



Legendary actress Sowcar Janaki no more

CHENNAI: Legendary actress Sowcar Janaki, one of the most respected artistes of Indian cinema, died on Friday due to age-related ailments. She was 94. Her trailblazing career spans seven decades of legacy defined by immense versatility. She has acted in over 400 movies in Tamil, Telugu, Kannada, and Malayalam and was conferred the Padma Shri award in 2022.



Cops file FIR on pellet gun victim's complaint after Rahul's dharna



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PM pitches for India as global space hub

NEW DELHI

PRIME Minister Narendra Modi on Friday called for wider use of space technologies to address everyday challenges and urged India's burgeoning private space industry to forge stronger partnerships with other sectors to create new opportunities.

Modi made the remarks during an interaction with the CEOs and founders of 20 space startups at Seva Teerth, where he reviewed the growth and emerging potential of India's private space ecosystem. According to a PMO release, the startups represented diverse areas of the space economy, including rocket and reusable semi-cryogenic launch vehicle development, avionics, satel-

CALLS FOR WIDER APPLICATION OF SPACE TECHNOLOGIES



Prime Minister Narendra Modi with CEOs and founders of 20 space startups at Seva Teerth in New Delhi on Friday

lites, advanced propulsion systems, space and defence intelligence, space-debris management and artificial intelligence-based hyperlocal weather and climate intelligence. The startup leaders briefed the Prime Minister on the rapid progress of the private space

industry and their efforts to develop advanced capabilities and technologies within India. They also highlighted the increasing interest from organisations around the world in adopting and leveraging technologies developed by Indian space companies. **Continued on Page 7**



CM to visit Anakapalli district today

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VISAKHAPATNAM: Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu is scheduled to tour Anakapalli district on Saturday to participate in a host of programmes. As part of his itinerary, the Chief Minister will visit A. Koduru village in K. Kotapadu mandal of Anakapalli to take part in the Swachh Andhra - Swarna Andhra programme. Five days later, Naidu is likely to visit Araku Valley to flag off the pilot project of 'Sanjeevani'. **Continued on Page 7**

National GST meeting

AP govt's AI-powered GST model draws wide attention

Legal-AI Officer Asst trained on GST laws, 22,000 judgments

- ▶ End-to-end AI system for tax admin
- ▶ Scrutiny detects Rs 743.43 cr revenue against Rs 365.75 cr under legacy process
- ▶ Seven states seek to study and replicate AP's model

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ANDHRA Pradesh has successfully showcased its pioneering GST administration model, based on artificial intelligence (AI)



and machine learning (ML), at the sixth National Coordination Meeting held at Vigyan Bhawan in New Delhi on Friday. The tech-driven model, appreciated widely, now has potential to emerge as a benchmark and replicable model for GST

administration across the country.

The meeting, chaired by the Union revenue secretary, was attended by the GST Council Secretariat, CBIC and senior tax officials from States and Union Territories.

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VIVEKA MURDER PROBE

ED adds money-laundering angle

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THE Enforcement Directorate (ED) has widened and intensified its investigation into the murder of former minister YS Vivekananda Reddy, conducting searches at six locations in Hyderabad and Kadapa districts, as part of a separate probe into alleged money laundering linked to the

- ▶ Raids Kadapa MP Avinash Reddy's residences
- ▶ Rs 4 crore allegedly changed hands before the murder
- ▶ Five ED teams carried out searches in Kadapa dist, Hyd



case. The ED action assumes political significance as one of the searches was

conducted at the residence of YSRCP MP YS Avinash Reddy in Pulivendula and

Hyderabad. Officials reportedly seized documents from the premises.

The ED registered a separate case based on findings emerging from the investigation by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) into the murder, including information that Rs 4 crore allegedly changed hands before the murder.

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NTA clarifies on Rs 200 answer key challenge fee

NEW DELHI: The National Testing Agency (NTA) has said that its 'answer key challenge' system is designed to be fair to all students, and rejected concerns about it being expensive. An NTA answer key challenge is an on-line process where candidates who take an exam (like JEE Main, NEET, or UGC NET) can object to errors in the provisional answer key.

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New H1B fee move clears White House review

NEW DELHI

A proposal from the Donald Trump administration that could raise or otherwise change fees for petitions for the H1B work programme has cleared a key White House regulatory review, bringing it closer to publication and implementation, reported the US-based outlet, Bloomberg Law. While details of the proposal are not available for public viewing yet, any increase or change

in H1B fees could hit Indian professionals hard, who accounted for a majority of all H1B approvals and renewals in 2025. According to the report, the proposal from the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), identified as RIM 1615-AD20 was cleared by the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (OIRA) on Wednesday. This proposal will be published by the DHS publicly in the coming weeks.

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