management Authority will be held at least once every three months, with provisions for special meetings in case of urgent matters. Half the members, including the chairman, will constitute a quorum for decision-making.

SIT GETS CUSTODY OF 7 IN SPURIOUS LIQUOR CASE

Hans News Service Vijayawada

THE Sixth Additional Judicial Magistrate of the First Class on Tuesday ordered five-day SIT custody for seven accused in

the spurious liquor case. Those remanded were Ravi (A4), Badhal Das (A7), Pradeep Das (A8), Srinivas Reddy (A11), Kalyan (A12), Ramesh Babu (A15), and Allahbakshi (A16). All were previously lodged in Vijayawada district jail.

The police had also arrested former minister Jogi Ramesh on Sunday in connection with the same case. He is currently in Nellore Central Jail. With the court granting SIT custody, investigators expect major leads on the network behind the adulterated liquor racket and hope to make progress in related cases registered at Mulakalacheruvu and Ibrahimpatnam. SIT officials have already questioned Janardhan Rao and Jagan Mohan Rao earlier in the same investigation.

Ensuring permanent livelihoods to BCs is govt's aim: Savitha

Vijayawada

BC, EWS welfare, handlooms and textiles minister S Savitha on Tuesday said that the coalition government is committed to providing permanent livelihood opportunities to caste-based and traditional artisans by supplying them with modern equipment. She said that the government's priority is to strengthen backward classes economically and socially through schemes like Aadarna 3.0.

Speaking at an interaction with chairpersons and directors of seven BC corporations at the BC Bhavan in Gollapudi here, the minister said the government would not only allocate funds to these corporations but also enhance the dignity and responsibilities of their board members. As part of Aadarna 3.0, she collected feedback from corporation heads on the types of tools and machinery required for their respective caste-based

professions. Savitha recalled that it was the TDP that first gave political, economic and social recognition to BC communities, beginning with N T Rama Rao and now continued by Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu.

She highlighted initiatives

such as installing inverters, CCTV cameras and RO plants in BC hostels and gurukul schools, supplying sports kits and track suits to students, and offering free coaching for DSC and civil services for unemployed BC youth. The minister said Rs 1,000 crore has been earmarked for Aadarna 3.0 to modernise traditional occupations and



directors of seven BC corporations at BC Bhavan in

- . BC welfare minister says that coalition govt is striving to providing permanent livelihoods for caste-based artisans via modern equipment under Aadarna 3.0, with Rs 1,000 cr allocated
- Gathers feedback on required tools/machinery from BC corporation heads, pledges enhanced funding, dignity and responsibilities for board members

ensure sustainable income for artisans. A survey has already been conducted to

identify profession-wise equipment needs, and a final report will be submitted to the Chief Minister after incorporating inputs from corporation chairpersons, she said.

Savitha urged corporation boards to take government welfare schemes to the grassroots and counter misconceptions spread during the previous regime. Senior BC welfare officials and corporation chairpersons attended the meeting.

150 YEARS OF VANDE MATARAM

BJP to conduct statewide programmes

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IN connection with the completion of 150 years of the patriotic song Vande Mataram, Andhra Pradesh BJP president P V N Madhav called for special programmes to be held across the state on November 7.

Addressing a teleconference with BJP MPs, MLCs, MLAs, and state-level leaders on Tuesday, Madhav announced that BJP SC Morcha state president Panthal Suresh would serve as the state in-charge for the anniversary programmes. He said the Vande Mataram song, written by Bankim Chandra Chatterjee, played a pivotal role in the Indian freedom struggle and united people from Kashmir to Kanyakumari under one patriotic

Madhav recalled that in Vinukonda, people were fired upon by the British for singing Vande Mataram, while in Rajamahendravaram, youth were inspired by the song to launch a local freedom movement. He emphasized that the song also played a major role in opposing the partition of Bengal.

The BJP leader pointed out that Vande Mataram was shortened at the 1923 Congress session held in Kakinada, and only a portion of it is sung today. "As we commemorate 150 years of Vande Mataram, we must sing the full version of this national song," he said.

Madhav added that the main event of the anniversary celebrations would be held in Kakinada on November 7, with simultaneous programmes planned in all districts in the state.



Kollu urges granite units to end strike, forms committee



Ministers Kollu Ravindra, Gottipati Ravi Kumar and Dola Balaveeranjaneya Swamy meet representatives of the Granite Cutting and Polishing Units Associations at the Secretariat on Tuesday

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MINES and excise minister Kollu Ravindra on Tuesday urged owners of granite cutting and polishing units to immediately withdraw their strike and resume onerations, stressing that the workers dependent on the industry were suffering due to the shutdown.

Addressing representatives of the Granite Cutting and Polishing Units Associations from the erstwhile Guntur and Prakasam districts at the Secretariat, the minister assured that all legitimate issues raised by the industry would be addressed without delay. Ministers Gottipati Ravikumar and Dola Balaveeranjaneya Swamy, along with MLAs Eluri Sambasiva Rao and B N Vijay Kumar, were present at the meeting.

 Mines minister urges granite unit owners in **Guntur and Prakasam** districts to end their strike, stressing the impact on workers' livelihoods

The govt forms a highlevel committee to review issues like the uniform sintering fee and suggest solutions within a week

The association representatives highlighted the financial burden caused by the uniform sintering fee levied on all grades of raw material, requesting the government to rationalize the system. They said that while industries were committed to fulfilling obligations to the government, the current structure was rendering operations unviable.

In response, Ravindra announced the formation of a high-level committee comprising the joint director (mining), the district DMGO, a representative from the seigniorage collection agency and two bers from each association to study and resolve key issues faced by the units. The minister directed the committee to hold consultations with stakeholders and submit a detailed report within one week.

The minister reiterated that the government was committed to protecting both industry interests and the livelihood of workers. "All concerns will be examined and resolved fairly. There should be no disruption to production," he said, urging entrepreneurs to restore normalcy immediately.

Jagan slams TDP's 'anti-farmer' policies

AAKUMARRU (Krishna district)

YSRCP president YS Jagan Mohan Reddy on Tuesday criticised the ruling coalition government that it has failed to protect farmers affected by recent cyclones and weakened the state's farmer welfare framework. He urged the government to immediately clear pending crop insurance claims and warned that the YSRCP would launch protests if the demand was not met.

After visiting cyclonehit fields and interacting with farmers, Jagan said that many cultivators had suffered extensive crop loss but were yet to receive compensation.

He blamed Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu for discontinuing the earlier crop insurance scheme, claiming this has left lakhs of farmers without support. He

- Demands immediate crop insurance payout
- Accuses the ruling coalition of neglecting cyclone-hit farmers and failing to clear pending crop insurance dues of about Rs 600 cr
- Blames CM for ending the earlier insurance scheme, alleging that thousands of farmers were left without relief

demanded payment of pending arrears, including Rs 600 crore, and urged the government to bear the premium for the upcoming Rabi season.

He alleged that the enumeration of crop damage was rushed and inaccurate, with officials asked to finish the process in a single day, leading to underreporting of losses. According to him, farmers in several districts complained that no official had inspected their fields. He also claimed that those who applied for insurance were being discouraged by restricting paddy procurement.

Jagan accused the government of failing to provide timely help despite multiple natural calamities in the last 18 months. He said promises of an input subsidy of Rs 20,000 per farmer were not fulfilled. He contrasted this with the YSRCP's previous term, stating that input subsidies, crop insurance payments, and Minimum Support Price guarantees were delivered promptly.

He also alleged irregularities in crop loss data, citing discrepancies in e-cropping records, and demanded immediate full compensation for all affected farmers.



YSRCP president Y S Jagan Mohan Reddy inspects rain-damaged paddy crop at Aakumarru in Krishna district on Tuesday

State turned is under 'criminal regime': Sajjala

Hans News Service TADEPALLI

YSRCP state coordinator Sajjala Ramakrishna Reddy on Monday criticised the ruling coalition, alleging that governance in the state had become what he described as a "criminalised political regime." Speaking at the party headquarters here, he said that institutions meant to safeguard rights and democratic processes have weakened since June 2024.

Ramakrishna Reddy cited the arrest of former minister Jogi Ramesh as an instance of what he called politically motivated action. He claimed the government was using law enforcement agencies to target opposition leaders while protecting those aligned with it. According to him, "arrests are being made first, while evidence is arranged later," and police officials unwilling to cooperate YSRCP leader accuses coalition govt of weakening democratic institutions and using police to target opposition leaders like Jogi Ramesh with 'fabricated evidence'

Alleges large-scale illegal liquor operations under official protection, citing Tamballapalle case and belt shops, claiming QR codes fail to address the issue

are sidelined.

He also alleged largescale illegal liquor operations in the state, referring to the Tamballapalle case and claiming that unauthorised liquor units and belt shops were operating with official protection. He said the government's introduction of QR codes for liquor did not address the core issue and accused the administration of

shielding those involved. Referring to several cases including those of spurious liquor case accused A Janardhan Rao, social media activist Savindra and the Tuni minor case, Ramakrishna Reddy alleged that

fabricated evidence and misuse of criminal laws were being used to harass critics and political opponents. He also held the government responsible for the Kasibugga temple stampede, stating that advance warnings were ignored.

The YSRCP leader accused Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu and TDP national general secretary Nara Lokesh of running a governance model driven by political vendetta. He appealed to the media and civil society to "protect democratic values" and warned that the situation could deteriorate further if not addressed.

Namma Bengaluru

in Brief

Notice to govt over 'bribes' taken from dead woman's father

NEW DELHI: The NHRC has sought a report within two weeks from the Karnataka government and state police chief over the alleged collection of bribes from a grieving 64-year-old father of a woman who died after a brain haemorrhage, an official said on Tuesday.

The alleged harassment of the man started after the death of his daughter, an IIT Madras and IIM Ahmedabad graduate working in Bengaluru, who suffered a brain haemorrhage on September 18. The National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) has taken suo motu cognisance of a media report that, while mourning the death of his only daughter, the elderly man was made to pay bribes at every step, including an ambulance driver, police, crematorium staff and civic officials in Bengaluru.

According to the media report, carried on October 30, what should have been a solemn farewell turned into a nightmare of corruption, bureaucracy and inhumanity. The Commission has observed that the contents of the news report, if true, raise serious issues of violation of human rights.

Therefore, it has issued notices to the Chief Secretary and the Director General of Police, Karnataka, calling for a detailed report on the matter within two weeks.

When the father called an ambulance after the death of his daughter, the ambulance driver apparently overcharged for the services. When he reported his daughter's death to the police, they not only displayed a lack of empathy but also gave copies of the FIR and post-mortem report only after a bribe was paid.

According to the media report, the deceased's family donated the girl's eyes before cremation. Money was again demanded at the crematorium, which the father paid.

There was also a considerable delay in issuing a death certificate from the Mahadevapura Municipal authorities. Despite intervention by a senior officer, the certificate was issued only after the father paid a bribe.

Earlier, the NHRC asked 19 state governments and 4 UT Administrations to take nptive steps and imple ment relief measures for vulnerable people ahead of the upcoming winter season.

The Commission directed the State and UT governments to protect newborns, children, infants, poor, elderly, homeless, destitutes and people involved in beggary, who are at risk of exposure to cold waves due to lack of shelter and resources, said a statement.

Woman complains of sexual harassment during morning walk

BENGALURU: A 33-yearold woman was allegedly sexually harassed and subjected to public indecency while walking her dog here, police said on Tuesday. The incident occurred in Indiranagar here on November 1, they said.

According to the complaint filed by the victim, around 11:57 a m, when she was walking her pet, suddenly when an unknown man, believed to be in his 30s, called out 'Madam' to get her attention. When she turned, he allegedly began to publicly expose himself and masturbate. The complainant stated that the man intentionally targeted her to outrage her modesty. Shocked by the act, she ran home with her dog and later informed her sister and her friend about the incident.

A case has been registered against the unidentified man for sexual harassment under section 75 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita and investigation is underway to identify and

Engineers given weekly targets to demolish illegal buildings



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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

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THE Halasuru Gate police have

busted a major fake currency

racket that duped innocent

people by promising to "make

money rain" using demonetized

₹2000 notes. Acting on a com-

plaint filed by the Reserve Bank

of India (RBI), the police ar-

rested 10 accused who were run-

ning a well-organized interstate

The arrested have been

identified as Mohan K, Srini-

vas Murthy, Raju, Basavaraj,

Ramakrishna, Palli Muralidhar,

Ramachandra, and Mubarak.

According to police sources,

the gang used demonetized

₹2000 currency notes whose

serial numbers had been tam-

pered with, and circulated them

through various banks using un-

The racket came to light when

the RBI detected around 70

suspecting intermediaries.

Mallikarjun,

network of fraudsters.

Munishamappa,

renewed crackdown on un authorized 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 activi-

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. The Commissioner emphasized the need for decisive and lawful action against unauthorized structures, warning engineers against any negligence or delay.

The intensified demolition drive is not limited to the East Zone alone — similar operations are expected to begin across all city zones in the coming weeks under the Greater Bengaluru Authority's oversight.

With civic officials gearing up for large-scale action, all eyes are now on how effectively the city's long-standing issue of illegal constructions will finally be addressed.

10 arrested for cheating people with demonetised ₹2000 notes

Fake currency racket busted



fake ₹2000 notes that had been deposited in a local bank. The serial numbers on these notes were found to be tampered versions of genuine old notes that had already been withdrawn from circulation. Based on the RBI manager's complaint, the Halasuru Gate police began an investigation, tracing the source of the deposits.

During interrogation, one of the suspects confessed that

he had deposited the notes in exchange for a commission. Further inquiry revealed an elaborate scam in which a few members of the gang posed as "swamijis" or godmen. These

fake holy men met gullible vic-

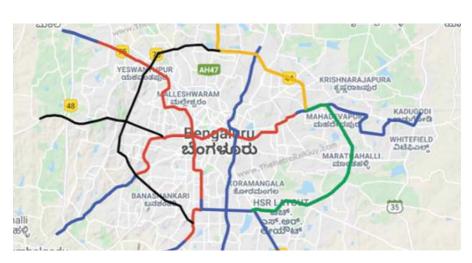
tims and promised them a ritual

that would miraculously multi-

The gang convinced victims that certain ₹2000 notes from specific serial series-such as the 2018 HS series-had special properties that could generate large sums during a ritual. Mubarak, one of the accused, allegedly handled the task of tampering with the serial numbers on genuine demonetized notes to make them appear authentic.

Victims, lured by greed and superstition, were told to bring cash and meet the "swamijis alone near rivers or lakes for the ritual. During the ceremony, the fake godmen instructed victims to dip into the water holding the notes, claiming it would activate the magic. By the time the victims resurfaced, the fraudsters had fled with the money.

The police have recovered demonetized ₹2000 notes worth ₹18 lakh from the accused.



Metro phase-3 civil works to begin from JP Nagar

Deadline set for 2031

to facilitate smooth execution.

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THE long-awaited Phase 3 of Namma Metro is finally moving forward, with the civil works from JP Nagar 4th Phase to Kempapura in Hebbal set to begin soon. The Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRCL) has initiated preparations to invite tenders for the project, marking a major milestone in the city's

expanding metro network. The 28.4 km stretch between JP Nagar 4th Phase and Kempapura received Central Government approval over a year ago, but tender calls were delayed due to planning for a double-decker structure along the route. Now, the BMRCL has decided to invite tenders in 10 separate packages for viaduct, station, and depot construction

The Karnataka Government had approved the project back in 2022, and two years later, the Central Government sanctioned the ₹15,611 crore project. The Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) will extend a loan of ₹7,577

crore, which will also cover the

purchase of metro trains.

In addition to the JP Nagar-Kempapura stretch, the Magadi Road-Hosahalli to Kadabagere corridor (8.6 km) will also be developed, bringing the total length of the double-decker line to 37.12 km. The estimated cost of this segment alone is ₹9,700 crore, approved by the State Cabinet in September. Funding for the project will be shared among the State Government (50%), BBMP (10%), and borrowed anticipate a 5% increase in total project costs, following the trend seen in previous phases. The first phase cost rose from ₹6,395 crore to ₹14,133 crore, while the second phase saw an escalation from ₹26,405 crore

to ₹40,614 crore. The Phase 3 expansion will include 30 stations, with 7 interchange points, enhancing connectivity across major urban zones. Initially, commercial operations were targeted for 2029, but with delays in tendering and groundwork, the revised completion deadline is now 2031.

The upcoming metro line is expected to ease traffic congestion in South and North Bengaluru, especially along key corridors like JP Nagar, Hebbal, and Outer Ring Road transforming city mobility

Indian Pharma Fair 14th Edition from Nov 7

funds (40%). However, officials

Bengaluru

THE 14th edition of the Indian Pharma Fair, South India's biggest pharmaceutical exhibition, will be held at Palace Grounds, Gate No. 9, Princess Shrine, Bengaluru. The event will be inaugurated

by Sri Raghunath Reddy R, President, and A.K. Jeevan, General Secretary, Karnataka Chemists and Druggists Association (KCDA), which also supports the exhibition. The two-day fair will feature over 70 leading pharmaceutical manufacturing

and marketing companies from across India, including Medicant Group, Psychocare Health, Zee Laboratories, Medicef Pharma, Matteo Formulations, Kedar Drugs & Pharmaceutical, Healthcare, Xieon Lifesciences and many others.

City to host 30th **European Union Film Festival**

Bengaluru

THE European Union Film Festival (EUFF) returns with its milestone 30th edition, celebrating three decades of cinematic, cultural, and artistic exchange between Europe and India. The festival which started in Delhi on last Friday will travel to Bengaluru with its biggest and finest curation yet - 24 contemporary European films in 25 languages to be screened from November 7-15, before moving on to Hyderabad. Through this vibrant showcase of European cinema, the festival continues to foster Indo-European cultural collaboration, offering audiences a window into Europe - its people, its stories, and its spirit.

Bengaluru audiences can enjoy the festival across three iconic venues: Goethe-Institut / Max Mueller Bhavan Bangalore, Alliance française de Bangalore and Suchitra Film Society. Organised by the Delegation of the European Union to India, in collaboration with the Embassies of EU Member States and regional partners, EUFF 2025 Bengaluru edition offers Indian audiences a rare opportunity to experience Europe's most celebrated films on the big screen. The festival's curated selection highlights stories of resilience, hope, identity, and creativity, reflecting the shared human experiences that unite audiences across cultures.

Toshiba invites innovators to shape the future of IoT

Bengaluru

TOSHIBA Digital Solutions Corporation, together with Toshiba Software India Pvt. Ltd., is pleased to announce the first ever GridDB Cloud IoT Hackathon, a two-day, in-person event that will take place in Bengaluru India from January 31 to February 1, 2026. The hackathon invites startups, students, and developers to take on the challenge of developing real-time IoT applications using GridDB* Cloud, Toshiba's fully managed time-series database available on Microsoft Azure Marketplace.

Bajaj Finance records 27% surge in festive loan volume

Bengaluru

BAJAJ Finance Ltd., India's largest private sector non-bank lender and part of Bajaj Finsery, today said it had seen a surge in consumption finance during the festive season, disbursing a record number of consumer loans, higher by 27% in volume and 29% in value as compared to the same period last year.

The rise in consumption credit, represented by loans for consumer goods, reflects the positive outcome of the government's next generation GST reforms and changes in personal income tax, aimed at increasing consumers' purchasing power.

Bharatiya City wows visitors with clean streets and green spaces

HANS NEWS SERVICE

KNOWN across India for its traffic congestion, potholeridden roads, and broken footpaths, Bengaluru rarely evokes an image of urban perfection. Yet, in a surprising revelation, a recent viral post has showcased a part of the city that looks nothing short of a modern-day paradise — Bharatiya City in North Bengaluru.

A video shared by the social media account IndianGems has taken the internet by storm, showing clean roads, wide pedestrian pathways, and lush greenery within the privately developed 200-acre township. The user expressed amazement at the meticulous planning and maintenance of the area.

"I was in Bengaluru and stumbled upon this 200-acre private area. I was shocked to see how beautifully it's maintained. The roads were free of potholes and dust, and the footpaths had gardens

and trees. What's stopping our government from mainthis?" the caption read.

The visuals show Bharatiya City's well-paved roads, sprawling parks, cyclingfriendly pathways, and towering residential complexes — some rising over 50 floors. The clean and calm environment has left many viewers wondering if this is truly Bengaluru.

The post, uploaded on November 2, has already garnered over 500,000 views, sparking a debate on urban infrastructure and privatisation. One user commented, "Private development is the only way forward if we want clean and well-maintained cities." Another called Bharatiya City "Bengaluru's living paradise."

Spread across 125 acres near Thanisandra, Bharatiya City has been hailed as one of the most well-planned urban developments in the country, setting a new benchmark for sustainable

AI surveillance now keeps watch



and livable city design.

The viral post has reignited conversations about the need for better urban planning and maintenance

across Bengaluru - a reminder that a cleaner, greener city is not impossible, but it might just need the right kind of management.

Now, new smart attendance system

introduced to curb late reporting by cops has

already yielded encouraging results Hans News Service

THE Bengaluru Traffic Police (BTP) has rolled out a new Artificial Intelligence

Bengaluru

(AI)-powered attendance system to ensure its personnel report to duty on time and at the right locations. The department has integrated a geo-tagged e-

on Bengaluru traffic police attendance feature into its Aastram mobile application, replacing the older biometric machines.

Under the new system,

police officers must now mark their attendance using their smart phones. At the start of each shift, they are required to take a selfie with geotag and timestamp, which the AI then crossverifies with their Aadhaarlinked photograph. This ensures both the identity of the officer and their physical

presence at the designated junction.

A key element of the system is geo-fencing - attendance will only be accepted if the officer is within a 50-square-meter radius of the assigned junction. If they attempt to check in from outside this zone, the system automatically rejects their attendance.

Explaining the move, Joint Commissioner of Police (Traffic) Karthik Reddy said, "We have over 1,000 junctions and two shifts -7 am to 2 pm and 2 pm to 10 pm. Earlier, there was no mechanism to confirm whether an officer was actually present at their assigned location. With this new feature, we can now monitor when and where each officer is stationed."

The system enforces strict punctuality. Officers must check in between 7:00 am and 7:15 am for the morning shift. Those who arrive between 7:15 and 7:30 am are logging in after 7:30 am is automatically recorded as absent.

According to officials, the system has already yielded encouraging results. With daily deployment across 800 to 1,000 junctions, absenteeism among traffic police personnel has significantly dropped since the introduction of e-attendance. Previously, absenteeism was a persistent issue, but now only one to three officers fail Additionally, the AI-

based monitoring provides real-time alerts to senior officers about patterns of late arrivals or early departures, helping enhance accountability, transparency, and discipline across the force.

Officials believe the move represents a major step forward in modernizing Bengaluru's traffic management system — ensuring that the guardians of road discipline follow discipline themselves.

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 appreciation 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.

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Historically, the word "Bihari" has evolved

from a neutral geographical identifier to a

derogatory label, symbolizing backward-

ness, 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 stigma-

tising the community. However, of late,

there is a growing movement to reclaim

the term "Bihari" and challenge these

tion.

Guru Nanak Jayanthi today

URU Nanak Gurpurab holds profound significance as Ta 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 Gurpurab, 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

T'S heartbreaking that three college-going sisters from the same family died in a road accident at Chevella that

Ganti Venkata Sudhir, Secunderabad

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?

 $T^{
m HE}$ gruesome accident near Chevella, involving a tipper truck and TGSRTC bus which collided head-on

S Lakshmi, Hyderabad

MANY self-styled cricket lovers celebrate players one day and trash them the next. Even as praise poured

▲ MOL Muzumdar, the unsung hero of Indian cricket, dis-

PROPOS 'Harman's angels cast a spell for ages' (THI, A PROPOS Harmans angels cast a spell 101 ages (1111, 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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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.

Highway roads turn deathtraps

al issue will be the impotence of the man or frigidity of the woman. In divorce cases by mutual consent, the courts can somehow reconcile the couples and try for reunion by negotiation or mediation. In cases of annulment of marriages, the courts cannot compel the parties to marriage to P R Ravinder, Hyderabad remain together. Its task is

Punish errant drivers

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.

Don't malign women players

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

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

Dr George Jacob, Kochi

The decline of moral ethics and values in marital life pect of adjudication of giving of custody of children and the visitation rights is a herculean task. In cases instituted under



Tadakamalla Muralidhar

'n 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

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 sys-

In today's system, extramarital affairs in the name of civilization are destroyations 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 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 Malkajgiri and Kukat-

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



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Before the advent of the Family Courts Act, 1984 three judges, namely District Judge, Senior Civil Judge, and Magistrate, 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.

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.

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 mar-

riage under Section 12. cases instituted

der 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-

couple to live together happily and their respective families can breathe easy. (The writer is a retired District Judge based in Hyderabad)

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Dr Hyma Moorty

 $B^{\mathrm{ihar},\ \mathrm{the\ region\ known}}$ 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 firma-

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 Bihari 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 traveller 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

negative perceptions. 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.

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.

Read more at https://epaper.thehansindia.com

91.7% of Bhogapuram airport works completed, says Ram Mohan

Hans News Service

CIVIL aviation minister K Ram Mohan Naidu said on Tuesday that 91.7 per cent of the works of Bhogapuram International Airport here have been completed.

He exuded confidence in completing the project by June 2026 and dedicating it to the nation.

The minister on Tuesday visited the upcoming international airport and conducted a comprehensive field-level review of ongoing works. He posted on 'X' that he inspected key facilities, including the main terminal building, arrival and departure zones, and baggage handling systems.

Ram Mohan Naidu said he also shared architectural inputs to ensure the design reflects the rich ethos and cultural identity of the Uttarandhra region.

"Held a detailed review meeting with GMR and L&T Minister says the project is on track for dedication by June 2026

 During his site visit, the minister reviewed key facilities like the terminal building and baggage systems, providing architectural inputs to reflect Uttarandhra's cultural identity

 Directs GMR and L&T teams to expedite remaining works, emphasising worldclass standards

teams, directing them to expedite the remaining works with utmost priority and ensure world-class standards in every aspect of construction and passenger convenience,"

"I am glad to share that the project has achieved 91.7 per cent completion. Once operational, Bhogapuram Airport



Civil aviation minister K Ram Mohan Naidu inspects progress of construction works at Bhogapuram International Airport near Vizianagaram on Tuesday

will emerge as a major economic hub in Utharandhra Region, significantly boosting regional connectivity, trade, and tourism," the Central minister added.

He also stated that under the visionary leadership of

Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chief Minister N. Appala Na Chandrababu Naidu, they are committed to completing this prestigious project by June 2026 and dedicating it to the nation.

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He was accompanied by

Vizianagaram MP Kalisetti Appala Naidu, Nellimarla MLA Lokam Madhavi, MLA Baggu Ramanamurthy, Markfed Chairman Bangarraju, district officials of Vizianagaram, and officers from GMR and L&T.

Provide homes to RBC families at Balaji Nagar: MLA

Hans News Service Tirupati

CITY MLA Arani Srinivasulu requested TTD Executive Officer Anil Kumar Singhal to provide housing in Balaji Nagar for the people currently staying at the RBC Centre in Tirumala.

During a meeting with the TTD EO at the TTD Administrative Building here on Tuesday, the MLA discussed several local issues. He urged that instead of shifting the 84 residents of the RBC Centre to Tirupati, provide houses in Balaji Nagar. He said the RBC Centre families supported TTD in 1973 and deserve proper accommodation.

The MLA also reminded that during earlier elections, Chiranjeevi and Pawan Kalyan promised to help Balaji Nagar residents by completing slab works



City MLA Arani Srinivasulu speaking with TTD EO Anil Kumar Singhal in Tirupati on Tuesday. Greenery and Beautification Chairperson Sugunamma is also seen.

for their houses, and he requested quick action on this promise. Additionally, he asked the TTD to renew the Sri Venkateswara Natya Kala Parishad and release funds regularly for annual drama performances.

He further appealed to the EO to provide timescale benefits, laddu cards, and Srivari darshan facility to the workers of the Sri Vakulamatha Annadana Trust.

EO assured the MLA that TTD would look into all the issues positively.

NAIDU MOURNS DEMISE OF GOPICHAND HINDUJA

Hans News Services Vijayawada

CHIEF Minister N Chandrababu Naidu on Tuesday expressed deep sorrow over the demise of Gopichand P Hinduja, chairman of the Hinduja Group. Describing him as a visionary industrialist who transformed the group into a global conglomerate, Naidu recalled Hinduja's pivotal role in landmark achievements such as the acquisition of Gulf Oil in 1984 and the revival of Ashok Leyland.

He noted that Hinduja's leadership also guided the group's expansion into power and infrastructure sectors. Extending heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family and associates, Naidu said Hinduja's legacy would continue to inspire generations.

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 Opposition 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 performances. RJD is seen emerging victorious 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 Mahagathbandhan, 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 opting for the BJP-led alliance. Prashant Kishor-led Jan Suraaj 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 judiciary - 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 hierarchy. He further said, "90 per cent of India's population is nowhere to be found," suggesting that marginalised communities have been systematically denied access to leadership and opportunity.

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

The BJP hit back at Rahul Gandhi over his remarks on the Army. Party spokesperson Suresh Nakhua, in a post on X, said, "Rahul Gandhi 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 government 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, tunnels, and factories," he said. Accusing 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.

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 mayoral race in September. The early voting period, which commenced on October 25, ended on Sunday. Mamdani 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 immediately freeze the rent for all stabilised tenants and use every available resource to build the housing New Yorkers need and bring down the rent.

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

INDIA BLOC PLANS NATIONWIDE PROTEST AGAINST SIR

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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 Yaday, and Jharkhand Chief Minister Hemant Soren have agreed with the Congress leadership to intensify the movement over the voter list revi-

Mamata leads SIR stir in Bengal

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Launching a sharp attack 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 talking 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 misinformation. 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

he 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

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 surrounding 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 accused 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."

Mild quake jolts Alluri district

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According to the National Center of Seismology, the epicentre of the earthquake was at G Madugula in Alluri Sitharama Raju district at a depth of 10 km. Located at latitude 18.02°N and longitude 82.58°E, the epicentre was 110 km from Visakhapatnam.

"A mild earthquake measuring 3.7 on the Richter scale was recorded in Alluri Sitharama Raju district on Tuesday morning, while the tremors were felt in a few places in Vizag," an official from Andhra Pradesh State Disaster Management Authority (APSDMA) said. The official said that the tremor was brief and local district disaster management teams have been alerted as a precautionary measure.

Meanwhile, experts described it as a shallow earthquake with a low intensity. They said there was no need for people to be worried as the tremors were mild due to structural adjustments. They pointed out that the region is considered tectonically stable.

Officials told to achieve targets under Swarnandhra

VIJAYAWADA: NTR District Collector Dr G Lakshmisha has directed officials to achieve the Key Progress Indicators targets under Swarnandhra Vision @ 2047 without fail.

He conducted a review meeting on the progress of various departments at the Collectorate here on Tuesday. Addressing the officials, the Collector said that some departments were still in B and C grades and must strive to reach A-grade performance levels.

SRKR wins national education excellence award

Hans News Service Bhimavaram

SRKR Engineering College here has bagged the National Award for Overall Excellence in Education for its remarkable contribution to academic excellence, innovation, student empowerment, and leadership in higher education, announced the college's Secretary and Correspondent Sagi Ramakrishna Nishant Varma.

The award was presented during the Bharat Education Excellence Awards (BEEA-2025) ceremony organised by Brainovision on October 25 at T-Hub, Hyderabad. Sharing details with the media on Tuesday, Nishant Varma said AICTE Chief Coordinating Officer Buddha Chandrasekhar and JNTUK Vice-Chancellor Dr CSRK Prasad presented the

awards.

Along with the college award, Principal Dr KV Muralikrishna Raju received the Bheeshmacharya Award for his outstanding leadership and efforts to promote innovation and student engagement in academics. Dr I Hemalatha, Senior Professor in the IT Department, was honoured with the Best Faculty Award for her initiatives in teaching innovations, hackathons.

College Director Dr M Jagapati Raju and Principal Dr Muralikrishna Raju stated that the national-level competition received over 3,000 nominations from 20 states, out of which 250 eminent institutions and individuals were selected for recognition. They also lauded Brainovision Pvt Solutions CEO Ganesh Nag for his efforts in organising the event.

Narayana showcases AP as future logistics hub

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He urged them

He urged them to study the government's pro-investment framework and assured complete cooperation and facilitation for ventures in key growth sectors.

Narayana met Nilesh Ved, the Chairman of the Apparel Group, along with CEO Neeraj and CBO Kamal Kotak. The minister invited the company to explore investment opportunities in Andhra Pradesh's retail and manufacturing ecosystem. He emphasized that the state's rising consumer base and improving logistics infrastructure make it a prime location for new ventures.

The Minister also held talks with Ramesh Ramakrishnan, Chairman of Transworld Group, a global leader in shipping, logistics, and maritime services. He explained Andhra Pradesh's strategic advantage with its 974-km coastline, growing port infrastructure and upcoming logistics and shipbuilding projects. "We are building Andhra Pradesh into a logistics hub of South Asia," Narayana said, citing recent government initiatives to modernise ports and integrate them with industrial corridors.

The Minister also met senior representatives of Burj Al Arab Health Care, discussing new reforms in the state's medical and healthcare ecosystem, and invited the group to participate in upcoming public-private partnerships in health infrastructure.

Narayana visited the headquarters of Tabreed, the world's largest district cooling company. Meeting with CEO Khalid Abdullah Al Marzooqi and chief development officer Philippe Coquant, he studied the company's advanced cooling systems and put forth AP's proposal to establish similar district cooling centres in Amaravati and other urban clusters.

He also briefed investors

on the upcoming Visakhapatnam Partnership Summit, to be held later this month, which will bring together global industry leaders to explore opportunities in Andhra Pradesh. He urged Dubai-based investors to participate and witness the State's evolving industrial landscape firsthand. CRDA Commissioner Kannababu and Municipal Administration Director Sampath Kumar accompanied the Minister.

CM for UK collaboration in higher education, tech

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Naidu proposed the establishment of university centres in collaboration with top UK institutions, enabling student and faculty exchange programmes and dual-degree pathways to enhance global academic exposure.

Both sides explored cooperation in emerging technologies, including artificial intelligence, semiconductors, space technology, core engineering, and marine industry 4.0, aligning with the state's vision of building a future-ready innovation ecosystem.

Naidu emphasized that Andhra Pradesh, under his government's policy of sustainable industrialization and knowledge-driven growth, is keen to forge strategic joint ventures with international partners with the support of the central government.

The meeting took place as part of the Chief Minister's London engagement, where he also met several industry leaders and investors. Naidu extended an invitation to UK universities and business delegates to participate in the upcoming CII Partnership Summit in Visakhapatnam, which is aimed at positioning the state as a global hub for education, innovation, and advanced technology.

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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 presented. movements, subtle facial This delicate dance, expressions, and deep

'Manipuri Jagoi Marup', a leading troupe founded

spiritual themes rooted in

Vaishnavism.'

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 highlight — was the selection

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 (kunja) 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'



ctress Drew Barrymore shared that she recently had an "emergency biopsy" following **A**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 re 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

"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

right partner, feels that perfection in relationships is a myth and talks A right partner, teels that perfection in relations...
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 fiance'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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Solution to November 4

Mrunal Thakur showcases hilarious post eye make-up struggles

ollywood 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

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

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 Maniesh Paul, Jimmy Sheirgill, Chunky Panday and Mouni Roy to name a few.



Rajyotsava Award winner donates prize money to five institutions

BENGALURU: NRI entrepreneur and philanthropist Zacharia Jokatte, who was recently conferred the Karnataka Rajyotsava Award, has announced that he will donate the entire cash component of the award — ⋈5 lakh — to five humanitarian organisations.

The beneficiaries include Sanidhya Residential School for the Mentally Challenged (Mangaluru), Snehadeep HIV Home for Children (Bondel), Snehadaya Deaddiction Centre (Talapady), Lady Goschen Karunya Project of M. Friends Charitable Trust, and the Hidaya Colony Centre for Specially Abled Children (Kavalakatta). Each institution will receive 🛛 lakh.

The donations will be formally distributed at a civic felicitation ceremony being organised by the Zacharia Jokatte Fans' Association later this month. The award includes ⊠5 lakh in cash, a 25-gram gold medal, a citation, and a memento.

Former minister H Y Meti dies

BENGALURU: Karnataka Congress MLA from Bagalkote and former minister H Y Meti died at a private hospital here on Tuesday, party and hospital sources said. He was 79 and was undergoing treatment for breathing issues and other age-related ailments, they said.

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah visited the hospital to pay his last respects to Meti. Meti, who was chairman of the Bagalkote Urban Development Authority, is survived by two sons and two daughters.

The party sources said that his mortal remains will be taken to Bagalkote in the evening, and last rites are likely to be performed on Wednesday afternoon. Meti won elections from the Guledgudda Assembly constituency in 1989, 1994 and 2004 as a Janata Dal member.

After getting elected in 1994, he served as the forest minister. He was also elected as an MP from Bagalkote in 1996. After delimitation of constituencies, he had contested in 2008 from Bagalkote on a Congress ticket, but lost.

He won in 2013 and served as excise minister in the then Siddaramiah-led Congress government, but lost in 2018. He was considered to be among the close associates of Chief Minister Siddaramiah.

Expressing grief over Meti's death, the CM said, "I had visited the hospital last Thursday and inquired about his health. I was hopeful that he would recover and join us again. Both my hopes and wishes have been dashed."

"Meti, who was in public life for a long time, was a politician who was propeople and only concerned about the development of

the constituency.

The society has become poorer with his demise," he posted on 'X'.

Deputy Chief Minister D K Shivakumar too paid his last respects, and said, "Meti was close to me. He came to the party along with Siddaramaiah and served as an MLA and a minister.... May God give his family strength

to deal with the loss."
Former Prime Minister
H D Deve Gowda, several
Congress leaders and ministers in the state government,
former CMs B S Yediyurappa and Basavaraj Bommai,
state BJP President B Y Vijayendra, among others,
have expressed grief over
Meti's demise.

Meeting held for Laksha Kantha Gita and Modi's visit to Udupi

Hans News Service

A preparatory meeting for the forthcoming Laksha Kantha Gita Mahayagna and the proposed visit of Prime Minister Narendra Modi was held on Tuesday at the Geetha Mandira near the Udupi Sri Krishna Math, under the chairmanship of Paryaya Peetadhipathi Sri Sugunendra Teertha Swamiji of Puthige Math.

The meeting, attended by senior officials of the Udupi District Administration, Police Department, and elected representatives, discussed lo-

gistics, security, and organisational arrangements for the historic event.

In his address, Sri Sugunendra Teertha Swamiii said, "It is a matter of great fortune that the same Narendra Modi who visited Udupi as the Chief Minister of Gujarat during my previous Paryaya will now return as the Prime Minister. This sacred occasion must showcase Udupi's unique culture, hospitality, and spiritual heritage to the world. The Prime Minister's security and convenience will remain the top priority."

He added that the month-

long Geeta Mahotsava will include a Saints' Conclave, a Geeta Mahayaga, and an International Geeta Conference, with participation expected from Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, several Union Ministers, and dignitaries from India and abroad, including the United States.

MLA Yashpal Suvarna lauded the Swamiji's initiatives, noting that his previous Paryaya had contributed significantly to Udupi's development. He said the Prime Minister's upcoming visit would further strengthen the district's overall progress and

called for bipartisan cooperation to ensure the event's success. Deputy Commissioner Swaroopa T.K., SP Hari Ram Shankar, Kapu MLA Suresh Shetty Gurme, former minister Pramod Madhwaraj, and BIP district president Naveen Shetty also addressed the meeting. SP Shankar detailed the proposed security arrangements. The meeting was conducted by Diwan Nagaraja Acharya, and a vote of thanks was delivered by international Secretary Prasanna Acharya. Several prominent members of the Udupi Sri Krishna Math administration were present.



Sugarcane farmers' protest intensifies in Belagavi

VIJAYENDRA GIVES 5-HOUR ULTIMATUM TO SIDDARAMAIAH

Hans News Service Belagavi

THE ongoing agitation by sugarcane farmers entered its sixth day on Monday, with BJP state president B.Y. Vijayendra joining the protest in solidarity. Addressing the farmers at Gurlapur village in Mudalagi taluk, Vijayendra declared that he would not leave the protest site until Chief Minister Siddaramaiah responded to the farmers' demands.

"I give the Chief Minister time till 5 pm today to make a decision. If he fails, I will continue to protest here tomorrow as well. Even though tomorrow is my birthday, I will stay here with you all," Vijayendra said amid cheers from the protesting farmers.

The BJP leader lashed out at the Congress government for its apathy toward farmers' plight. "For the last six days, these farmers have been sitting on the road demanding a fair price for sugarcane. Yet, the government has remained silent. I am not here as an MLA, but



as the son of a farmer and a protester — the son of B.S. Yediyurappa," he said.

He clarified that he was

not siding with sugar factory owners but standing for farmers' justice. "Farmers in three districts are demanding fair compensation for their sugarcane crop. Selfrespect has another name it is the farmer. No one can tolerate an attack on that self-respect," Vijayendra thundered.

The protest, which began with a few dozen growers, has now drawn widespread attention, with political leaders from various regions extending support. Farmers have accused the state of failing to ensure proper rates

for sugarcane procurement and demanded immediate intervention from the Chief Minister.

Minister Laxmi Hebbalkar responds

Reacting to the issue, Karnataka Minister Laxmi Hebbalkar said both farmers and factory owners should be treated fairly. "We are farmers too. Just because we own factories doesn't mean we don't understand farmers' struggles. No injustice will be allowed against farmers or mill owners," she stated.

Hebbalkar revealed that two meetings had already been held on the issue, and further consultations between farmers and factory representatives are planned. "If discussions over prices are not handled carefully, things could escalate. We must ensure farmers get what they deserve," she added.

When asked about BJP's involvement in the protest, Hebbalkar remarked, "Let everyone join the farmers' fight beyond politics. The BJP's record in handling farmers' protests at the national level is well-known. If Vijayendra truly cares about farmers, let him show it through action."

Meanwhile, she also confirmed that Congress leader Rahul Gandhi is expected to attend the Anganwadi Suvarna Mahotsava event in Bengaluru on November 19 or 20, depending on his schedule.

The sugarcane protest in Belagavi has now emerged as a major political flash-point between the ruling Congress and the opposition BJP, with both sides trading barbs even as farmers continue their indefinite agitation for fair prices.

Bagalkot trader loses Rs 1.09 cr in online investment fraud

Hans News Service Bagalkot

IN yet another shocking case of cybercrime, a businessman from Bagalkot has fallen prey to a massive online investment scam, losing a staggering \(\text{M1.09} \) crore to fraudsters operating under the fake name "Aastha Trade 903 Strategy Hub."

According to reports, the fraudsters approached the trader on August 12, luring him into joining a so-called online trading group that promised exceptionally high returns on investments.

The group first gained

the trader's trust by offering small profits on initial investments, only to coax him into investing larger sums over time. Between September 24 and October 27, the trader transferred a total of 🖾 1,09,05,800 to the group's account, believing he was participating in legitimate stock trading. Initially, the scammers returned about 🖾 lakh, further strengthening his confidence. However, soon after receiving the bulk



severed all communication

with the victim. Realizing

he had been duped, the

businessman filed a complaint

with the Cyber, Economic,

and Narcotics (CEN) Police

Station in Bagalkot. District

Superintendent of Police

Siddharth Goyal confirmed

the incident and said that the

fraudsters' bank accounts have

been frozen. An investigation

is underway to trace the

accused, who are suspected

to be part of an interstate

SP Goyal cautioned citizens

against trusting online

trading groups or investment

apps that promise unusually

high profits. "Fraudsters are

cybercrime network.

using fake online trading platforms and social media groups to target unsuspecting investors. People must verify the authenticity of such platforms before transferring any money," he said.

Cybercrime officers also noted that cases of online financial fraud have been rising sharply across Karnataka, involving fake trading apps, KYC update scams, OTP frauds, and even "digital arrest" extortion rackets.

Authorities have once again urged citizens not to click on suspicious links, share bank details or OTPs with strangers, or engage in financial transactions through unknown online groups.

Varsity study finds anti-cancer potential in arecanut extracts

Hans News Service Mangaluru

A new study by Yenepoya (Deemed to be University), Mangaluru, has brought encouraging news for arecanut growers, suggesting that arecanut extracts possess strong in vitro anticancer properties.

According to Kishore Kumar Kodgi, presi-

dent of the multi state areca cooperative CAMPCO in a press conference todayThe research found that these extracts can effectively inhibit the proliferation, migration, and invasion of cancer cells while remaining nontoxic to normal cells. The findings, according to the university, add to the growing scientific evidence supporting the potential health benefits of arecanut when properly processed and used. Welcoming the study, A Kishore Kumar Kodgi, President of the Central Arecanut and Cocoa Marketing and Processing Co-operative Ltd. (CAMPCO), commended Yenepoya University for undertaking this vital research. He said the study was particularly significant in light of the World Health Organization's recent classification of arecanut as carcinogenic, and noted that such evidence-based studies



from reputed institutions provide a balanced

and scientific perspective on the issue.

It may be recalled that Nitte (Deemed to be University) and several other organisations had earlier conducted similar studies suggesting that arecanut may not be carcinogenic and could, in fact, possess cancer-curative properties — reaffirming the crop's traditional and cultural importance.

CAMPCO expressed confidence that scientific validation of this nature would help safeguard the livelihood of lakhs of arecanut growers and counter prevailing misconceptions about the crop. The cooperative also extended its appreciation to the researchers and administrators of Yenepoya University for their contribution to this important field of study.

Maharshi Valmiki tribal residential school building inaugurated at Nagarahole

Hans News Service Madikeri

THE renovated building of the Maharshi Valmiki Tribal Residential School at Nagarahole, constructed at a cost of ⊠1.8 crore, was inaugurated on Friday by Kodagu District In-charge Minister N.S. Boseraju and Chief Minister's Legal Advisor and MLA A.S. Ponnanna. The project was undertaken jointly by the Kodagu District Administration, Zilla Panchayat, and the Department of Welfare of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes.

After the inauguration, Minister Boseraju interacted with the students and enquired about their learning environment, food quality, and facilities. He asked whether they were receiving eggs, bananas, and "chikki" as



per the weekly menu. When students replied that they had rice, sambar, and ragi balls for lunch, he further inquired about the type of sambar served. The students responded it was made of gram and vegetables, following which the minister advised them to study well and

make the best use of government facilities.

Inspecting dormitories and storage rooms, Boseraju said that several deficiencies in the school had been addressed through this renovation, which included new classrooms, solar power installation, playground de-

velopment, and construction of a protective railway barricade. He added that the Integrated Tribal Development Project (ITDP) would provide additional funds for pending works.

MIAAAS Poppagna said

MLA A.S. Ponnanna said efforts were being made to bring tribal students into the mainstream through better infrastructure and learning support. He urged authorities to expedite the remaining works, such as the teachers' quarters, playground facilities, and iron fencing along the railway boundary. He also appealed for the distribution of Forest Rights Certificates to unregularised tribal families in the Nagarahole region.

On the occasion, Minister Boseraju distributed sports materials to students. Several district and local officials were present.

Nobel Prize Dialogue India 2025

IONTEK SINGH AHLUWALI

Nobel laureates, scientists and students converge at IISc

Hans News Service Bengaluru

THE Nobel Prize Dialogue India 2025, held at the Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru, brought together Nobel Laureates, leading scientists, thinkers, and students to explore the theme "The Future We Want." The event was organised in exclusive partnership with the Tata Trusts, focus-

ing on the intersections of science, society, and youth. Opening the dialogue, Siddharth Sharma, CEO of Tata Trusts, underlined the importance of empowering India's youth and nurturing innovation. "Our collaboration with Nobel Prize Outreach was forged through a shared belief – that knowledge must be harnessed to serve humanity," he said.

Nobel Laureate David Macmillan (Chemistry 2021) inspired the audience with his talk on organocatalysis and its potential to tackle climate change. "We're one catalytic reaction away from solving it," he remarked, praising India's "bubbling confidence" and calling this "India's moment."

James Robinson, Laureate in Economic Sciences

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(2024), stressed the importance of cross-cultural exchange, saying societies progress by "borrowing and

learning from each other."

Urban epidemiologist Tolullah Oni urged greater inclusion of youth

voices in reimagining the future, while Montek Singh Ahluwalia, former Deputy Chairman of the Planning Commission, highlighted the complexities of global development challenges.

Microbiologist Gagandeep Kang spoke on health innovations and vaccine breakthroughs, while the closing panel — featuring Macmillan, Kang, and biotech entrepreneur Kush Parmar — explored how science and technology can promote both planetary and human well-being.

The sessions were moderated by Owen Gaffney of Nobel Prize Outreach and Jayaram Chengalur of TIFR. Hanna Stjärne, Executive

changes, saying, "By reflecting on shared challenges and learning from one another, we create a dialogue that makes a difference."

Complementing the discussions was the 'Parag Art Wall', a collaborative artwork by 200 children from Bengaluru, Koppal, and Mumbai, depicting their vi-

Director of the Nobel Foun-

dation, lauded the day's ex-

cussions was the 'Parag Art Wall', a collaborative artwork by 200 children from Bengaluru, Koppal, and Mumbai, depicting their visions of the future. The day concluded with performances by violinist Dr. L. Subramaniam and vocalist Kavita Krishnamurti, celebrating India's fusion of art and science.

Sports Nation

Mandhana concedes top spot to Wolvaardt

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 titlewinning 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 careerhigh rating of 814.

Mandhana, who held the top spot for the entirety of the World Cup, was named **JEMIMAH IN TOP-10**

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

There movement in the bowling rankings, with South Africa's Marizanne the clos-Kapp est to knock Sophie Ecclestone off the top spot thanks to her 5/20 against England in the 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 Suther-

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

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 com-

named as the 12th player. Opening batter Mandhana scored 434 runs at an average of 54.25 with one century and two fifties.

patriot Nat Sciver-Brunt is

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

Her 109 against New Zealand in Navi Mumbai

was the highlight for the left-hander, while consecutive scores of 80 and 88 against Australia and England prior to that century displayed Mandhana's ability to perform well against the best teams. Rodrigues, on her part, made 292 runs at an average of 58.40 with the help of one century and one fifty. Her stunning innings of 127 not out against Australia in the semi-finals was the major reason behind her inclu-

India No.3 also produced a string of other good scores throughout the tournament. An unbeaten 76 against

sion in the side, though the

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 titlewinning campaign. She finished as the leading wickettaker 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

Hans News Service 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-



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 Pahalgam 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 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.

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 'daughtersin-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

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 population, he said, referring to

Listing the promises made 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 fulfiland we have already fulfilled 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 destroved 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, six Barrel Grenade Launchers (BGLs),

six 12-bore rifles, three singleshot rifles, and one countrymade pistol after busting the makeshift factory in the Gomguda forest area.

The seizure includes two 12-bore rifle barrels, 2 singleshot rifle barrels, one large hand-drill 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 infrastructure 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.

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

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

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 ac-

cused 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,

"Earlier, Anurag Thakur had exposed the BJP, and now Ashish Shelar has admitted to vote theft, again exposing his own party. Will the chief electoral officer of Maharashtra now ask Shelar to file an affidavit?"

He further claimed that the BJP is being branded as "vote thieves" across the country.

"The so-called superpower that attacks the Constitution is being challenged and exposed by none other than Rahul Gandhi. Lies cannot sustain for long — BJP leaders should rather worry about their future," Sawant said in his post.

'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 fami-

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 government will meet the fiscal deficit target of 4.4% (Rs15.69 lakh cr) of the GDP for the year ending March

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2026 against 4.8 per cent in 2024-25

Business

BIZ BRIEFS

ITA launches new initiative

The Industrial Transition Accelerator (ITA), a multi-stakeholder initiative launched at COP28, released its Insights Briefing, 'Unlocking India's Clean Industrialisation Opportunity ' to help catalyse action toward India's decarbonising heavy-emitting industries in conjunction with its official launch of the ITA India Project Support Programme. James Schofield, MD, ITA, said: "India's industrial transition is central to both its growth objectives and the wider global decarbonisation effort. The challenge is no longer vision; it is execution."

Frigosystem forays into India

FrigosystemS.r.l., manufacturer high-efficiency industrial chillers and thermal control systems, announced the opening of its first-ever manufacturing facility outside its home country. Alessandro Grassi, CEO, FrigosystemS.r.l., said: "This is the first time we are establishing a manufacturing plant outside Italy, and India represents a vital part of our strategic roadmap for Asia. With this investment, we aim to blend Italian innovation with Indian industrial potential, creating value for our customers through localized production and faster delivery."

ICICI Prudential passes GST benefits

TCICI Prudential Life Insurance, has announced that it had passed on the entire GST exemption benefit to its customers, in line with the recently introduced reforms that exempted all insurance policies from GST. Vikas Gupta, CPO, ICICI Prudential, said: "At ICICI Prudential Life Insurance, we believe ing what's right for our customers. Every saving we return to our customers strengthens trust and enhances affordability."

NCL unveils mfg facility

NCL Industries Ltd, a cement manufacturer, has commissioned its new cement grinding plant at Thallapalem, near Visakhapatnam, AP. The greenfield facility adds 660,000 tonnes per annum to the company's production capacity, taking its total cement capacity to 4 MTPA. K Ravi, Vice-Chairman, NC, said: "The commissioning of our Visakhapatnam grinding unit is a strategic milestone in our capacity enhancement journey. This facility strengthens our presence in high-growth markets."

Mindspace's arm gets recognition

Mindspace Business Parks REIT, has received 11 Sword of Honour Awards from the British Safety Council for 2025. This marks the 7th year that it has been recognised for excellence in health and safety management system, and the second year to earn highest number of Sword of Honour Awards. Peter McGettrick, Chairman, British Safety Council, said: "On behalf of the board of trustees and staff of the British Safety Council I would like to congratulate Mindspace Business Parks REIT."

Sensex tanks on profit booking as FIIs offload

Utility, metal and IT shares in red; Weak global trends, foreign fund outflows weigh on investor sentiment; No trading today for Guru Nanak Jayanti

Negative Trend

- Risk appetite remains subdued
- 2,549 stocks declined, 1,618 advanced and 162 unchanged
- On Mon, Flls offloaded Rs1,883.78 cr; DIIs bought Rs3,516.36 cr

MUMBAI: 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.

The 30-share BSE Sensex dropped 519.34 points, or 0.62 per cent, to settle at 83,459.15 with 25 of its con-

BSE SENSEX NOVEMBER 4, 2025 ANGE: -519.34 (-0.62%) 83,459.15 83,459.15

stituents ending lower and five with gains. During the day, it tanked 565.72 points, or 0.67 per cent, to 83,412.77. The 50-share NSE Nifty declined 165.70 points, or 0.64 per cent, to 25,597.65. It hit a low of 25,578.40 due to losses in bluechip shares such as PowerGrid, Eternal and Ada-

ni Enterprises. "Indian equity markets ended lower, tracking weak global cues and broad-based

selling, particularly across IT, metal, and power sectors. Investor sentiment remained subdued ahead of the holiday-shortened week. FIIs extended their selling streak for the fourth consecutive session, as rising US bond yields and waning expectations of a near-term Fed rate cut curtailed risk appetite," Vinod

Nair, head (research), Geojit Investments Limited, said. A total of 2,549 stocks declined while 1,618 advanced and 162 remained unchanged on the BSE. Stock markets would remain closed on Wednesday for Guru Nanak Jayanti.

"Profit-taking across heavyweight sectors dampened overall mood, while risk appetite remained subdued amid weak global cues. Additionally, inconsistent foreign institutional investor (FII) flows further added to the cautious tone," said Ajit Mishra, Sr V-P (research), Religare Broking Ltd.

Among Sensex firms, Power Grid fell the most by 3.13 per cent after the utility posted a decline in the September quarter profit. Eternal dropped 2.79 per cent, Tata Motors Passenger Vehicle by 2.53 per cent, Tata Steel by 1.86 per cent, Maruti by 1.76 per cent and Bharat Electronics by 1.69 per cent.

SBI keeps growth steady with ₹21,500 cr Q2 profit

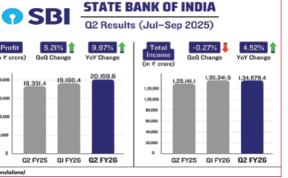
Improved asset quality and double-digit loan growth drive earnings despite narrowing margins

Q2 Report Card

- Net interest income grew 3.28% y-o-y to Rs42,984 cr
- NII was Rs41,620 cr in same quarter last year
- However, its domestic net interest margin fell to 3.09%
- DNIM down 18bps from 3.27% a year ago
- Gross NPA ratio declined 40bps to 1.73%

MUMBAI: India's largest lender, State Bank of India (SBI), on Tuesday, reported a 6.4 per cent yearon-year (YoY) increase in its consolidated net profit to Rs21,504.49 crore for the second quarter (Q2) of FY26.

The bank had reported a profit of Rs20,219.62 crore in the same period last financial year (Q2 FY25), according to



its stock exchange filing. On a standalone basis, SBI's net profit rose 10 per cent YoY to Rs 20,159.67 crore, compared to Rs 18,331.44 crore in Q2 FY25, driven by steady loan growth and improved asset quality.

The bank's net interest income (NII) -- the difference between interest earned and interest paid -- grew 3.28 per cent YoY to Rs 42,984 crore from Rs 41,620 crore in the same quarter last year.

However, its domestic net interest margin (NIM) declined to 3.09 per cent, down 18 basis points from 3.27 per cent a year ago, as per its regulatory filing.

SBI's operating profit for the quarter stood at Rs31,904 crore, up 8.91 per cent YoY from Rs 29,294 crore in Q2 FY25. The bank continued to see healthy loan growth, with total advances rising 12.73 per cent YoY, while domestic advances increased 12.32 per cent.

Within this, retail advances grew 15.09 per cent, supported by strong growth in SME loans (up 18.78 per cent), agriculture loans (up 14.23 per cent), and personal loans (up 14.09 per cent).

Festive cheer: Bajaj Finance loan disbursals jump 27%

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BAJAJ Finance Ltd., India's largest private non-bank lender and a subsidiary of Bajaj Finsery, recorded a sharp rise in consumer loan disbursals during the 2025 festive season, reflecting buoyant consumer sentiment and the positive impact of recent tax reforms.

Between September 22 and October 26, 2025, the company disbursed around 63 lakh loans, marking a 27 per cent increase in volume and a 29 per cent rise in value compared to the same period last year. During this period, Bajaj Finance also acquired 23 lakh new customers, of which 52 per underscoring its contribution to financial inclusion across India.

Commenting on the festive performance, Sanjiv Bajaj, Chairman of Bajaj Finance, said, "The government's next-generation GST reforms and changes in personal income tax have provided a strong boost to India's consumptionled growth. By making everyday products more

affordable, these measures have empowered millions of middle- and lower-income families to spend with confidence during the festive season."

He added that the trend

is not limited to volume growth but also points toward premiumization, with consumers upgrading to better-quality products. "Over half of our new customers this season are first-time borrowers entering the formal credit ecosystem. With our digital platforms and on-ground presence at over 239,000 distribution points across 4,200 locations nationwide, we continue to deepen financial inclusion and power the rise of the Indian The company also noted

a 6 per cent reduction in the average ticket size of loans, aided by lower GST rates on televisions and air-conditioners, which have enabled consumers to upgrade to higher-end models. Notably, financing for televisions with 40-inch and above screens accounted for 71 per cent of total TV loans, up from 67 per cent last year.

Vanguard strengthens India presence with Hyderabad tech hub

Hans Business Hyderabad

VANGUARD, investment management firm, has officially launched its Technology Center in Hyderabad, marking a key milestone in the company's global digital transformation and technology innovation journey.

The new center, located at Knowledge Park in Hitec City, will serve as a hub for engineering excellence, cloud modernisation, data analytics, artificial intelligence (AI), machine learning (ML), and cybersecurity. It will also feature collaborative labs designed to drive next-generation innovations Vanguard's



Vanguard India technology centre launch by IT Minister Sridhar Bahu and Mallu Vikramarka

platforms and enterprise so-

Speaking at the inauguration, Nitin Tandon, Global Chief Information Officer of the company, said, "Hyderabad represents a thriving technology ecosystem with the talent and ambition that

underpin company's commitment to provide our investors a world-class digital experience. This technology hub builds on our decadelong collaboration in the region and will play a vital role in advancing innovation in

cushion export hit: HSBC

GST cuts fuel domestic demand,

New Delhi

GST rate cuts have led to retail price reductions and increased household spending, which have offset the tariffrelated impact on India's exports, a report said on Tuesday. "Overall manufacturing output continued to rise, with the fall in new export orders fully offset by a rise in domestic orders. A spurt in input purchases suggests that manufacturing could remain strong in November too," the report from HSBC Global Investment Research noted.

Based on pick-up in agriculture, manufacturing, construction, growth for Q3 CY25 is tracking 7.2-7.4 per cent, the firm said.

The overall exports renained steady



a dip in exports to United States due to tariff-related concerns, the report said.

The research house, however, maintained that growth may see some softness in the second half of the current fiscal year due to fiscal consolidation pressures. GST rates were reduced for

around 375 items on September 22, the report said, adding that government tracking indicates that companies lowered prices by more than what was warranted by GST rate cuts for about half of the items monitored

IMFA acquires Tata Steel's plant for ₹610 cr

NEW DELHI: Indian Metals & Ferro Alloys Ltd (IMFA) has signed definitive agreements to acquire Tata Steel's ferro chrome plant at Kalinganagar, Odisha, for a base consideration of Rs610 crore.

The acquisition adds 99 MVA furnace capacity- 66 MVA operational and 33 MVA under construction - taking IMFA's total installed capacity beyond 0.5 million tonnes per annum, the company said in a statement. With this deal, IMFA becomes India's largest and the world's sixthlargest ferro-chrome producer.

Gujarat leads biz reforms in India

GANDHINAGAR: Gujarat has once again reaffirmed its position as one of India's most progressive and business-friendly states, emerging as a frontrunner in the 'Fast Moving' category under the latest Business Reform Action Plan (BRAP) rankings released by the Government of India, as shared by officials on Tuesday. The announcement came

during the third session of the 'Atal Smaran Lecture Series', organised by the Sardar Patel Institute of Public Administration (SPIPA) in collaboration with the Secretariat under the General Admin-



istration Department's Administrative Reforms and Training Division at SPIPA's Gandhinagar campus.

NSE to unveil pre-open session in F&O for better price discovery

MUMBAI: The National Stock Exchange (NSE) will roll out a 15-minute pre-open session for equity futures and options starting December 8 to enhance price discovery, improve transparency regarding gap movements and manage volatility. The pre-open session is a 15-minute call auction window from 9:00 am to 9:15 am to determine opening prices for index and single-stock futures prior to the regular trading session, according to the exchange.

This session will allow order entry, modification, and cancellation until a random closure between 9:07 and 9:08 am. Price discovery and trade matching will occur until 9:12 am, followed by a threeminute buffer that will transition the market to continuous trading at 9:15 am.

The move aligns the derivative market with the equity cash market's pre-open call auction, the exchange informed.Mock trading will take place on December 6, giving brokers and participants a brief testing window before live rollout, it said.

The mechanism will first cover current-month futures on single stocks and indices,



then be expanded to nextmonth contracts in the last five trading days before expiry.Options, spreads, and corporate-action ex-dates are excluded from the framework, the statement said.

Traders will access realtime indicative opening prices and order imbalance data. Limit and market orders are allowed during the pre-open session, while stop-loss and Immediate or Cancel orders (IOC) are barred. Unmatched limit orders

will move to the normal market with the original timestamp, while unmatched market orders convert to limit orders at the discovered opening price.India's equity derivatives market has grown at an extraordinary pace as the turnover in equity derivatives in NSE surged from Rs 177 trillion in FY10 to over Rs 40,000 trillion in FY25 at a compound annual growth rate (CAGR) of around 43.5

Sebi firm on clean, auditable books

Directs stockbrokers to ensure transparency in transactions for investors

BOLSTERING SYSTEMS

- Avoid third party and outsourcing
- Cybersecurity remains a major concern
- Firms must safeguard sensitive client data

MUMBAI: The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) Chairman Tuhin Kanta Pandey on Tuesday said that financial intermediaries, including stockbrokers, must ensure clean, auditable books and a culture of transparency to earn investors'

Addressing the 'Morningstar Investment Conference India 2025' here, the SEBI chief said, "Today's investors expect not just access to the market, but access on fair terms, that gains transparency in dealings, transaction execution, and payouts." "The strongest and most

respected firms will be those

that see compliance not as a

ceiling, but as a foundation.

and transparency that earns investor trust every day," he remarked. He further stated that there was a need for stronger com-

pliance, risk identification, data protection, and timely grievance redressal and SEBI was reviewing Stock Brokers Regulations, 1992 with this in mind."Institutions must recognise that the ultimate measure of success lies in the experience and confidence of investors, checking how properly advances are resolved, how accurately settlements occur, and how transparently disclosures are

He highlighted that financial intermediaries must en-



culture of integrity, resilience

not occur," he remarked. reported," he observed.

and market integrity" translate into real life discourse since any erosion in investor trust will lead to a loss of liquidity in the market.Pandey also said that SEBI was looking into the MCX glitch. "The root cause analysis is underway; such incidents should

The Multi-Commodity Exchange (MCX) faced operational disruptions last week due to a technical issue, which delayed the start of trading by over four hours and necessitated a shift to its Disaster Recovery (DR) site. The outage affected trading in key commodity contracts, including gold, silver, crude oil, and base metals such as copper, zinc, and aluminium.

Fair pay finds ground in India as wage gaps narrow

New Delhi

THE employee perceptions of fair compensation are improving worldwide, as the percentage of workers who feel they are unfairly paid has decreased from 31 per cent to 27 per cent year over year, a report said on Tuesday.

India leads in pay fairness sentiment among the 34 markets surveyed, with only 11 per cent of workers reporting dissatisfaction with their pay, the report from human capital management

company ADP said. The report said there are significant disparities among markets, with South Korea and Sweden reporting the highest levels of pay unfairness sentiment at 45 per cent

and 39 per cent, respectively. It also noted significant gender pay gaps in numerous countries, with over 30 per cent of women in 15 out of 34 markets indicating unfair pay, compared to only five markets for men. However, India was reported among the few markets where a larger proportion of men (12 per cent) than women (9 per cent) perceive their



pay as unfair. Pay fairness dissatisfaction in India also decreases with age -- from 13 per cent among workers aged 18-26 to just 5 per cent among those aged 55 and above, contrary to the global

"Fair pay is more than a compensation conversation; it is a trust conversation. When employees believe they are paid fairly, they are more engaged, motivated, and loyal," said Rahul Goyal, Managing Director, ADP India and Southeast Asia.

India's leading position in pay fairness sentiment indicates progress in equitable pay practices, but employers need to ensure fairness extends beyond salary to include opportunities, growth, and recognition to foster long-term employee engagement, the report said.

Entertainment

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



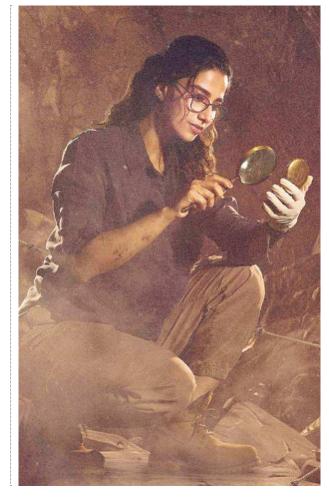
ass Maharaja Ravi Teja is all audiences once again with his upcoming film #RT76, directed by Kishore Tirumala. The movie, produced by Sudhakar Cherukuri under the SLV Cinemas banner, is being crafted as a grand family entertainer filled with fun, emotion, and Ravi Teja's signature mass appeal.

The latest update from the team reveals that a song shoot has begun today at Annapurna Studios, featuring Ravi Teja and actress Aashika

A specially designed set has been erected for the song, which is choreographed 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

fter 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 emo-

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.

asu sir's direction." He also thanked lyricist

humorously promised to speak fluent Telugu

Director Gopichand Malineni praised

"Phoenix has both emotion and adrenaline.

the film's action choreography and said,

Bhashyasri for the Telugu dialogues and

'Santhana Prapthirasthu' title track creates buzz with catchy rhythm



Thenever 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 Angeelesi,

Ooru Palletooru, 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.

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



hoenix, 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

A grand pre-release event was held ahead of its Telugu release, graced by Vijay Sethupathi, Varalaxmi Sarathkumar, Gopichand

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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. Malineni, and the film's team. Director Anal Arasu and producer Speaking at the event, Vijay Sethupathi shared his pride in his son's debut, saying, "Surya for their sup-



'Pithapuramlo' promises a blend of love and family emotions



fter delivering memorable films like Preyasi Raave, Ayo-⊾dhya 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

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 transforma-

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, Aadhya 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 director 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

ctress 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

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 yearthe one where she finally claims her place in the spotlight.

