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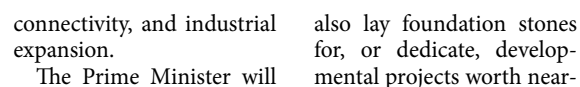
This will enhance farmers' capacity to invest in agriculture

Narendra Modi, approved continuation of the PM-KISAN scheme from 2026-27 to 2030-31, I&B Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw told reporters here. A total financial outlay of Rs 3,15,614 crore has been approved for the Scheme during this period, he added. "The approval reiterates the government's commitment that the prosperity of farmers forms the foundation of the nation's prosperity," the government said in a statement.

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ANDHRA Pradesh is set to witness one of its biggest infrastructure milestones on Saturday as Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurates the Rs 4,727-crore Alluri Sitarama Raju International Airport at Bhogapuram in Vizianagaram district. The state government has made elaborate arrangements for the event, describing the airport as a transformational project for Andhra's economic growth.

- ▶ State gears up for grand inauguration of Rs 4,727-crore Bhogapuram airport
- ▶ PM Modi to also unveil Rs 18,000-cr developmental projects
- ▶ Tribal 'Dhimsa', Kuchipudi performances and cultural displays to mark the occasion



ly Rs 18,000 crore, including the ASIP semiconductor project at Bhogapuram, the transmission system for Phase-I of the Kurnool-IV Renewable Energy Zone, and major National Highway projects.

Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu, who shared the Prime Minister's announcement on social media, said Andhra Pradesh is ready to welcome him.

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BHOGAPURAM OPENS GATEWAY TO NORTH ANDHRA'S ECONOMIC REVOLUTION

Ten killed in building collapse in Bhiwandi

THANE: At least 10 people were killed and three others injured after a four-storey residential building, tagged as 'dangerous' in 2020 by the local civic body and currently undergoing repairs illegally, collapsed in Bhivandi town of Maharashtra's Thane district, officials said on Friday. Hectic efforts were on to rescue three other residents believed to be still trapped under the rubble, several hours after the collapse, they said.

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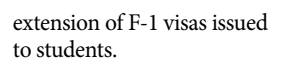
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DURING 2ND HALF OF
MONSOON TO BE
BELOW-NORMAL:IMD**

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THE United States is planning to impose a \$1,00,000 fee on visas issued to international students for working in the US after graduation from an American university, The Wall Street Journal reported. The Trump administration

move comes after a US court struck down a proposal to levy a \$1,00,000 fee on H1-B visas.

According to The Wall Street Journal, the Department of Homeland Security is mulling the high fee on Optional Practical Training (OPT) visas which are an



The OPT programme allows foreign graduates to work for one to three years on their student visas in areas di-

Roughly 4,19,000 foreigners were working on OPT in 2024, the latest year for which data are available.

Tech companies, which conduct most of the recruitments from US universities, opposed the \$1,00,000 fee on H1-B visas.

A DHS spokeswoman said in a statement: 'No policies should be considered final until formally announced.'

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ANDHRA Pradesh's Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) Vivek Yadav announced on Friday that 3.71 crore voters have submitted their enumeration forms as part of the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of the electoral rolls. Releasing the draft electoral rolls for all 175 Assembly

▶▶ **Claims/objections accepted from July 31 to Aug 30**

▶▶ Final rolls will be out on Oct 3

constituencies in Amaravati, said 89.22 per cent of the state's 4.16 crore electors had completed the enumeration process.

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Ex-AAP leader gets lifer for killing IB officer Ankit Sharma

NEW DELHI: A Delhi court on Friday sentenced former AAP councillor Tahir Hussain and four co-convicts to life imprisonment for the murder of Intelligence Bureau officer Ankit Sharma during the 2020 Delhi riots, saying the case did not fall within the "rarest of rare" category warranting the death penalty. **Continued on Page 7**

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