

**RAIL COACH FACTORY,
KAPURTHALA**

PCMM, RCF on behalf of President of India invites On-line bids for following items:-

Sr. No.	Tender No. & Due Date	Description	Qty. (Nos./Sets)	EMD (₹)
1.	13265108A 04/11/2026	Stretch Forming Machine for Roof Arch Bending (PL-659044890019)	01 Nos.	1,28,840/-
2.	02261250A 02/11/2026	Harness of under frame and roof arrangement for LHB EOG SLRD Non AC coaches for Amrit Bharat Rake	—	5,59,690/-
3.	02261589 02/11/2026	Harness of under frame and roof arrangement for LHB EOG GS Non AC Coaches for Amrit Bharat Rake	172 Set	20,00,000/-
4.	02261576 30/10/2026	Harness for HOG Compliant LHB EOG Non AC LSLRD (31 Seater) Coaches	22 Set	2,68,850/-
5.	13265258 05/11/2026	Railway Coach Painting Booth Pre-Bid Conference date:15/10/2026 (PL No. 659042580015)	01 Nos.	16,24,590/-
6.	05261674 26/10/2026	Trough Floor Assembly Complete for 3 Phase MEMU/DMC Coach (PL No. - 37980786)	39 Nos.	2,10,700/-
7.	05261673 23/10/2026	Set of Roof Elements for LHB Coaches (PL No. 33690790)	266 Set	2,17,670/-
8.	17261490 21/10/2026	Supply & Installation of One Coach set of AC Duct complete for Vande Bharat MC/NDTEC Coaches	70 Set	6,64,500/-
		Supply & Installation of One Coach set of AC Duct complete for Vande Bharat DTC Coaches	14 Set	
		Supply & Installation of One Coach set of AC Duct complete for Vande Bharat TC Coaches	53 Set	
9.	02261578 30/10/2026	Pump controller & MCB Panel	323 Nos.	1,17,800/-
10.	04261079 04/11/2026	Austenitic Steel Coil	405000 Kgs.	20,00,000/-
11.	01261342 30/10/2026	Air suspension control equipment for air spring assembly system (LHB Type) for Double Ferrule fittings LHB Bogie	897 Set	16,88,350/-
12.	01261343 30/10/2026	Failure indication cum brake application device (Fiba) for Air Spring (LHB Type) for Double Ferrule Fittings	691 Set	15,27,730/-
13.	07261331 27/10/2026	Stainless Steel Tubes and double Ferrule fittings for LHB AC-3 Tier Coaches	25 Set	1,09,560/-

1. For details and making On-line tenders, visit Website <http://ireps.gov.in>. Drawings/ specifications, wherever required can be downloaded from RCF Website <http://www.rcf.indianrailways.gov.in>. Class I/II digital signature certificate required for on-line bidding, can be obtained from licensed certifying agencies listed at <http://www.cce.gov.in>. 2. Tenders will close at 14.25 Hrs. on due date and will be opened at 14.30 Hrs. Tenders Sr. No.1 to 8 will be opened at RCF Kapurthala and Sr. No. 9 to 13 will be opened at Tilak Bridge, New Delhi. 3. For queries, contact IREPS Helpdesk at 011-24102855, 011-24105180 or RCF helpdesk at 011-23378658. **Note:** GST Number of RCF is 03AAAGM0289C1ZT. All the suppliers are advised to quote this in dispatch documents for the supplies made by them.

PCMM

CORRIGENDUM

The following amendment is authorized against (1) Tender No. **13265180** due on 12.10.2026 for procurement of supply of Robotic Welding Manipulator for Bogie Frame and Bogie Bolster regarding due date to be read 12.10.2026 instead of 29.09.2026 (2) Tender No. **17261478** due on 14.10.2026 for the supply of Set of Seats & Berths for LHB AC 3 Tier Coach & Hot Buffet Amrit Bharat 3.0 Coach regarding Drawing & Set list (for PL No. 33578850) to be read as **MPLSBLCBAB3 VERSION 1** instead of MPLSBLCBAB3 VERSION 0.

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R.O. No.: **069-S/2026-27** Dated: **30.09.2026**

**GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA
FINANCE DEPARTMENT**

AUCTION OF 20 YEARS TELANGANA GOVERNMENT STOCK (SECURITIES) 2046

AMOUNT	: Rs.1000.00 crores
ISSUE PRICE	: Rs.10,000.00 for every Rs. 10,000.00
CURRENCY	: 20 Years

PERIOD OF RECEIPT OF : May be closed down immediately on and after Business hours of 06.10.2026 without notice as soon as the amount is realized.

LOAN APPLICATION

The Government of Telangana solicits subscriptions to the above loan. Full details can be had from the Reserve Bank of India, Hyderabad and Mumbai during Government business hours.

Sandeep Kumar Sultania
Principal Secretary to Government
Finance Department

DIPR R.O.No. 101-DP/CL/ADVT/2026-27 Dt: 30.09.2026

**OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURAL MARKETING
Government of Telangana, Hyderabad.**

E-procurement T. No. SE(AM)/TS/HYD/EP/05/2026-27, Dated: 29-09-2026

E-PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTICE

Online Tenders are invited by Superintending Engineer (AM), Hyderabad from the Registered Civil Contractors and Electrical Contractors with "A or B" Grade License for the following (58) Works at Mahabubabad, Vikarabad, Khammam, Rangareddy, Jagtial, Rajanna Sircilla, Suryapet, Mahabubnagar and Jogulamba Gadwal Districts costing of Rs. 25,03,40,688/-.

E-procurement site opening Date for Sl. No. 01 to 58 on 05-10-2026 at 5.00 P.M. The Non-refundable Processing fee shall be paid through online and counterfoi/ receipt signed by the bankers with receipt journal number / UTR number shall be scanned and uploaded along with bids. Any other information can be had from the <https://tender.telangana.gov.in> or office of the Superintending Engineer (AM), Hyderabad. Sd/- Superintending Engineer (AM) Officiating

DIPR R.O. No. 593-PP/CL-AGENCY/ADVT/2026-27 O/o Director of Agrl. Marketing, Govt. of Telangana

**Heavy Water Plant (Mamaguru)
Tender Notice**

भारत के राष्ट्रपति के लिए और उनकी ओर से महाप्रबंधक, भारी पानी संयंत्र (ममगुरु), द्वारा निम्नलिखित कार्य के लिए मुहूर्तबद्ध निविदाएं आमंत्रित की जाती हैं। For and on behalf of President of India, Chief General Manager, HWP/MD invites online item rate tender on two bid system for following work:

Tender No. : HWPM/EN/NT/15/58/W/26-27, dated: 24.09.2026, Name of the work: Reinforcement of 6.6m, 3.4m, 2.5m Square cage induction motor's outer rotor bars with new bars. Estimated Cost: Rs.14,05,000/-. Earnest Money Deposit: 28,100/-. Duration of work: 12 months. Date of online availability of e-tender for view and download: From: 01.10.2026 (10:00 hrs) to 16.10.2026 (14:00 hrs). Last date & time for on-line submission of bid: 16.10.2026 (10:00 hrs) to 16.10.2026 (14:00 hrs). Last date & time for on-line submission of bid: 16.10.2026 (10:00 hrs) to 16.10.2026 (14:00 hrs). Last date & time for on-line submission of bid: 16.10.2026 (10:00 hrs) to 16.10.2026 (14:00 hrs). The bid forms and other details can be obtained from the website <http://tenders.gov.in>. The press notice is also available on www.hwb.gov.in

(निविदा आमंत्रित प्राधिकारी के हस्ताक्षर)
(Signature of tender inviting authority)

CBC 48115/11/0077/2627

**CYBERABAD MUNICIPAL CORPORATION**

Tender Document No.

Name of the work

Estimated amount/ECV in Rupees

Start Date & Time for receipt of Bids

Name & address Officer Cell No.

1/06/DUB/CMC/2026-27, dated: 29-09-2026

Fabrication and supply of MS frame Bathukamma for natural flowers with 6 feet height with 100watts light, cable and plug. The silk cloth banner to fix around the stand with CMC logo and slogan. The Bathukamma Specification height: 6feet, Bottom:2.5 feet (Diameter) top: 0.5 feet (Diameter) made with 6mm MS Road, ½ inch MS Patti and etc., complete item of work, including delivery and installation to the location for the year 2026

18,40,800/-

Start Date: 01.10.2026 @ 10:00 AM onwards.

Last Date 05.10.2026 @ 4.15 PM

O/o Director, UB, NAC Campus, Izzathnagar, Post, Hyderabad. 81259-71700

Further, details can be held from website i.e., <https://cmc.telangana.gov.in/>, <https://tender.telangana.gov.in>

Sd/-
Director

DIPR R.O.No. 10923-PP/CL/ADVT/2026-27 Dt: 30.09.2026 Urban Biodiversity Wing, CMC

**GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA
REVENUE (LA) DEPARTMENT
FORM - C
NOTIFICATION**

(Under Section-11 of the Act where 10 A Exemption is given)

Gazette No.GHMC-37 Dated: 24-09-2026
No. C/954/2026 Dated: 23-09-2026

Whereas it appears to the Government of Telangana/Special Collector (LA) & Commissioner, GHMC, that a total of 6835.29 Sq. Yds land is required in the Badangpet Village, Balapur Mandal, Ranga Reddy District for public purpose namely, for acquisition of land affected under proposed 100 ft Wide Road from Badangpet - Nadargul Main Road to Nadargul Road, 57 Properties-(11) Main Road Properties, (46) Right Side Properties under Corridor No-03.

Therefore it is notified that for the above said project in the Badangpet - Nadargul Main Road to Nadargul Road, land measuring more or less 6835.29 Sq Yards of Standard measurement, whose detail description is as following, is proposed for acquisition:

Main Road Properties-11:-

Sl. No.	Premises No/ Sy.No.	Type of Title	Extent in Sq. Yds.	Name of person interested	Boundaries North South East West	Trees Variety Number	Structures Type
1	Plot No 4	Owner	42.10	Prathap Patel	7 8 9 10 11 12	13	14
2	Plot No 5	Owner	38.15	Dikshith Choudary	-	-	Balcony/ Open
3	Plot No 6 & 7	Owner	175.38	A. Ashok Goud	-	-	Nursery
4	Plot No 8	Owner	33.00	A. Ashok Goud	-	-	Surya Real Estate
5	H.No 28-4-1	Owner	214.91	R.Balvanth Reddy	-	-	Inscopia
6	H.No 28-4-1A	Owner	187.35	R.Balvanth Reddy	-	-	Foot Wear
7	H.No 28-4-1/2	Owner	176.62	R.Balvanth Reddy	-	-	Bharat Bazar
8	Pathway	Owner	49.16	R.Balvanth Reddy	-	-	Open Entry
9	H.No 28-4-3	Owner	125.86	R.Balvanth Reddy	-	-	Gokul Ply & Hardware
10	H.No 28-4-4	Owner	242.59	R.Balvanth Reddy	-	-	Sathyam Gypsum
11	H.No 28-4-4A	Owner	321.82	R.Balvanth Reddy	-	-	Sri Nidhi Enterprises
	Total		1606.94				

Right Side Properties-46:-

Sl. No.	Premises No/ Sy.No.	Type of Title	Extent in Sq. Yds.	Name of person interested	Boundaries North South East West	Trees Variety Number	Structures Type
1	4-5-69/1 NP	Owner	167.79	K Rajyalaxmi	7 8 9 10 11 12	13	14
2	Plot No 2	Owner	210.85	Owner	-	-	Rajya Laxmi Nilayam
3	Plot No 7	Owner	222.32	K Katan, N Venkataiah	-	-	Compound Wall
4	Plot No 8,9	Owner	419.00	Owner	-	-	Open Land
5	Plot No 14	Owner	194.89	B Geeta Rani	-	-	Open Land
6	Plot No 15	Owner	166.60	T Srikanth	-	-	Open Land
7	Plot No 16	Owner	101.89	Parishuddananda Swamy	-	-	Open Land
8	Plot No 21	Owner	149.50	Owner	-	-	Open Land
9	Plot No 22	Owner	144.45	Vinay Stephen	-	-	Open Land
10	Plot No 23	Owner	130.00	B Subba Rao	-	-	Open Land
11	Plot No 28	Owner	117.50	K Ashwath Kumar	-	-	Open Land
12	Plot No 29	Owner	97.36	K Sarvani	-	-	Open Land
13	Plot No 32	Owner	84.40	Y Srikanth	-	-	Open Land
14	Plot No 33	Owner	87.50	N.Rama	-	-	Open Land
15	Plot No 36	Owner	63.60	Owner	-	-	Open Land
16	Plot No 37	Owner	56.00	M Gopal, M Latha	-	-	Gate
17	Plot No 40	Owner	55.90	S Nareish	-	-	Open Land
18	Plot No 41	Owner	60.00	G Kalavathi	-	-	Open Land

19	Plot No 44	Owner	59.70	T Chandra Shekhar, T Ramesh Kumar	-	-	Open Land
20	Plot No 45	Owner	62.40	D Santosh Kumar, D Uma Rani	-	-	Open Land
21	Plot No 47	Owner	62.40	R Vikram	-	-	Open Land
22	Plot No 48	Owner	56.00	K Sravanthi	-	-	Open Land
23	Plot No 49	Owner	58.00	V Sambalaih	-	-	Open Land
24	Plot No 50	Owner	66.70	G Suresh	-	-	Open Land
25	Plot No 51	Owner	72.00	C Bhaskar	-	-	Open Land
26	Plot No 52	Owner	78.20	C Bhaskar	-	-	Open Land
27	Plot No 53	Owner	81.70	N Shyamala	-	-	Open Land
28	Plot No 54	Owner	85.35	Mahalaxmi Real Estate	-	-	-
29	Plot No 55 Part	Owner	55.15	K Manjula	-	-	Open Plot
30	Plot No 55 Part, 56	Owner	139.00	T Sree Sharada, Panyala Bhoopathi Reddy	-	-	Open Land
31	Open Space	Owner	397.00	-	As per Sketch	-	Open Land
32	Plot No 136	Owner	92.70	K Jagdishwar Reddy	-	-	Open Plot
33	Plot No 137, 159	Owner	178.70	D Sai Prasad Rao	-	-	Setback open
34	H.No 3-145/ 25	Owner	51.80	P Kistappa	-	-	Open Setback
35	H.No 3-145/ 24	Owner	104.30	G Chandeshwar	-	-	Open Setback
36	H.No 3-145/ 17	Owner	92.50	P Sangeetha	-	-	Open Setback
37	H.No 3-145/ 18	Owner	174.25	T Nagamani & N Venkateshwarlu	-	-	G-House Open Setback
38	H.No 3-145/ 10	Owner	40.00	M Jacob Raj	-	-	Open Setback
39	H.No 3-145/ 9	Owner	41.60	G Sumathi	-	-	Open Setback
40	H.No 3-145/ 8	Owner	38.40	G Sai Kiran Reddy	-	-	Open Setback
41	H.No 3-145/ 1	Owner	39.00	N Venkateshwarlu	-	-	Open Setback
42	H.No 3-145/ 32	Owner	45.45	K.V Vishal Kumar & Madhavi Latha	-	-	Open Setback
43	H.No 3-145/ 30/D	Owner	161.50	Ramsingh	-	-	House G+1 Open Setback
44	H.No 3-145/ 30/C	Owner	136.70	S Kasi Rao	-	-	G-House Open Setback
45	H.No 3-145/ 30/B	Owner	139.70	G Sai Kiran Reddy	-	-	G-House Open Setback
46	H.No 3-145/ 30/A	Owner	88.60	M Vijayender	-	-	G-House Open Setback
	Total		5228.35				

This Notification is made under the provisions of Section-11(1) of the Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2013 (Central Act no.30/2013), as amended by the Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement (Telangana Amendment) Act, 2016 (Act No. 21 of 2017) to all whom it may concern

A plan of the land may be inspected in the office of the Special Collector (LA) & Commissioner, GHMC, Hyderabad on any working day during the working hours. The Government of Telangana/Special Collector (LA) & Commissioner, GHMC, Hyderabad-cum-Appropriate Government is pleased to authorize Officer i.e., Special Deputy Collector, Land Acquisition, GHMC, Hyderabad and his staff to enter upon and survey land, take levels of any land, dig or bore into the sub-soil & do all other acts required for the proper execution of their work as provided and specified in Section -12 of the said Act.

Under Section 11 (4) of the Act, no person shall make any transaction or cause any transaction of land i.e. sale / purchase, etc., or create any encumbrances on such land from the date of publication of such Notification without prior approval of the Special Collector (LA) & Commissioner, GHMC, Hyderabad.

Objections to the acquisition if any, and claims from all the persons interested/affected for settlement by negotiation of the compensation, may be filed by the person interested in the land within 60 (sixty days) from the date of publication of this Notification as provided under Section 15 of the Act before Special Collector (LA) & Commissioner, GHMC, Hyderabad/Authorized officer.

Sd/- Special Deputy Collector, LA, GHMC, Hyderabad. Sd/- Special Collector (LA) & Commissioner, GHMC, Hyderabad

DIPR No. 940/LA/PP-Advt/Agency/2026-27

Beware! Swiggy, Flipkart, Zepto throw safety norms to the wind

- 16 dark stores inspected
- 15 food samples collected
- Adulteration suspected
- Unhygienic conditions found
- Expired and damaged food detected
- Pest and cockroach infestation found
- Labelling violations detected
- Five stores to get show-cause notices
- Four FSSAI licences suspended

MOULI MAREEDU
HYDERABAD

THE TG SAFE, consisting of Food Safety Officers and police personnel, inspected 16 dark stores of Kwickbox Retail Private Limited (Swiggy Instamart), Instakart Services Private Limited (Flipkart), Zepto Private Limited and Dropx Logistics in the Core Urban Region (CURE). During the course of inspection, officials noticed violations at Kwickbox Retail Private Limited (Swiggy Instamart) stores at Pet Bashheerabad, Chintal, Nizampet, Gajularamam, Shalibanda and Saidabad; Instakart Services Private Limited (Flipkart) stores at Kom-pally, Chintal, Gajulara-maram, Chandulal Bara-



TG SAFE teams inspected 16 dark stores belonging to Swiggy Instamart, Flipkart, Zepto, and Dropx Logistics in the Core Urban Region (CURE), uncovering various food safety violations, collecting 15 samples, issuing notices, and suspending four FSSAI licences

dari, Charminar, Chowk Mohammed Khan, Pa-thar Gatti, Charminar, Edi Bazar, Moosaram-bagh and Rethi Galli, Golconda; Zepto Private Limited at Ram Koti, Hyder-abad; and Dropx Lo-gistics at Nizampet. During the inspection, officials found violations including unhygienic premises with dusty and rusted racks, cobwebs, improper flooring, damaged and expired food articles, violations in handling and storage of food articles, spoiled vegetables with fungal infestation, violations of FSS Labelling and Dis-play Regulations, cock-roach infestation, pest-infested food articles and improper maintenance of cold-room tempera-ture.

Officials collected 15 samples on suspicion of adulteration and served notices on Instakart Services Private Limited (Flipkart) stores at Chin-tal and Gajularamam and Kwickbox Retail Private Limited (Swiggy Instamart) at Chintal for rectification of the lapses identified during the in-

spection. The establish-ments will be revisited to verify compliance with food safety norms, and further action will be taken based on the rein-spection. Show-cause notices will be issued to five establish-ments --Kwickbox Retail Private Limited (Swiggy Instamart) at Nizampet, Gajularamam and Shah Ali Banda, and Instakart Services Private Limited (Flipkart) at Moosar-ambagh and Rethi Galli, Golconda --for the viola-tions reported during the inspections. Further ac-tion will be initiated for imposing penalties. The FSSAI licences of four establishments have been suspended, with instruc-tions to stop business operations immediately in the interest of public health.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The General Public is hereby informed that our clients 1. DR. SURA-PANEN SURESH KUMAR, S/O SRI SATHY SAI DISTRICT, aged 58 years, Occ: Doctor, Residing at 1-55-208 AND 209, ESMA-F/67, Emerald For-tune, Villa No 67, Lane behind Chire Public School Botanical Garden Road, Kondapur, Serilingampalle, Rangareddy, Telangana, 50084 2). DR. PADMAVATHI SURAPANEN, W/O DR. SURAPANEN SURESH KUMAR, aged 56 years, Occ: Doctor, Residing at 1-55-208 AND 209, ESMA-F/67, ESMEERALDA FORTUNE, VILLA NO 67, LANE BEHIND CHIREC PUBLIC SCHOOL, BOTANICAL GARDEN ROAD, KONDAPUR, SERILINGAMPALLE, Rangareddy, Telangana, 50084 3). SANDULU RAMULAKSHMI, W/O SANDULU BALAJI, aged about 72 years, R/O H.NO-6-32, Maheswaram, Mdi Maheswaram, Rangareddy District, Telangana-501359 2). SANDULU VADAMMA, W/O SANDULU CHENNAIAH, aged about 55 years, R/O H.NO-6-32(A), Maheswaram, Mdi Maheswaram, Rangareddy Dis-trict, Telangana-501359 3). SANDULU SURESH, S/O SANDULU BALAJI, aged about 41 years, R/O H.NO-6-32 Maheswaram, Mdi: Maheswaram, Rangareddy District, Telangana-501359 along with their legal heirs in respect of schedule of property mentioned below and also paid substantial amount towards advance sale consideration and now my clients intending into sale deeds by paying balance sale consideration.

SCHEDULE OF PROPERTY.

All that the part and parcel of agricultural land bearing Survey No 432/1/21 AC 0-18, SY No 432/1/21/21 AC 0-20, SY No 432/1/21/21 AC 0-47, SY No 432/1/21/21 AC 0-20, SY No 432/1/21/21 AC 0-45 Total Admeasuring AC 2-10 Guntas, situated at Maheswaram village, Mandal: Maheswaram, Dist: Rangareddy Telangana and bounded by: North Road South: Land of Others East: Road West: Land of G Prasad and G Sivani.

Any person having any claim, share, title, interest, etc., of whatsoever nature in and over the above property may contact the undersigned with relevant documents within SEVEN DAYS from this date, failing which our client shall proceed to conclude the sale transaction and all objections thereafter shall be deemed to have been waived.

Sd/- A. SHIVA KRISHNA, Advocate

R/O Office at H NO 6-30/2, Plot No 202, Sumit Estate Somajiguda, Hyderabad-500082, Cell: 843123153

**HYDERABAD METROPOLITAN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**
Swarnajayanti Commercial Complex, Amrpet, Hyderabad-500082

Public Notification

The Sy. Nos. 151, 150, 146, 145, 142, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156 of Patihpanpur (V), Patancheru (M), Sangareddy (D) were not incorporated in the Master Plan 2031 in accordance with the revenue village map.

These Sy. Nos. have now been corrected in MDP - 2031 strictly as per the revenue village map.

Sd/-
Metropolitan Commissioner, HMDA

R.O. No.: 595-PP/CL-AGENCY/ADVT/2026-27 Dt: 30.09.2026

**GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT**

"e" Procurement Tender Notice

NIT No.11/2026-2027, Dated: 19.09.2026

Online Tender is invited for the work "Water Resources Department HNSS Project-Phase-11 Modernization of HNSS Main Canal with CC Lining & Shortcircuiting Construction of Balance CM & CD works from Km 400.500 to Km 458.975/463.000 including Tunnels (from Km 411.850 to Km 415.650 and Km 420.850 to Km 426.150) in Sri Sathya Sai District" for Amount Rs.487.489 Crores in Kadiri Constituency Limits in Sathya Sai District on LS Contract System under HNSS Phase-II". Tender Schedules available from 29.09.2026 to 18.10.2026. for further details please visit www.e-procurement.gov.in.

Superintending Engineer, HNSS Circle No.2, Ananthapuramu.

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**Chhattisgarh State Industrial Development Corporation Limited**
(A Government of Chhattisgarh Undertaking)
(ISO 9001 : 2015 Certified)
1st Floor, Udyog Bhawan, Ring Road No. 1, Tolbandha, Raipur (C.G.) - 492006
PAN: UAGSC0288N, GST Regn No:22AA

State’s power demand hits record 19,400 MW

TGSPDCL sets new peak of 12,299 MW as discom gears up for summer

PATAN AFZAL BABU
HYDERABAD

THE electricity demand in the Telangana was growing at an average annual rate of six to seven percent and TG-SPDCL has prepared a comprehensive summer action plan to meet future requirements.

Capacity enhancement of substations, feeder bifurcation, establishment of new substations and strengthening of the distribution network are being taken up, TGSPDCL Chairman and Managing Director Jitesh V Patil said on Thursday.

Patil clarified that there is no delay in releasing agricultural power connections and that only a few applications remain pending due to non-submission of required documents or non-payment of charges by applicants. To ensure timely service delivery, the supply chain for cables, panels, meters and other materials has been streamlined and strengthened.

TGSPDCL recorded its



TGSPDCL CMD Jitesh V Patil is addressing a press conference in Hyderabad on Wednesday
Photo: Adula Krishna

highest-ever peak power demand of 12,299 MW at 4:16 pm on September 30, setting a new milestone in the company’s history, the official said that the total power demand in Telangana touched 19,400 MW, of which 12,299 MW was recorded in TG-SPDCL and 6,736 MW in TGNPDCL.

The CMD stated that the successful management of this record demand reflects the strength of Telangana’s power infrastructure, ad-

vance planning, network augmentation and the dedicated efforts of engineers and field staff. He reiterated TGSPDCL’s commitment to providing reliable, quality and uninterrupted power supply to all consumers.

He also said that the Uniform Service Line Charge mechanism introduced by TGERC was a significant reform aimed at improving transparency, simplicity and timely service delivery in the power sector.

Will meet PM, Union Ministers as many times as needed: Revanth

PATAN AFZAL BABU
HYDERABAD

CHIEF Minister A Revanth Reddy reaffirmed that he would meet the Prime Minister and Union Ministers as many times as necessary to resolve issues concerning the State. The Chief Minister inaugurated a new district Collectorate office in Karimnagar and held the first review meeting there on Wednesday. Speaking on the occasion, he emphasised that the States and the Centre should move forward in a spirit of mutual cooperation. He remarked that there would be no use in constructing projects by spending hundreds of crores of rupees without obtaining the necessary Central approvals.

Revanth Reddy took a dig at the opposition for counting his visits to Delhi whenever he met Union Ministers and others.

“Continuous persuasion with the Centre is already yielding good results. We secured the transfer of 170

- **Centre-State cooperation key to development**
- **170 acres of defence land secured in six months**
- **Centre clears road under Begumpet runway**
- **Revanth hits out at opposition over Delhi visits**
- **CM urges employees to prioritise public service**
- **‘Serve people, win their trust’**
- **Employees’ issues being resolved one by one**

acres of defence land for State development within just six months. The Centre also granted permission to develop a road passing beneath the Begumpet runway in Hyderabad. We may have

ideological differences, but we should cooperate with each other for the sake of development,” the CM said.

During the meeting, he emphasised that employees should play an important role in delivering services to the poor. “Whether it is the Chief Minister or the Prime Minister, earning a good reputation depends on the cooperation of employees,” he said, appealing to employees to see their own family members in those who approach government offices in a helpless state.

He said the district office should serve to address people’s grievances. “Justice will be served to the poor when employees work hard. We have completed the construction of this office, which had been pending for a long time,” he said.

The Chief Minister said the people’s government had been resolving employees’ issues one by one and urged them to continue providing services, resolve issues and win the people’s trust.



Chief Minister Revanth Reddy unveils Telangana Thalli statue at New Karimnagar Collectorate on Wednesday

Bhatti rules out rift with Revanth

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DEPUTY Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka on Wednesday dismissed reports of differences with Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy, asserting that Congress leaders should not be viewed through the lens of caste and that party decisions are taken democratically by the high command.

Responding to queries regarding leadership roles in Kochi, Bhatti emphasized that he does not view party colleagues on a caste basis, affirming that all leaders abide by high command directives. He stated that he is working together 100 per cent with Chief Minister Revanth Reddy and cabinet colleagues to implement Congress ideology across Telangana.

Asserting that Congress ideology remains the ultimate safeguard for the nation, Bhatti appealed to former party leaders, including YS Jagan Mohan Reddy, Mamata Banerjee, and Sharad Pawar, to return to the Congress fold. He highlighted that the party possesses the vision to unite diverse societal sections while pursuing holistic development.



Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka speaking at the India Today Conclave in Kochi on Wednesday

The Deputy CM says Congress leaders united in implementing party ideology across Telangana

Recalling his close association with former Chief Minister YS Rajasekhara Reddy, Bhatti shared that participating in an intensive five-day training programme for young legislators strengthened his commitment to party principles.

Addressing federal finance, Bhatti demanded justice for southern states in central resource allocation, pointing out that despite contributing

significantly to national revenue, southern states receive disproportionately lower returns. He noted that under Goods and Services Tax distribution, for every rupee contributed, southern states receive merely 43 paise back, whereas states like Bihar receive up to two rupees, urging equitable financial devolution. Additionally, Bhatti raised serious concerns over voter list deletions and Election Commission operations, warning that public confidence in constitutional bodies is at risk. Demanding that the Centre apologize for alleged misuse of the Election Commission, he called for comprehensive electoral reforms to safeguard democracy and the Constitution.

Flyer nabbed at RGI airport for carrying cocaine worth ₹24.5 cr

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HYDERABAD

THE Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI), Hyderabad zonal unit, has detained a passenger at the Rajiv Gandhi International Airport (RGIA) for carrying cocaine. The DRI officials seized 4.9 kg cocaine worth Rs 24.5 crore .

According to DRI officials, they received a tip off that an Indian passenger possessed a huge quantity of drugs and was proceeding to Hyderabad. Acting on the intelligence inputs, a team of officers of DRI intercepted the passenger at the Rajiv Gandhi International Airport.

During examination of his cabin baggage, the passenger was found carrying seven Lindt Lindor Assorted Filled Dark Chocolate Selection tubes, each bearing a marked weight of 387 grams. However, as the chocolate tubes appeared



unusually heavier than their marked weight, the officers opened and examined the same which resulted in recovery of 207 numbers of light-yellow coloured oval-shaped capsules, concealed along with the chocolates inside the seven tubes.

Each of the capsules was found to contain white powdery substance suspected to be cocaine. The substance was subjected to testing using a Narcotic Drug Detection Kit, which gave a positive indication for cocaine. A total of 4.9 kgs of cocaine with an estimated value of Rs 24.5 crore in the illicit market was recovered from the passenger.

KTR seeks SC probe into EC ‘credibility crisis’

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STATING that the Election Commission of India faces a severe credibility crisis, BRS Working President KTR on Wednesday urged the Supreme Court to take suo motu cognisance of the issue and order a comprehensive judicial probe.

Speaking at the India Today Conclave in Kochi, Kerala, KTR firmly ruled out any political alliance with the Bharatiya Janata Party, clarifying that both parties hold fundamentally divergent ideologies. He emphasized that BRS has never aligned with the BJP over the past 26 years, having contested the 2014, 2018, and 2023 Assembly elections independently.

KTR strongly opposed the Centre proposed parliamentary delimitation process, warning that population-based seat allocation threatens to penalize southern states that successfully implemented family planning programs. He noted that the southern contribution to national population dropped



from 24 per cent historically to 19 per cent currently.

Questioning why state Assembly seats were increased in Assam and Jammu Kashmir but omitted in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana, KTR alleged the BJP ignored Telugu states due to limited local political influence. Discarding assurances offered by Union Home Minister Amit Shah, he insisted BRS will support parliamentary expansion only if Assembly seats increase proportionately. Reacting to Chief Minister Revanth Reddy recent

controversial comments regarding Lord Rama and Lord Shiva, KTR accused national parties of distracting voters from real priorities. He remarked that while the BJP attempts to divide the nation on religious lines, the Congress Chief Minister is dividing citizens based on deities. Expressing deep concern over political discourse, KTR questioned why mainstream national parties refuse to engage in meaningful debate over job creation, electoral guarantees, economic development, and public welfare.

IITH, AIIMS experts brainstorm over technology-driven healthcare solutions

- **Rural, tribal healthcare access on agenda**
- **Institutions eye joint research initiatives**
- **Focus shifts from benchside to bedside**
- **Experts discuss scalable healthcare technologies**
- **IITH, AIIMS Bibinagar plan joint projects**

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HEADS of Department and faculty at IIT Hyderabad and experts from AIIMS Bibinagar met on Wednesday to explore how to combine technological and clinical expertise to address healthcare challenges in India.

The discussions covered medicine, engineering, Artificial Intelligence, biomedical sciences and digital healthcare, focusing on identifying complementary capabilities



Prof BS Murty, Director, IIT Hyderabad; Prof Amita Aggarwal, Executive Director, AIIMS Bibinagar; Prof G Narahari Sastry, Dean of Sponsored Research and Consultancy, IIT Hyderabad; and Prof Rahul Narang, Dean of Research, AIIMS Bibinagar, met on Wednesday to explore collaborations combining technological and clinical expertise to address healthcare challenges in India

to develop clinically relevant technologies.

The broader vision emerging from the meeting was to bring together experts in technology and medicine to develop robust and scalable solutions for country’s healthcare challenges. IIT Hyderabad has expertise in Artificial Intelligence, drug discovery, molecular biology, advanced materials, biomedical engineering, medical devices, imaging, sensors, nanotechnology and

digital technologies. AIIMS Bibinagar brings expertise in infectious diseases, oncology, orthodontics, orthopaedics and healthcare delivery.

Potential areas of collaboration discussed include AI-enabled healthcare, digital health and telemedicine, medical devices and advanced implants, disease research, and technologies to improve healthcare access. Representatives from both institutions also discussed plans to work with Sam-

akka Sarakka Central Tribal University, Mulugu, on initiatives to improve healthcare access for rural and tribal communities.

The discussions are being pursued under the leadership of Prof BS Murty, Director, IIT Hyderabad, and Prof Amita Aggarwal, Executive Director, AIIMS Bibinagar. Prof G Narahari Sastry, Dean of Sponsored Research and Consultancy at IIT Hyderabad, facilitated the meeting. Prof Rahul Narang, Dean

of Research at AIIMS Bibinagar, led the delegation from their institute. This meeting is part of Prof. Murty’s ongoing efforts to engage with clinicians and healthcare professionals and explore how to apply the IITH’s developed state-of-the-art technology to healthcare.

The two institutions have decided to continue to identify specific areas and projects for collaboration, aiming to develop joint research and technology-development initiatives and create pathways to translate research into healthcare applications.

Prof. G. Narahari Sastry, Dean, School of Research and Consultancy, IIT Hyderabad, said, “Our collaboration needs to expand from individual partnerships to large programmes that bring IIT Hyderabad and AIIMS Bibinagar together as institutions.” “Our goal is to go from benchside to bedside, translating scientific discoveries made in the laboratory into practical medical care,” said Dr Maheshwar Lakireddy, Professor and Head of Orthopaedics, AIIMS Bibinagar.

Water crisis result of state’s negligence: TG BJP chief

VRC PHANIHARAN
NAGARJUNSAGAR

DRYING groundwater, withering crops and reduced power supply are hurting farmers across the state due to the government’s negligence, alleged BJP Telangana State unit president N Ramchander Rao.

After visiting the Nagarjuna Sagar project and Kanagal and Nalgonda rural mandals during his Nalgonda district tour on Wednesday, he said cultivation across thousands of acres depended entirely on borewells. Though the Congress government claimed to be supplying power for 12 to 15 hours, farmers were receiving only about five hours, leaving crops to wither.

He said people and children in villages were suffering due to the heat and mosquito menace as fans could not run. He alleged that the State government was blaming the Centre for the power shortage by citing coal scarcity instead of improving coordination between Genco and Discoms and effectively utilising thermal, hydel, solar and Chhattisgarh power.

Ramachander Rao also criticised Congress leaders



BJP State unit President N Ramchander Rao, along with the party cadre, visits Nagarjuna Sagar dam site in Nalgonda district on Wednesday

Rahul Gandhi and Priyanka Gandhi for promising a crop insurance scheme better than the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana at the Warangal Rythu Declaration meeting, but allegedly failing to provide minimum insurance protection after coming to power.

He demanded that the government seek immediate release of water from upstream Almati and Narayanpur reservoirs to meet Hyderabad’s drinking water needs.

Criticising the previous KCR government for agreeing to a 299 TMC Krishna

water allocation, he said both the BRS and Congress had neglected Telangana’s interests. He demanded that the State present a strong case before the KRMB and Apex Council.

He said the crisis could have been mitigated by constructing reservoir tanks at Jurala to store surplus floodwater. He also pointed to the RDS project, whose 15 TMC capacity has reportedly been reduced to five TMC due to lack of desilting, and alleged that governments had neglected smaller projects while spending heavily on mega projects.

Stung by rising costs, gig workers seek better wages from platforms

MM FAROOQUI
HYDERABAD

THE Gig and Platform workers urged the state government to review payment rates offered by food delivery and quick-commerce platforms, including Zomato, Swiggy, Zepto and Blinkit. The worker has called for fair and sustainable earnings for delivery workers amid rising operating costs and unstable incomes.

The Telangana Gig and Platform Workers Union (TGPWU) appealed to Minister Vivek Venkatswamy and Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy to intervene and examine the payment structures followed by these platforms.

The union said delivery workers are facing increasing financial pressure due to low payouts, rising fuel prices, vehicle maintenance expenses and fluctuating order volumes.



The union has demanded a payment system that takes into account the time, distance and expenses involved in completing each delivery. It has also called for greater transparency in the way platforms calculate delivery payments, incentives, penalties and deductions.

TGPWU Founder President Shaik Salauddin said that the delivery workers in Hyderabad have also reported a decline in daily earnings as operating costs increase.

In May 2026, workers raised the issue that their daily income had fallen from

around Rs 800 to Rs 550-Rs 600 after accounting for rising fuel and other expenses. Workers also said that payments for individual orders could be as low as Rs 11 – Rs 20.

According to the union, delivery workers bear several work-related expenses themselves, including fuel, vehicle maintenance, insurance, mobile data charges and loan or EMI payments. Unlike conventional employees, gig workers' earnings can also vary depending on order availability, incentives and changes in platform policies.

CBI cracks pharma-CGHS bribery nexus

- Bribery alleged in medicine procurement
- Drugs allegedly procured at inflated rates
- Government staff accused of taking bribes
- Private firms allegedly colluded with officials
- Suspicious financial transfers detected
- Bills cleared without physical verification
- Procurement irregularities flagged in audit
- Medical shops allegedly acted as intermediaries
- Probe underway to identify more accused

MOULI MAREEDU
HYDERABAD

Cases were booked against Lorven Pharma and Surgicals, its proprietor, representative Madupaduga Ramanaiah, assistant manager E Venu Gopal, New SS Medical and General Stores, its representative T Chiranjeevi, Telukupalli Bharani, former Bengaluru CGHS employee M Saravanan, former Kothapet CGHS senior pharmacist T YLN Murthy,



Secunderabad CGHS senior health administrator Ponnala Mahesh, and former CGHS pharmacist S Krishna Murthy.

The Anti-Corruption Branch of the investigating agency revealed that CGHS authorities issued procurement orders for various essential medicines, including Antioxidents, Sacubitril 24 mg with Valsartan 26 mg, Sitagliptin 50 mg, and Metformin 500 mg. Officials T

YLN Murthy and S Krishna Murthy were tasked with monitoring medicine supplies from external vendors. However, investigating officers established that the accused government personnel colluded with private pharmaceutical management orders for various essential medicines, including Antioxidents, Sacubitril 24 mg with Valsartan 26 mg, Sitagliptin 50 mg, and Metformin 500 mg. Officials T

pending bills without required physical verification.

Simultaneously, the agency uncovered suspicious financial transactions involving substantial monetary transfers between public servants and private pharmaceutical staff. Preliminary audit findings highlighted widespread irregularities during official procurement from private suppliers, confirming that selected medical shops acted as financial intermediaries to facilitate illicit payments between pharmaceutical executives and government employees. Coordinated investigations remain underway to uncover the complete extent of the bribery network and identify additional officials involved in the medical procurement scam.

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CHANGE OF NAME

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CHANGE OF NAME

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Cong ignored BCs in MLC polls, alleges Talasani

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HYDERABAD

BRSRP deputy leader Talasani Srinivas Yadav on Wednesday questioned the ruling party whether there were no eligible Backward Classes leaders to contest Legislative Council elections under the Graduates quota. Addressing a press conference, Srinivas Yadav alleged that Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy was actively misleading Backward Classes.

He pointed out that former Chief Ministers NT Rama Rao, N Chandrababu Naidu, YS Rajasekhara Reddy, and K Chandrashekar

Rao previously passed Assembly resolutions seeking enhanced reservations. Srinivas Yadav emphasised that despite strong community movements, Congress allocated both seats to upper castes, asking whether Backward Classes had not voted for Congress or lacked

qualified graduates. Stating that candidate selection rested entirely in administration hands, he asserted voters must teach Congress a harsh lesson.

Echoing similar sentiments, MLC Dasoju Sravan stated that Congress leader Rahul Gandhi preached moral values during his Bharat Jodo Yatra while party leadership in Telangana stifles community voices.

Sravan alleged Congress severely compromised Backward Classes self-respect, pointing out that individuals like Chanagani Dayakar were denied opportunities and treated poorly.

Aerobic composters, biogas plants planned in Malkajgiri

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HYDERABAD

MALKAJGIRI Municipal Corporation Commissioner T Vinay Krishna Reddy reviewed the implementation of projects being undertaken under SBMU 2.0 and the progress of pending works during a review meeting on the progress of SBMU 2.0 projects within the Malkajgiri Municipal Corporation limits on Wednesday.

The officers were instructed to continuously monitor the implementation of projects at the field level, expedite pending works and ensure that all works are started and completed within the specified timeframe. The Commissioner ordered the establishment

of aerobic composters in all gated communities under the MMC to process wet waste scientifically at source. He suggested reducing the transportation burden by processing waste at the source and encouraging the conversion of organic waste into compost.

The Commissioner directed officials to identify and register bulk waste generators under the MMC and take steps to establish biogas plants on their premises so that the wet waste generated by them can be effectively utilised.

He suggested linking the remaining coconut shell traders under the MMC with coir industries. He said a proper collection, transportation and linkage

system should be created to ensure that coconut shells are not discarded carelessly but are instead utilised in coir industries.

The Commissioner advised officials to involve women members of self-help groups in converting flower waste into value-added products.

He instructed officials to take steps to scientifically process flower waste and provide training in making eco-friendly products such as dhooop sticks and incense sticks. He said the programme should be designed to provide skill development and employment opportunities to women self-help group members alongside flower waste management.

BJP MLA seeks Governor's intervention on tribal issues

HYDERABAD: BJP Deputy Floor Leader and Adilabad MLA Payal Shankar led a delegation of tribal families to Lok Bhavan on Wednesday and met Governor Shri Pratap Shukla, submitting a petition seeking resolution of their issues.

He brought to the Governor's notice that around 500 tribal families have been living in Komuram Bheem Colony in Survey No. 72 of Battisavargam village in Mavala mandal for nearly 30 years, but have not been granted house plots or recognised house-site rights.

Due to the lack of recognised rights, the families are facing difficulties in accessing basic facilities and government welfare schemes, besides electricity and safe drinking water. He requested the Governor to order a thorough field-level inquiry and direct the of-

ficials to issue house plots to eligible families as per the rules.

The MLA explained the problems faced by the tribal families in detail. The Governor assured the delegation that the issue would be brought to the State government's attention and efforts would be made to resolve it.

The tribal families, along with MLA Payal Shankar, felicitated the Governor as per their tradition and expressed their gratitude.

Later, speaking to the media, Payal Shankar said he had raised the problems of the tribal families several times in the Assembly, but the government had failed to take action.

"If the problem is not resolved within a month, we will hold a dharna in front of the Secretariat along with 2,000 families living there," he warned.

RTC buses skip stop, students hit the road

MM FAROOQUI
HYDERABAD

SCHOOL students on Wednesday staged a dharna at Saibaba Nagar in Quthbullapur, in the jurisdiction of Suraram Police Station, protesting against RTC buses allegedly failing to stop at the designated bus stop. The protest caused traffic disruption as students sat on the road and blocked RTC buses. At several points, students reportedly stood in front of buses that passed the bus stop without stopping, demanding that the services halt at the designated stop.

The students said they had already submitted representations to the depot manager highlighting the difficulties faced by students, employees and

elderly passengers due to buses not stopping at Saibaba Nagar. However, they alleged that no action had been taken so far.

The shortage of buses on the route has also forced commuters to travel in overcrowded buses. Students said hanging from footboards has become a common sight, with even girl students facing difficulties while travelling during peak hours.

"The IT sector has its own pick-and-drop facilities for employees, while students are forced to travel in overcrowded RTC buses due to the low frequency of services in the city and its outskirts," a protesting student said.

The students alleged that although the corporation operates limited services on

several stretches in Quthbullapur, additional facilities are being provided for employees working in the IT sector. They urged the RTC authorities to increase the frequency of buses and introduce additional mini-buses for students during peak hours.

"We have already brought the issue to the notice of the depot manager, but there has been no response. At least additional mini-buses should be operated during peak hours so that students can travel safely," a student said. The agitation led to severe traffic snarls in the area, inconveniencing motorists and other commuters. The students urged RTC authorities to address the issue at the earliest and ensure that buses stop at the Saibaba Nagar bus stop.

Cong to put onus on MLAs, MPs for winning Graduate MLC seats

- Congress announces two Graduate MLC candidates
- Polls scheduled for March 2027
- Party to mobilise MLAs, MPs and MLCs
- Congress may get CPI support in NKW
- Ramreddy Damodar Reddy is NKW candidate
- Congress cites support of seven AIMIM MLAs
- Grassroots outreach planned across six districts
- DCC chiefs, local representatives to join campaign

VENKATESHWARLU KOLISHETTY HYDERABAD

THE Congress has announced its candidates for the two Graduate MLC constituencies — Hyderabad-Rangareddy-Mahbubnagar (HRM) and Nalgonda-Khammam-Warangal (NKW) — and is preparing to mobilise its organisational network and elected representatives for the elections scheduled for March 2027.

According to party sources, the Congress is taking the Graduate MLC elections prestigiously and is likely to entrust MLAs, MLCs and MPs with coordinating the campaign and securing support across the six erstwhile districts covered by the two constituencies. DCC presidents, corporation chairpersons and other public representatives, including sarpanches, are also expected

to be involved. The Congress has substantial strength among elected representatives across the three erstwhile districts comprising the NKW constituency. It has 11 MLAs and two MPs in erstwhile Nalgonda, eight MLAs and two MPs in Khammam, and 10 MLAs and two MPs in Warangal. The party has 29 of the 34 Assembly seats across the three districts. It may also get the support of its friendly party CPI, which has one MLA and one MLC in the constituency.

The Congress also has Ministers representing the three erstwhile districts and the support of CPI representatives. Party leaders are expected to coordinate with elected representatives and organisational leaders to

reach graduate voters in support of Congress candidate Ramreddy Sarvotham Reddy. Party sources feel coordinated efforts by MLAs, MLCs and MPs would strengthen the campaign.

The political arithmetic is different in the HRM constituency, where the BRS has a sizeable Assembly presence. The Congress has 18 MLAs among the 43 Assembly constituencies covering the three erstwhile districts. The party has Chief Minister, three Ministers and the Speaker from the constituency and is expected to work harder to secure victory for its candidate.

According to party sources, the Congress also has the support of seven AIMIM MLAs and five BRS MLAs who have joined the party. In

erstwhile Mahbubnagar, the Congress has 12 MLAs and one MP, while it has no MP from erstwhile Hyderabad and Rangareddy.

Congress represents Pargi, Vikarabad and Tandur, while Ibrahimpatnam is represented by Malreddy Ranga Reddy.

In erstwhile Hyderabad, the BRS, AIMIM, Congress and BJP have representation, with five, seven, two and one seats respectively. In erstwhile Rangareddy, the BRS retains significant presence, with MLAs representing Medchal, Malkajgiri, Quthbullapur, Kukatpally, Uppal, LB Nagar, Maheswar, Serilingampally and Chevella. The Congress is expected to involve MLAs, MPs, MLCs, DCC presidents, corporation chairpersons and other local representatives in grassroots outreach and mobilisation of eligible graduate voters.

Telangana RTC Workers' Union gets INTUC affiliation

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THE Telangana RTC Workers Union has been granted affiliation with the Indian National Trade Union Congress, national president and former MP G Sanjeeva Reddy announced on Wednesday. Addressing a press conference, Sanjeeva Reddy appealed to road transport corporation employees to back union president Mogulla Raji Reddy and vote for the Arrow symbol in the recognized trade union elections scheduled for October 9. He stated that the Congress party extended its full support to the union, committing to championing the demand for merging the transport corporation with the government while safeguarding the public utility.

Sanjeeva Reddy emphasized that following this affiliation, the national trade body will actively work towards strengthening organizational structures and resolving long pending employee grievances. He revealed that affiliated units SWU and TWU have joined hands under the common banner to secure victory for the alliance led by Mogulla Raji Reddy. Following the upcoming elections, both entities will formally merge to operate as a unified single organization named Telangana RTC Workers Union. Urging workforce solidarity behind the Arrow symbol, Sanjeeva Reddy assured members that concerted efforts would be made to resolve outstanding workplace issues and apply sustained pressure on the state administration to complete the corporate merger with the government.



**GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA
REVENUE (LA) DEPARTMENT**
FORM - C
NOTIFICATION
(Under Section-11 of the Act where 10 A Exemption is given)
(See rule 6/12)

**Gazette No.GHMC-38
No. C/946/2026**

Dated: 24-09-2026
Whereas it appears to the Government of Telangana/Special Collector (LA) & Commissioner, GHMC, that a total of **11894.36 Sq. Yds** land is required in Nadargul Village, Balapur Mandal, Ranga Reddy District for public purpose namely, for acquisition of land affected under **proposed 100 ft Wide Road from "Badangpet Main Road to Thurkayamjal via Ramalayam Nadargul in Badangpet" - Under Corridor No.24 on the Right Hand Side (62) Properties.**

Therefore it is notified that for the above said project in Nadargul Village, Balapur Mandal, Ranga Reddy District land measuring more or less 11894.36 Sq. Yds of Standard measurement, whose detail description is as following, is proposed for acquisition:

Sl. No.	Premises No/ Sy.No.	Type of Title	Extent in Sq. Yds.	Name of person interested	Boundaries	Trees	Structures						
					North	East	West	Variety	Number	Type			
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
1	4-131	Owner -	2.02	J. Babaiah						-	-	IZ	
2	4-132	Owner -	63.49	J. Srinivas						-	-	2P	
3	3-6	Owner -	92.26	Jella Jangaiah						-	-	2P	
4	11-3-Na0010	Owner -	132.72	Jella Srikanth						-	-	IZ+Open	
5	Open Plot	Owner -	161.05	Nagaraju						-	-	Open Plot	
6	Open Plot	Owner -	150.78	Aniurudh						-	-	Open + IZ	
7	Open Plot	Owner -	207.88	Koteswar						-	-	Open Plot	
8	Open Plot	Owner -	327.12	G. Indrashekhar Reddy						-	-	Open Plot	
9	3-11	Owner -	246.71	G. Sanjeeva Reddy, G. Krishna Reddy						-	-	Open + IZ	
10	Open Plot	Owner -	145.89	Anjaiah						-	-	Open Plot	
11	3-12	Owner -	105.68	Sayed Siraj						-	-	IZ + IZ	
12	3-13	Owner -	110.13	Sayed Siddique						-	-	Sai Ram Tent	
13	3-14/A/1	Owner -	273.73	Ankangari Ravi & Others						-	-	Open Plot	
14	3-15	Owner -	64.72	P Venkateshwar Rao						-	-	Open Plot	
15	3-16	Owner -	122.36	Sayed Mohin						-	-	Open Plot	
16	3-16	Owner -	185.7	Sayed Mohin						-	-	IZ	
17	3-17	Owner -	148.66	Marri Lalitha						-	-	Open + 2P	
18	3-17	Owner -	100.71	Marri Lalitha						-	-	Open	
19	3-19	Owner -	357.61	M. Shivakumar						-	-	IZ	
20	Open Plot	Owner -	66.59	Jeevan Reddy						-	-	IZ	
21	Open Plot	Owner -	94.07	Owner						-	-	2P	
22	3-20	Owner -	146.33	Marri Srinivas Reddy						-	-	Kids Zone School IP	
23	3-23	Owner -	193	Municipal Ward Office						-	-	IP + Open	
24	Open Plot	Owner -	23.59	Owner						-	-	Open Plot	
25	3-24	Owner -	138.38	Jakkidi Ramreddy						-	-	IP	
26	3-25	Owner -	103.69	Sama Yadi Reddy						-	-	Open Plot	
27	3-26	Owner -	84.15	Sama Yadi Reddy						-	-	Open	
28	3-27	Owner -	68.14	Sama Buchi Reddy						-	-	3P	
29	3-34	Owner -	44.52	Sama Buchi Reddy						-	-	IZ Shed + IZ	
30	Open Plot	Owner -	108.46	Kandadi Venkat Reddy						-	-	IZ + Open	
31	3-46	Owner -	135.4	Thota Sathi Reddy						-	-	IP + Open	
32	3-47	Owner -	83.37	Katikareddy Srinivas Reddy						-	-	Open + IZ Shed	
33	3-49	Owner -	224.43	Y Dayakar Reddy						-	-	2P + Open	
34	3-50	Owner -	138.89	Thota Sidhar Reddy						-	-	2P + Open	
35	3-53 & 54	Owner -	131.38	Thota Srikanth Reddy						-	-	3P	
36	Open Plot	Owner -	140.35	S Naresh						-	-	Open Plot	
37	3-55	Owner -	70.31	Kaleem Neelamma						-	-	2P + Open	
38	3-56	Owner -	83.74	Kaleem Rajireddy						-	-	1P	
39	Open Plot	Owner -	181.99	T Manish Yadav						-	-	Open Plot	
40	Open Plot	Owner -	97.7	T Bikshapathi						-	-	Open Plot	
41	3-72	Owner -	110.34	T Kamaraiah						-	-	2P	
42	3-73	Owner -	128.59	T Illaiah						-	-	2P + Open	
43	3-81/2	Owner -	44.73	N Jangaiah						-	-	3P	
44	3-81/1	Owner -	61.22	N Satyanarayanna						-	-	3P + Open	
45	3-82	Owner -	138.6	T Bikshapathi						-	-	3P + Open	
46	3-82/1	Owner -	148.67	T Bikshapathi						-	-	3P + Open	
47	Open Plot	Owner -	116.75	T Bikshapathi						-	-	Open + IZ	
48	3-83	Owner -	131.98	T Sidhar Reddy						-	-	Open	
49	3-84	Owner -	131.34	Kova Srisailam						-	-	Open + IZ	
50	3-92/1	Owner -	85.33	Kova Illaiah						-	-	2P + 2P	
51	Open Plot	Owner -	89.89	Open Space						-	-	Open	
52	Open Plot	Owner -	138.79	Jayalakshmi						-	-	Open	
53	Open Plot	Owner -	332.89	Katikareddy Ramreddy						-	-	Open land	
54	Open Plot	Owner -	379.23	Owner						-	-	Open land	
55	3-96	Owner -	189.41	N Jangaiah Yadav						-	-	Open land	
56	-	Owner -	-	-						-	-	-	
57	Open Plot	Owner -	193.26	Owner						-	-	2P	
58	3-126	Owner -	187.35	Y Shanker Reddy						-	-	2P	
59	Open Plot	Owner -	284.22	Owner						-	-	Open Land	
60	Open Plot	Owner -	1316.28	Owner						-	-	Open Land	
61	Open Plot	Owner -	178.16	Owner						-	-	Open + IP	
62	Open Land	Owner -	2'09.63	Owner						-	-	Open land	
	Total		11894.36										

This Notification is made under the provisions of Section-11(1) of the Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2013 (Central Act no.30/2013), as amended by the Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement (Telangana Amendment) Act, 2016 (Act No. 21 of 2017) to all whom it may concern

A plan of the land may be inspected in the office of the Special Collector (LA) & Commissioner, GHMC, Hyderabad on any working day during the working hours. The Government of Telangana/Special Collector (LA) & Commissioner, GHMC, Hyderabad-cum-Appropriate Government is pleased to authorize Officer i.e., Special Deputy Collector, Land Acquisition, GHMC, Hyderabad and his staff to enter upon and survey land, take levels of any land, dig or bore into the sub-soil & do all other acts required for the proper execution of their work as provided and specified in Section -12 of the said Act.

Under Section 11 (4) of the Act, no person shall make any transaction or cause any transaction of land i.e. sale / purchase, etc., or create any encumbrances on such land from the date of publication of such Notification without prior approval of the Special Collector (LA) & Commissioner, GHMC, Hyderabad.

Objections to the acquisition if any, and claims from all the persons interested/affected for settlement by negotiation of the compensation, may be filed by the person interested in the land within 60 (sixty) days from the date of publication of this Notification as provided under Section 15 of the Act before Special Collector (LA) & Commissioner, GHMC, Hyderabad/Authorized officer.

Sd/- Special Deputy Collector, LA, GHMC, Hyderabad.

Sd/- Special Collector (LA) & Commissioner, GHMC, Hyderabad

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I-T dept probes Bheem Reddy's benami cash trail

HYDERABAD: In a major development, Income-Tax (I-T) department officials have swung into action over the benami activities of suspended DSP K Bheem Reddy and the alleged possession of unaccounted cash by one of his benamis.

In continuation of the investigation, the ACB, which initiated action against Bheem Reddy, had found alleged benami transactions. During its raids, the ACB recently searched the premises of one of Bheem Reddy's benamis, Bomma Venkatesh, in Hyderabad and Zaheerabad. The agency found Venkatesh in possession of Rs 1.35 crore in cash and registered a case.

Following the incident, I-T officials swung into action and reportedly recovered the unaccounted cash from the ACB. The I-T department reportedly registered cases under provisions relating to possession of unaccounted cash and the Benami Transactions (Prohibition) Act against Venkatesh and others. Notices were also served on Venkatesh, directing him to submit complete details of the source of the income. The cash was reportedly collected by Venkatesh from suspended DSP Bheem Reddy. Earlier, the ACB had established financial transactions between Bheem Reddy and Venkatesh. The agency also verified the bank accounts of Bheem Reddy and his alleged benami holders.

The I-T department has reportedly collected details from the ACB for further investigation into the case.

NIMS official suspended after ₹80-cr assets probe

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NIZAM Institute of Medical Sciences officials on Wednesday placed additional medical superintendent Nori Lakshmi Bhaskar under suspension following his recent arrest for financial irregularities. The disciplinary action follows extensive Anti-Corruption Bureau raids conducted across his residence and properties belonging to relatives, unearthing massive disproportionate assets. Investigating officers estimated that the accused official amassed movable and immovable assets worth Rs 80 crore, including substantial funds invested under benami names across multiple locations. NIMS authorities confirmed that the official remains suspended pending further official orders.

RED CHILLI FIELDS SPRING TO LIFE AFTER RAINS



Farmers transplant red chilli saplings using plastic mulch sheets in a field at Madanapalle village in Eturnagaram mandal of Mulugu district. Agricultural activity in the region has picked up following recent rains, with farmers hoping for favourable weather and remunerative yields this season

Photo: Srinivas Setty

TGCSB equips students with shiksha to stave off cyber threats in Hyd'bad

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IN a significant initiative to promote cyber safety awareness among children and young citizens, the Telangana Cyber Security Bureau (TGCSB), in collaboration with Samagra Shiksha, Telangana, and Child Rights and You (CRY), organised a state-wide live interaction and awareness programme on cyber safety through T-SAT on Wednesday.

The programme was organised as part of the observance of October as

Cybersecurity Awareness Month, dedicated to promoting greater awareness and responsible digital practices among citizens.

Titled Cyber Safety – Open Forum with Students, the programme provided students an opportunity to interact directly with Shikha Goel, Home Secretary, and Director, Telangana Cyber Security Bureau (TGCSB), and raise questions on cyber safety, online risks and responsible digital behaviour. She engaged them with a practical game and highlighted the importance of PAUSE.

Former BJP corporator faces case over school remarks

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SAROORNAGAR police registered cases against former BJP corporator Akula Srivani and others on Wednesday for allegedly making objectionable comments capable of flaring communal tension. According to police, Akula Srivani alongside party activists visited a local school, targeting teaching

staff with abusive remarks concerning a religion and place of worship.

Despite teachers responding calmly to queries, the former corporator made inflammatory statements. Following widespread circulation of the video on social media platforms, police initiated legal action and confirmed seeking legal advice regarding further proceedings.

Kolkata Metro crosses new frontiers beneath Hooghly

- Kolkata Metro began services in 1984
- Network expands to 73.42 km
- Hooghly tunnels built 13m below river bed
- Under-river Metro opened in March 2024
- Howrah station is 30m underground
- Daily ridership rises to 2.04 lakh
- Four major corridors under construction
- 23.60 crore passengers travelled in 2025-26

GOUDA SWIYACHANDRA KOLKATA

A Metro journey beneath the Hooghly river marks a major milestone in Kolkata's urban transport transformation, expanding from India's first 3.4-km stretch in 1984 to 73.42 km across five colour-coded lines. Begun in 1972, commercial services started on October 24, 1984, between Esplanade and Bhowanipore, now Netaji Bhavan, grow-



An official information pillar and route map outside the Esplanade Metro station displaying the Kolkata Metro system map and commuter guidelines

ing to 58 stations by 2025 across northern, southern, eastern, and central areas.

The Green Line under-river section features twenty 520-metre tunnels constructed 13 metres below the river bed using Earth Pressure Balancing Tunnel Boring Machines through stiff clayey silt in a record 66 days. Commercial operations on the 4.8-km Howrah Maidan to Esplanade section, built at Rs 4,965 crore, began on March 15, 2024. Howrah



Commuters waiting on the platform behind automated screen doors at a Kolkata Metro station



Passengers boarding a Kolkata Metro train as the automated platform screen doors open

station, located 30 metres underground, is among India's deepest. Complete operations on the 16.55-km Green Line concluded with the Esplanade to Sealdah link in August 2025, slashing travel time from 40–45 minutes by road to 11 minutes by Metro and boosting daily ridership from 78,000 to 2.04 lakh passengers.

Metro expansion accelerated significantly, adding 45 km between 2014 and 2025 compared to 28 km between 1972 and 2014.



A Metro train navigating through an underground tunnel illuminated by blue lighting

achieved a breakthrough at Victoria station on the Purple Line, completing the Khidderpore drive started in July 2025. Traffic diversions at Chingrighata crossing will facilitate Orange Line viaduct work towards the airport. Metro Railway General Manager Prem Sagar Gupta confirmed Kolkata Metro carried 23.60 crore passengers during 2025–26, while digital ticketing expands via the Aamar Kolkata Metro application.

India cautions US against Pak’s role in promoting terror

INDIA has rightly warned the United States against its growing bonhomie with Pakistan. Speaking at the Asia Society Policy Institute, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar said, “There are very few countries which have been subjected to the kind of terrorism that we have from a neighbour as part of a deliberate, conscious policy over many, many decades.” Though he didn’t name Pakistan, as such, the reference was obvious, especially because the US itself has suffered because of Pakistan’s dalliance with jihadist terror. It is a well-known fact that Islamabad and Rawalpindi, the political and military capitals of Pakistan, have played both sides of terror; they aided, armed, and abetted jihadists on both its eastern and

western fronts, while feigning to help the American efforts to fight Islamists like Osama bin Laden and the Taliban. “Now, if something which matters so deeply to us, there isn’t enough understanding or appreciation or empathy of that, I think that creates a problem too. That you know if... one of my primary concerns is not fully appreciated by my partner, then clearly there is an impact of that on the relationship,” Jaishankar said, alluding to India-US ties.

He has a point. Washington has been claiming, and rightly so, that Tehran has been promoting jihad in the region; in fact, this is one of the factors resulting in the US-Israel alliance’s attack on Iran. At the same time, President Donald Trump was

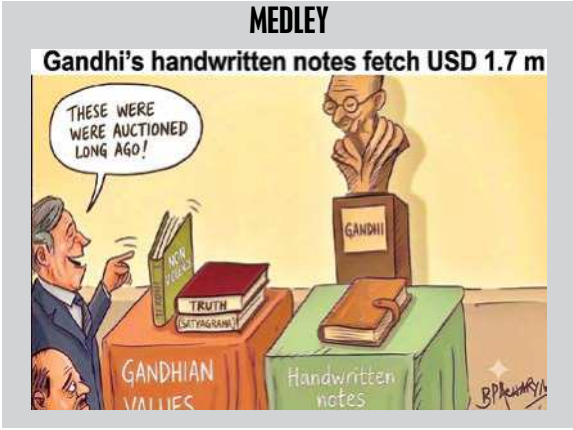
cosying up with Pakistan, especially its Field Marshal Asim Munir, who is the jihadist-in-chief of the notorious ‘terroristan’. Unfortunately, Pakistani leaders’ flattery and shenanigans fooled the world’s most powerful man. The dealings between Trump’s family members and the Pakistani establishment also reportedly cast their shadow on the US-Pakistan ties. While we have unambiguously conveyed our displeasure over the improving US-Pakistan relations, we must not go overboard, which we sometimes do—the recently concluded BRICS Summit in New Delhi being a case in point. Diplomacy is an exercise in balancing interests, not in expressing emotions. The US will pursue its own strategic, economic,

and geopolitical interests, just as India must pursue its own. Washington’s engagement with Islamabad may be uncomfortable for New Delhi, but it does not automatically follow that New Delhi should allow this discomfort to define the entire India-US relationship.

The two countries have substantial convergences in the Indo-Pacific, defence, technology, trade, energy security, and counterterrorism. These interests cannot be wished away because of fluctuations in America’s Pakistan policy. New Delhi should continue to remind Washington of Pakistan’s record of supporting and sheltering terrorist organisations, while avoiding the temptation to view every American-Pakistan in-

teraction as a diplomatic setback for India. At any rate, Americans are not so ignorant as to be unaware of Pakistan’s duplicity. India should also resist the urge to turn every multilateral forum into an arena for settling bilateral scores.

The BRICS Summit demonstrated the pitfalls of allowing geopolitical disagreements to overshadow larger economic and developmental objectives. India’s growing global stature demands strategic composure. One need to react to every move by another power; it must assess that move passionately, protect its core interests, and keep its diplomatic options open. That is the approach New Delhi should adopt towards the renewed US-Pakistan bonhomie.



LETTERS

Mining policy should think of affected communities

With reference to “Centre must pay heed to mineral-rich states” (THI, Sept 30). Mining can generate investment, employment and revenue, but the benefits should not come at the cost of communities living around mineral deposits. States hosting these resources face displacement, environmental degradation and pressure on local infrastructure. Any new mining framework should therefore include stronger safeguards for the affected communities. A defined share of mining-related revenue could be directed towards local health, education, roads and rehabilitation. Environmental clearances must remain rigorous and should not become a mere formality in the interest of faster extraction. The Centre and states should jointly monitor compliance and publish regular reports. A development model that combines mineral extraction with environmental responsibility and local welfare would make mining more sustainable and socially acceptable.

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Govt must spell out future mining arrangements

THIS refers to “Centre must pay heed to mineral-rich states” (THI, Sept 30). The disagreement over the proposed mining law also highlights the importance of policy certainty. Investors need clear rules, and governments must ensure that states are not suddenly deprived of legitimate revenue or decision-making space. Frequent changes in taxation, royalties or regulatory arrangements can create uncertainty for both industry and governments. The Centre should publish a clear framework explaining how existing and future mining arrangements will be treated. A formal consultation mechanism with mineral-producing states could prevent disputes before they reach the courts. Any retrospective financial implications should be handled carefully and transparently. Predictability, fair revenue-sharing and institutional dialogue can provide industry with confidence while respecting the constitutional position of states.

Swathi Senthilkumar, Coimbatore

Protect economic interests first

Regarding “Centre must pay heed to mineral-rich states” (THI, Sept 30), the proposed changes deserve examination from the standpoint of cooperative federalism. Natural resources may have national economic significance, but the states where minerals are extracted deal directly with the consequences of mining. Their participation in policy formulation is therefore essential. The Centre should convene a structured dialogue with mineral-rich states, industry representatives, local bodies and affected communities before implementing major changes. Differences over the law should be resolved through negotiation rather than prolonged political confrontation or litigation. At the same time, states should provide predictable approvals and ensure that regulatory processes remain efficient. A mutually agreed framework can protect national economic interests while giving states adequate fiscal space and communities a fair share of the benefits generated from their natural resources.

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Tech firms must adopt energy-efficient systems

THIS is further to the column “Creativity is destroying the environment” (THI Sept 30). Artificial intelligence is celebrated for the convenience it provides, but its environmental cost remains largely unexamined. Training GPT-3 alone is estimated to have evaporated about seven lakh litres of fresh water, and by 2027 global AI demand could equal the annual water use of 30 to 47 million people. In a country where nearly 60 crore people face severe water shortage, this cannot be ignored. Policymakers and technology companies must adopt energy-efficient systems, responsible water use and transparent disclosure.

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BENGALURU ONLINE

Congress launches Bharat Jodo 2.0 padyatra from Shikaripura

SHIVAMOGGA: The Karnataka Pradesh Congress Committee (KPCC) on Wednesday launched its 'Bharat Jodo 2.0' padyatra from Shikaripura in Shivamogga district, targeting 84 Assembly constituencies where the Congress was defeated in the 2023 Karnataka elections. The padyatra is being led by KPCC president B.K. Hariprasad and is planned as an 84-day programme covering 29 districts. Congress leaders said the initiative is aimed at strengthening the party organisation and increasing direct interaction with people in constituencies where the party lost in the previous Assembly election. The programme was launched from Kittadahalli in Shikaripura taluk. The march proceeded through Mattikote, Hosanagar Cross and Nelavagilu before heading towards Shikaripura town. According to Minister Madhu Bangarappa, around 10 km will be covered during the first day's padyatra.

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TALKING OF MANY THINGS

DR MOHAN KANDA

WHILE many things are needed for people to lead happy and contented lives, food, shelter, and clothing are universally accepted as the basic minimum requirements of human beings. There is in fact this adage in Telugu, which says that to have a home of one's own and to perform a marriage in the family are the most important challenges in an individual's life. In what follows, an attempt has been made to understand the role played by a shelter.

A shelter protects living beings from rain, strong winds, extreme climatic conditions, predators, and environmental dangers.

A home, on the other hand, is much more than a mere shelter. It is vital because it provides physical safety, emotional comfort, and a stable foundation for personal and family life. It is also a place of love, acceptance, and deep emotional support and offers a secure environment for all living beings. A home also serves as a central gathering place that binds family members together.

Organisations like Habitat for Humanity work globally to help families secure all lasting benefits in one's house.

Primitive shelters have

evolved into modern homes through major shifts in materials, permanence, and technology driven by human civilization. Prehistoric humans used natural geological formations, while nomadic groups built lightweight temporary huts using wood branches, animal hides, bones, and grass that were easy to assemble and dismantle. Once humans mastered the art of creating fire, some 400,000 years ago internal hearths transformed shelters into social hubs for cooking, warmth, and art.

After farming led to permanent settlements around 10,000 to 12,000 years ago, communities began to use sunbaked mud bricks, clay, and stone to build stronger walls, multi-room layouts, and courtyards for privacy.

In the medieval ages, engineering led to innovations and complex multi-storied concrete structures came up with piped water, and civic planning. Housing later diversified into peasant cottages, urban timber-framed townhouses, and fortified stone castles.

The advent of the industrial and modern eras, marked by industrial mass production, steel, iron, mass-produced brick, and glass was marked by high-density urban housing and skyscrapers.

Functional planning led to the contemporary smart and sustainable homes.

Modern residences use smart technology and green architecture, informed by climate automation, energy management, and high-speed connectivity, with eco-friendly designs using solar power, sustainable composite materials, and green roofs to fight climate change.

Providing concessional

Homemakers are people who manage a household and care for a family as their main daily occupation instead of working for external income. Their responsibilities include raising children, supporting family members, and acting as primary care givers. They also take care of cooking meals, cleaning, organizing spaces, and handling day-to-day operations.

housing loans from banking and financial institutions besides providing subsidised homes for the poor are now important socio-economic priorities for the central and state governments.

The word 'home', by itself, or in conjunction with other words, is also used to stand for several other things in different contexts and situations. For example, the stadium where a local, or 'home', team plays its matches is known as the 'home-ground'. Also, idiomatically, an area, environment, or topic that people know very well is called the 'home' ground, as they feel secure and in control because they understand the surroundings or the topic. A 'home run' in softball is another similar term.

An 'At Home' invitation stands for a highly traditional, formal style of invitation used to indicate that the host is holding a social gathering. Historically popular in 19th and 20th century high society, the format has evolved over time. The President of India and the Governors of States traditionally host an At Home, every year on Republic Day.

That expression, incidentally, triggers a somewhat unhappy though amusing

breeding ground after traveling a long distance away.

Animals do not need a map or prior training, as they possess the innate ability to know how to return to their homes, using natural tools such as the sun, stars, the Earth's magnetic field, smells, and visual memory, to navigate. Pigeons, for instance, are famous for flying hundreds of miles back to their exact loft, as are salmon fish, which swim across vast oceans and find the exact freshwater stream where they were born. Domesticated cats and dogs are also known to travel considerable distances across unfamiliar places to return to their owners. Yet another example is that of migratory birds, such as swallows and geese, which return to the same nests year after year.

An example of the word 'home' being used in conjunction with other words is 'homework', which is a set of academic tasks assigned to students by their teachers to be completed outside of regular class hours. And 'homemade' refers to anything made at home, on the premises, or through your own personal efforts rather than being mass-produced in a factory or bought from a store.

Homemakers are people who manage a household and care for a family as their main daily occupation instead of working for external income. Their responsibilities include raising children, supporting family members, and acting as primary caregivers. They also take care of cooking meals, cleaning, organizing spaces, and handling day-to-day operations. In addition, they attend to housekeeping chores, such

as shopping for household needs, budgeting, and maintaining the home environment.

In India, the Union 'Home' Ministry is a government department responsible for a country's internal security, domestic law and order, and public safety.

The virtues of a home have often been a favourite subject matter for authors and composers. 'Home Sweet Home', for example, is an expression used when someone returns home after being away to show that they are happy to be back. The expression "Be it ever so humble, there's no place like home", is another example, which originates from the song "Home, Sweet Home!", written for an opera.

The reference I made earlier in this article to the homing instinct, makes me recall an incident which caused me acute embarrassment when I was on a visit to the wonderful city of Kiel in Germany years ago, in connection with a lecture to be delivered in the University there. I have been blessed with the great virtue of being able to lose my way home, even within the colony where we reside in Hyderabad. And the city of Kiel afforded me a great opportunity to test the power of that trait of mine. In the four days that I spent there, not even on one occasion, out of a hundred or so, did I fail to break out into a nervous sweat, out of fear that I would never find my way back to the hotel where I was staying.

Each time, invariably, I just managed to return to it, having desperately sought directions from at least a dozen passersby!

(The writer was formerly Chief Secretary, Government of Andhra Pradesh)

The architecture of inclusion: How Sukumar Sen built a republic of voters

NOMULA SRINIVAS RAO

“Democracy begins not with the politician. It begins with the voter.”

In 1950, a newly sovereign nation embarked on the most ambitious democratic experiment in human history. India was a vast, deeply diverse landscape recovering from the trauma of Partition, where nearly 85 per cent of the population was illiterate and infrastructure was virtually non-existent. There were no digital databases, no standardised identification cards, no automated networks, and no modern technology.

Into this monumental void stepped Sukumar Sen, an ICS officer appointed as India's first Chief Election Commissioner (CEC).

Tasked with executing the inaugural general election, Sen did not merely manage a bureaucratic process; he helped build the foundational instinct of Indian democracy. His mission was as radical in its simplicity as it was staggering in its scope: find every citizen, register them,

and give them a voice. Today, as contemporary political discourse grows increasingly obsessed with lists, exclusions, and deletions, returning to Sen's original vision offers a vital reminder of what it truly takes to sustain a government of the people.

The enrolment epic

The logistics facing Sen and his team were unprecedented. India's electorate in 1950 spanned over 17 crore voters—a demographic larger than the combined populations of the United States and western Europe at the time. To enroll them, thousands of election workers traveled on foot, by bullock cart, on horseback, and aboard boats. They trekked across the snow-bound valleys of Himachal Pradesh, crossed the arid expanses of Rajasthan, and navigated the dense forests of the Northeast.

They went door to door and village to village to compile the electoral rolls from scratch. When social stigmas prevented many women in northern states from giving

Technology is a powerful amplifier, but it must serve the original ethos established in 1950. A database should be a bridge to participation, never a barrier. When administrative systems prioritise procedural rigidity over universal access, they risk eroding the trust that Sen worked so tirelessly to forge.



Sukumar Sen

of formal education, could cast a secret ballot with dignity and confidence.

Building vs. maintaining- The founding instinct:

Sukumar Sen and the architects of early India did not inherit a functional democracy; they had to construct one out of hope, determination, and civic faith. Because they built it from the ground up, they understood a fundamental truth that often gets lost in modern administration: the strength of a republic is measured by its capacity to include, not its efficiency at weeding out.

The state seeks out the voter

In recent decades, admin-

istrative focus has subtly shifted. Where the founding impulse was driven by a relentless urge to expand the circle of participation, modern election machinery is frequently pre-occupied with verification algorithms, identity cross-checks, and purging records. While accurate rolls are essential for integrity, an over-emphasis on deletion risks transforming a welcoming public apparatus into a defensive gatekeeper.

Reclaiming the citizen-centric republic:

When Gyanesh Kumar assumed office as Chief Election Commissioner in 2024, he inherited a sophisticated electoral machinery powered by instant digital verification, advanced satellite communications, and millions of Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs). Yet, despite these vast technological leaps, the central challenge of democracy remains unchanged: ensuring that no legitimate voice is silenced or left behind.

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the original ethos established in 1950. A database should be a bridge to participation, never a barrier. When administrative systems prioritise procedural rigidity over universal access, they risk eroding the trust that Sen worked so tirelessly to forge.

The founders of India understood that politicians do not create democracy; citizens do. The act of placing a mark on a ballot is the primary assertion of human equality in a complex society. As Indian democracy continues to evolve in a digital age, honoring Sukumar Sen's legacy requires a deliberate return to that original instinct—a commitment to an inclusive republic where the fundamental duty of the state is to seek out every voter and ensure their place in the nation's story.

“The vote is the most powerful non-violent tool we have in a democratic society.” — John Lewis

(The writer is a former OSD to the Union Civil Aviation Minister)

Chit cheat govt teacher defrauds people of crores of rupees

DEEKONDA RAVISHANKER
SURYAPET

VICTIMS of an alleged chit fund fraud have lodged complaints with the Suryapet district Superintendent of Police and Chivvemla police, accusing a government teacher of cheating them of crores of rupees. The teacher named Raju, a resident of Lakshminayak Thanda in Chivvemla mandal of Suryapet district, had reportedly been absconding after allegedly collecting around Rs 10 crore from several people through chit schemes.

The accused is said to be working as a teacher at a government school in Shet-tigudem under Atmakur (S) mandal.

The victims approached the police seeking recovery of the money they had allegedly invested with him through the chit schemes.

Meanwhile, unconfirmed reports suggest that the teacher, who had been



absconding, may have surrendered before the police.

However, there has been no official confirmation so far on whether he is in police custody. The victims have urged the police to conduct a comprehensive investigation into the alleged fraud and take steps to recover their money. Further details, including the whereabouts of the teacher and the extent of the alleged financial transactions, are expected to emerge after the police investigation.

76-yr-old gets 13-yr jail for 1988 bank robbery

KALPETTA

A 76-year-old man has been sentenced to 13 years in prison and fined Rs 16,000 for his role in the 1988 robbery at the Nallurnad Service Cooperative Bank in Wayanad. The sentence was handed down by Additional District and Sessions Court Judge L Jayavanth.

The convict, Abdul Samad, a Kollam native, was arrested by police in October 2024 and faced trial while in judicial custody. The court said he will have to undergo another 10 months in prison if he fails to pay the fine.

According to police, the robbery took place in the early hours of January 8, 1988, when a six-member gang arrived at the bank in a car, broke open the locks and entered the premises. The gang took away a safe, nearly one kilogram of gold ornaments and Rs 5,544 in cash.

The prosecution said



two people who reached the bank after hearing the noise were attacked with a crowbar. In the case, four accused -- Subair, Suresh Babu, Alikkutty and Naseer -- were arrested and sentenced in 1993. Another accused, OK Babu, who had remained absconding, surrendered before the court in 2017 and was later sentenced.

During the trial, the court examined around 40 witnesses. The prosecution produced 166 documents as evidence and 21 material objects seized under the mahazar before the court.

Indian sailor among 5 killed by pirates on hijacked tanker

NEW DELHI: An Indian sailor was among five crew members killed during an anti-piracy operation on the hijacked fuel tanker MT Honour 25 in Somalia.

Puntland Maritime Police Force successfully rescued MT Honour 25, apprehending 16 suspected pirates, and freed other vessels like MT Sibul 1 and MT Eureka. The High Commission of India in Kenya is providing assistance to the family of the deceased Indian national and ensuring the safety and repatriation of other Indian seafarers.

PM Modi calls up Trump, discusses trade & energy

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In a social media post on X, Modi said: "Had a productive conversation with President Trump. We reviewed our bilateral cooperation in trade, defence, energy, critical technologies and other areas. We agreed to maintain close engagement to take our Comprehensive Global Strategic Partnership forward." "We also exchanged views on regional and international issues, including ongoing efforts to advance global peace and security," he added. The two leaders agreed to remain in touch as both sides continue to deepen the strategic partnership. This comes days after Trump signed into law a sweeping sanctions package targeting Russia and Iran and giving his administration expanded powers to penalise countries that continue buying Russian oil and gas, including India.

Zero vision, 100% frustration in Oppn, poohpoohs BJP

NEW DELHI: The BJP said the outcomes of the INDIA bloc meeting on Wednesday were "zero vision, 100 per cent frustration, and an advance excuse for poll defeats", with the leaders of the Opposition grouping rejecting Rahul Gandhi's leadership. "The INDI Alliance fell apart even before the meeting took place. The DMK did not attend the meeting. Akhilesh was busy elsewhere. The AAP had already declined," Union minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan said at a press conference at the BJP headquarters. The senior BJP leader further pointed out that Shiv Sena (UBT) chief Uddhav Thackeray said he will join the meeting virtually. "Why is this happening? It is because the INDI Alliance is simply not willing to accept Rahul Gandhi as its leader. His leadership is not being accepted; that is why they are not even showing up," Chouhan said.

India bloc declares all-out war on SIR

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At a meeting attended by leaders of as many as 19 political parties that lasted over three-and-a-half hours, it was decided that all Opposition MPs will march to the Election Commission on October 6 and the leaders would meet the President to highlight the issues related to alleged irregularities in voter list revision.

The Opposition grouping discussed the demand for Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar's resignation and said they will not relent till he is ousted.

The meeting held at the Constitution Club here was attended by top party leaders - Congress chief Mallikarjun Kharge, Congress Parliamentary Party chairperson Sonia Gandhi and Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi, besides TMC supremo Mamata Banerjee, Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Omar Abdullah, RJD's Tejashwi Yadav, NCP (SP) MP Supriya Sule, PDP chief Mehbooba Mufti, besides left leaders.

Some Opposition leaders, including Shiv Sena (UBT) chief Uddhav Thackeray and Jharkhand Chief Minister and JMM chief Hemant Soren, participated in the meeting online, as they could not be physically present.

"With unanimity, everyone vowed to fight together,"

Kharge said while addressing a joint briefing by the bloc leaders after their meeting, The Congress chief said they have decided on the joint action plan, whereby "save democracy" marches will be taken out in all districts from October 2-8 and demonstrations will be held before the district magistrate's office, where the youth and NGOs would also be invited.

"We will hold five big rallies during October/November and date and place would be decided soon. We will tell people how the government is snatching the rights of the people to elect their government for running the country," he said. Rahul Gandhi said INDIA bloc leaders are the "collective defenders" of the Indian Constitution and asserted that it is their "personal commitment" to ensure that those who have "destroyed" Indian democracy are punished.

TMC chief Mamata Banerjee asserted that the INDIA bloc is "very much united" and demanded immediate removal of CEC Kumar, alleging serious electoral wrongdoing and manipulation of the electoral process. "But now it has been exposed that Gyanesh Kumar is a 'daaku'. He stole people's votes... therefore, Gyanesh Kumar must resign immediately," she said.

"If Gyanesh Kumar does not resign, we people will launch a massive movement from 'mitti to aasmaan' (from the ground to the sky). We will fight, we will win... we will protect democracy and the Constitution," she said.

Kharge said that on November 1 a mega rally would be organised in the national capital to highlight the issue of 'vote chori'. "Now everyone is realising that what Rahul ji was saying is correct and it is attracting attention. First Prime Minister Narendra Modi did 'notebandi' and is now doing 'votebandi', taking away the people's rights," he said.

Asked about reverting to ballots instead of EVMs, Kharge said everyone 100 per cent agreed that all elections henceforth should be held on ballot paper and that the laws framed by this "vote chori government" should be annulled.

According to sources, the rallies will be held in Delhi, Hyderabad, Kolkata, Bengaluru and one more city.

The Congress chief said Modi-Shah are making the Election Commission work like a "puppet", alleging that "These people are only winning elections by stealing votes. When our people oppose this, they are harassed." "The pawns are just a front; the Prime Minister and Home Minister are behind

the 'vote chori' and thus they are winning polls," he alleged, adding that they are "harassing" those fighting for democracy.

Leaders of Opposition in both houses will seek an appointment from the President and make a representation in the second week of October against the "vote chori government", he said.

"INDIA bloc meeting saw a very good discussion and the main issue was 'vote chori'. All parties are of the opinion that the democratic system of India has been attacked by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Home Minister Amit Shah and Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar," Rahul Gandhi said. The parties that attended the meeting were the Congress, Samajwadi Party, All India Trinamool Congress, NCP(SP), Shiv Sena (UBT), Rashtriya Janata Dal, CPI(M), CPI, Jammu and Kashmir National Conference, Jammu and Kashmir Peoples Democratic Party, Jharkhand Mukti Morcha, CPI-ML, IUML, Kerala Congress (M), Marumalarchi Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam, Viduthala Chiruthaigal Katchi, Revolutionary Socialist Party, Kerala Congress (Jacob) and All India Forward Bloc. Independent Rajya Sabha MP Kapil Sibal also attended the meeting.

TG's Chikitha strikes double gold on debut in Asian Games

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The 21-year-old Chikitha hails from Telangana's Sultampur village in Peddapalli district. She was initially interested in karate but was persuaded by her father Srinivasa Rao to become an archer. Her first love with archery was when she was a child and a bow presented by her uncle on the occasion of Dasara, which made her aspire for a career in archery. She fondly recalls, "It was a Dasara holiday. My uncle who lives in Hyderabad, bought a recurve Decathlon bow. I tried it just for fun. We used to shoot just for fun at that time," she recalled.

Chikitha said that her father was the driving force

behind her archery career, making significant financial sacrifices, including taking loans and selling a rice harvester, to fund her training. She said she was inspired by Saina Nehwal's Olympic success stating, "After Saina Nehwal won an Olympic medal, he decided that I should play another sport (archery, instead of karate)."

Legendary Archer Abhishek Verma trained Chikitha at the SAI Centre in Sonapat, shooting 300 arrows daily. Chikitha said: "I didn't get into archery on my own. It was my father's choice. He wanted me to play sports because he couldn't play any sport. When I was small, he used to take us to play-

grounds. Every day we used to play some games," she recalled, after what can be described as a smashing debut. In school, from 6th grade till 8th grade, I was doing karate. I got my first black belt also," said Chikitha.

Once he realised that Chikitha has potential, her father Srinivasa Rao took a loan to buy her upgraded equipment that could shape her better. She started pursuing archery more seriously in 2018 and was picked in the junior camp in 2021. Rao eventually also sold the family's rice harvester to fund her archery training. He took her to a nearby town to train with a local archer and built makeshift targets at home. After losing Rs 1.5 lakh

in a fraud while trying to buy her first compound bow, he took another Rs 3.5 lakh loan for new equipment. Her performances later earned her a government-funded bow from the district Collector.

On the question of handling pressure, Chikitha said, the golds this morning had also eased the pressure that she had built on herself in the past few months. "Personally, I have been struggling this past year, facing some difficulties. After becoming World champion last year, it became very difficult for me to perform at the same level. I was struggling with my shooting aim. I worked really hard and I got back to the first team," she said.

CABINET HIKES MSP FOR ALL RABI CROPS

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The rabi MSP increases range from Rs 25 per quintal for wheat to Rs 675 for safflower, while the Green Energy Corridor-III scheme will strengthen intra-state transmission networks and add 50 GWh of battery storage capacity. The new Intelligent Traffic Management System in Delhi will cover 42 traffic corridors and use adaptive signals, automated enforcement and real-time traffic data.

Safflower has received the highest absolute increase of Rs 675 per quintal, followed by rapeseed and mustard at Rs 413 per quintal. The MSP for lentil (masur) has been increased by Rs 390 per quintal, barley by Rs 136, gram by Rs 83 and wheat by

Rs 25 per quintal. The MSP for wheat has been fixed at Rs 2,610 per quintal for the 2027-28 marketing season, compared with Rs 2,585 per quintal in 2026-27.

The Green Energy Corridor scheme, with a total outlay of Rs 1,86,405 crore, will strengthen intra-state transmission systems and facilitate the evacuation of up to 135 GW of renewable energy across states and Union territories. The scheme, targeted for completion by FY2032-33, includes Rs 1,36,378 crore for intra-state transmission systems and Rs 50,000 crore for deploying 50 GWh of Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS). The Rs 1,789.52-crore Intelligent Traffic Management System

(ITMS) for Delhi is aimed at using real-time data and technology to manage the city's existing road network more efficiently, a system which union minister Ashwini Vaishnaw said "will add brain" to Delhi's traffic management system.

The new system is intended to reduce reliance on fixed signal timings and manual intervention by using real-time traffic information. The project will cover 1,092 adaptive traffic control system locations and 1,029 enforcement locations. Automated systems will detect violations including red-light and stop-line violations, speeding, wrong-way driving, illegal parking and non-use of helmets and seat belts.

Key decisions likely in Cabinet meet today

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The other demands raised by the employees' unions, mainly the submission of the second PRC report and the enhancement of the pay scales, replacement of the Contributory Pension Scheme (CPS) with the Old Pension Scheme (OPS) would be part of the main items on the agenda of the Cabinet meeting," sources said. The Cabinet Sub-committee headed by Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka would submit a status report on the preparations for the Global Summit in December this year. The government's plan to launch Rs 5 lakh Indiramma Family Insurance Scheme on Indira Gandhi's birth anniversary would also be discussed to ascertain the financial implications of launching the scheme. The Cabinet is likely to also deliberate and make a decision on the report submitted by the Keshava Rao Committee on merging polytechnic colleges to form a Skills University.

Aargoyasri Network Hospitals shun major cases

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TANHA state president Dr Vaddiraju Rakesh said that the government had formulated the policy without fully considering the nature of diseases and treatments, and without adequately incorporating the views of network hospitals. He said that there was limited scope of beneficiary coverage, failure to follow appropriate scientific methods in determining treatment costs, resulting in difficulties faced by the beneficiaries and the hospitals.

Stating that payments for Aargoyasri-related bills had been pending for 14 months for many of the network hospitals, Dr Rakesh said that some hospitals were facing a severe financial burden due to outstanding dues that have remained unpaid. On EHS, Dr Rakesh said that the government has brought the scheme like putting 'old wine in a new bottle'. He said that none of the network hospitals found any document relating to their empanelment in the new EHS. "When a policy is made through PPP made, the stakeholders

should be the beneficiary as well as the service provider. If the network hospitals are not taken, it will become another Aargoyasri. It will be good if the government calls us for discussion," said Dr Rakesh.

The TANHA president said that the network hospitals cannot be provided CGHS rates. The government cannot equate private hospitals with Gandhi or any other trust hospitals where the expenditure for basic infrastructure, salaries and maintenance is taken care of by the government. None of the private hospitals have any of these benefits, he said, adding, appropriate scientific method was also not followed in determining treatment prices. The association has expressed its concern that under these circumstances, it was becoming financially difficult for hospitals to maintain continuous medical services, and if the arrears were not settled quickly, there was a possibility of facing challenges in continuing certain services under Aargoyasri and EHS in the future.

Heroic Indian captain prevents flydubai hijack

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The flight was diverted to Tabuk airport after transmitting emergency signals that briefly raised fears of a hijacking. Israeli authorities scrambled fighter jets as they struggled to establish contact with the aircraft.

According to reports, the Omani co-pilot allegedly tried to seize control of the aircraft stabling Captain Smit Machchar during the flight. Despite sustaining injuries, the Captain fought back and prevented the plane from crashing. His quick thinking and courage ensured the safety of more than 180 passengers, most of them Israeli nationals.

The situation escalated when the Captain, injured but determined, managed to restrain the attacker long enough for two off-duty pilots traveling as passengers to intervene.

Together, they regained control of the cockpit and diverted the aircraft to Saudi Arabia, where it landed safely.

Israeli outlets YNet News

and Channel 12 confirmed the Captain's nationality as Indian, hailing him as a hero whose actions prevented a mass tragedy.

Preliminary reports in Israeli media suggested that the Omani pilot allegedly attempted to crash the aircraft by forcing it into a steep descent from around 30,000 feet. The Indian pilot reportedly intervened, leading to a physical struggle inside the cockpit. The aircraft reportedly lost more than 17,000 feet in under 30 seconds during the incident.

Fluctuating between about -30,000 and +10,000 feet per minute. The aircraft briefly climbed to around 21,650 feet before descending below 14,000 feet and later stabilising at around 15,000 feet for an extended period.

Videos shared on social media purportedly show passengers screaming as the aircraft undergoes a sudden descent. In another clip, passengers appear to cheer after the situation aboard the aircraft seemingly comes under control.

SIR update: No more parent, grandparent details, says EC

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The EC, however, has maintained that its decisions on SIR and Form 6 were unanimously approved by all three commissioners. In a clarification issued on September 26, the poll panel said the SIR declaration attached to Form 6 had been upheld by the Supreme Court and that the forms prescribed under the 1960 Rules would be used during periods when SIR is not underway.

Earlier, a new voter applying for inclusion in the electoral roll was not required to provide details of their parents or grandparents from previous SIR rolls.

That additional requirement was introduced for Form 6 applications during the SIR exercise. Applicants were required to provide information to establish their linkage with earlier electoral rolls, including details concerning their parents or grandparents. With SIR completed in a state, the additional declaration will no longer be required for new voter applications there.

The EC has said SIR has already been completed in 20 states and Union Territories, including Bihar and West Bengal. Young and first-time voters, as well as people whose names were left out during SIR or sub-

sequently, can apply for inclusion through continuous updation.

The requirement will continue in states and Union Territories where the SIR exercise is still underway. New voters applying for enrolment in these areas will have to submit Form 6 along with the SIR-related declaration, including the details required to establish their linkage with the previous electoral roll.

This creates a distinction between voter enrolment during an ongoing SIR exercise and enrolment during the period of continuous updation after SIR has been completed.

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On Wednesday, Revanth Reddy alleged that assets and land worth thousands of crores of rupees, which were earlier held by individuals from the erstwhile Andhra Pradesh region, were transferred to members of the KCR family within a short period. He also questioned how properties in and around Hyderabad, including hotels and service apartments, were acquired by KTR and asked the BRS working president to explain the sources of the alleged wealth. The Chief Minister said, "There

are farmhouses belonging to KTR in Janwada, his sister Kavitha in Shankarpally, Harish Rao in Moinabad, and KCR in Erravalli, aren't there? Where did all these come from? How did KTR acquire properties like Decan Serai, 'At Home' service apartments, and hotels with nearly 400 rooms in the vicinity of Hitech City? Does KTR have the guts to answer questions regarding these? There are his investments in the US and Singapore as well, right? Why haven't these been disclosed so far?"

Referring to the Manair

River sand-mining issue and the 2017 Nerella incident, Revanth Reddy alleged that the previous BRS regime failed to protect Dalits and accused members of the KCR family of being responsible for targeting Dalits. He alleged that Santosh Rao and Ravinder Rao earned crores of rupees with illegal sand mining. He further alleged that Dalits were subjected to police excesses during the Nerella incident and questioned the role of Santosh Rao in it. The Chief Minister also referred to families displaced by the Mid Manair

project and raised questions over the subsequent allocation and ownership of properties. Revanth Reddy said Sircilla, which he described as a region that should symbolise prosperity, had not witnessed sufficient improvement in the lives of ordinary people during the previous regime. He said the Congress government would focus on transforming the lives of people in the constituency and assured that he would personally take responsibility for Sircilla's development.

The Chief Minister also challenged KCR to come to

the Assembly for a debate on the performance of the previous and present governments, saying the achievements and failures of both regimes could be discussed in the House. He alleged that instead of fulfilling commitments, the previous leadership concentrated on expanding family assets and developing farmhouses. The Chief Minister urged Telangana Congress president B Mahesh Kumar Goud to ensure representation for the Padmashali community in the Legislative Council in the upcoming elections.



“Ayush is not merely a cultural inheritance but a dynamic and high-growth engine of India's economy. The Ayush sector is poised to play an increasingly important role in healthcare, wellness, employment and global economic engagement, while contributing to our vision of a healthy and self-reliant India.”
-Prataprao Jadhav, Union Minister of State (IC) for Ayush

BIZ BRIEFS

Diageo unveils updated product

Diageo India has revamped McDowell's No.1 with an upgraded blend combining imported Scotch, Indian malts and grain spirits, alongside redesigned packaging and a refreshed visual identity. Ruchira Jaitly, CMO, Diageo India, said: “Today's whisky drinker is redefining value. It's no longer just about affordability, but also about quality, craftsmanship and experience. Socializing is at the heart of how India drinks, and consumers want a whisky they can proudly share with their circle, one that reflects who they are.”

OPPO launches K14 Plus in India

OPPO India has launched the K14 Plus, powered by MediaTek Dimensity 7360 MAX, with a 1.5K 144Hz AMOLED display, 8,000mAh battery, 45W charging, 50MP OIS camera with 4K video and 5,000mm² vapour chamber cooling. It offers up to 8GB RAM, 256GB storage, IP69K/IP69/IP68/IP66 protection and ColorOS 16. Available in Solar Orange and Star White, it goes on sale October 8 via Flipkart and OPPO's e-store, starting effectively at Rs 25,999 with bank discount.

ICICI Prudential's death claims rise

ICICI Prudential Life said its average individual death claim stood at Rs15 lakh in FY2026, up from about Rs10 lakh in FY2021. The insurer said the average payout has remained around Rs14-15 lakh over the past four years. Sarang Gokhale, Chief - Underwriting and Retail Claims, ICICI Prudential, said: “Life insurance is built on a simple promise to provide financial security to families when they need it the most.”

Amazon sale from October 7

Amazon India has announced Navaratri-focused offers ahead of its Great Indian Festival beginning October 8, with discounts of up to 70 per cent across fashion and beauty brands. Prime members can get up to 10 per cent additional benefits. The platform is also offering AI-powered shopping tools, including Rufus, Lens AI, price tracking and review highlights, while Amazon Now provides rapid delivery of festive essentials across more than 65 cities.

Bontrue Furniture gets recognition

Hyderabad-based Bontrue Furniture won the “Excellence in Customer Trust & Care – Furniture Retail” award at the Times Business Awards 2026. Former India women's cricket captain Mithali Raj presented the award to director Rakesh Patel at Novotel HICC on September 26. Rakesh Patel, Director, Bontrue Furniture, said: “This award belongs to our customers. More than 18,000 families have trusted us with their homes, and over 6,500 of them took the time to tell others about it.”

Venu Srinivasan takes Tata Trusts row to Maha Charity Commissioner

Questions Noel Tata's perpetual trusteeship, Neville Tata's appointment

MUMBAI

THE widening boardroom dispute at Tata Sons has spilled into Tata Trusts, with trustee and Tata Sons nominee director Venu Srinivasan seeking a regulatory inquiry into the governance of the Sir Dorabji Tata Trust (SDTT), one of the charitable entities that collectively control about 66 per cent of Tata Sons.

In a letter to Maharashtra's Charity Commissioner, Srinivasan has questioned the appointment and continued status of Noel N. Tata as a perpetual trustee, the appointment of Noel Tata's son Neville Tata, and what he described as attempts to constrain his independent role as a nominee director on the Tata Sons board.

At the centre of the dispute is a September 16 SDTT circular resolution that Srinivasan said sought to prevent him from participating in or voting on the proposed listing of Tata Sons. He described it as an attempt to “prevent me from exercising my independent judgement and vote”.

The following day, at a Tata Sons board meeting,



Venu Srinivasan

Srinivasan supported the reappointment of Chairman N Chandrasekaran for a third five-year term and backed moving ahead with the listing process. Noel Tata opposed both positions. The board passed the resolutions, with the Chandrasekaran vote requiring a casting vote. Tata Trusts later disputed the validity of the board decisions, maintaining that its nominees were required to agree on such matters.

Srinivasan has also questioned the Trusts' involvement in Tata Sons' commercial affairs. Referring to a September 17 Tata Trusts statement that all available options, and not listing alone, should be explored, he

Noel Tata flags concerns over Tata Sons listing plan

MUMBAI

TATA Trusts Chairman Noel Tata has urged the Tata Sons board to review a restructuring proposal aimed at avoiding a stock market listing of the holding company.

Noel Tata said he remained hopeful that the Reserve Bank of India would reconsider its decision to classify Tata Sons as an upper-layer non-banking financial company (NBFC).

According to him, listing Tata Sons would fundamentally change the way the Tata group



Noel Tata

has operated for decades and could create a conflict between investor expectations for profits and the philanthropic objectives of Tata Trusts.

Tata Trusts, which owns 66 per cent of Tata Sons,

has proposed merging Tata Electronics Systems Solutions and Tata Consulting Engineers with Tata Sons. The restructuring would give Tata Sons its own operations and revenue and could allow it to avoid classification as an NBFC or core investment company. Tata Sons was placed on the RBI's upper-layer NBFC list in September 2022 and was given three years to list. The company subsequently cleared its debt and applied in 2024 to surrender its core investment company status and remain private.

alleged that the Trusts and their operating team had assumed a direct role in commercial and strategic matters concerning Tata Sons.

He argued that such involvement could conflict with the charitable objectives of SDTT and poten-

tially expose it to tax consequences. He alleged that the Trust was being exposed to “potentially immense fiscal consequences” and described the conduct as mismanagement of its affairs and property.

Srinivasan has sought

an immediate inquiry into SDTT's administration and governance, including Noel Tata's perpetual trusteeship, Neville Tata's appointment, his own exclusion from decision-making and the Trusts' involvement in Tata Sons' commercial affairs.

Fiscal deficit hits 41.9% of FY27 target by August

NEW DELHI: THE central government's fiscal deficit stood at Rs 7.1 lakh crore or 41.9 per cent of full year target at the end of August, according to data released by the Controller General of Accounts (CGA) on Wednesday. The deficit was at 38.1 per cent of Budget Estimates (BE) of 2025-26 during the corresponding period last year. In absolute terms, the fiscal deficit, or the gap between the government's expenditure and revenue, was Rs 7,10,249 crore during April-August period of the 2026-27. According to the CGA, the Centre's net tax revenue up to August 2026 was about Rs 8.38 lakh crore, or 29.2 per cent of the corresponding BE of 2026-27 of total receipts. In the corresponding period of the previous fiscal year, the net tax revenue was at 28.6 per cent of that year's BE. The data on monthly accounts showed that the total expenditure during the first five months was at about Rs 20.78 lakh crore, or 38.9 per cent of BE. In the year-ago period, it was at 37.1 per cent of BE. The Centre has set a fiscal deficit target of 4.3 per cent of the GDP or Rs 16.96 lakh crore in the current fiscal.

Bank credit to industry up 18.2% : RBI data

MUMBAI: Bank credit to industry grew 18.2 per cent in August, up from 7 per cent in the same period last year, according to Reserve Bank data released on Wednesday.

The RBI has released data on sectoral deployment of bank credit for August 2026, collected from 41 select scheduled commercial banks, which together account for about 95 per cent of the total non-food credit by all SCBs.

On a year-on-year (y-o-y) basis, non-food bank credit grew 18.8 per cent as on the fortnight ended August 31, 2026, compared to 10.2 per cent during the corresponding fortnight of the previous year (September 5, 2025).

“While credit to ‘large’ and ‘medium’ industries grew at an accelerated pace, ‘micro and small’ industries sustained steady expansion,” the RBI said.

Lighter cars get relief under new CAFE norms

Centre drops separate small-car concession, adopts flatter weight-based formula

NEW DELHI

THE government has notified the third phase of Corporate Average Fuel Economy (CAFE-III) norms for passenger vehicles, giving lighter cars relatively softer efficiency targets while requiring greater improvements from heavier vehicles.

The norms, notified by the Ministry of Power, will come into effect from April 1, 2027 and remain applicable until March 31, 2032. They will cover new passenger vehicles manufactured or imported for sale in India.

The revised framework replaces the proposed special concession for small cars with a flatter weight-based target curve, providing lighter vehicles greater relief compared with the September 2025 draft.



The reference weight has been raised from 1,082 kg under the existing norms to 1,229 kg, an increase of around 13.6 per cent.

The September 2025 draft had proposed a 3 gram per km deduction in declared CO2 emissions for petrol cars weighing up to 909 kg, with engine capacity up to

1,200 cc and length up to four metres. The final norms have dropped this separate concession.

The new framework targets more than 16 per cent improvement in fuel efficiency over the five-year period. The fuel-consumption benchmark will tighten from 3.996 litres per 100 km in 2027-28 to 3.3273 litres per 100 km in 2031-32, an improvement of around 16.7 per cent.

The norms provide multiple compliance routes, including incentives for electric vehicles, hybrids, flex-fuel vehicles, alternative fuels and fuel-saving technologies.

Battery electric vehicles, range-extended EVs, plug-in hybrids, strong hybrids and flex-fuel vehicles will receive

volume derogation factors, or “super credits”, in fleet-average calculations.

The framework also introduces a Carbon Neutrality Factor to recognise renewable and low-carbon fuels such as ethanol-blended petrol, biofuels and CBG. Recognised fuel-conservation technologies have been expanded from four to 12.

Manufacturers can meet obligations through specified two-year or three-year compliance blocks. Those exceeding targets can carry forward credits, trade them with other manufacturers or sell them through the Bureau of Energy Efficiency's buyout mechanism.

Manufacturers selling fewer than 1,000 units annually will remain exempt from fleet-average obligations.

Two Timex World Stores opened in Hyderabad

HANS BUSINESS HYDERABAD

WATCHMAKER Timex Group India Ltd., has announced the launch of its first Timex World stores in Hyderabad. Located in Habisguda and Himayat Nagar, the new stores will offer customers access to an extensive portfolio of globally renowned and homegrown watch brands under one roof.

Deepak Chhabra, MD, Timex Group India, said: “As consumer preferences evolve, we continue to see strong value in in-person retail, particularly for categories like watches where customers want to discover collections and experience products firsthand. With the launch of our first Timex World stores in Hyderabad, we are creating a dedicated destination that brings together choice, convenience and a seamless brand experience. Hyderabad is an important market for us, with a growing base of discerning consumers and strong demand for global and premium brands.” Designed as a one-stop destination for watch enthusiasts, the new Timex World stores showcase a diverse collection spanning everyday essentials, fashion-forward styles, and premium timepieces. Consumers can explore collections from Timex, Helix, GUESS, Gc, Aston Martin and Daniel Wellington, catering to a wide range of styles and price points.

Apple Pay joins India's digital payments race

NEW DELHI

US technology major Apple has entered the Indian digital payments market with the launch of Apple Pay in collaboration with Axis Bank.

The service is available on iPhone, iPad and Apple Watch, with support for Mac coming soon, Apple said on Wednesday.

“India is home to a dynamic and digitally savvy population that continues to embrace a cashless future while expecting the highest standards of security and privacy, and we're so excited



to bring Apple Pay to users in India today,” said Jennifer Bailey, Apple's vice president of Apple Pay and Apple Wallet.

Customers with Axis Bank-issued Visa and Mastercard credit cards can add their cards to Apple Pay and make payments at stores, in

apps and on the web without entering PINs or OTPs at checkout.

Apple said the service will be accepted by millions of merchants across India, including Apple Store locations, Blinkit, Chaayos, Comet, Croma, Interflora, Igigo, Le15 Patisserie, Reliance brands, Tata 1mg and Zomato.

The company has also worked with payment service providers including Cashfree, JusPay, MsSwipe, Paytm, PayU, Pine Labs, Razorpay and Worldline to enable Apple Pay across their merchant networks.

Apple said card numbers are not stored on the device or its servers and are not shared with merchants. Instead, a unique Device Account Number is assigned, encrypted and securely stored in the device's Secure Element. Transaction details are also not retained by Apple. If an iPhone is lost or stolen, users can use the Find My app to locate, lock or suspend payments from the device. Apple Pay is currently available in more than 90 countries and regions and works with more than 11,000 bank and network partners globally.

Adani-backed Vishakha Renewables eyes ₹1,250-cr IPO

NEW DELHI: Adani Group-promoted Vishakha Renewables Ltd has filed draft papers with capital markets regulator Sebi to raise Rs 1,250 crore through a fresh issue of shares, as the solar component maker looks to pare debt.

The proposed initial public offering (IPO) also comprises an offer-for-sale (OFS) of up to 1.82 crore equity shares by promoters and an existing shareholder, according to the draft red herring prospectus (DRHP) filed on Wednesday. Adani Properties Pvt Ltd, a promoter of Vishakha Renewables, is also offloading

shares in the OFS.

The company may also consider a pre-IPO placement of up to Rs 250 crore. If such a placement is completed, the size of the fresh issue will be reduced accordingly. The Vishakha Group-promoted firm plans to utilise Rs 900 crore of the net proceeds from the fresh issue towards repayment or pre-payment of certain borrowings, while the remaining funds will be used for general corporate purposes. As of June 30, 2026, the company had consolidated outstanding borrowings of Rs 2,700.57 crore.



D. Sridhar Babu, IT Minister of Telangana with officials of DoorDash in Hyderabad on Wednesday

DoorDash picks Hyderabad for first India hub

HANS NEWS SERVICE HYDERABAD

US-based DoorDash, one of the world's leading local commerce platforms on Wednesday opened its talent hub here, its first India office. The company is starting with 500 professionals and plans to scale its headcount to more than 3,000 within next two years, a company release said.

Telangana Industries and Commerce Minister D Sridhar Babu inaugurated the facility alongside Ravi Inukonda, Chief Financial Officer at DoorDash, Jenna Kohnke, Senior Director, Workforce Strategy and Talent Acquisition Operations at DoorDash and Sai Krishna, IT Advisor to Telangana government.

The Hyderabad hub will initially house Customer Experience and Integrity (CXI) and General and Administrative teams, it said. Its CXI

operation will be DoorDash's third internal CXI service centre globally. The hub will support DoorDash's global operations and help deliver reliable experiences for consumers, merchants, and Dashers across DoorDash's geographies, it said. Team members in Hyderabad will support a global platform that serves over 56 million monthly active consumers across geographies with a combined population reaching over one billion people, it further said. Sridhar Babu said DoorDash choosing Hyderabad to build capabilities to drive its rapid growth is a strong validation of how the city has evolved as a global talent hub. “As one of the world's leading local commerce platforms, with operations across 40 plus countries, DoorDash is a strong addition to Hyderabad's growing hyperlocal digital commerce ecosystem.”

From coding to critical thinking:

What future engineers need to learn

SHARATH SIRIVOLU

Engineering has always been about solving problems. But the way engineers solve problems is changing. Technology is evolving quickly, and tools such as artificial intelligence are becoming part of everyday engineering work. This does not make engineering skills less important. Instead, it changes what those skills need to include.

For the next generation of engineers, knowing how to code will remain valuable. But being able to think, question, understand and adapt will be equally important.

Coding Is Just the Beginning

Coding has traditionally been one of the most important skills for engineering students, particularly as technology has become central to almost every industry. However, as AI-powered tools become capable of supporting coding and other technical tasks, engineers will need to look beyond writing code.

The real value lies in understanding what needs to be built, why it is needed and how it can solve a particular problem. Technology should be treated as a tool to achieve an outcome, rather than the outcome itself.

This shift means students need to focus on building a strong foundation in problem-solving alongside



their technical skills.

Learning to Ask the Right Questions

One of the most important skills an engineer can develop is the ability to ask the right questions. Before looking for a solution, engineers need to understand the problem. What is causing it? Who is affected by it? What information is available? What information is missing? Are there different ways to solve it? This requires curiosity and research. Engineers need to be comfortable gathering information, examining different possibilities and making decisions based on what they learn.

Understanding the World Behind the Technology

Technical knowledge becomes more valuable when it is combined with an understanding of the field in which it is being applied. An engineer working in

healthcare, for example, needs to understand the needs of patients, doctors and healthcare systems alongside the technology being developed. Similarly, engineers working in manufacturing, mobility or energy need to understand the challenges and priorities of those sectors. Equally important here is also the understanding of how the technology works. This is almost always rooted in the fundamental engineering principles. For example, an AI system is a composite of foundational principles drawn from mathematics, data, network communications and hardware system areas. Domain knowledge helps engineers move



from building something that works to creating something that is genuinely useful.

Solving Problems from the User's Perspective

Good engineering is not only about technical performance. It is also about how people experience and use a solution.

Design thinking can help engineers look at problems from the user's perspective. It encourages them to understand needs,

explore different ideas, test solutions and improve them based on feedback.

Giving students opportunities to work on real-world projects can help develop this mindset. Practical experiences teach lessons that cannot always be learned through textbooks or classrooms. Empathizing with a user (putting yourselves in their shoes) and understanding the problem they are trying to solve remains a key human-skill to hone early in the career.

Preparing Engineers for a Changing Workplace

Future engineers will also need to communicate clearly and work with people outside their own areas of expertise. An idea has greater impact when an engineer can explain it to a customer, researcher, business leader or colleague in a way that everyone can understand.

They will also need to keep learning. The tools used today may change significantly over the course of a career, but the

ability to learn, adapt and solve new problems will remain relevant.

The engineer of the future, therefore, will not be defined only by how well they code. They will be defined by how well they understand problems, ask questions, connect technology with real-world needs and turn ideas into meaningful solutions.

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UoH enters top 1,000 in THE World University Rankings 2027

The University of Hyderabad (UoH), an Institution of Eminence, has improved its position in the Times Higher Education (THE) World University Rankings 2027, moving into the 801–1000 global band from the 1001–1200 range in the previous edition.

The latest ranking, released today, places UoH among the world's top 1,000 universities in what THE describes as its largest rankings edition to date. The improvement marks a continued upward movement for the university in international rankings and highlights its focus on research, teaching and academic development.

The THE World University Rankings 2027 evaluate a record 2,297 universities across 118 countries and territories, compared with 2,191 institutions across 115 countries and territories in the 2026 edition. India remains the second most-represented country in

the rankings for the second consecutive year, with 143 institutions included.

THE evaluates research-intensive universities using 17 performance indicators grouped into five broad areas: Research Quality, accounting for 30 per cent; Teaching, 29.5 per cent; Research Environment, 29 per cent; International Outlook, 7.5 per cent; and Industry, 4 per cent.

The assessment draws on institutional data submitted and approved by participating universities, Elsevier bibliometric information and responses from THE's annual Academic Reputation Survey.

According to data used for the 2027 rankings, UoH has 5,575 students, with a ratio of 13.2 students per staff member. The university has a gender distribution of 46 women to 54 men.

UoH has also secured positions across several subject areas in THE's 2026 subject



Students explore real-world applications for innovative ideas

Students developing new ideas and solutions are gaining opportunities to test their concepts against practical industry expectations through innovation-focused competitions and programmes.

Following the inaugural competition held in Hyderabad, organisers are preparing to expand the programme format to national organisers in other regions. The initiative is designed to give more students an opportunity to present their ideas, explain how their concepts address real-world problems and receive feedback from professionals with industry experience. A key part of the programme is the interaction between students and experts. Rather than focusing only on competition results, the format provides participants with an opportunity to discuss their ideas directly with professionals and understand how concepts may be viewed from a market perspective. Experts involved in the programme provided students with feedback on areas including the relevance of their ideas, potential applications and the challenges involved in developing concepts beyond the classroom. Such interactions can help students understand the difference between an initial idea and a solution that could potentially address a specific need. The Hyderabad competition served as the first stage of the programme, bringing stu-

TODAY IS INTERNATIONAL MUSIC DAY

How music inspires, connects and heals

Music is a universal language that has the power to encourage, inspire, and bring people together. No matter what language we speak, where we come from, or what our background is, music can create a sense of connection. A familiar song can bring back memories, lift our mood, or help us feel that we are not alone.

Music plays an important role in our everyday lives. We listen to it when we are happy, sad, excited, or simply looking for a moment of relaxation. Singing and playing

musical instruments can also give people a way to express their thoughts and feelings. In schools and communities, music can encourage teamwork and friendship because people work together to create something meaningful.

Studies have also shown that music can have positive effects on both the brain and the body. Listening to music may help reduce stress, improve mood, and support relaxation. Certain types of music can help people feel more focused and motivated, while calming music may help

create a peaceful environment. Learning to play an instrument or singing can also engage different areas of the brain and support memory, attention, and coordination.

The benefits of music are not limited to listening. When people sing, dance, play instruments, or take part in musical activities, they can experience positive physical, mental, and emotional responses.

Group activities such as choirs, bands, and concerts can create a strong feeling of belonging and cooperation.



Asian Games 2026

Golden hat-trick in compound archery

Indian mixed, women's and men's teams claim top finish; cherry on top was the mixed combination of Chikitha Taniparthi and Sahil Jadhav, also securing an Olympic quota place for the country

NAGOYA: India's compound archers displayed admirable poise under pressure to complete a golden sweep in the Asian Games team competitions, successfully defending their crowns in men's, women's and mixed events here on Wednesday with performances that ranged from domineering to gritty.

Cherry on top was the mixed combination of Chikitha Taniparthi and Sahil Jadhav also securing an Olympic quota place for the country following their top finish.

India thus became the first country to qualify for the 2028 Olympics in the compound mixed team event, which will mark the disci-



The Indian women's compound team celebrate with their gold medals



pline's debut in the Los Angeles Games.

The women's trio of Jyothi Surekha Vennam, Chikitha and Prithika Pradeep kicked off the gold rush that culminated with the men's combination of Kushal Dalal, Sahil Jadhav and Ganesh Mani Ratnam Thirumuru rally-

ing to outwit the Chinese trio of Jiahao Liao, Jinyi Liu and Jingyu Shi in the finals 238-237. For Chikitha and Sahil, the day brought two gold medals as they had earlier showed nerves of steel to prevail over Korea's Jungyoon Park and Choi Eun Gyu in a thrilling mixed team final, winning 158-157 after a shoot-off.

The Indian duo had entered the gold-medal match after beating Thailand 156-155 in the semifinals.

This was after the Indian women's compound team produced a sensational performance to outclass the Chinese trio of Wunier, Yue Wang and Fangyao Wei 238-234 and retain its gold with a world record-equaling score. Jyothi, Chikitha and Prithika dominated the women's summit clash to secure the top spot on the podium. Of these, Jyothi was a part of the gold-winning women's team in Hangzhou as well.

The Indians equalled the world record held by South Korea in achieving the feat. Korea had secured the record total during the Incheon Asian Games in 2014.

Neeru-Kynan pair wins trap mixed team gold

NAGOYA: The Indian pair of Neeru Dhandu and Kynan Chenai clinched the Asian Games trap mixed team gold on Wednesday, smashing the continental record in the process and ensuring that the last leg of country's shooting campaign here makes up for the early disappointments to an extent.

The Indian team shot a score of 34 in the final after qualifying in the fourth position. Qatar's Mohammed Al-Rumaihi and Ray Bassil took the silver with a score of 32.



The medal marks a remarkable end to the Asian Games campaign of the 26-year-old Neeru, who became India's first woman shooter to claim an individual trap medal at the showpiece with her gold that came on the back of an Asian record-shattering score on Tuesday.

LOVLINA TO FIGHT FOR GOLD

NISHIO: Lovlina Borgohain scripted history by becoming the first Indian woman boxer to reach back-to-back Asian Games finals, while debutants Priya Ghanghas and Kapil Pokhariya settled for bronze medals here on Wednesday. Last edition's silver-medallist Lovlina edged reigning 70kg world champion Natalya Bogdanova of Kazakhstan 3-2 in a closely fought 75kg semifinal to assure herself of at least a silver.

However, 20-year-old Priya, making her Asian Games debut, went down 1-4 to former world champion Yang Chengyu of China in a bruising 60kg semifinal.

Another Indian debutant, Kapil suffered a similar 1-4 defeat against reigning world champion Turabek Khabibullaev of Uzbekistan in the 90kg semifinal to settle for bronze.

India will thus have three boxers -- Lovlina, Parveen Hooda (65kg) and Ankush Panghal (80kg) fighting for gold in Friday.



Sunil wins second bronze

NAGOYA: Sunil Kumar became the first Indian Greco Roman wrestler to win two Asian Games medal after clinching a bronze in the men's 87kg event but Nisha Dahiya endured a medal-less campaign on the opening day of the wrestling competition here Wednesday. Sunil assured his podium place with a technical superiority win (9-0) over Philippines' Roberts Callum Johnston, who



was no match to the strength and technical skill of the Indian. Locking his rival's right arm, Sunil effected two take downs to quickly open up a 4-0 lead. A defensive

Johnston was put on ground in 'Par Terre' position from where Sunil made more scoring moves to finish the bout in the first period itself. Sunil had won a bronze in Hangzhou 2023 Games, ending a 13-year wait for India for medal in the Greco Roman style.

Indian women in hockey final

NAGOYA: The inform Indian women's hockey team placed itself on the verge of ending a 44-year wait for an Asian Games gold, beating South Korea 2-0 to enter the final of the continental showpiece here on Wednesday. Ishika Chaudhary (44th minute) and skipper Salima Tete (48th) were the goal scorers for India. India are now just a victory away from securing its only second Asian Games women's hockey gold medal. The previous triumph came way back in the 1982 New Delhi games. India will take on defending champions China in the final on Friday. China beat Japan 4-2 in a shoot-out after both sides failed to break the deadlock in the entire 60 minutes of the first semifinal. South Korea will face Japan in the bronze medal match.



Squash: India assured of medals

NAGOYA: The Indian men's and women's teams eased into the Asian Games semifinals with convincing wins over Kuwait and Singapore respectively, assuring themselves of a medal here on Wednesday. The Indian men, top seed and defending champions, collected a 2-0 win over Kuwait in the quarterfinals. Among the two singles, Veer Chotrani had to dig deep against Bader Almoghrebi before prevailing 12-10, 8-11, 11-0, 11-5 in a 34-minute contest. Abhay Singh, India's highest ranked players and silver medallist in the singles competition, sealed the tie 11-3, 11-4, 11-8 win over Ammar Altamimi. In the women's singles, the Anahat Singh-led team tamed Singapore 2-0 in its quarterfinal.

Nagal moves to last eight

NAGOYA: Indian tennis player Sumit Nagal advanced to the men's singles quarterfinals at the Asian Games with a fluent 6-3 6-2 win over Uzbekistan's Sergey Fomin here on Wednesday, while Dhakshineswar Suresh bowed out after losing his third-round match. The 249th-ranked Nagal, seeded seventh, controlled the contest against Fomin and moved into the last eight with a straight-set victory.

India renew hockey rivalry against Pak

KAKAMIGAHARA: Defending champions India will renew the fiercest rivalry in men's international hockey when they take on Pakistan in a mouth-watering semifinal of the Asian Games here on Thursday, with eyes firmly set on securing a direct ticket to the 2028 Los Angeles Olympics.



Gill's double ton, Rohit's 101 seal India's series win

GUWAHATI

SKIPPER Shubman Gill clobbered an unbeaten 223, the fastest double hundred in 50-over cricket, and Rohit Sharma belted a 101 as two generations of super stars came together to give India a series-sealing eight-wicket win over the West Indies in the second ODI here on Wednesday.

West Indies might have desperately hoped that 405 for seven remained target far from Indians but how wrong were they!

The former captain, who snatched the crown for the fastest ODI 200 (117 balls) from his teammate Ishan Kishan (126 balls), and his successor, who made his 35th one-day century, piled 255 runs for the opening wicket in just 26.2 overs as India made 406 for two in 43.3 overs.

On a night when records tumbled at furious pace, India also recored their highest ODI run chase, and now they are only behind South Africa who lead the world pecking order with the chase of 435 against Australia in 2006 at Johannesburg.

The storm always has a precursor.

The Barsapara pitch had already shown its batting-friendly nature when West Indies batters John Campbell (101; 68b), Shai Hope (104; 94b) and Amir Jangoo (114; 77b) scored hundreds of their own.

But once Indians ended their chase those centuries now resemble calm beach breeze. The home side bettered their previous best chase of 362 for one against Australia in Jaipur in 2013.

However, the initial challenge for India was to pull off their first-ever 400-plus chase, and Rohit and Gill took it a notch higher with a dazzling array of strokes.

Along the way, Rohit brought up 12,000 ODI runs, becoming only the seventh batter and third Indian after Sachin Tendulkar and Virat Kohli to reach the landmark, before reaching another ODI hundred with an uncharacteristic little hop and jump celebration.

Gill earlier brought up his 11th ODI century in just 62 balls -- his fastest in the format. The duo attacked from the outset, combining clean hitting with superb placement.

Gill was particularly fluent, using his wrists to place deliveries in the gaps and then stepping out to drive the spinners over the infield. Rohit, on the other hand, brought out his trademark pull and pick-up shots, while also finding the boundaries with crisp drives through off side.

BRIEF SCORES:

West Indies 405/7 in 50 overs (John Campbell 108, Shai Hope 104, Amir Jangoo 114; Kuldeep Yadav 2/65) lost to India 406/2 in 43.3 overs (Rohit Sharma 101, Shubman Gill 233 not out; Shamar Joseph 1/52) by 8 wickets.

Family preserves man's body in freezer for 4 yrs, spends Rs 50 lakh

MUMBAI

THE family of an 80-year-old Mumbai man who died four years ago has preserved his body due to 'deep emotional attachment', spending over Rs 50 lakh in the process, police said on Wednesday.

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The family initially kept the body in a freezer in their home in Mumbai's Malad area, said an official from Kurar police station.

According to the police, the man's wife and two children, one of whom is a lawyer, decided against performing the last rites due to 'deep emotional

attachment'.

When their residential building underwent redevelopment, the family moved the body to a local dispensary, which closed down about a month ago, they said.

"The family has spent more than Rs 50 lakh to keep the body preserved and was explor-

ing options to send it to a facility in the United States offering long-term cryopreservation services," a police official said.

Cryopreservation broadly refers to storing cells, tissues or organs at extremely low temperatures.

Police uncovered the unusual case after receiving a tip-off.



One chapter has ended: Pahalgam victim's daughter on Moosa death

MUMBAI: Asavari Jagdale, daughter of Pahalgam terror attack victim Santosh Jagdale, on Wednesday expressed gratitude to the Indian Army and security agencies following the killing of Pakistani Lashkar-e-Taiba terrorist Hashim Moosa in an encounter in Jammu and Kashmir's Budgam.

Speaking to ANI, Jagdale said she considered the day one of the happiest for her, recalling the April 22 Pahalgam terror attack in which 26 people were killed.

"Today, I will consider it the happiest day for me. On April 22, 2025, the way our people were killed in the Baisaran Valley, 26 lives were lost. They were killed after asking about their religion. The way they brutally killed our people, today I came to know that the mastermind behind it has been eliminated in an encounter. I would say this should be the happiest day for the country," she said. Expressing her gratitude



towards the security forces, she said, "I want to thank the Army and all the intelligence forces working on this. I request you to continue this operation and eliminate all the terrorists in this country until the last terrorist is eliminated." Jagdale recalled that she had performed her father's shradh (death anniversary ritual) the previous day and had spoken to

his photograph about the ongoing operations against terrorism. "Yesterday was my father's shradh, and I was talking to him. I told him that whatever operations are happening against terrorism are because of the sacrifice of all of you. The 26 people who were killed, the sacrifice of those 26 people is the reason these operations are taking place," she said.

Maha govt orders banks not to visit farmers for loan recovery

PUNE: Maharashtra Revenue Minister Chandrashekar Bawankule directed banks not to visit farmers' homes for loan recovery due to the prevailing drought situation and asked officials to explore whether the RBI could issue a circular suspending such recovery proceedings.

During a meeting of the Bawankule-headed drought relief cabinet sub-committee on Tuesday, directives were also issued for implementing a 10 per cent water cut in urban areas and to maintain the conserved water as a buffer until June next year, according to an official release.

At present, water is being supplied through 560 tankers in the state, it stated, as the panel members suggested proper planning to preserve drinking water supplies for 10 months, before the next monsoon.

The Maharashtra government has declared drought in 265 of its 358 talukas, or 74 per cent of the state, amid rainfall deficit, and announced relief measures,



including crop loan restructuring, land revenue concessions, and power bill subsidies.

It has activated 'Trigger-1' under its manual for drought management 2016 (updated in 2020) and Drought Management Code to declare drought conditions and initiate relief.

Trigger-1 is the first stage in the state's drought framework, activated by a rainfall deficit of more than 25 per cent combined with a prolonged dry spell of 21 days.

According to Principal Secretary Vinita Ved Singh, scarcity conditions have been reported in 265 talukas of the state based on information received from divisional commissioners. Drought conditions have become evident under the 'Trigger-1' criteria, while 43 talukas have qualified under 'Trigger-2'.

'Jail Bharo Andolan' on Oct 2 from Shivaji Park

MUMBAI: Cockroach Janta Party founder Abhijeet Dipke on Wednesday announced that a "Jail Bharo Andolan" will begin from Mumbai's Shivaji Park on Gandhi Jayanti, alleging that the Election Commission's functioning was not in the interest of the country.

After reaching Mumbai, Dipke said that the protest movement would start from Shivaji Park on October 2 and appealed to all political parties to participate in the agitation.

He alleged that the "dictatorship" of the Election Commission was a matter of concern and claimed that collective efforts were needed to bring change in the country.

Supporting the remarks made by NCP (SP) chief Sharad Pawar regarding alleged misuse of artificial intelligence (AI) in elections, Deepak said that everyone should come together to address concerns related to the electoral process.

Eiffel Tower chief to quit after exclusion of female staff

PARIS: The head of the company that operates the Eiffel Tower is to leave his post at the end of the year after female employees were excluded from a visit by a Hindu religious group at the Paris landmark.

Patrick Branco Ruivo, director general of the Société d'Exploitation de la Tour Eiffel (SETE), will step down following an investigation by an independent firm into operational failures surrounding the group's visit on September 5.

The investigation found that the failures had led to female members of staff being kept away from the delegation, which SETE described in a statement as an "unacceptable situation". Ruivo has headed the company since the end of 2018.

The 330-metre (1,083-foot) tower, one of Paris's most recognisable landmarks and a major tourist attraction that draws around seven million visitors each year, was closed on



September 7 after staff went on strike. A union official described the management instructions surrounding the visit as "unacceptable". Tensions had risen among employees after management instructed female workers not to come into contact with members of the delegation from Bochasanwasi Shri Akshar Purushottam Swaminarayan Sanstha.

Known as BAPS, the organisation is a global religious and civic group within the Swaminarayan tradition of Hinduism. Its members had been in Paris for celebrations marking the inauguration of a traditional Hindu stone temple.

BAPS did not immediately respond to a request for comment on the announcement.



‘REBEL RANIS’

Brings four powerful women to life through dance

Keelaka Dance Company's 'Rebel Ranis' brings together the stories of Kaikeyi, Sita, Karaikkal Ammaiyaar and Draupadi in a vibrant blend of dance, theatre and music. With powerful performances and striking visuals, the production looks beyond familiar legends to explore four women who challenged the boundaries of their time

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Ranghoomi Auditorium recently witnessed a dance theatre production, 'Rebel Ranis', by Keelaka Dance Company. The production was the result of a collaboration between senior Bharatanatyam guru Jyotsna Lata Shourie and her senior student Aneesha Grover from Delhi. The script was by Aneesha and the choreography by Jyotsna Shourie.

The focus was on four characters: Kaikeyi, Sita, Karaikkal Ammaiyaar and Draupadi. These are the heroines who narrate and play out their stories, presenting an intensely emotive slice of life, not legend, as seen from an insider's perspective. Shattering stereotypes, the subtly tailored kaleidoscopic visualisation, brimming with colour, made for an exhilarating experience.

From the start, the audience was gripped and drawn in, and the tightly packed hour-and-fifteen-minute timescale did not allow for any let-up in pace. The

dialogue and dance were seamlessly fleshed out in a bravura fin-de-siècle tone, as the Rebel Ranis briefly spoke and the incandescent energy of the dance took over.

The drama opened with the four heroines perched on high seats, exchanging their stories in a witty dialogue. The thread linking them is the fact that they all stretch the boundaries in a male-dominated society: Kaikeyi, being a warrior queen versed in politics; Sita, the slayer of Ravana in the apocryphal Adbhut Ramayan; Karaikkal Ammaiyaar, who gives up all societal norms in search of Shiva; and an assertive Draupadi, who breaks taboos.

A melange of music styles, from jazz to Carnatic, embellished the soundscape, including the Ravanashatakam, heralding the dramatic entrance of Ravana. The Shiva Panchakshari appropriately set the mood for Karaikkal Ammaiyaar.

Aneesha Grover was Kaikeyi in the first sequence as she described her upbringing. In a violet aharya, she was portrayed as learning



all the skills as a princess that were identical to those of a male counterpart. Her father, Aswapati, wished her to gain experience in warfare and politics. However, these talents proved to be more of a burden than appropriate to the role she was destined to play.

Apart from the occasion when she accompanied Dasaratha to the battlefield,

where she proved her valour by helping him win, thereby obtaining the boons that would prove to be her bane, she was relegated to wifely duties in the antahpura of the royal household. The memory of a matching duet showcasing her martial skills with Dasaratha is all that lingers.

Her sagacity and courage are forgotten, diminished in

the savage arc of the terrible act of sending Rama, Lakshmana and Sita into exile. We hear, in her own words, a trenchant justification.

Nandita Kaalan Mehra as Sita dominated the next scene. She was no fragile queen needing the solace of a protecting male presence. The 'Adbhut Ramayan', from a Shakta perspective, envisages the story of her victory over a thousand-headed Ravana reigning in Pushkar, more terrifying than the Lord of Lanka.

Nandita's orange-and-green dress was elegant. Rama and Ravana, played by male Chhau dancers Sagar Vashisht and Benjamin Jacob, gave a scintillating display of somersaults and cartwheels as they lunged and leaped in the battlefield scene, creating fireworks on stage with their athletic display.

Fit and chiselled, they duelled with vigour, and finally an exhausted Rama is overpowered and rendered unconscious by his antagonist. Nandita's aquiline countenance flashed with

rage as Sita's gentle visage transformed. The cosmic form of the multi-armed Goddess Mahakali, warrior of darkness, emerges.

Laughing hysterically, with bloodshot eyes and an outstretched tongue denoting her ferocity, she charges into the demon and his army ranks, decapitating the Asura's thousand heads in a flash and destroying his armies.

Ravana's myrmidons in black capes sported face masks resembling an amalgam of silvery metal and ruby-stained glass, giving an Art Deco look. They pranced and capered, looking like fiends from Dante's Inferno. Nandita, to sum up, depicted a Sita who would not have needed Lakshmana to ward off Surpanakha but would have been quite capable of doing so herself!

Amrita Sivakumar, in a green-and-yellow dress, gave a finely etched portrait of the great Saiva saint Karaikkal Ammaiyaar. She liberates herself from a mundane housewifely existence by the grace of Shiva.

As she prays to the Lord in despair, requiring a mango to serve to her husband, divine grace makes it appear. She gives up all the norms of human society to smear ashes on herself, denoting complete renunciation, to follow the ascetic path to self-realisation.

She does not care in the least, even shunning clothing, wandering ardently and unclad in search of the Lord.

Harini Iyer was Draupadi in a draped pink saree. She explains that, though being fire-born, she had to undergo the travails of a life full of perils while still being the rock-like support of her five husbands, enduring even the unendurable.

A leering, malevolent Duryodhana, sly Shakuni and a dignified figure of pathos, Yudhishthira, stole the scene. (Sagar Vashisht, Ravi Yadav and Benjamin Jacob.)

As the dice fall with a guillotine-like regularity, all the wealth of the Pandavas evaporates. When Draupadi herself is staked and lost, Duryodhana, intoxicated with victory, decides to hu-

miliate their queen.

He staggers in a louché, unsteady manner, indicating his bare thigh with a repulsive gesture. Leering malice oozed from Dussasana as he evinced satisfaction in physically dragging Draupadi to the palace hall. He is whirled around and collapses with the intervention of Krishna as he dismally fails in trying to disrobe the Pandavas' consort.

A Tamil jazz song, whose lyrics embroidered upon the theme of unleashing righteous wrath and which was sung by Harini Iyer, became the leitmotif of the finale. It received a standing ovation as the production signed off with a grim recital of the statistics of atrocities against women being committed in contemporary India.

It was a warning against the complacency of a society residing in the illusion of having achieved feminine empowerment, which is still a distant goal for many.

Dolly Thakore graced the occasion as a guest and congratulated the artistes on their proficiency.



Farah Khan opens up about raising three kids and being part of the 'sandwich generation'

Farah Khan has opened up about raising her three children while navigating the responsibilities that come with being part of the "sandwich generation" — a phase of life where one often finds themselves caring for both their children and aging parents. Reflecting on the experience, the filmmaker also shared a heartfelt message about recognizing and supporting caregivers, and said she hopes her children learn to acknowledge those who put the needs of their loved ones first. Sharing a couple of her photos with her triplets, Farah wrote, "Me with my three I am part of the sandwich generation. At that age when we either are caregivers to our parents or to our kids... sandwiched in between! One day these three will be sandwiched too, looking after me, n their kids. I am not being dramatic, that's just what it is, n



frankly good luck to them because I am going to be a nightmare." "Today, if u look after someone u love, u do it with nothing. Nobody asking how ur holding up, because everybody is asking about the patient, n quite rightly. We don't think about these people much. We just say she's a good daughter; he's a devoted son. As

if it's a personality trait n not the hardest job either of them will ever do. I don't want that to be what my children inherit. I'd like them to ask the person doing the caring how they are." <She added, "N that starts very small. One question, or even a little hug of acknowledgment.. every strong person sometimes needs to be cared for too. This is something we'll all go through at some point This is for all the caregivers, the pure souls out there putting everyone else first.. hope ur ok n taken care of too This film by @mrmedhq made me think about my kids and all these caregivers. Send it to someone who needs to know they've been seen."

Farah Khan and her husband, filmmaker Shirish Kunder, are parents to three children, triplets who were born in February 2008 through in vitro fertilization (IVF).

Dia Mirza on parenting her son

'I strive to teach him the values of care, respect, empathy and kindness'

Bollywood actress and environmentalist Dia Mirza has opened up about the values she hopes to instill in her son, Avyaan.

She emphasised the importance of empathy, kindness, respect for boundaries, and understanding consent from an early age. Sharing her thoughts on parenting, Dia said she strives every day to teach her son the importance of treating others with care and respect. "Every single day, I strive to teach my son the value of care, respect, empathy and kindness towards all," she said.

The 'Rehnaa Hai Terre Dil Mein' actress stressed that teaching children about consent goes beyond simply understanding the word "no". She said her son should also learn to recognize subtle signs of discomfort and respect personal boundaries. "That means helping him understand how to respond to rejection, respect boundaries, and recognize and honour even the subtle ways in which a person may convey discomfort," she said.

Dia further explained that consent should be understood as an active and willing choice rather than merely the absence of refusal. "I want him to understand that consent is not merely the absence of a 'no'; it is the presence of a willing and comfortable



'yes,'" she added. The actress also highlighted the importance of teaching children that nobody is obligated to give them attention, affection, or intimacy. She said rejection should not be viewed as an insult or something that needs to be challenged or negotiated. "That no one owes him their attention, affection, or intimacy, and that rejection is neither an insult nor something to be challenged, negotiated, or taken personally," Dia said.

Calling it an important responsibility for parents raising sons, Dia said such conversations can contribute towards creating a safer and more equitable environment for girls. "This

is something every parent raising a son must strive for today. Only then can we build a world that is safer, more equitable, and healthier for our girls," she concluded.

Dia Mirza also shared an image carrying the message: "Don't raise girls to avoid harm. Raise boys who won't cause harm."

Dia Mirza is a mother to two children—her biological son, Avyaan Azaad Rekhi, and her stepdaughter, Samaira Rekhi, whom she shares a close bond with. Avyaan is Dia's son with businessman Vaibhav Rekhi. Samaira is Vaibhav Rekhi's daughter from his previous marriage and is Dia's stepdaughter.

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OTT crisis in Tollywood

SHRINKING STREAMING DEALS THREATEN BIG-BUDGET FILMS

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For years, online video platforms have taken up a crucial role in the economics of Tollywood, with post-theatrical streaming deals serving as an important source of recovery for producers. But the way in which the streaming market is evolving is now compelling the Telugu film industry to reevaluate its reliance on digital revenues.

It especially has ramifications for medium-budget films, which previously relied

on lucrative OTT deals to offset the costs of production. The notion that streaming agreements could cushion weak box-office performances has also led to the criticism that filmmakers were taking fewer risks with theatrical prospects.

That assumption seems to be proving out. Streaming platforms are becoming more reluctant to spend large amounts of money on acquiring films, and OTT budgets reportedly are being trimmed and deals increasingly tied to a film's theatrical

performance and commercial viability.

For example, Yash's Toxic OTT valuation has reportedly dropped significantly from an initial pre-release offer of Rs150 Cr down to around Rs30 Cr following its underwhelming theatrical run.

The ramifications go beyond mid-range productions. Even big-budget Telugu films are being threatened as producers expect substantially higher digital valuations than what streaming platforms are willing to offer. Such a disparity could leave films

that are mounted on ambitious budgets in financial distress. Speaking on it, '1948 Akhanda Bharat' director Eswar said, "The OTT market is definitely going through a correction. Earlier, filmmakers could factor in a strong digital deal while planning their budgets, but that safety net is becoming smaller. For young directors like us, this is actually a reminder to focus on the script and make films within realistic budgets. A film should first work for the audience in theatres, and OTT should be seen as an

additional revenue stream rather than the foundation of the entire business model."

If the trend persists, theatrical revenue could again become the default priority for producers looking to recoup their investments. It would also compel filmmakers to be more disciplined with their budgets and give more thought to content and theatrical appeal.

For Telugu cinema, the shifting OTT landscape could thus be a major turning point in how films are planned, financed and marketed.



'Ranabaali: The History We Forgot' episode highlights untold stories of British India

The second episode of the Ranabaali – Never Forget the Truth documentary series, The History We Forgot, is out on the YouTube platform. Starring Vijay Deverakonda and Rashmika Mandanna, the episode uncovers lesser-known facts about India's history under the British rule.

In the episode, the lead actors discuss the exploitation of India's agriculture produce and take a close look at the railway network laid down during the colonial period. While Vijay Deverakonda talks about the narrative around the introduction of railways in the country, the documentary reveals the other side of the coin. The



actress plays an essential role in the documentary film. Rashmika Mandanna shares her research for the role in Ranabaali and

states that sifting through the annals of history and getting into the events that occurred long ago made her more empathetic to the

struggles of people from long ago.

Ranabaali's four-episode documentary aims to uncover forgotten tales

of the bygone era that are intrinsically linked to the movie's universe. Apart from The History We Forgot, the third episode titled The Men We Forgot will be out on October 2. The release date of the finale, The Last Load, will be announced soon.

The film is directed by Rahul Sankrityan. It stars Vijay Deverakonda and Rashmika Mandanna who share their insights about the country's history via a prism of pertinent questions. The film is produced by Naveen Yerneni and Y. Ravi Shankar under the banner of Mythri Movie Makers, presented by T-Series and will be released worldwide on October 16, on the day of Vijayadashami.

'Tatvam' director Arjun Kola promises a thrilling murder mystery

Director Arjun Kola is confident that the suspense and mystery in Tatvam will keep the audience on tenterhooks. The murder mystery stars Dinesh Tej and Dashwika K. jointly produced by Vamsi Seemakurthi and Swetha Pashupate under their Trayathi Ishani Creations and S.K. Productions.

In the run-up to the October 2 release, Arjun Kola unveiled that their initial plan was to make a rural drama centered on a village panchayat. They later added murder, mystery, and courtroom thriller elements as they worked on a story based on a case in a village context.

The director explained the meaning of the title Tatvam,



saying that it stood for the conflict between truth and lies. He observed that the protagonist unravels the truth in the narrative, which exposes a person's true na-

ture, besides delving into the minds of the characters.

Arjun further revealed that they encountered several obstacles during the production. The cast and crew involved in a car crash while promoting the film caused another postponement. However, the team resumed promotional campaigns and set October 2 for the release.

The director also praised Chetan Bharadwaj's background score, which plays a critical role in the second half of the film as the mystery deepens.

Arjun, who gave up a career in software to pursue movies, announced plans to make Dwarapudi Days, a melodrama set in the Godavari region.

Priyanka Jawalkar grabs attention in sheer pink saree

Priyanka Jawalkar stunned in sheer pink saree. The actress is garnering love for flaunting a pretty traditional look on her social media. Even though she has been seen in cameo roles in many of the web shows that she has been a part of, this picture has definitely got a lot of attention and likes! For the pictures, Priyanka went with a sheer hot-pink saree and paired it with a sleeveless ikat-style blouse that had pretty straps. She was seen posing elegantly in front of a window, where the camera captured the soft lighting on the actress. For styling, the actress kept her looks minimal but still stood out in the pictures. She accessorized with colourful glass bangles in teal, mustard and pink. A touch of makeup, including a minimal black bindi, subtle eye shadow and nude lip balm, completed the beauty's look, while soft and loose wavy hair gave her a pretty finishing touch. The pretty traditional attire along with minimal styling has surely helped Priyanka Jawalkar get a lot of appreciation for her latest photo-shoot.



Satya, Yogi Babu team up for comedy entertainer 'Golden Bhagyam'

Golden Bhagyam stars Telugu comedian Satya and Tamil comedy star Yogi Babu, in a unique comedy entertainer directed by Rangabali fame Pawan Basamsetti. Recently, the makers unveiled the title reveal glimpse, showcasing the film's special Telugu-Tamil concept. Produced by Nagarjuna Reddy and Pawan Basamsetti under Dream Movie Makers and Nayavayu Chitralu, it is the maiden production venture of both the banners. The film is described as 'Telumil' which combines the Telugu and Tamil language and stars the popu-

lar stars from both the industries.

The glimpse starts with a funny conversation between a Telugu man who enjoyed biryani and a Tamil man having idli with sambar, who claim that their respective cuisine is the best. Later, they argue which one is the best cuisine and eventually the funny introduction of Satya and Yogi Babu in white dress starts. Interestingly, in the video, Satya speaks Tamil while Yogi Babu speaks Telugu. It is said that the film has a love, crime and action track with a comedic take on it. Jayashree and Athiraj play the female leads



while Vennela Kishore, Sudharshan, Kishore Tirumala, Rohini, Tanikella Bharani and Sunil Reddy play pivotal roles. Bablu Aju has been roped in for cinematography while the music has been composed by Pawan CH.

'Impure' producer Varahi backs her film with her mother's wedding savings

Impure marks Varahi Mallipamula's debut as a producer, actor and writer, with the film being born from an unusual source of funding - her mother's wedding savings.

Set for a limited Pan-India theatrical release on October 2, the independent film delves into gender, social expectations and the struggles of women. Born in Kakinada and raised in Pennsylvania, Varahi currently splits her time between New York and holds a double major in Engineering and Journalism from Penn State. Despite working in the technology sector in New York, Los Angeles and London,

she continued to pursue filmmaking, penning the first draft of Impure six years ago.

The film follows a woman whose wedding is cancelled after her in-laws discover that she is not a virgin. Varahi said she spent years pitching the women-centric story before deciding to produce it herself. She also starred Telugu actor Yasha Muthuluri in the lead role.

Impure features music by Grammy-nominated artists Raja Kumari and Karan Pandav, with cinematographer Gnana Sekhar VS capturing Telugu locations in an artistic visual approach. Nishanthi Evani makes her directorial debut with the film. The movie premiered at TCL Chinese Theatre in Los Angeles before an



East Coast premiere at Cinema Village in New York.

'Chakkora - Lunar Love Bird' clears censor with U/A certificate

Chakkora - Lunar Love Bird, the upcoming romantic musical entertainer, has cleared its censor formalities and bagged a U/A certificate. Written and directed by Manga Srinivas, the film is produced by Dr. Chintada Hemarao under High Joy Commercials and made under the VIP - Vintage Iconic Pictures banner.

The censor board members reportedly appreciated the team for coming up with a youthful family entertainer without any cuts. The film has a crisp runtime of 2 hours, 17 minutes and 58 seconds while its screenplay was appreciated for keeping the narrative engaging. Starring Sravan and

Malaika T Vasupal in the lead roles, Chakkora - Lunar Love Bird has Anushka Luhar, Yamini, LB Sriram, Suman, Brahmaji, Indraj, Mani Chandana, Nellore Sudarshan, Prabhavathi, Madhavi Prasad, Janardhan and others in pivotal roles.

The film is slated to have a worldwide theatrical release on October 9 through Sri Lakshmi Pictures. In the meanwhile, the movie's audio rights have been acquired by T-Series Music.

After the previous promotional material, the censor clearance adds to the anticipation over the film that promises to blend romance, music and family-oriented entertainment.



'Anakapalli' interval and climax will surprise audience: Lagadapati Sridhar

The upcoming Telugu film Anakapalli is all set for the worldwide theatrical release on October 2, as the makers assure to present an entertainment-filled drama of love, family, action, and suspense. In this regard, the team of the film interacted with the media and shared glimpses of the film.

Lagadapati Sridhar appreciated the team's hard work and assured that the film has a good commercial value. He revealed



that the film was initially planned to release this August,

but it underwent several improvements after the screening

and the audience's response. He further added that the interval and climax of the film will surely amaze the viewers.

The film, which will hit the screens in October, is produced by Kandregula Naidu and Thrinadha Rao Nakkina, Bhavya Sri Movie Makers, and Nakkina Narratives. It stars Vikram Sahidev, Sandhya Vasishtha, and Tarak Ponnappa in leading roles. Directed by Khagesh Tammineni, Thrinadha Rao Nakkina

has written the script.

Thrinadha Rao Nakkina described the film as a love drama with an intriguing family mystery and emotions. He further praised Vikram's hard work and assured that the film will make the actor famous. He also shared that the film has got good pre-shows bookings.

Producer Kandregula Naidu and Sandhya Vasishtha also shared that they expect the film to be a hit among the audience.