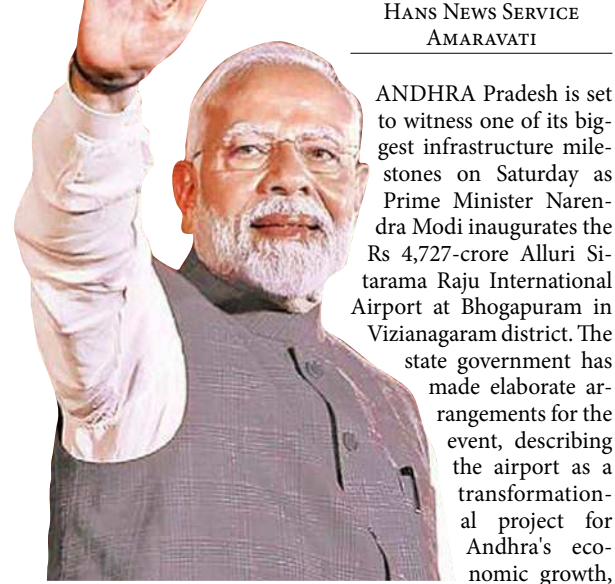


AP POISED FOR BIG ECONOMIC PUSH

# Modi to inaugurate Alluri International Airport today



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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



connectivity, and industrial expansion. The Prime Minister will also lay foundation stones for, or dedicate, developmental projects worth near-

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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VISAKHAPATNAM GETS INTO A CELEBRATION MODE! P4

BHOGAPURAM OPENS GATEWAY TO NORTH ANDHRA'S ECONOMIC REVOLUTION P4



## 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 Bhiwandi 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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AVERAGE RAINFALL DURING 2ND HALF OF MONSOON TO BE BELOW-NORMAL:IMD P7

## Cabinet green-lights PM-KISAN scheme extension till 2030-31

This will enhance farmers' capacity to invest in agriculture

NEW DELHI

THE government on Friday extended the PM-KISAN scheme for the next five years till 2030-31 with a total outlay of over Rs 3.15 lakh crore, a decision aimed at providing financial support to farmers. Under the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN) scheme, launched in February 2019, eligible landholding farmer families get financial assistance of Rs 6,000 per year. The amount is transferred directly into their bank accounts in three equal instalments. Nearly Rs 4.5 lakh crore have been disbursed so far under this scheme. The Union Cabinet, chaired by Prime Minister



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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## Trump mulls \$100,000 fee on work visas

The proposed fee would significantly impact foreign graduates seeking to work in the US after completing their studies

WASHINGTON

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



extension of F-1 visas issued to students.

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

rectly related to their studies.

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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## SIR: 3.71 crore voters file enumeration forms in AP

Draft electoral rolls for 175 Assembly seats released

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

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2020 DELHI RIOTS

## 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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