



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

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

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The decline of moral ethics and values in marital life

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

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State govt seeks MEA's intervention

The Odisha government on Tuesday urged the Ministry of External Affairs to take immediate steps for the safe release of a man from the State who has been taken hostage by a group involved in Sudan's ongoing civil war.

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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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Gopichand Hinduja passes away in London at 85

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

6 killed in Bilaspur train accident



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



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-



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

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

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

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

'10% of population controls Army'

AURANGABAD/NEW DELHI

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

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



OPINION POLL Polstrat predicts easy win for NDA

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

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Narayana showcases AP as future logistics hub

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

HANS NEWS SERVICE 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 Dubai-based 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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CM for UK collaboration in higher education, tech

Meets Indian High Commissioner to UK in London

HANS NEWS SERVICE AMARAVATI

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.

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Naidu mourns passing of Gopichand Hinduja

REPORT: P7

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

INDIA bloc plans nationwide protest against SIR

NEW DELHI: The INDIA bloc has announced a nationwide protest campaign against the Election Commission's Special Summary Revision (SIR) of the voter list, coinciding with the start of the second phase of the revision exercise on Tuesday. The ongoing phase will run until December 4.

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EC BEGINS SIR 2.0 IN 9 STATES, 3 UTs

REPORT: P7

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



of their houses on hearing a loud sound. The tremors, which were experienced in Visakhapatnam from 4.16 am to 4.20 am, were felt in several parts of the city and its

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

NEW YORK



Mira Nair with son Zohran Mamdani

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

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

US goes to polls in crucial elections

All eyes on NYC mayoral candidate

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

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

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

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- The expo, to be held in Vijayawada for three days, will feature over 160 exhibitors and 30,000 expected visitors
- The federation urges the state govt to release the second instalment of industrial incentives and to reduce high electricity tariffs burdening industries
- President Bhaskara Rao calls for simplifying inspections and compliances to enhance ease of doing business for MSMEs and industrial players

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6	CONSULTANT 'D' (GENERAL MEDICINE)
7	MEDICAL PHYSICIST 'D'
8	MEDICAL PHYSICIST 'C'
9	SCIENTIFIC OFFICER 'C' (CENTRE FOR CANCER EPIDEMIOLOGY)
10	SCIENTIFIC OFFICER 'C' (HLA & IMMUNOGENETICS LABORATORY)
11	OFFICER-IN-CHARGE (DISPENSARY)
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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 Amount.

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	1. Prajashakthi (Telugu) 2. 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. No.	Name of the Village	Name of the Mandal	Award No. & Date	L.A Extent (in Acres)	Details 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		06/2024-25 06-03-2025	1.45	4456000.00
7	Bhadripalli	Chapadu	07/2024-25 06-03-2025	1.085	1428000.00
8	Budidapadu		08/2024-25 20-03-2025	3.26	3402000.00
9	Pilthapadu		09/2024-25 20-03-2025	5.125	5446935.00
10	Peddannapadu		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 compensation 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 details, 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.

AP CHAMBERS TO HOST BUSINESS EXPO 2025 FROM DECEMBER 12

HANS NEWS SERVICE
VIJAYAWADA

THE Andhra Pradesh Chambers of Commerce and Industry Federation (AP Chambers) will conduct second edition 'AP Chambers Business Expo 2025' from December 12 to 14 in the city.

The board meeting of chambers took place here on Tuesday, with members from diverse sectors across the state in attendance.

President Potluri Bhaskara Rao hailed the inaugural expo in November 2024 as

a resounding success, drawing over 150 exhibitors from various sectors and attracting more than 30,000 visitors over three days.

The event featured sectoral seminars that fostered networking, collaboration, and innovation among industrialists and entrepreneurs. The upcoming 2025 expo is expected to feature around 160 exhibitors and draw over 30,000 footfalls.

It will target MSMEs, entrepreneurs, industrialists, professionals, innovators, service providers, and consumers, offering a platform



Members of AP Chambers releasing the brochure for the forthcoming Business Expo in Vijayawada on Tuesday

for networking, knowledge exchange, and business growth.

Parallel sectoral seminars will include participation

from ministers, bureaucrats, entrepreneurs, and experts. AP Chambers urged Andhra Pradesh-based businesses to leverage this opportunity

for collaboration and expansion. During discussions, the federation expressed hope that the state government would release the second instalment of industrial incentives this month.

Members expressed concerned over power charges in Andhra Pradesh remaining significantly higher than in neighbouring states, constituting a major portion of production costs for industries.

Bhaskara Rao appealed to the government to reduce electricity tariffs, noting that lower charges would help

MSMEs and large industries cut costs and attract fresh investments. He also pointed out that despite the state's focus on 'Speed of Doing Business', excessive inspections and compliances from multiple departments continue to burden industries. He urged simplification of ground-level procedures to ease operational pressures.

AP Chambers' office-bearers, including executive vice-president B Raja Sekhar, general secretary Subbarao Ravuri and treasurer S Akkaiah Naidu attended the meeting.

Lokesh pats teacher for green initiative



Students showing vegetables grown in the school's kitchen garden

- Venkatapuram Primary School headmistress Manoja develops a model kitchen garden for students

- She developed a thriving kitchen garden on the campus, cultivating a variety of vegetables and fruits

- The inspiring story was published in the November issue of Mana Badi

DASARI SRINIVASA RAO
VIJAYAWADA

A woman teacher working at the Mandal Parishad Primary School in Venkatapuram, popularly known as Mangalapuram, a hamlet of Pathpadu Gram Panchayat under Vijayawada Rural Mandal, Gannavaram Assembly Constituency in NTR district, has become an inspiration for her commitment to greenery, self-sustainability, and student welfare. Her exceptional efforts have drawn the attention of Minister for Human Resources and IT, Nara Lokesh, who appreciated her work on his official 'X' account on Tuesday. Headmistress Manoja Namburi, who has been working at the Venkatapuram (Mangalapuram) school for the past four years, has developed a thriving kitchen garden on the campus, cultivating a variety of veg-

etables and fruits. These are not only used in the school's mid-day meal programme but also shared with the students, encouraging them to eat healthy, locally grown produce. Her dedication to environmental awareness and sustainable food practices at the primary school level has earned her wide appreciation from both education officials and the community. Her inspiring story was published in the November issue of Mana Badi, a monthly publication of the School Education Department and Samagra Shiksha. Minister Lokesh, who regularly reads the magazine, came across her feature and shared his admiration online.

He stated that "Congratulations to Manoja Namburi, a teacher at Vijayawada Rural Venkatapuram Mandal Parishad Primary School, for transforming her school into a haven of nature and making her dream of greenery a reality. Manoja deserves appreciation for cultivating gardening habits among her students and making use of government funds for kitchen gardens to provide fresh vegetables and fruits in mid-day meals." When Manoja was transferred from the Mandal Parishad Upper Primary School at Gudavalli to Venkatapuram, the school was on the verge of closure due to a

lack of student enrolment. Undeterred, she personally took the initiative to campaign in nearby hamlets such as Mangalapuram, Seetharamapuram, and Apparaopeta, convincing parents to enrol their children in the local school. She even spent her own money on awareness activities. Thanks to her tireless efforts, the school's enrolment rose to 27 students, saving it from closure.

Since beginning her career as a government teacher in 1997 at Ravikamatham in Visakhapatnam district, Manoja has worked at several schools, including MPP School Kothapeta in Agiripalli Mandal and MPP Upper Primary School Gudavalli. Wherever she has served, she has promoted kitchen gardening as part of learning.

In an interview with 'The Hans India', Manoja expressed her happiness about Minister Lokesh's recognition. She emphasised her belief that "schools should nurture both young minds and green spaces." Manoja encouraged parents to send their children to government schools rather than private or corporate institutions. She highlighted that qualified teachers are teaching in government schools and that the state government prioritises healthy food through its mid-day meal programme.

Panel advocates transparency in functioning of PSUs

HANS NEWS SERVICE
GUNTUR

PUBLIC Sector Undertakings must function with transparency, responsibility, and complete accountability, stated Andhra Pradesh Legislative Assembly Public Undertakings Committee Chairman Koon Ravi Kumar.

The committee, led by Koon Ravi Kumar visited Guntur city on Tuesday and reviewed the functioning of the AP Forest Development Corporation, AP Medical Services & Infrastructure Development Corporation, AP Aviation Corporation, and AP Airports Development Corporation at the Collectorate on Tuesday. Speaking on the occasion, the chairman said every PSU receiving government funds must maintain proper statistics, audit records, and financial documentation. He instructed that all mandatory inspections be completed within each financial year. The committee evaluates the efficiency, performance, and accountability of



AP Legislative Assembly Public Undertaking Committee chairman Koon Ravi Kumar addressing a review meeting in Guntur on Tuesday. Guntur district collector A Thameem Ansariya also seen

all government PSUs to enhance state revenue generation. He directed every PSU to submit annual activity and financial reports without fail and to address audit objections promptly. The committee will examine 182 PSUs in total, of which 30 have already been reviewed. The chairman questioned the AP Forest Development Corporation for not submitting annual reports for eight years and the APMSIDC for failing to submit reports since 2014. He ordered immediate submission

of audit objections and recommended disciplinary action against responsible officers. He directed the preparation of an action plan to strengthen the Forest Development Corporation and explore eco-tourism projects under PPP mode. He questioned the AP Airports Development Corporation for not conducting audits for six years and instructed completion before the upcoming Budget Session.

District collector A Thameem Ansariya was also present.

Loan recovery agents warned

HANS NEWS SERVICE
MARKAPUR

MARKAPUR subdivision police have issued stern warnings to recovery agents following recent complaints, with DSP U Nagaraju announcing strict legal action for violations of Reserve Bank of India (RBI) guidelines.

Following the directives of the SP V Harshavardhan Raju, DSP Nagaraju emphasised that recovery agents must comply with RBI regulations during loan collection activities. He said that those agents who physically or verbally threaten customers, harass them, or violate anyone's privacy will face legal consequences.

He explained key RBI regulations include prohibiting recovery calls before 8 am or after 7 PM. He said that only trained personnel who



Makrapur DSP U Nagaraju explaining about loan recovery guidelines at a press meet in Markapur on Tuesday

display professional conduct are permitted to engage in debt collection. Threatening, harassing, or behaving indecently with borrowers violates strict RBI norms, he affirmed.

The DSP assured that cases will be registered against agents and banks failing to implement RBI guidelines, with stringent action to fol-

low. He said that they have launched a special drive to prevent agents from collecting debts through sexual or physical intimidation of loan recipients. He stressed that recovery practices must respect borrower dignity while adhering to legal frameworks, ensuring the protection of citizens' rights during debt collection processes.

Home minister inaugurates Tulluru sub-division office

HANS NEWS SERVICE
GUNTUR

HOME Minister Vangalapudi Anitha inaugurated newly constructed Tulluru Police Sub-Division office on Tuesday.

Speaking on the occasion, she expressed happiness over opening the new office and said it holds special significance. She recalled that Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu had initiated the construction of Amaravati in 2014.

She stated that DGP is strengthening the police system and assured that the government is providing all necessary facilities to



Home minister Anitha inaugurating the sub-divisional police office at Tulluru in Amaravati on Tuesday

the police force. "We have introduced insurance coverage up to Rs 1 crore for police personnel. After the coalition government took charge, we recruited 6,100 constables, whereas not a single constable post was filled during the YSRCP

regime," she added.

She said that if any police officer dies in duty, their family will be supported with a minimum of Rs 15 lakh insurance compensation. She assured that the staff shortage in the Sub-Division will soon

be addressed. Referring to fake and manipulated videos, she said many are being troubled by such misinformation, but AP Police are effectively countering them. She criticised the YSRCP for circulating a video from UP where stones were thrown at a lorry claiming it happened in AP. She praised the police for swiftly exposing the false propaganda.

DGP Harish Kumar Gupta, Guntur range IGP Saravashresth Tripathi, SP Vakul Jindal, additional SPs GV Ramana Murthy, A Hanumanthu, Tulluru DSP Murali Krishna were present.

Residents share tremor experiences on social media

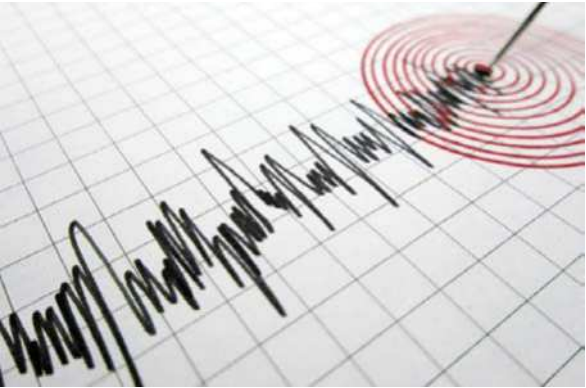
- Several parts of Vizag experienced mild tremors in the wee hours of Tuesday
- Early risers, however, were quick enough to sense the vibrations
- People shared their experiences through social media platforms

RANI DEVALLA
VISAKHAPATNAM

THE sound of clinking glasses woke Mohan Krishna up at around 4.20 am on Tuesday.

Initially, he thought it was just another dream but soon he realised that the sound was emanating from the glasses kept a little close to his cot.

“For a split second I felt the tremor too. But then I thought it’s just the usual early morning giddiness I feel at times as soon as I get out of the bed,” the resident



Visakhapatnam experienced mild tremors on Tuesday



of Gopalapatnam reasoned.

It’s only when his mobile phone began receiving alerts on social media platforms, his worst fears have been confirmed.

Even as many were asleep, several parts of Visakhapatnam witnessed tremors that lasted for a few seconds in the early hours of Tuesday.

K Satish Babu, an entrepreneur, sensed a mild jerk when he woke up to

get ready for a yoga session.

“As soon as I woke up, I literally felt a mild jerk and assumed that it was just my imagination,” the resident of Gajuwaka recalled.

Officials confirmed that Visakhapatnam recorded a mild earthquake with low intensity on November 4 at about 4.20 am. Along with Visakhapatnam, they said, neighbouring districts also recorded tremors.

While the epicenter

ECoR to focus on infra, development initiatives

- MPs appreciate the developmental initiatives undertaken by the Waltair Division
- Key discussions focused on the construction of Amrit Bharat stations
- Introduction of new train services from Araku, Koraput, Jagdalpur, Raygada and Srikakulam to various destinations

HANS NEWS SERVICE
VISAKHAPATNAM



MPs and ECoR officials discussing at the meeting held in Visakhapatnam on Tuesday

MPs from Andhra Pradesh, Odisha, and Chhattisgarh shared constructive insights and recommendations aimed at enhancing railway infrastructure and passenger amenities across the division.

At a meeting of the Divisional Committee of Members of Parliament (MPs) of Waltair Division, East Coast Railway (ECoR), convened here on Tuesday, they appreciated the developmental initiatives undertaken by the Waltair Division, while also highlighting various concerns regarding train services, stoppages, and onboard facilities.

Raygada and Srikakulam to various destinations, increased frequency of trains to busy destinations such as Chennai, Bangalore, and Tirupati, extension of existing services, capacity augmentation projects, including new lines, doubling, tripling, and construction of a fourth line, infra projects like new Road Under Bridges (RUBs) and Road Over Bridges (ROBs), commencement of Raygada division, South Coast Railway, etc.

structure.

General Manager of ECoR, Parmeshwar Funkwal shared updates on the zone’s operational performance, major infrastructure initiatives, and ongoing improvements in passenger services.

Divisional Railway Manager of Waltair Lalit Bohra made a detailed presentation on the division’s developmental activities, financial year performance, progress of Amrit Bharat Station projects and infrastructure enhancement measures.

Cops detain two for supplying mule accounts through betting apps

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VISAKHAPATNAM

VISAKHAPATNAM Police arrested two persons Madhava and Srikanth from Madhavahara and Venkoji Palem in Visakhapatnam city who were involved in online cricket betting through Reddyanna, Sprinters, Mahadev Book, Stake786 platforms and through mule accounts.

Money mule accounts are purposefully created by setting up a fake company and opening current accounts in the name of the firm and selling that account to cyber criminals. Visakhapatnam Cyber Crime police arrested the accused and sent them to remand.

Since betting gangs need a huge number of bank accounts for money dealings, the police increased their surveillance on Visakhapatnam-based accused Madhava and Srikanth. Based on reliable information, the police probed into the case with technical evidence and detained the accused.

During the investigation, the police found that Madhava and Srikanth opened about 35 bank accounts and supplied the mule accounts to platforms like Reddyanna, Sprinters, Mahadev Book, Stake786.

For this, they received a huge amount in the form of commission. All the accounts were opened in Karur Vysya Bank, APGVB Bank, Karnataka Bank and Indian Overseas Bank. The account details were transferred to a person Prem of Bhilai in Chhattisgarh and from there the details were sent to Delhi.

RTA conducts traffic awareness for educational institutions

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IN times of emergency, the Road Transport Authority and traffic officials explained how to handle the situation and rescue the children.

At an awareness programme organised jointly by the Road Transport Authority (RTA) and city traffic police at the transport department office for managements of educational institutions and vehicle drivers here on Tuesday, they spoke about the safety aspects to be followed by the school bus drivers. In the wake of the recent fatal bus accident that occurred in Kurnool that left 19 dead, the awareness session was held to alert the institution managements to stay alert, work swiftly in times of any contingency and save lives. As per the instructions of the Andhra Pradesh State Transport Commissioner Manish Kumar Sinha, the representatives of educational institutions and vehi-



RTA and city traffic police jointly organising an awareness session in Visakhapatnam on Tuesday

cle drivers were made aware about the emergency door, vehicle speed limit, and fire alarm systems. Speaking on the occasion, Deputy Transport Commissioner RCH Srinivasa Rao suggested the school managements give appropriate instructions to the vehicle drivers at regular intervals to follow norms.

He mentioned that a person who is above 60 years of

A Two-day-long ‘AP MSME Export Convention’ on Nov 9

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ANAKAPALLI

THE Andhra Pradesh MSME Export Convention will be organised by the State Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises Department (AP MSME) on November 9 and 10, informed District Collector Vijaya Krishnan.

Engineering goods, electronics and electrical components, drugs and pharmaceuticals, textiles and apparel, automobiles and auto components, agro and food processing, chemicals and chemical products, and marine products sectors will showcase their products during the conference, the District Collector mentioned.

Buyers from Japan, Sri Lanka, Russia, New Zealand, Zimbabwe, Uganda, Hungary, and Costa Rica will participate in the conference, Vijaya



District Collector Vijaya Krishnan

Krishnan added. The District Collector suggested that the industrialists in the district should utilise the platform, exhibit their products and expand their market globally.

AMRIT SAROVAR WORKS INSPECTED

GUNTUR: Guntur district collector A Thameem Ansariya inspected the development works of the Model Amrit Sarovar at Vengalayapalem on Tuesday.

The village tank at Vengalayapalem in Guntur Rural Mandal is being developed under the Model Amrit Sarovar scheme.

Arrangements are being made to organise the National Watershed Programme at Vengalayapalem on November 11. The district collector reviewed the progress and instructed officials to speed up the works.

Additional commissioner of Rural Development department CP Reddy, directors YVK Shanmukha Kumar and M Shiva Prasad, Project Director of District Water Management Agency V Shankar, MPDO Srinivas were present.

‘Margasira Masotasvam’ to commence from Nov 21

- Collector MN Harendhira Prasad directs officials concerned to ensure hassle-free arrangements for it
- The Vedic committee members were exhorted to reconsider the practice of devotees performing ‘abhishekam’ themselves
- Collector underlines that special measures should be taken to ensure that the devotees do not face any difficulty at the Devasthanam

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VISAKHAPATNAM

A month-long ‘Margasira Masotasvam’ is all set to commence from November 21 and continue till December 19 at Sri Kanaka Mahalakshmi Devasthanam



District Collector MN Harendhira Prasad, Devasthanam EO K Shobharani, among others, unveiling the poster of the festival in Visakhapatnam on Tuesday

located at Burujupeta.

Unveiling the poster of the festival in Visakhapatnam on Tuesday at the coordination committee meeting, District Collector MN Harendhira Prasad directed the officials concerned to ensure hassle-free arrangements for it.

Given the increased

turnout during the annual festival, the Vedic committee members were exhorted to reconsider the practice of devotees performing ‘abhishekam’ themselves during the ‘masotasvam’.

The Collector underlined that special measures should be taken to ensure that the devotees do not

face any difficulty at the Devasthanam. He suggested that the police should be deployed, traffic control measures should be taken to streamline the movement, and parking facilities need to be provided for vehicles.

Keeping the rush in view, Harendhira Prasad mentioned that adequate

queue lines, drinking water facilities and medical camps should be set up so that the devotees do not face any inconvenience.

The temple authorities were instructed to install CCTV cameras at necessary areas as per the instructions of the police department.

Further, the Collector directed the officials to facilitate signboards for the devotees so that they could follow them without any confusion.

A control room is set to be arranged for the festival. Support from NGOs, NSS volunteers and NCC cadets would be taken to manage the crowd.

Executive Officer of the Devasthanam K Shobharani informed that the devotees could avail special darshan by purchasing tickets for Rs.500, Rs. 200, and Rs. 100.

SGF inter-district wrestling tourney begins

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INSPECTOR of Physical Education (IPE) Dr Sk Mahaboob Bhasha said that students who excel in sports along with academics have the opportunity to secure government jobs without any written test. He cited the recent Mega DSC 2025 recruitment as an example, in which 421 outstanding sports persons who won medals at national and international levels were appointed as teachers directly based on their sports achievements.

The School Games Federation of Andhra Pradesh (SGFAP) has initiated the Under-14 and Under-17 Inter-District Wrestling Competitions for both boys and girls. This three-day event is being held at Zilla Parishad High School in Nunna, organised by the School Education Department and Samagra Shiksha. Approximately 750 participants, including wrestlers, coaches, and team managers from various districts across the state, are taking part in the tournament.

Dr Mahaboob Bhasha inaugurated the Inter-District School Games Wrestling Tournament



Inspector of Physical Education, Dr Sk Mahaboob Bhasha, together with PACS President Srinivas Reddy, SMC Chairman Kumar, HM Ravi Prasad, and other dignitaries, inaugurating the SGF Inter-District Under-14 and Under-17 Boys and Girls Wrestling Tournament by lighting the lamp in Nunna, near Vijayawada, on Tuesday

by lighting the lamp. Speaking on the occasion, Dr Bhasha advised students to take sports seriously from the school level and strive for excellence, as the state government is giving high priority to athletes’ development and welfare. He said that under the leadership of Minister for Human Resources and IT Nara Lokesh, the government has enhanced the standards of school-level sports and is providing necessary facilities to players competing at state and national levels. He appreciated the organisers for installing LED screens at the venue, noting that such an arrangement is rare in school-level competitions anywhere in the

country. Additionally, he commended that matches are being conducted on the international standard mats.

The event was presided over by ZP High School, Nunna Headmaster Surapaneni Ravi Prasad, and Tournament Observer Chitikina Ramesh, Nunna PACS President Kalakoti Srinivasa Reddy, SMC Chairman Gaddam Kumar, Andhra Pradesh Wrestling Association President G Bhusanam, Technical in-charge S Anand, Sports Authority of Andhra Pradesh (SAAP) Wrestling Coach K Manohar, SGF NTR District Secretary T Srilatha, High School First Assistant Gopinadh, PD T Vijaya Varma, and several officials and coaches participated.

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

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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 Kalyan 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 determined to secure and

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," he added.

Kolleru Lake Management Authority formed for sustainable conservation

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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 member-convenor. 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

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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 Allah-bakshi (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

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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



BC welfare minister S Savitha addressing chairpersons 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

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 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 spirit.



BJP Andhra Pradesh president P V N Madhav

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 Balaveeranjanya Swamy meet representatives of the Granite Cutting and Polishing Units Associations at the Secretariat on Tuesday

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VIJAYAWADA

MINES and excise minister Kollu Ravindra on Tuesday urged owners of granite cutting and polishing units to immediately withdraw their strike and resume operations, 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 Balaveeranjanya 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 high-level 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 op-

erations 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 members 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

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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 cyclone-hit 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

demand 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

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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 large-scale 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.

State govt seeks MEA’s intervention

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BHUBANESWAR

THE Odisha government on Tuesday urged the Ministry of External Affairs to take immediate steps for the safe release of a man from the State who has been taken hostage by a group involved in Sudan’s ongoing civil war. The State government wrote to the MEA after the family members of Adarsh Behera appealed to the government to ensure his early release.

A CMO statement said that Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi has directed senior officials to take immediate action. As per his instructions, the Director General of Intelligence wrote to the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) requesting intervention to secure Adarsh’s release. The State’s Resident Commissioner in New Delhi has also contacted the ministry, seeking coordination with the Indian Embassy in Sudan for timely updates and

ODISHA YOUTH ABDUCTED IN SUDAN



safe repatriation, the CMO said.

Majhi has urged the family members to have patience and assured them that all necessary measures are being taken to resolve the situation. Adarsh Behera (36), who hails from Kotakana

village under Tirtol police station limits of Jagatsinghpur district, has been working at Sukarati Plastic Factory in Sudan since 2022. He was abducted last week and is in the captivity of the rebels. Adarsh’s wife, Susmita Behera, said she

received a phone call from her husband, who informed her about his abduction. They have taken away his mobile phone and personal belongings. Her husband had told her that he would be released soon. But, he has not returned so far, she said. Susmita, a mother of two sons aged eight and three, has appealed to both the State and the Central governments to intervene.

“I am told that my husband would be released if the Indian Embassy or the Red Cross take up the matter with the rebels. They have not demanded any money,” she said. Adarsh’s father, Khetrabasi Behera, said the family has no contact with their son for the past eight days.

Meanwhile, Leader of Opposition in Odisha Assembly and BJD president Naveen Patnaik expressed concern over the incident and sought the government’s intervention. “Deep-

ly concerned to know that Adarsh Behera from Jagatsinghpur district of #Odisha has been kidnapped by paramilitary Rapid Support Forces (RSF) in Sudan’s Al Fashir. Urge Indian government and the Ministry of External Affairs (@MEAIndia) to intervene into the matter with urgency and coordinate with the officials of Sudan for his early release,” Patnaik said in a post on X.

Jagatsinghpur SP Ankit Kumar Verma said Odisha police have already informed the matter to the Ministry of Home Affairs and the Ministry of External Affairs. “Discussions have been held regarding Adarsh Behera’s abduction, and further talks will take place on Tuesday,” the SP said.

Family sources said that Adarsh was working as a machine operator in a plastic factory in Sudan since 2022. He was abducted at gunpoint from Al-Fashir, about 1,000 km from the Sudanese capital Khartoum.

Pravati counters Naveen’s allegation of ‘betrayal’

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BHUBANESWAR

ODISHA Deputy Chief Minister Pravati Parida on Tuesday hit back at Leader of Opposition and former chief minister Naveen Patnaik over his allegations of betrayal by the BJP-led State government, saying that the people of Nuapada and the women associated with Mission Shakti would give a befitting reply to the Biju Janata Dal for the neglecting the region during its 24-year rule.

“It seems he has now realised what betrayal feels like! The people of Nuapada are preparing to give a fitting reply to @Naveen_Odisha for betraying their trust over his 24 years in power. The Subhadra sisters (women beneficiaries under the flagship Subhadra scheme) will surely give their response to Naveen Patnaik in the upcoming election for always betraying the women of Mission Shakti,” posted Pravati on her X handle on Tuesday.

Targeting the Leader of Opposition, Pravati further wrote that the BJP government has not made any false promises and the residents of Nuapada will cast their votes keeping trust and faith in the 500-day government.

She said the voters will choose the double engine, Captain fit BJP government in the ensuing Nuapada by-election, which is scheduled to be held on November 11. The by-poll was necessitated following the death of Rajen-



dra Dholakia on September 8.

While addressing the gathering during a public meeting in Komna block of Nuapada district on Monday, BJD president Naveen Patnaik questioned the government over its unfulfilled promises, including 300 units of free electricity, Rs 3,500 pension for all elderly people, employment to 100 youths in every panchayat, timely supply of urea fertiliser to farmers, an end to the menace of ‘Katni Chatni’, the illegal deduction during procurement of crops.

Patnaik also alleged, “The BJP formed the government in the State through ‘vote theft’. Now, it has stolen our candidate. This is a betrayal of the people of Nuapada, of the Biju Janata Dal. There is deep anger among people over this. The people of Nuapada will give a befitting reply to this betrayal through their votes.”

CM expresses grief over loss of lives in train accident

HANS NEWS SERVICE
BHUBANESWAR

Odisha Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi and Leader of Opposition Naveen Patnaik on Tuesday expressed grief over the death of several people in a train accident near Bilaspur in Chhattisgarh. At least seven persons were killed and 14 others injured after a passenger train collided with a goods train from behind near Bilaspur station in Chhattisgarh on Tuesday. The incident took place around 4 pm when the MEMU (mainline electric multiple unit) passenger train was heading to Bilaspur from Gevra (in neighbouring Korba district). “Deeply saddened by the tragic train accident near Bilaspur resulting in the loss of several precious lives and injuries to many,” Majhi said in a



post on X. The Chief Minister paid his heartfelt condolences to the bereaved families in this hour of grief and prayed for the speedy recovery of the injured and strength to the families affected by the incident. Leader of Opposition and BJD president Naveen Patnaik said he was deeply saddened to know about the loss of precious lives in the train accident in Chhattisgarh. “My thoughts and prayers are with the grieving families who

lost their near and dear ones. Prayer for the early rescue of those who are trapped under debris and swift recovery of those who have sustained injuries,” the former chief minister wrote on X. Odisha Congress president Bhakta Charan Das too expressed sorrow over the death and injury of several people in the tragic rail accident. “In this difficult time, our thoughts and prayers are with all the affected families,” Das said.

Two sisters selected for Youth Exchange prog

ARADHANA DASH
DHENKANAL

Two sisters, Bibharani Patra and Sandhyarani Patra, have been selected as delegates for India-Sri Lanka Youth Exchange Programme 2025. The programme is organised by project Point Odisha and Commonwealth Youth Council in association with My Bharat under the Union Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports.

Sources said they were selected based on their active involvement in youth development, cultural exchange and social leadership activities in Odisha. The programme aims to promote bilateral friendship, cultural understanding and cooperation between the youth of India and Sri Lanka.

Bibharani said she will represent India by dem-



onstrating leadership and contributing ideas. Sandhyarani said this is a big opportunity to represent India at the international level.

Bibharani is a mountaineer who scaled Mount Kilimanjaro via the Machame Route in 2023 in the African

continent. She has taken part in several sports events such as National taekwondo, 1st Dan black belt, IFMA India National Muaythai championship, National Choi-Kwang Do championship and National Kickboxing championship.

Ghatsila by-poll result will show people want change: Majhi

GHATSILA: Asserting that the BJP will win the by-election in Jharkhand’s Ghatsila seat, Odisha Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi on Tuesday claimed the results will reflect the people’s desire for a change. Addressing a rally at Dampara for BJP candidate Babulal Soren, Majhi claimed that people are disillusioned with the government in Jharkhand within one year of the Assembly elections and are seeking change.

“This shows the poor performance of the present government. The BJP’s victory in Ghatsila by-poll will exhibit people’s desire for change,” he said. Majhi, who spoke mostly in Santhali, criticised the Hemant Soren government in the State for failing to implement the Panchayat Extension to the Scheduled Areas Act or PESA, which grants self-governance to tribal communities in the scheduled areas of the country.

“The government here claims to be espousing the cause of tribals, whereas it has failed to implement PESA even after being in power for more than six years. This has deprived tribes of their rights and villagers of the benefits enshrined in the Constitution,” he said.

Asserting that the BJP is committed to the upliftment of tribals, Majhi



hailed Prime Minister Narendra Modi for ensuring Odisha and Chhattisgarh get tribal chief ministers, and the nation gets a tribal President. “The BJP has become synonymous with development,” he said, noting that plans are afoot in Odisha to auction 22 mines and foundation stones have been laid for several factories. “We would like to see similar development in Jharkhand under the BJP’s rule,” he added.

Majhi said Odisha and Jharkhand share similar culture and heritage, especially the Santhals.

Altogether, 13 candidates are in the fray in the by-election, the polling for which will take place on November 11. The by-poll was necessitated by the death of Education Minister Ramdas Soren in August. The votes will be counted on November 12.

ED conducts search in Odisha in Rs 73 cr bank loan fraud case

HANS NEWS SERVICE
BHUBANESWAR

THE Enforcement Directorate (ED) conducted multi-State searches across Odisha, Delhi, Uttarakhand and Punjab, and seized incriminating documents in connection with a Rs 73 crore bank loan fraud involving a private company, an official said on Monday.

During the search operations by ED’s Bhubaneswar zonal unit, various incriminating documents and documents related to property worth several crores of rupees were recovered and seized in the case against S R Alcobev Private Limited and others, the official said in a statement.

The search operations on October 29 were conducted under the provisions of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002. S R Alcobev Private Limited and



others allegedly duped Punjab National Bank and Indian Bank (erstwhile Allahabad Bank) of Rs 73 crore after seeking a bank loan by diverting the money for unauthorised use in other companies.

The ED initiated investigation on the basis of an FIR registered by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) invoking scheduled offences under PMLA, 2002. During the searches, the ED recov-

ered and seized incriminating documents which showed systematic diversion of loan funds from S R Alcobev Private Limited to Brewforce Technologies and other associated companies, entities and business associates.

Additionally, multiple documents related to property worth several crores of rupees were recovered and seized, indicating acquisition of assets using diverted funds, the state-

ment said. The ED investigation revealed that S R Alcobev Private Limited had availed credit facilities aggregating Rs 73 crore from the banks, but its officials misused the facility to acquire illegal assets and fund business activities of other associates.

In collusion with sister concerns and related entities, the company siphoned off the sanctioned funds for purposes other than those approved, thereby defrauding the lending institutions and causing substantial loss to the government exchequer, said the complaint registered against the company.

The ED has initiated a detailed probe into the role of individuals, directors and beneficiary entities linked to the fraud and more evidence against the suspects are likely to be collected in due course, the statement added.

Minor raped by cousin

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ANGUL

A 14-year-old girl, a student of Class 10, was allegedly raped by her cousin on Sunday at Chhendipada village. Chhendipada police, on the complaint of the victim, arrested the 26-year-old accused on Tuesday and forwarded him to court. This incident has created widespread resentment in the area.

Inspector in-charge Bibhudatta Chotray said the accused called the girl to his house for some household works when his mother was away. As the girl went to his house, he allegedly raped her.

The girl narrated the incident to her parents who then filed a complaint at the police station against the accused.

The IIC said the accused was arrested under POCSO Act. The victim was sent for medical examination.

Ahead of COP30, polluters urged to pay for climate crisis

SUNIL MOHAN PATNAIK
BERHAMPUR

AMIDST the roar of the sea and the whispers of rising tides, the coastal hamlet of Podampeta in Ganjam district turned into a powerful stage for climate justice. In a dramatic and evocative act ahead of the COP30 global climate summit, Greenpeace India, alongside local fishermen, women and youth, unfurled a giant “Climate Bill”—a symbolic charge sheet demanding accountability from the world’s big-

gest fossil fuel corporations.

Towering against the azure sky, the massive installation bore a bold message: “Make Climate Polluters Pay.” It encapsulated the anguish of millions and the staggering reality that economic damage from the carbon dioxide emissions of five global oil and gas giants since the Paris Agreement (2016–2025) exceeds US\$ 5.36 trillion—a debt of destruction that continues to engulf vulnerable communities.

Ironically, this sum dwarfs

the modest global commitments to the UN’s “Loss and Damage Fund,” exposing the profound inequity between those who cause the crisis and those who endure it. The installation also traced a grim timeline of cyclones, floods and heatwaves ravaging South Asia since 2015, turning the “bill” into a chilling climate ledger.

“We have lost homes, boats and the rhythm of our lives to cyclones that return each year with greater fury,” lamented Chandragiri Tiki, a resident of Podampeta, her

voice trembling with both sorrow and resolve. “It’s time those who profit from pollution pay their dues to the people they have imperiled.”

Selomi Gar naik, Climate and Energy Campaigner at Greenpeace India, asserted, “Communities like those in coastal Odisha are paying daily for a crisis they did not create. This bill is a reminder of the unpaid debt owed by the world’s polluters. True justice means making them pay and channelling those funds toward protecting both people and the planet.”

Podampeta was chosen because it is a climate-vulnerable area where coastal erosion and frequent cyclones have already led to loss of homes and livelihoods for the fishing community.

As the sea breeze carried the echoes of their plea, Podampeta emerged not merely as a coastal village but as the conscience of a climate-battered world, urging global leaders heading to COP30: “Climate justice is not charity—it’s accountability.”



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

THE penultimate month of 2025 has begun in an unexpectedly turbulent manner in Karnataka. After all, the struggle for the pinnacle of power in the south-western state of India – the CM post – had been set in motion right from the day Congress assumed power in May 2023. While it is still unclear whether it had the backing of the high command or not, it seemed like there was an undeclared agreement between the top two leaders – Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and his deputy D K Shivakumar – that the two would trade places at the midpoint of the five-year government, which happens to be this month. As the deadline drew near, the pulls and pressures from both

lobbies started impacting the political atmosphere in the state for some weeks now. While the CM, who has survived similar power struggles throughout his long career, emphatically denied existence of any such power-sharing arrangement and asserted that he would last the full term, the Deputy CM, also the state unit chief, was not openly contradicting it yet had enough backers within the state Congress unit and government to raise a call in his favour. After having joined the Congress nearly 20 years back, Siddaramaiah has proved to be more useful and effective to the New Delhi power lobby.

His smart usage of the potent minority and backward caste cards

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

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

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

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

LETTERS

Guru Nanak Jayanthi today

GURU Nanak Gurpurab holds profound significance as a day to honour the holy Guru and embody his teachings, encouraging followers to fight the five vices-lust, greed, attachment, anger and pride. His teachings are embedded in the Guru Granth Sahib, the holy book of Sikhs. Guru Nanak Jayanthi, also known as 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

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

Ganti Venkata Sudhir, Secunderabad

Highway roads turn deathtraps

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

P R Ravinder, Hyderabad

Punish errant drivers

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

S Lakshmi, Hyderabad

Don’t malign women players

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

N Nagarajan, Hyderabad

Mazumdar displayed Chak De! spirit

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

TS Karthik, Chennai-10

Women empowerment in Indian sport

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

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BENGALURU ONLINE

Engineers given weekly targets to demolish illegal buildings

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

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

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<https://epaper.thehansindia.com>

The decline of moral ethics and values in marital life



TADAKAMALLA MURALIDHAR

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

A significant portion

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

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

Bihar-The seat of ancient Indian civilisation

DR HYMA MOORTY

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

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

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

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

What I gathered from television channels and pod-

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

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

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

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



They once symbolized the grandeur of ancient Indian Civilization.

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

and stigmatising the community.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

91.7% of Bhogapuram airport works completed, says Ram Mohan

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VIZIAGANARAM

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 Uttara-andhra 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 Uttara-andhra's cultural identity
- Directs GMR and L&T teams to expedite remaining works, emphasising world-class 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," he said.

"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. Chandrababu Naidu, they are committed to completing this prestigious project by June 2026 and dedicating it to the nation.

He was accompanied by

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

‘PM Janman housing works to be completed by March 31’

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NANDYAL

COLLECTOR G Raja Kumari on Tuesday said that of the 556 houses sanctioned under the PM Janman scheme in the district, only 18 have been completed so far, while 281 are under construction and another 257 are yet to be grounded.

She instructed the Housing Department to take immediate steps to start the remaining works and complete all the houses before the end of the financial year.

The Roads and Buildings (R&B) Department was told to complete the 7.1-kilometre Kapileswaram-Janalugudem road by December, ensuring high standards of quality.

She also ordered the ITDA authorities to provide basic amenities at hostels in Velugodu, Kottalachervu and Bhairlutu habitations.

The Collector addressing the officials on Tuesday,

further directed the Rural Water Supply Department to provide drinking-water connections wherever required and instructed tahsildars to identify suitable sites for the installation of cell towers in remote tribal areas.

Under the Dharti Aaba Janjatiya Gram Utkarsh Abhiyan, 116 houses have been sanctioned for Gulamaliabad Thanda and Rallakothuru villages, and their construction should be fast-tracked, she said. Officials were also told to complete seven CC roads, drinking-water, and electricity works at the earliest.

Reviewing the progress of welfare schemes, Collector Rajakumari noted that 1,779 Ayushman Bharat health cards are still pending in the district and must be issued within 15 days.

She instructed officials to conduct a special drive under the PM Ujjwala Yojana to ensure gas connections to all tribal households.

NAIDU MOURNS DEMISE OF GOPICHAND HINDUJA

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

‘10% of population controls Army’

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He went on to assert that these groups - forming the vast majority of India's population - remain largely excluded from power and privilege. "All the wealth goes to them, all the jobs go to them. Look at the 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.

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.

PROVIDE HOMES TO RBC FAMILIES AT BALAJI NAGAR: MLA

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.

Make state-level revenue sports meet a grand success: Collector

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ANANTAPUR

DISTRICT Collector O Anand directed officials to ensure the successful conduct of the 7th State-Level Revenue Sports Meet, scheduled to be held from November 7 to 9 at the RDT Stadium in Anantapur.

Reviewing the preparations with officials from various departments at the RDT Sports Village on Tuesday, the Collector instructed them to complete all pending works by Tuesday evening. He emphasized providing uninterrupted drinking water, food, power supply, sanitation, protocol arrangements, police security, traffic management, and accommodation facilities for participants arriving from different districts.

Joint Collector Shiv Narayanan Sharma, DRO Malola, FSO Ramakrishna Reddy, State Revenue Services Association President Bopparaju Venkateswarlu, General Secretary Venkata Rajesh, District President Aryan Divakara Rao, and several other district and women's association representatives participated in the meeting.

Collector Anand expressed happiness that for the first time in Rayalaseema, the state-level revenue sports are being hosted on such a large scale at Anantapur's RDT grounds. He instructed officials to make flawless arrangements and ensure coordination among departments such as Municipal Administration, Panchayati Raj, Fire, Disaster Management, and Sports Authority.

He also directed the Health Department to set up medical camps, keep 108 ambulances and ORS packets ready, and provide transport facilities for participating employees. Collector Anand urged officials and their families to actively participate in the evening cultural programs, creating a festive and lively atmosphere.

He added that invitations had been extended to Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu, Chief Secretary Vijay Anand, CCLA Jayalakshmi, Revenue Minister Anagani Satya Prasad, and other public representatives.

Narayana showcases AP as future logistics hub

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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 ship-building 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.



The Ethereal Beauty of ‘Basanta Raas’ Illuminates Hyderabad

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

ANNA RAO GANGAVALLI

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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



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

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

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



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Mrunal Thakur showcases hilarious post eye make-up struggles

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

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



The government will meet the fiscal deficit target of 4.4% (Rs15.69 lakh cr) of the GDP for the year ending March 2026 against 4.8 per cent in 2024-25

-Nirmala Sitharaman, FM

BIZ BRIEFS

ITA launches new initiative

The Industrial Transition Accelerator (ITA), a multi-stakeholder initiative launched at COP28, released its India Insights Briefing, 'Unlocking India's Clean Industrialisation Opportunity' to help catalyse action toward decarbonising India's 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., a manufacturer of 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

ICICI 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 that true value lies in doing 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, FIIs offloaded Rs1,883.78 cr; DII's bought Rs3,516.36 cr



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 Adani 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 heavy-weight 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.

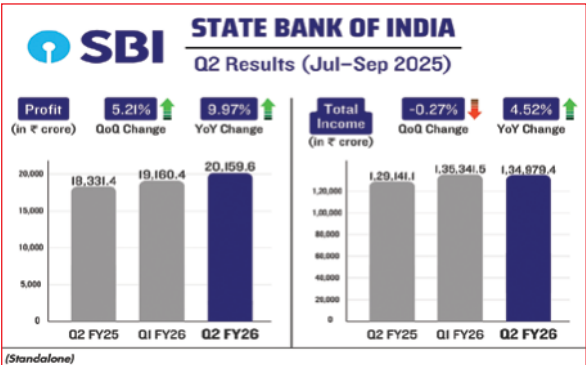
Among Sensex firms, Power Grid fell the most by 3.13 per cent after the utility posted a decline in the September quarter profit. Eternal dropped 2.79 per cent, Tata Motors Passenger Vehicle by 2.53 per cent, Tata Steel by 1.86 per cent, Maruti by 1.76 per cent and Bharat Electronics by 1.69 per cent.

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%



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%

HANS BUSINESS HYDERABAD

BAJAJ Finance Ltd., India's largest private non-bank lender and a subsidiary of Bajaj Finserv, 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 cent were new-to-credit, 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 consumption-led 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 consumer," Bajaj said.

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 across Vanguard's digital



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

platforms and enterprise solutions.

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 decade-long collaboration in the region and will play a vital role in advancing innovation in support of our mission."

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 sixth-largest 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 Govern-

GST cuts fuel domestic demand, cushion export hit: HSBC

NEW DELHI

GST rate cuts have led to retail price reductions and increased household spending, which have offset the tariff-related 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 remained steady in spite of



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.

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 three-minute 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 next-month 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 real-time 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 time-stamp, 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 per cent.

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' trust.

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.



Building upon it should be a culture of integrity, resilience and transparency that earns investor trust every day," he remarked.

He further stated that there was a need for stronger compliance, 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 reported," he observed.

He highlighted that financial intermediaries must en-

sure that "investor protection 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 not occur," he remarked.

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 trend.

"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.

Mandhana concedes top spot to Wolvaardt

DUBAI

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

list.

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

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

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

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

DUBAI

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

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

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

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



stated an ICC press release.

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

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

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

Her 109 against New Zealand in Navi Mumbai

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

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

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

ICC Women's World Cup Team of Tournament:

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

TELANGANA SPORTS MINISTER UNVEILS TPL POSTER

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

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HYDERABAD

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

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

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



Minister SriHari unveils TPL poster

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

knockout competitions.

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

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

DUBAI

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

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

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

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

In the September 14 game, Rauf was found guilty of the same offence and

fined 30 per cent of his match fee, resulting in two demerit points.

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

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

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

NEW DELHI

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

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

bandhan is fully committed to their empowerment and economic upliftment.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

lation, he said, referring to women.

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

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

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

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



Security forces bust Maoist arms factory in Sukma



SUKMA

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Couple in live-in relationship jumps to death in Palghar

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

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

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

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

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

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

EC must act on voters' list irregularities: Maha Congress

MUMBAI

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

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

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



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

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

Referring to BJP leaders' statements, Sawant said,

"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 families.

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

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

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

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

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

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

GAURAV BHAGAT

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

The gap that must be closed

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



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

Why work integrated and vocational learning must take centre stage

1. Industry demands job ready talent

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

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

2. Vocational education builds inclusivity

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

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



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

Bridging gender, geography and the "missing millions"

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

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

ticeship programmes at this year's India employer forum.

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

Alternative pathways:

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

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

conversions and entrepreneurial ventures to measure real impact.

Why now the cost of delay:

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

The way forward:

- For learners: Choose programmes that provide practical exposure and mentorship alongside theory.
- For training providers: Design industry aligned,

inclusive pathways that empower women and youth beyond metros.

- For industry: Invest in apprenticeships and early career talent partnerships.
- For policymakers: Incentivise outcome driven training and prioritise skill quality over quantity.

Conclusion

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



HackWave 2025 – 24 hours of national-level innovation organised

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

TODAY IS NATIONAL HEALTHY EATING DAY

The student guide to healthy living

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

Eating smart for a strong start

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



in energy levels and focus throughout the day.

Move more, stress less

Regular physical activity is one of the best ways to protect heart health and relieve academic stress. Whether it's a brisk walk around campus, cycling, dancing, or playing a sport, even 30 minutes of moderate exercise a day can strengthen the heart, improve mood, and enhance sleep

quality. Universities and colleges can promote physical wellbeing by organizing fitness challenges, yoga sessions, or active breaks between lectures.

Building lifelong habits

A heart-healthy lifestyle isn't just about food and exercise — it's about balance. Managing stress, getting adequate sleep, and avoiding smoking or excessive caffeine also play crucial roles in long-term

wellness. Creating supportive environments — from offering healthy cafeteria options to encouraging peer wellness groups — helps students stay on track.

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

Today is National Stress Awareness Day

Mind matters: Overcoming stress and strengthening your wellbeing

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

1. Recognize the signs and take action

The first step toward improving mental wellbeing is

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

2. Create healthy boundaries

Whether you're in the office, classroom, or at home, boundaries protect your mental space. Overworking, overcommitting, or constantly being online can drain your energy. Learn to

say no when necessary, take short breaks during the day, and separate work or study time from personal time. Setting clear limits allows your mind to recharge, improving productivity and emotional balance.

3. Practice mindfulness and stress management

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

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

4. Stay physically active

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

5. Build positive connections

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

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

6. Develop a growth mindset

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

7. Seek professional support when needed

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



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

Final thoughts

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

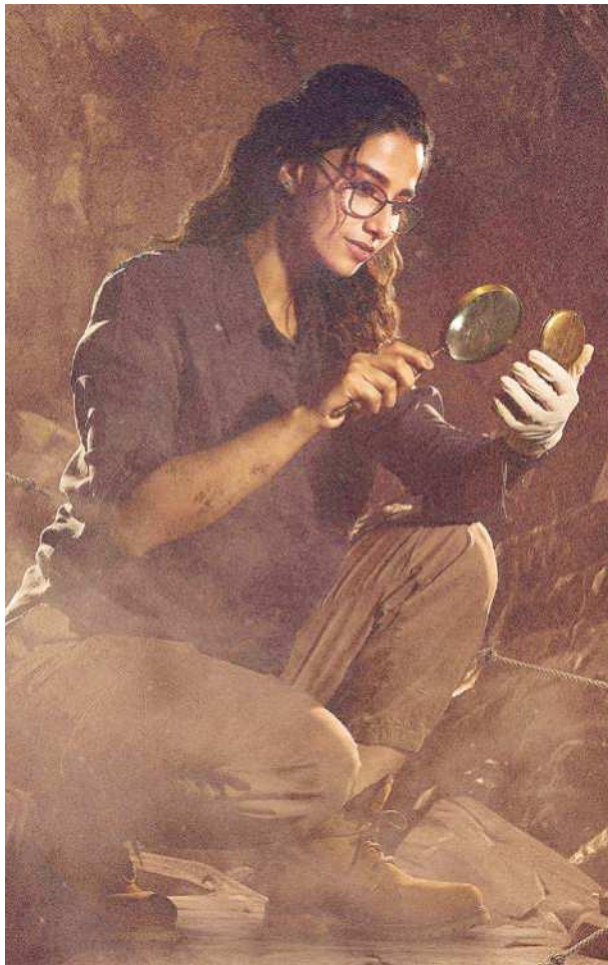


Ravi Teja begins shooting of a dance number in Annapurna Studios for 'RT76'



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

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



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

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

'Santhana Prapthirasthu' title track creates buzz with catchy rhythm



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

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

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



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

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

'Pithapuramlo' promises a blend of love and family emotions



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

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

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



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

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

Nuveksha spices up in stunning saree look

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

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

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