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BRICS Summit DELHI ON HIGH ALERT

NEW DELHI: Delhi has tightened security across the national capital ahead of the 18th BRICS Summit, with nearly 4,800 traffic police personnel set to manage VIP movement and more than 35 major roads identified for traffic restrictions and diversions. The summit will be held at Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi from September 11 to 13, with foreign leaders and other dignitaries expected to attend. Around 22 diversion points will be used to regulate traffic during the movement of foreign delegations and VIP convoys. Security has also been stepped up at around 10 major hotels where foreign delegates are expected to stay, along with 12 other important locations across the capital. India is hosting the 18th BRICS Summit as the grouping's chair for 2026. The main leaders' summit will be held on September 12 and 13, while the BRICS Business Forum is scheduled for September 11.



Jagan maps 2027 padayatra, sounds 'Kurukshetra' bugle



But we're allowed to carry firearms to PM meetings... I read the news on WhatsApp!

Will safeguard people's land rights, asserts CM

Naidu says he is against 'political revenge'

HANS NEWS SERVICE
P GANNAVARAM
(KONASEEMA DIST)

CHIEF Minister N Chandrababu Naidu on Wednesday said that the NDA coalition government was committed to ensuring people's rights over their land and resolving long-pending land disputes, while asserting that governance should reach people and improve their lives.

Addressing the "Mee Bhoomi-Mee Haku" programme at Machavaram in BR Ambedkar Konaseema district, the Chief Minister said his government was giving high priority to water and land as they were vital for people's lives and livelihoods. "If water is life, land is livelihood. That is why the NDA coalition government is giving high priority to both these programmes," he said.

Naidu said his government would not indulge in "political revenge" despite the alleged harassment he and several leaders faced during



Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu handing over a pattadar passbook to a beneficiary at the Mee Bhoomi-Mee Haku programme in Panduvaripeta village of Ambedkar Konaseema district on Wednesday

The AP government has launched 'Mee Bhoomi-Mee Haku' programme to protect farmers' lands forever. Pattadar passbooks are being issued with the state emblem and security features, including e-KYC, QR codes and blockchain technology. Resurvey had been completed in 8,234 villages and 36 lakh passbooks issued. Over 16 lakh acres have been removed from the 22-A prohibited list and the lands, which had remained in the 22-A1 prohibited list for more than a century, are being freed and treated on par with Gramakantham lands

the previous YSR Congress regime, asserting that his focus was on rebuilding the state and improving the lives of its people.

Addressing a public meeting at Panduvaripeta in P Gannavaram constituency

during the Mee Bhoomi-Mee Haku programme, Naidu recalled his arrest in Nandyal three years ago and said the September 9 incident remained a painful chapter in his political life. "I could have taken revenge in one minute

after becoming Chief Minister, but I did not do it. I have patience. My objective is to ensure justice for the Telugu people," he said.

Naidu said he had been in politics for 48 years and became Chief Minister for the

first time 31 years ago. He claimed that he had faced several allegations and court cases but none of the charges against him could be proved. His political journey, he said, was driven by the objective of following values and working for the poor and the Telugu people. Recalling his arrest, Naidu said police had arrived late at night while he was in Nandyal and informed him that he would be arrested. When he sought details of the charges, he was allegedly told that they would be explained after the arrest. He was subsequently shifted to Rajamahendravaram Central Jail. He said the arrest triggered protests among Telugu people across the country and abroad. IT professionals in Hyderabad also came out in support, while Jana Sena chief Pawan Kalyan faced restrictions when he attempted to express solidarity with him, Naidu said. He claimed that several cases filed by the previous government were later dismissed by courts.

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Union Cabinet okays ₹20,804-crore railway projects across 9 states

Aimed to add 1,196 km to existing rail network

NEW DELHI: The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA), chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, on Wednesday approved eight railway multitracking projects with a combined estimated cost of Rs 20,804 crore across nine states. The projects will add around 1,196 km to the existing Indian Railways network and are targeted for completion by 2029-30. The capacity expansion is expected to ease congestion, improve train movement and strengthen operational efficiency and service reliability on key passenger and freight corridors.

Together, the projects will cover 31 districts and improve rail connectivity to around 6,911 villages with a combined population of nearly 1.08 crore.



BOOST TO AP Renigunta, Arakkonam rail expansion gets approval

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TIRUPATI: The rail network serving Tirupati and its surrounding pilgrimage centres is set for a major capacity enhancement with the Union Cabinet approving the construction of third and fourth railway lines between Arakkonam in Tamil Nadu and Renigunta in Andhra Pradesh.



TDP national working president and IT Minister Nara Lokesh lights 53 candles at CM's Undavalli residence on Wednesday marking 53 days the TDP chief spent in prison

Lokesh lights 53 candles to mark Naidu's arrest

TDP recalls arrest as 'political vendetta' and mobilises cadres across state

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AMARAVATI

THE Telugu Desam Party on Wednesday sought to turn the third anniversary of N Chandrababu Naidu's arrest into a political campaign, recalling his 53-day incarceration and asserting that the episode had strengthened the party's bond with the people. TDP national working president and IT Minister Nara Lokesh lit 53 candles at Chandrababu's Undavalli residence to mark the 53 days the TDP chief spent in prison following his arrest three years ago.

The party described the arrest as politically motivated

and alleged that the case was orchestrated by the then YSRCP government out of political vendetta. TDP leaders and supporters across the state observed the day by lighting candles under the slogan 'truth has triumphed' and expressing solidarity with Chandrababu.

Lokesh said Chandrababu, who had spent five decades in public life upholding political values, had emerged from the cases without being tainted. He compared his political journey after the episode to 'a washed pearl' and attributed his resilience to the support of crores of Telugu people across the world.

TTD announces first-of-its-kind insurance cover for devotees

- Board approves a ₹2 lakh insurance for devotees who die of natural causes in Tirumala
- Compensation for devotees who die in accidents goes up from ₹3 lakh to ₹10 lakh

PRADEEP VENNELAKANTI
TIRUMALA

THE TTD trust board has announced that it will introduce a first-of-its-kind initiative in the country by approving a Rs 2 lakh insurance cover for the families of devotees who succumb to natural causes during their stay in Tirumala.

The scheme will be implemented in association with the Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC), providing financial assistance to the families of pilgrims who die of natural causes in



TTD chairman BR Naidu explaining the board decisions to the media in Tirumala on Wednesday. Executive Officer M Ravichandra is also seen

Tirumala. Under the scheme, the TTD will pay the insurance premium, ensuring a Rs 2 lakh benefit for the family of a devotee who dies of natural causes while in Tirumala. The temple body already extends accident insurance assistance to the kin of devotees killed in road accidents on the Alipiri-Tirumala route in specified cases.

The decision was taken at the TTD trust board meeting held at Annamaiah Bhavan in Tirumala on Wednesday under the chairmanship of BR Naidu.

EXTRA 'F' IN CNR RAO'S NAME TRIGGERS SIR NOTICE

EC now says will visit Bharat Ratna's house for verification

BENGALURU

ELECTION Commission of India (ECI) officials will visit 92-year-old Bharat Ratna awardee and eminent scientist CNR Rao's Bengaluru residence for verification after backlash over the notice issued to him as part of the Karnataka electoral roll Special Intensive Revision (SIR).



Rao was asked to appear at an SIR hearing centre to address a discrepancy in how his name was recorded during the

enumeration process. "... Rao does not have to appear before the election officials at the designated centre. Officials will visit his home and conduct the necessary verification there," said an ECI official, who did not want to be named.

The notice listed the reason as "self-name mismatch."

Cognizant's green card filings suspended

IT industry may face tougher scrutiny

WASHINGTON

THE US has suspended permanent labour certification filings (PERM) by Chennai-founded IT services company Cognizant and software firm Cloud-era, as the Trump administration steps up its crackdown on alleged fraud and misuse of employment visa programmes.

The move could have implications for foreign workers seeking US employment-based Green Cards through Cognizant, including Indian technology professionals. The US Department of Labour has not disclosed the specific allegations against either company. Authorities have not publicly given details about the specific allegations against Cognizant or Cloud-era, nor said how many PERM applications are affected or how long the suspension will last.

US Department of Labour Inspector General Anthony D'Esposito announced the suspension of the companies' PERM filings, saying, "Threats to American workers will NOT be tolerated."

D'Esposito said the investigation into the two companies was conducted in coordination with the White House Fraud Task Force and other officials.

Referring to Cognizant, he said its PERM filings

had been suspended and that the Department of Labour's Office of Inspector General was investigating. In another statement, D'Esposito said authorities were following "facts, fraud and finances".

The development comes after the Trump administration launched a major investigation in July into alleged fraud involving the H-1B and PERM employment programmes.



'AI could kill us all by end of decade'

ANTHROPIC RESEARCHER QUILTS, ISSUES DIRE WARNING

WASHINGTON

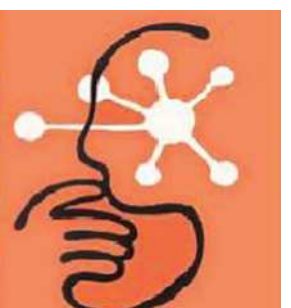
AN Anthropic researcher has resigned from the company citing fears that AI labs are building systems that could kill human life in just a few years. Jacob Coxon said in an X post on Wednesday morning that he is quitting Anthropic — as he had previously quit OpenAI — because these AI companies are gambling with lives in their rush to

improve superintelligence. "I resigned from Anthropic today. I spent the last three years doing pretraining research at both OpenAI and Anthropic. Neither company is acting responsibly," Coxon said. "They are racing straight to self-improving superintelligence and gambling with our lives."

Coxon warned against underestimating the power of AI systems — predicting that they would soon be able



to "hack anything, revolutionize any field overnight, and acquire real power and



resources". He went so far as to say that these superintelligent AI systems could end

humanity in the space of just a few years, and the people building them are aware of this. "The people building AI earnestly believe that it could kill us all by the end of the decade," the 27-year-old former Anthropic researcher warned. He claimed to have first-hand knowledge of senior AI researchers who are worried about artificial intelligence killing humanity, writing: "This is not a marketing stunt. If anything,

many executives and senior researchers will couch their phrasing in the press to sound sensible - but I hear the same people express fear privately." "No other human activity poses this level of danger," Coxon added.

The 27-year-old researcher said that Anthropic is well aware of the stakes, but wants to be the first to build an uncontrollable, self-improving AI system.

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ENDOWMENTS DEPARTMENT
SRI LAXMI VENKATESWARA SWAMY TEMPLE
Uyyalawada (V), Orvakal (M), Kurnool (Dist)

e-Procurement Tender
NIT.No.TTD-20022DY(GEN)/39/
2025-EE-XV-SEC, Dt: 16.05.2026
E-Tenders are invited through the
e-Procurement portal for the Laying
of CC Road to Temple. Interested
bidders may visit the official website
www.aapeprocurement.gov.in
for detailed information, eligibility
criteria, and submission guidelines.

Executive Officer

**AP STATE POLICE
HOUSING
CORPORATION LTD**

e-Procurement Tender Notification-7
Tenders for Civil work is invited for Tender
No.21/2026-27 dated 09/09/2026 for 1
work: Last date/time for submission of bids
for Tender No.21/2026-27: 18/09/2026,
5.00PM.
For details, please visit www.aapeprocurement.gov.in
Sd/- CHIEF ENGINEER
DIPR Ro.No.5409PP/CLUADVT/11/2021-22
Date: 09/09/2026

GREATER VISAKHAPATNAM MUNICIPAL CORPORATION

01. Tender Notice No.: Short Tender Notice
No.17/2026-27/GVMC/SE-Gwk/E-E-GWK Zone, Dt:08.09.2026 (07 days)

1	Number of Works	04 No's.
2	Value of Works	Rs. 265.90 Lakhs
3	Down Load Starting Date	09.09.2026 @ 02.00 PM
4	Down load Ending date	16.09.2026 @ 03.00 PM

Note: Further details @ www.aapeprocurement.gov.in
EE-Gwk or SE-Gwk (Contact No.9848933235) Sd/- For Commissioner

ANDHRA PRADESH CAPITAL REGION DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
Rayapudi, Thullur Mandal, Amaravati-522237 (A.P.)

PUBLIC NOTICE
File No. MAU61-DPONGT(OTH)/69/2026-DP, Dt: 03-09-2026
The Vice Chairman, erstwhile VGTU UDA has approved the Road Development Plan for widening of the existing road connecting Old NH-5 at Auto Nagar to JKC College Road to a width of 80'-0", IRR-Phase-II, which was approved vide file No.E1-545/2007, Dt: 20-06-2008. In the above road development, the lands belonging to the following applicant is affected. APCRDA proposes to issue Transferable Development Rights (TDRs) as per G.O.Ms.No.678, M.A., Dt:07.09.2007. The details of the properties are given below

S. No.	Application No.	Name of the Applicant	Survey Number	Extent Affected (in Sqm)	Registered Gift Deed
1	017539	Smt. Kuthizun	115/1	69.85	4896/2019, Dt: 18-11-19

Hence, the general public are here by informed to submit their objections/ suggestions (if any), in this regard within 7 days from the date of publication of this notification to APCRDA failing which will be considered that there are no objections/suggestions etc., and Issuance of TDRs will be processed as per rules in force.

Sd/- Commissioner, APCRDA

Canara Bank ARM Branch, Circle Office, D.No.54-15-4B, Ground Floor, Lakshmi Avenue, Srinivasa Nagar Bank Colony, Ring Road, Vijayawada, AP - 520008.
Ph: 8331011695, E-mail: armvij@canarabank.com

E- AUCTION SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets Properties under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable properties mortgaged to the Secured Creditor, the possession has been taken by the Authorised Officer of branches mentioned below of the Canara Bank, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on 28.09.2026, for recovery of amounts mentioned below due to the ARM Branch, Vijayawada of Canara Bank from the below mentioned Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s). Description of the immovable properties with no encumbrances to the knowledge of the bank.

DATE & TIME OF E-AUCTION : 28.09.2026 at 2.00 PM to 4.00 PM (with unlimited extension of 5 minutes duration each till the conclusion of the sale) **LAST DATE FOR SUBMISSION OF EMD: 28.09.2026 before 12.00 Noon**

EMD amount of 10% of the Reserve Price is to be deposited in E-wallet of M/s. PSB Alliance Private Limited (baanknet) portal directly or by generating the challan therein to deposit the EMD amount through RTGS/ NEFT in the account details as mentioned in the said challan on or before 28.09.2026 at 12.00 Noon.

Borrower/Guarantors & Branch Details (All Accounts Transferred to ARM, Vijayawada Branch)	DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTIES	Reserve Price (in Rs.)	EMD (10% of Reserve Price)
Rajahmundry Main II Branch M/s Eswarsankalp Developers, represented by its Managing Partner: Sri. Arimanda Durga Rama Krishna Reddy, S/o Arimanda Kanaka Reddy & Late Smt. Arimanda Kalyani, W/o Arimanda Durga Rama Krishna Reddy (BORROWERS). 1. Sri. Arimanda Manikanta Reddy, S/o A.Ramakrishna Reddy, & 2. Sri. Arimanda Venkata Lakshmi Narasimha Reddy, S/o A.Ramakrishna Reddy, (Legal Heirs of deceased guarantor/partner Smt. Arimanda Kalyani, W/o Arimanda Durga Rama Krishna Reddy). Total Liability : Rs.21,03,63,845.20 Pps as on 07.09.2026 + interest + other expenses	Undivided and Unspecified area schedule: All that part and parcel of site measuring 3200 sq.yds or 2675.60 sq. mts. being an undivided and unspecified share of Builder/ Developer share 5967.36 sq. yds. or 4989.47 sq. mts. in the total extent of 10288.55 sq. yds. or 8602.54 sq. mts along with 69 flats (under construction thereon) including super built up area of 89045 Sft. Including common areas and balconies in C,D,E,F & Amenities blocks and car parking of 5520 sft. (for 69 flats) car parking with 80 sft. each) and still floors in C,D,E,F & Amenities' blocks of "ESWARSANKALP HOMES" covered by S.No.306/1 of V.L.Puram, Rajahmundry Municipal Corporation area and S.No.308 of V.L.Puram, Pidimgoyya Gram Panchayath, Rajahmundry rural area in the registration district area of Pidimgoyya Joint sub-Registrar's Office, East Godavari district and total site Boundaries: As per Deed. Out of total 110 flats of Builder's share in "A,B,C,D,E,F and Amenities Blocks" 69 (64+5) flats in C,D,E,F and Amenities blocks are mortgaged to Bank.		

Item No.1: All that part and parcel of (un finished) Flat no.101 (C101) in an extent of 1455 sft. with car parking area of 80 sft. and undivided share of 50 sq.yds in Block C ground floor of above schedule "ESWARSANKALP HOMES" apartment, Boundaries: As per Deed.	Rs. 29,31,000/-	Rs. 2,93,100/-
Item No.2: All that part and parcel of (un finished) Flat no.102 (C102) in an extent of 1400 sft. with car parking area of 80 sft. and undivided share of 50 sq.yds in Block C ground floor of above schedule "ESWARSANKALP HOMES" apartment, Boundaries: As per Deed.	Rs. 28,26,000/-	Rs. 2,82,600/-
Item No.3: All that part and parcel of (un finished) Flat no.103 (C103) in an extent of 1415 sft. with car parking area of 80 sft. and undivided share of 50 sq.yds in Block C ground floor of above schedule "ESWARSANKALP HOMES" apartment, Boundaries: As per Deed.	Rs. 28,55,000/-	Rs. 2,85,500/-
Item No.4: All that part and parcel of (un finished) Flat no.104 (C104) in an extent of 1145 sft. with car parking area of 80 sft. and undivided share of 40 sq.yds in Block C ground floor of above schedule "ESWARSANKALP HOMES" apartment, Boundaries: As per Deed.	Rs. 23,39,000/-	Rs. 2,33,900/-
Item No.5: All that part and parcel of (un finished) Flat no.106 (C106) in an extent of 1175 sft. with car parking area of 80 sft. and undivided share of 40 sq.yds. in Block C ground floor of above schedule "ESWARSANKALP HOMES" apartment, Boundaries: As per Deed.	Rs. 23,97,000/-	Rs. 2,39,700/-
Item No.6: All that part and parcel of (un finished) Flat no.201 (C201) in an extent of 1455 sft. with car parking area of 80 sft. and undivided share of 50 sq.yds in Block C first floor of above schedule "ESWARSANKALP HOMES" apartment, Boundaries: As per Deed.	Rs. 29,31,000/-	Rs. 2,93,100/-
Item No.7: All that part and parcel of (un finished) Flat no.202 (C202) in an extent of 1400 sft. with car parking area of 80 sft. and undivided share of 50 sq.yds. in Block C first floor of above schedule "ESWARSANKALP HOMES" apartment, Boundaries: As per Deed.	Rs. 28,26,000/-	Rs. 2,82,600/-
Item No.8: All that part and parcel of (un finished) Flat no.203 (C203) in an extent of 1415 sft. with car parking area of 80 sft. and undivided share of 50 sq.yds. in Block C first floor of above schedule "ESWARSANKALP HOMES" apartment, Boundaries: As per Deed.	Rs. 28,55,000/-	Rs. 2,85,500/-
Item No.9: All that part and parcel of (un finished) Flat no.204 (C204) in an extent of 1145 sft. with car parking area of 80 sft. and undivided share of 40 sq.yds. in Block C first floor of above schedule "ESWARSANKALP HOMES" apartment, Boundaries: As per Deed.	Rs. 23,39,000/-	Rs. 2,33,900/-
Item No.10: All that part and parcel of (un finished) Flat no.206 (C206) in an extent of 1175 sft. with car parking area of 80 sft. and undivided share of 40 sq.yds. in Block C first floor of above schedule "ESWARSANKALP HOMES" apartment, Boundaries: As per Deed.	Rs. 23,97,000/-	Rs. 2,39,700/-
Item No.11: All that part and parcel of (un finished) Flat no.501 (C501) in an extent of 1455 sft. with car parking area of 80 sft. and undivided share of 50 sq.yds. in Block C fourth floor of above schedule "ESWARSANKALP HOMES" apartment, Boundaries: As per Deed.	Rs. 29,31,000/-	Rs. 2,93,100/-
Item No.12: All that part and parcel of (un finished) Flat no.502 (C502) in an extent of 1400 sft. with car parking area of 80 sft. and undivided share of 50 sq.yds. in Block C fourth floor of above schedule "ESWARSANKALP HOMES" apartment, Boundaries: As per Deed.	Rs. 28,26,000/-	Rs. 2,82,600/-
Item No.13: All that part and parcel of (un finished) Flat no.503 (C503) in an extent of 1415 sft. with car parking area of 80 sft. and undivided share of 50 sq.yds. in Block C fourth floor of above schedule "ESWARSANKALP HOMES" apartment, Boundaries: As per Deed.	Rs. 28,55,000/-	Rs. 2,85,500/-
Item No.14: All that part and parcel of (un finished) Flat no.504 (C504) in an extent of 1145 sft. with car parking area of 80 sft. and undivided share of 40 sq.yds. in Block C fourth floor of above schedule "ESWARSANKALP HOMES" apartment, Boundaries: As per Deed.	Rs. 23,39,000/-	Rs. 2,33,900/-
Item No.15: All that part and parcel of (un finished) Flat no.505 (C505) in an extent of 1130 sft. with car parking area of 80 sft. and undivided share of 40 sq.yds. in Block C fourth floor of above schedule "ESWARSANKALP HOMES" apartment, Boundaries: As per Deed.	Rs. 23,11,000/-	Rs. 2,31,100/-
Item No.16: All that part and parcel of (un finished) Flat no.506 (C506) in an extent of 1175 sft. with car parking area of 80 sft. and undivided share of 40 sq.yds. in Block C fourth floor of above schedule "ESWARSANKALP HOMES" apartment, Boundaries: As per Deed.	Rs. 23,97,000/-	Rs. 2,39,700/-
Item No.17: All that part and parcel of (un finished) Flat no.201 (D201) in an extent of 1320 sft. with car parking area of 80 sft. and undivided share of 45 sq.yds. in Block D first floor of above schedule "ESWARSANKALP HOMES" apartment, Boundaries: As per Deed.	Rs. 26,73,000/-	Rs. 2,67,300/-
Item No.18: All that part and parcel of (un finished) Flat no.203 (D203) in an extent of 1285 sft. with car parking area of 80 sft. and undivided share of 45 sq.yds. in Block D first floor of above schedule "ESWARSANKALP HOMES" apartment, Boundaries: As per Deed.	Rs. 26,07,000/-	Rs. 2,60,700/-
Item No.19: All that part and parcel of (un finished) Flat no.204 (D204) in an extent of 1275 sft. with car parking area of 80 sft. and undivided share of 45 sq.yds. in Block D first floor of above schedule "ESWARSANKALP HOMES" apartment, Boundaries: As per Deed.	Rs. 25,87,000/-	Rs. 2,58,700/-
Item No.20: All that part and parcel of (un finished) Flat no.206 (D206) in an extent of 1310 sft. with car parking area of 80 sft. and undivided share of 45 sq.yds. in Block D first floor of above schedule "ESWARSANKALP HOMES" apartment, Boundaries: As per Deed.	Rs. 26,54,000/-	Rs. 2,65,400/-
Item No.21: All that part and parcel of (un finished) Flat no.401 (D401) in an extent of 1320 sft. with car parking area of 80 sft. and undivided share of 45 sq.yds. in Block D third floor of above schedule "ESWARSANKALP HOMES" apartment, Boundaries: As per Deed.	Rs. 26,73,000/-	Rs. 2,67,300/-
Item No.22: All that part and parcel of (un finished) Flat no.402 (D402) in an extent of 1270 sft. with car parking area of 80 sft. and undivided share of 45 sq.yds. in Block D third floor of above schedule "ESWARSANKALP HOMES" apartment, Boundaries: As per Deed.	Rs. 25,78,000/-	Rs. 2,57,800/-
Item No.23: All that part and parcel of (un finished) Flat no.403 (D403) in an extent of 1285 sft. with car parking area of 80 sft. and undivided share of 45 sq.yds. in Block D third floor of above schedule "ESWARSANKALP HOMES" apartment, Boundaries: As per Deed.	Rs. 26,07,000/-	Rs. 2,60,700/-
Item No.24: All that part and parcel of (un finished) Flat no.404 (D404) in an extent of 1275 sft. with car parking area of 80 sft. and undivided share of 45 sq.yds. in Block D third floor of above schedule "ESWARSANKALP HOMES" apartment, Boundaries: As per Deed.	Rs. 25,87,000/-	Rs. 2,58,700/-
Item No.25: All that part and parcel of (un finished) Flat no.405 (D405) in an extent of 1260 sft. with car parking area of 80 sft. and undivided share of 45 sq.yds. in Block D third floor of above schedule "ESWARSANKALP HOMES" apartment, Boundaries: As per Deed.	Rs. 25,59,000/-	Rs. 2,55,900/-
Item No.26: All that part and parcel of (un finished) Flat no.406 (D406) in an extent of 1310 sft. with car parking area of 80 sft. and undivided share of 45 sq.yds. in Block D third floor of above schedule "ESWARSANKALP HOMES" apartment, Boundaries: As per Deed.	Rs. 26,54,000/-	Rs. 2,65,400/-
Item No.27: All that part and parcel of (un finished) Flat no.101 (E101) in an extent of 1320 sft. with car parking area of 80 sft. and undivided share of 45 sq.yds. in Block E ground floor of above schedule "ESWARSANKALP HOMES" apartment, Boundaries: As per Deed.	Rs. 26,73,000/-	Rs. 2,67,300/-
Item No.28: All that part and parcel of (un finished) Flat no.102 (E102) in an extent of 1270 sft. with car parking area of 80 sft. and undivided share of 45 sq.yds. in Block E ground floor of above schedule "ESWARSANKALP HOMES" apartment, Boundaries: As per Deed.	Rs. 25,78,000/-	Rs. 2,57,800/-

Item No.29: All that part and parcel of (un finished) Flat no.103 (E103) in an extent of 1285 sft. with car parking area of 80 sft. and undivided share of 45 sq.yds. in Block E ground floor of above schedule "ESWARSANKALP HOMES" apartment, Boundaries: As per Deed.	Rs. 26,07,000/-	Rs. 2,60,700/-
Item No.30: All that part and parcel of (un finished) Flat no.104 (E104) in an extent of 1275 sft. with car parking area of 80 sft. and undivided share of 45 sq.yds. in Block E ground floor of above schedule "ESWARSANKALP HOMES" apartment, Boundaries: As per Deed.	Rs. 25,87,000/-	Rs. 2,58,700/-
Item No.31: All that part and parcel of (un finished) Flat no.105 (E105) in an extent of 1260 sft. with car parking area of 80 sft. and undivided share of 45 sq.yds. in Block E ground floor of above schedule "ESWARSANKALP HOMES" apartment, Boundaries: As per Deed.	Rs. 25,59,000/-	Rs. 2,55,900/-
Item No.32: All that part and parcel of (un finished) Flat no.106 (E106) in an extent of 1310 sft. with car parking area of 80 sft. and undivided share of 45 sq.yds. in Block E ground floor of above schedule "ESWARSANKALP HOMES" apartment, Boundaries: As per Deed.	Rs. 26,54,000/-	Rs. 2,65,400/-
Item No.33: All that part and parcel of (un finished) Flat no.202 (E202) in an extent of 1270 sft. with car parking area of 80 sft. and undivided share of 45 sq.yds. in Block E first floor of above schedule "ESWARSANKALP HOMES" apartment, Boundaries: As per Deed.	Rs. 25,78,000/-	Rs. 2,57,800/-
Item No.34: All that part and parcel of (un finished) Flat no.205 (E205) in an extent of 1260 sft. with car parking area of 80 sft. and undivided share of 45 sq.yds. in Block E first floor of above schedule "ESWARSANKALP HOMES" apartment, Boundaries: As per Deed.	Rs. 25,59,000/-	Rs. 2,55,900/-
Item No.35: All that part and parcel of (un finished) Flat no.301 (E301) in an extent of 1320 sft. with car parking area of 80 sft. and undivided share of 45 sq.yds. in Block E second floor of above schedule "ESWARSANKALP HOMES" apartment, Boundaries: As per Deed.	Rs. 26,73,000/-	Rs. 2,67,300/-
Item No.36: All that part and parcel of (un finished) Flat no.306 (E306) in an extent of 1310 sft. with car parking area of 80 sft. and undivided share of 45 sq.yds. in Block E second floor of above schedule "ESWARSANKALP HOMES" apartment, Boundaries: As per Deed.	Rs. 26,54,000/-	Rs. 2,65,400/-
Item No.37: All that part and parcel of (un finished) Flat no.401 (E401) in an extent of 1320 sft. with car parking area of 80 sft. and undivided share of 45 sq.yds. in Block E third floor of above schedule "ESWARSANKALP HOMES" apartment, Boundaries: As per Deed.	Rs. 26,73,000/-	Rs. 2,67,300/-
Item No.38: All that part and parcel of (un finished) Flat no.402 (E402) in an extent of 1270 sft. with car parking area of 80 sft. and undivided share of 45 sq.yds. in Block E third floor of above schedule "ESWARSANKALP HOMES" apartment, Boundaries: As per Deed.	Rs. 25,78,000/-	Rs. 2,57,800/-
Item No.39: All that part and parcel of (un finished) Flat no.403 (E403) in an extent of 1285 sft. with car parking area of 80 sft. and undivided share of 45 sq.yds. in Block E third floor of above schedule "ESWARSANKALP HOMES" apartment, Boundaries: As per Deed.	Rs. 26,07,000/-	Rs. 2,60,700/-
Item No.40: All that part and parcel of (un finished) Flat no.404 (E404) in an extent of 1275 sft. with car parking area of 80 sft. and undivided share of 45 sq.yds. in Block E third floor of above schedule "ESWARSANKALP HOMES" apartment, Boundaries: As per Deed.	Rs. 25,87,000/-	Rs. 2,58,700/-
Item No.41: All that part and parcel of (un finished) Flat no.405 (E405) in an extent of 1260 sft. with car parking area of 80 sft. and undivided share of 45 sq.yds. in Block E third floor of above schedule "ESWARSANKALP HOMES" apartment, Boundaries: As per Deed.	Rs. 25,59,000/-	Rs. 2,55,900/-
Item No.42: All that part and parcel of (un finished) Flat no.406 (E406) in an extent of 1310 sft. with car parking area of 80 sft. and undivided share of 45 sq.yds. in Block E third floor of above schedule "ESWARSANKALP HOMES" apartment, Boundaries: As per Deed.	Rs. 26,54,000/-	Rs. 2,65,400/-
Item No.43: All that part and parcel of (un finished) Flat no.501 (E501) in an extent of 1320 sft. with car parking area of 80 sft. and undivided share of 45 sq.yds. in Block E fourth floor of above schedule "ESWARSANKALP HOMES" apartment, Boundaries: As per Deed.	Rs. 26,73,000/-	Rs. 2,67,300/-
Item No.44: All that part and parcel of (un finished) Flat no.502 (E502) in an extent of 1270 sft. with car parking area of 80 sft. and undivided share of 45 sq.yds. in Block E fourth floor of above schedule "ESWARSANKALP HOMES" apartment, Boundaries: As per Deed.	Rs. 25,78,000/-	Rs. 2,57,800/-
Item No.45: All that part and parcel of (un finished) Flat no.503 (E503) in an extent of 1285 sft. with car parking area of 80 sft. and undivided share of 45 sq.yds. in Block E fourth floor of above schedule "ESWARSANKALP HOMES" apartment, Boundaries: As per Deed.	Rs. 26,07,000/-	Rs. 2,60,700/-
Item No.46: All that part and parcel of (un finished) Flat no.504 (E504) in an extent of 1275 sft. with car parking area of 80 sft. and undivided share of 45 sq.yds. in Block E fourth floor of above schedule "ESWARSANKALP HOMES" apartment, Boundaries: As per Deed.	Rs. 25,87,000/-	Rs. 2,58,700/-
Item No.47: All that part and parcel of (un finished) Flat no.505 (E505) in an extent of 1260 sft. with car parking area of 80 sft. and undivided share of 45 sq.yds. in Block E fourth floor of above schedule "ESWARSANKALP HOMES" apartment, Boundaries: As per Deed.	Rs. 25,59,000/-	Rs. 2,55,900/-
Item No.48: All that part and parcel of (un finished) Flat no.506 (E506) in an extent of 1310 sft. with car parking area of 80 sft. and undivided share of 45 sq.yds. in Block E fourth floor of above schedule "ESWARSANKALP HOMES" apartment, Boundaries: As per Deed.	Rs. 26,54,000/-	Rs. 2,65,400/-
Item No.49: All that part and parcel of (un finished) Flat no.201 (F201) in an extent of 1455 sft. with car parking area of 80 sft. and undivided share of 50 sq.yds in Block F first floor of above schedule "ESWARSANKALP HOMES" apartment, Boundaries: As per Deed.	Rs. 29,31,000/-	Rs. 2,93,100/-
Item No.50: All that part and parcel of (un finished) Flat no.202 (F202) in an extent of 1400 sft. with car parking area of 80 sft. and undivided share of 50 sq.yds. in Block F first floor of above schedule "ESWARSANKALP HOMES" apartment, Boundaries: As per Deed.	Rs. 28,26,000/-	Rs. 2,82,600/-
Item No.51: All that part and parcel of (un finished) Flat no.203 (F203) in an extent of 1415 sft. with car parking area of 80 sft. and undivided share of 50 sq.yds. in Block F first floor of above schedule "ESWARSANKALP HOMES" apartment, Boundaries: As per Deed.	Rs. 28,55,000/-	Rs. 2,85,500/-
Item No.52: All that part and parcel of (un finished) Flat no.204 (F204) in an extent of 1145 sft. with car parking area of 80 sft. and undivided share of 40 sq.yds. in Block F first floor of above schedule "ESWARSANKALP HOMES" apartment, Boundaries: As per Deed.	Rs. 23,39,000/-	Rs. 2,33,900/-
Item No.53: All that part and parcel of (un finished) Flat no.206 (F206) in an extent of 1175 sft. with car parking area of 80 sft. and undivided share of 40 sq.yds. in Block F first floor of above schedule "ESWARSANKALP HOMES" apartment, Boundaries: As per Deed.	Rs. 23,97,000/-	Rs. 2,39,700/-
Item No.54: All that part and parcel of (un finished) Flat no.301 (F301) in an extent of 1455 sft. with car parking area of 80 sft. and undivided share of 50 sq.yds. in Block F second floor of above schedule "ESWARSANKALP HOMES" apartment, Boundaries: As per Deed.	Rs. 29,31,000/-	Rs. 2,93,100/-
Item No.55: All that part and parcel of (un finished) Flat no.303 (F303) in an extent of 1455 sft. with car parking area of 80 sft. and undivided share of 50 sq.yds. in Block F second floor of above schedule "ESWARSANKALP HOMES" apartment, Boundaries: As per Deed.	Rs. 28,55,000/-	Rs. 2,85,500/-
Item No.56: All that part and parcel of (un finished) Flat no.304 (F304) in an extent of 1145 sft. with car parking area of 80 sft. and undivided share of 40 sq.yds. in Block F second floor of above schedule "ESWARSANKALP HOMES" apartment, Boundaries: As per Deed.	Rs. 23,39,000/-	Rs. 2,33,900/-
Item No.57: All that part and parcel of (un finished) Flat no.306 (F306) in an extent of 1175 sft. with car parking area of 80 sft. and undivided share of 40 sq.yds. in Block F second floor of above schedule "ESWARSANKALP HOMES" apartment, Boundaries: As per Deed.	Rs. 23,97,000/-	Rs. 2,39,700/-
Item No.58: All that part and parcel of (un finished) Flat no.401 (F401) in an extent of 1455 sft. with car parking area of 80 sft. and undivided share of 50 sq.yds. in Block F third floor of above schedule "ESWARSANKALP HOMES" apartment, Boundaries: As per Deed.	Rs. 29,31,000/-	Rs. 2,93,100/-
Item No.59: All that part and parcel of (un finished) Flat no.402 (F402) in an extent of 1400 sft. with car parking area of 80 sft. and undivided share of 50 sq.yds. in Block F third floor of above schedule "ESWARSANKALP HOMES" apartment, Boundaries: As per Deed.	Rs. 28,26,000/-	Rs. 2,82,600/-
Item No.60: All that part and parcel of (un finished) Flat no.403 (F403) in an extent of 1415 sft. with car parking area of 80 sft. and undivided share of 50 sq.yds. in Block F third floor of above schedule "ESWARSANKALP HOMES" apartment, Boundaries: As per Deed.	Rs. 28,55,000/-	Rs. 2,85,500/-
Item No.61: All that part and parcel of (un finished) Flat no.404 (F404) in an extent of 1145 sft. with car parking area of 80 sft. and undivided share of 40 sq.yds. in Block F third floor of above schedule "ESWARSANKALP HOMES" apartment, Boundaries: As per Deed.	Rs. 23,39,000/-	Rs. 2,33,900/-
Item No.62: All that part and parcel of (un finished) Flat no.405 (F405) in an extent of 1130 sft. with car parking area of 80 sft. and undivided share of 40 sq.yds. in Block F third floor of above schedule "ESWARSANKALP HOMES" apartment, Boundaries: As per Deed.	Rs. 23,11,000/-	Rs. 2,31,100/-
Item No.63: All that part and parcel of (un finished) Flat no.406 (F406) in an extent of 1175 sft. with car parking area of 80 sft. and undivided share of 40 sq.yds. in Block F third floor of above schedule "ESWARSANKALP HOMES" apartment, Boundaries: As per Deed.	Rs. 23,97,000/-	Rs. 2,39,700/-
Item No.64: All that part and parcel of (un finished) Flat no.503 (F503) in an extent of 1415 sft. with car parking area of 80 sft. and undivided share of 50 sq.yds. in Block F fourth floor of above schedule "ESWARSANKALP HOMES" apartment, Boundaries: As per Deed.	Rs. 28,55,000/-	Rs. 2,85,500/-

Date & Time of Inspection of the Property : 25.09.2026 at 11.00 AM to 5.00 PM.

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale please refer the link "E-Action Form" provided in Canara Bank's website (www.canarabank.bnk.in) or may contact Chief Manager, ARB Branch, Vijayawada, Canara Bank, Ph. No. 8331011695 during office hours on any working day.

* Dues/taxes, if any, known/not known to Bidders shall be borne by the auction purchaser and the same is exclusive of the final bid amount. The Bankers shall improve their offers in multiples of Rs 10,000/- to Reserve Price up to Rs.25 lacs, in multiples of Rs 25,000/- for reserve price above Rs.25 lacs and up to Rs.50 lacs. The bidder who submits the highest bid (above the Reserve price) on closure of "Online" auction shall be declared as successful bidder.

E-Auction Process and Terms & Conditions, contact Service Provider : M/s. PSB Alliance (baanknet), web portal : "https://baanknet.com/eauction-psb" (Contact No.7046612345/6354910172/8291220220/39892219848/8160205051, E-mail: support.baanknet@psballiance.com).

Date : 07-09-2026, Place: Vijayawada

Sd/- Authorised Officer, Canara Bank

'Nijam Gelichindi' programme organised

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GUNTUR

AS part of the district-wide “Nijam Gelichindi” programmes being organised to mark the anniversary of the alleged illegal arrest of Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu, Union Minister of State for Rural Development Dr Pemmasani Chandrasekhar along with Ponnur MLA Dhulipalla Narendra Kumar participated in a programme held at Pedakakani mandal headquarters in Pon-nur Assembly constituency on Wednesday.

Speaking on the occasion, he claimed that the previous government failed to bring a single major company or

complete a major project during its five-year tenure and alleged that its policies resulted in the destruction of public infrastructure and Amaravati and incidents of violence against women.

In contrast, Chandrababu Naidu's government had completed the Veligonda project and was progressing towards completion of the Polavaram project, besides attracting globally reputed IT companies and bringing thousands of crores of rupees in investments to the State, he said. MLA Dhulipalla Narendra Kumar recalled the protests held by people and TDP activists following Chandrababu Naidu's arrest three years ago.



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Advertisement No.: CRPD/SCO/2026-27/21 (Contractual position)		
Name of Post	Vacancy	Age (As on 31.08.2026)
		Maximum
GROUP CISO (Chief Information Security Officer)	1	57 years

For eligibility criteria (age, experience, job profile etc.), vacancy details, requisite fees, other details and for online submission of application as well as online payment of application fees log on to Bank's website <https://sbi.bank.in/web/careers/current-openings>. Refer detailed advertisement to ensure eligibility and other details before applying and remitting fees. For any query, please write to us through link "CONTACT US" → "Post Your Query" which is available on Bank's official website (<https://bank.sbi/web/careers/post-your-query>)

DATE FOR FILING ONLINE APPLICATION & PAYMENT OF FEES:
FROM 04.09.2026 To 24.09.2026.

Place: Mumbai
Date: 04.09.2026

General Manager (RP & PM)

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CHANGE OF NAME

I, RUSHYENDRA MANI KOPPALI (Old Name), W/o. KOPPALI NAGADURGGA SRIRAMA SURYA VENKATA CHALA RAVITEJA, Resident of Flat No: 101, R R Serenity, Kaza Village, Mangalagiri Mandal, Guntur District - 522034, Andhra Pradesh, I have changed my surname as KOPPOLU RUSHYENDRA MANI (New Name) W/o. KOPPALI NAGADURGGA SRIRAMA SURYA VENKATA CHALA RAVITEJA. Hereafter my surname is known as KOPPOLU RUSHYENDRA MANI (New Name) W/o. KOPPALI NAGADURGGA SRIRAMA SURYA VENKATA CHALA RAVITEJA.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, KOTA SHARMILA, W/o Kota Ravi Chandra, residing at D.No.20-254, Frenchpet, Brahmapuram, Near Sai Ganesh Temple, Machilipatnam-521002, Krishna District, Andhra Pradesh, have change my name from JUJUVARAPU SHARMILA to KOTA SHARMILA. Henceforth, I shall be known as KOTA SHARMILA for all purposes.

LOSS OF PASSPORT

I, Chippada Venkata Chalapati Rao, S/o. Venkata Apparao, D.No. 29-27-20, Yerkulka Street, Lakshminagaru Peta, Rajamahendravaram Urban, E.G.Dist., I have lost my passport while iam going on 05-7-2026 Rajahmundry Devichowk Centre going to xerox I lost my passport there. Passport No. M9057349 issued on 20-05-2015 at Visakhapatnam. If any one got it please inform to my phone given below number.

Cell: 9849025910

CHANGE OF NAME AND DOB

I, D VENKATA RAMANA spouse of No: 8019531M Rank-Ex - NAIK, Name: DONTI BOYINA SUBBAREDDY, RO, MADRAS Wellington, resident of Door No: 2-20, Ponnappalli Village, Cherukupalli Mandal, Guntur District - 522259, Andhra Pradesh, have changed my name from D VENKATA RAMANA to DONTIBOYINA VENKATARAMANA and my correct date of birth is 01-01-1956 but not 25-03-1956 vide affidavit dated 09-09-2026 before the Notary. Henceforth I will be called as DONTIBOYINA VENKATARAMANA (DOB: 01-01-1956) for all purposes.

CHANGE OF NAME AND DOB

I, V LAKSHMI spouse of No: 14461475K, Rank-Ex - NAIK, Name: CHANDOLE SHIV PRAKASH RAO, RO, ARTY Nashik, resident of Door No: 1-28, Pyrapeta Village, Amarabathur Mandal, Guntur District - 522341, Andhra Pradesh, have changed my name from V LAKSHMI to CHANDOLU VENKATALAKSHMI and my correct date of birth is 01-01-1966 but not 02-04-1965 vide affidavit dated 09-09-2026 before the Notary. Henceforth I will be called as CHANDOLU VENKATALAKSHMI (DOB: 01-01-1966) for all purposes.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, LAKSHMI spouse of No: 2780996P, Rank-Ex - NAIK (TS), Name: SIVA NAGESWARARAO PALLA, RO, MLI Belpuram, resident of Door No: 54-10-2501, RTC Colony 5th Line, Guntur, Guntur District - 522001, Andhra Pradesh, have changed my name from LAKSHMI to PALLA LAKSHMI and my correct date of birth is 13-08-1974 but not 02-04-1965 vide affidavit dated 09-09-2026 before the Notary. Henceforth I will be called as PALLA LAKSHMI (DOB: 13-08-1974) for all purposes.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, ADI LAXMI spouse of No: 1455892IK, Rank-Ex - NAIK, A VEERA NARAYANA, RO, EME Secunderabad, resident of Door No: 1-501/2, Prasanthi Nagar 1/2nd Lane, Nagarku, Gorantla, Guntur, Guntur District - 522034, Andhra Pradesh, have changed my name from ADI LAXMI to ARDHAVEETI ADILAKSHMI vide affidavit dated 08-09-2026 before the Notary. Henceforth I will be called as ARDHAVEETI ADILAKSHMI for all purposes.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, J VUJAYA LAKSHMI spouse of No: 2574735N, Rank-Ex - NAIK, Name: SOLOMON RAJU JYOTHI, RO, MADRAS Wellington, resident of Door No: 1-95, Near Bethal Church, BC Colony, Kolakaluru, Guntur District - 522307, Andhra Pradesh, have changed my name from J VUJAYA LAKSHMI to JYOTHI VUJAYA LAKSHMI vide affidavit dated 09-09-2026 before the Notary. Henceforth I will be called as JYOTHI VUJAYA LAKSHMI for all purposes.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, MOHAMMED IMRAN KHAN (new name), D.No.16-23-37/4, Ayodhya Nagar Road No-3, Kakinada, Kakinada Dist AP, Pin:533001 Now Changed my name from MOHAMED MIRAN KHAN (old name) to MOHAMMED IMRAN KHAN (newname) and also my father name BHASHA MOHAMED (Old name) MOHAMMED KHADAR BASHA (new name) and Mother name from DURGA BHAVANI MOHAMED (old name) to DURGA BHAVANI (new name) Hence forth I will be called as above new names for all Purpose.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, MOHAMMAD TABASSUM PARVEEN (new name), D.No.16-23-37/4, 5th Floor, Ayodhyanager Nagar, Road No-3 kakinada, kakinada dist AP, Pin:533001 Now Changed my name from MOHAMED TABASSUM PARVEEN (oldname) to MOHAMMAD TABASSUM PARVEEN (newname), and also Father name BASHA MAHAMED (old name) to MOHAMMAD KHADAR BASHA (newname) and Mother is DURGA BHAVANI MAHAMED (old name) to MOHAMMAD DURGA BHAVANI (new name) Hence forth I will be called as above new names for all Purpose.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, M RAMULAMMA Is legally Mother of No:14838184L, Ex. Army MARAM THIRUPATHIAH Presently Resident of PAPIREDDYPALLI VILLAGE, KANKANAMPADU, VELIGANDLA MANDAL, PRAKASAM DI, ANDHRA PRADESH-523224. have changed my name as MARAM RAMULAMMA, Where as in my son's service record my name is M. RAMULAMMA Respectively which is incorrect. My correct name is MARAM RAMULAMMA Which is correct as per Aadhar card.

CHANGE OF SURNAME

I, RAVURI LAKSHMI PRASANNA KUMARI (Old Name) resident of At FLAT No 302 MAIN ROAD, ARCHANA HEIGHTS S/V N COLONY,PATTABHUPURAM,GUNTUR , A.P. Hence I have Changed My Name To GORANTLA LAKSHMI PRASANNA KUMARI (New Name) W/o. GORANTLA VASU BABU, hereafter My Name is Known As GORANTLA LAKSHMI PRASANNA KUMARI, W/O GORANTLA VASU BABU.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, MURALAKRISHNA VUPPU (Old Name) S/o. RAJAGOPAL VUPPU, RO, F.NO B-1003, PALM SPRINGSAPTS G/ROAD GUNTUR, 522003, India Hence I have changed my name to RAJAGOPAL MURALI KRISHNA VUPPU (New Name), hereafter my name is known as RAJAGOPAL MURALI KRISHNA VUPPU (New Name) S/o. RAJAGOPAL VUPPU.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, MURALAKRISHNA VUPPU (Old Name) S/o. RAJAGOPAL VUPPU, RO, F.NO B-1003, PALM SPRINGSAPTS G/ROAD GUNTUR, 522003, India Hence I have changed my name to RAJAGOPAL MURALI KRISHNA VUPPU (New Name), hereafter my name is known as RAJAGOPAL MURALI KRISHNA VUPPU (New Name) S/o. RAJAGOPAL VUPPU.

KRISHNAGIRI REZ TRANSMISSION LIMITED

(A Wholly Owned Subsidiary of Power Grid Corporation of India Limited)

PUBLIC NOTICE

KRISHNAGIRI REZ TRANSMISSION LIMITED (A Wholly owned Subsidiary of Power Grid Corporation of India Limited) having Its Registered Office at B-9, Qutab Institutional Area, Katwaria Sarai, New Delhi-110016 intends to apply/has applied to Government of India to confer upon him all the powers under Section 164 of Electricity Act, 2003 for placing Electrical Lines or Electrical Plant for the transmission of electricity or for the purpose of telephonic or telegraphic communications necessary for the proper coordination of works which telegraph authority possess under the Indian Telegraphic Act, 1885 with respect to the placing of telegraph lines and posts for the purpose of telegraph established or maintained, by the Government or to be so established or maintained and will undertake the survey, construction, installation, inspection, erection and other works to be followed by commissioning, operation, maintenance and other works for the following transmission schemes:

Name of the transmission scheme: "Transmission System for integration of Krishnagiri REZ Phase-I".

Works covered under the Scheme: KRISHNAGIRI REZ TRANSMISSION LIMITED

S. No	Scope of the Transmission Scheme	Capacity/Line length in Kms.
1	Establishment of 4x1500 MVA, 765/400 kV and 5x500 MVA, 400/220kV Krishnagiri Pooling Station near Kodumur in Kurnool district along with 2x330 MVAR (765kV) bus reactors at Krishnagiri PS with provision of two (2) sections of 4500 MVA each at 400kV level	(i) 765/400kV, 1500 MVA, ICTs – 4 Nos. (13x500 MVA incl. 1 spare unit) (ii) 765kV ICT bays – 4 Nos. (iii) 400kV ICT bays – 4 Nos. (iv)765kV line bays – 6 Nos. (at Krishnagiri PS for termination of Krishnagiri–Doma, Krishnagiri–Raichur New and Krishnagiri–Sagar 765kV D/c lines) (v) 765 kV, 330 MVAR Bus Reactor – 2 Nos. (7x110 MVAR inc. 1 switchable spare unit for both bus reactor and line reactor) (vi) 765 kV Bus Reactor bays – 2 Nos. (vii) 400kV/220kV, 500 MVA, ICTs – 5 Nos. (viii) 400kV ICT bays – 5 Nos. (ix) 220kV ICT bays – 5 Nos. (x) 220kV line bays – 6 Nos. (xi) 220kV Bus Sectionalizer : 1 set (xii) 220 kV Bus Coupler (BC) Bay – 2 Nos. (xiii) 220 kV Transfer Bus Coupler (TBC) Bay – 2 Nos.
2	± 300 MVAR STATCOM at Krishnagiri PS	(i) 400kV bay – 1 no. (ii) ± 300 MVAR STATCOM – 1 set
3	Krishnagiri–Doma 765 kV D/c line (about 175.33 km) with 240 MVAR SLR (convertible) at both ends on both circuits	~ 175.33 km (i) 765 kV line bays – 2 Nos. (at Doma) (ii) 765 kV, 240 MVAR SLR at Krishnagiri PS – 2 Nos. (7x80 MVAR inc. 1 switchable spare unit) (iii) Switching Equipment for 765 kV SLR at Krishnagiri PS – 2 Nos. (iv) 765 kV, 240 MVAR SLR at Doma PS – 2 Nos. (7x80 MVAR inc. 1 switchable spare unit) (v) Switching Equipment for 765 kV SLR at Doma PS – 2 Nos.
4	Krishnagiri – Raichur New 765 kV D/c line (about 89.83 km) with 240 MVAR SLR (convertible) at Raichur New end on both circuits	~ 89.83 km (i) 765 kV line bays – 2 Nos. (at Doma) (ii) 765 kV, 240 MVAR SLR at Krishnagiri PS – 2 Nos. (7x80 MVAR inc. 1 switchable spare unit) (iii) Switching Equipment for 765 kV SLR at Krishnagiri PS – 2 Nos. (iv) 765 kV, 240 MVAR SLR at Doma PS – 2 Nos. (7x80 MVAR inc. 1 switchable spare unit) (v) Switching Equipment for 765 kV SLR at Doma PS – 2 Nos.
5	Establishment of 3x1500 MVA, 765/400 kV Sagar substation with 2x330 MVAR (765kV) bus reactors with space provision for establishment of 220 kV switchyard	(i) 765/400kV, 1500 MVA, ICTs – 3 Nos. (10x500 MVA incl. 1 spare unit) (ii) 765kV ICT bay – 3 Nos. (iii)400kV ICT bay – 3 Nos. (iv) 765kV line bays – 2 Nos. (at Sagar for termination of Krishnagiri – Sagar 765kV D/c line) (v) 765 kV, 330 MVAR Bus Reactors – 2 Nos. (7x110 MVAR, inc. 1 switchable spare unit) (vi) 765 kV Bus Reactor bays – 2 Nos. (vii) 400kV line bays – 2 Nos. (at Sagar for termination of Sagar – Nagarjunasagar 400 kV quad D/c line) ~ 54.55 km
6	Krishnagiri – Sagar 765 kV D/c line (about 301.2 km) with 240 MVAR SLR (convertible) at both ends on both circuits	~ 301.2 km (i) 765 kV, 240 MVAR SLR at Krishnagiri PS – 2 Nos. (6x80 MVAR switchable units) (ii) Switching Equipment for 765 kV SLR at Krishnagiri PS – 2 Nos. (iii)765 kV, 240 MVAR SLR at Sagar – 2 Nos. (7x80 MVAR inc. 1 switchable spare unit) (iv) Switching Equipment for 765 kV SLR at Sagar – 2 Nos.
7	Sagar – Nagarjunasagar 400 kV quad D/c line	~ 54.55 km

The transmission lines covered under the scheme will pass through, over, around and between the following villages, towns and cities in the states of **Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka and Telangana:**

(1) Krishnagiri–Doma 765 kV D/c line:

S. No	Name of Villages	Tehsil/Mandal	District
1	Brahamnadoddi, Burandoddi, C.Belagal, Polakal, Kondapuram, Gundrevula, Palukudoddi, Pata Kondapuram, Paludoddi, Inagadala, Betoli, Marabattuniddodi, Rangapuram (Kotta Kondapuram), Krishnadoddi, Buramoddi, Polukallu	C.Belagal	Kurnool
2	P.Kotakonda, Matsapuram, Bodapadu, Kurumu, Seshareddipalli, Kotakonda, Machapuram	Gonegandla	Kurnool
3	Kurur, Kurumu, Lingamdinne, Thippapur, Vemugodu, Bodipadu, Tippanuru	Gonegandla	Kurnool
4	Channagandla, Gudur, Guduru	Gudur / Guduru	Kurnool
5	Madumalagurthi, Kodumur, Varkur, Pulakurthi, Kallipatti, Byanadoddi, Varakuru, Pulakurti, Merugudoddi, Madumalagurthi	Kodumur	Kurnool
6	Agaveli, Pothugai, Potugallu, Erukalachervu, Yerukalachervu, Chunchu Yerragudi	Krishnagiri	Kurnool
7	Vavilala, Saterla	Itikyala / Itikyali	Jogulamba Gadwal
8	Tanagala, Tanagal	Waddepalle	Jogulamba Gadwal
9	Uppal, Venkatapur, Yapidinne, Jadadoddi, Thoonkunta, Ijee, Fakirpuram, Paridpuram, Venkatapuram, Krishnapuram, Gudidoddi, Chippadoddi, Tumkunta, Aiza, Uppal Camp	Aiza	Jogulamba Gadwal
10	Kakulavaram, Paramala, Jiladabadda, Sangala, Gadwal, Gonpad, Gadwal (R)(Part), Yenkapetta, Atmakur, Kothapalle, Rekulapalle, Kottapalli, Madanapalli, Chinnaganipalli, Gonpadu, Sangal, Atkur, Kakalavaram, Kurvapalli, Sangal Chervu, Kangal Vagu, Kottapalli, Chinnag Agharam, Ganpad, Gadwal (Rural), Rekulapalli, Parmala	Gadwal	Jogulamba Gadwal
12	Vittalapuram, Nagardoddi, Mallemdoddi, Chelagarlapadu, Yelkur, Yeddulagudem, Maldakal, Saddalonalipalle, D.Amaravai, Burdipad, Palwai, Bijjawaram, Kurthiravachalapur, Peddapalli, Elkur, Budadi, Vithalapuram, Idulapalle, Chelagarlapadu, Eddulagudem, Niypalle, Sadalampalle, Amarvay, Buddipadu, Myakalasompalli, Jilledibanda, Marlapalle, Kadravilacheruvu, Palvai	Maldakal	Jogulamba Gadwal
13	Chinnadhanwada, Thummilla, Nasnur, Pedda Thandrapadu, Mandoddi, Pacharla, Tummella, Chinnaga Dhanavadu, Nafsanuru, Thummella, Patcharla, Yendupalli	Rajoli	Jogulamba Gadwal
14	Amarchinta, Pamireddipalle, Kankanvanipalle, Rangapur, Amarchinta Tanda, Amarchintha, Amarchintha Tanda, Rangapur (UJ), Konkannanipalli	Amarchintha	Wanaparthy
15	Guntipalle, Mottampalle, Jurjal, Medepalle, Somsagar, Atmakur (Ct), Balakistapur, Khanapur, Pinnamcherla, Jurjala, Atmakur, Gopannapet, Kottur, Medipalli, Gopannapet Tanda, Kottur Tanda, Guntipalli	Atmakur	Wanaparthy
16	Ajjakollu, Ramanapur, Gopannapeta, Karvena, Duppalle, Gopannapet	Madanapur	Wanaparthy
17	Appapalle, Gundmal, Mudireddipalle, Amikunta, Sarangaraopalle, Bhakthimala, Bhogaram, Veeraram, Kommur, Sarangaopalli, Amikuntla, Gundumal, Mudireddipalli	Gundumal	Narayanpet
18	Gotur, Kistapur, Kondapur, Jayaram Tanda, Hanumanpalli, Ramakrishnaipalli, Kondrapalli, Dhanwad, Dhanwada	Dhanwada	Narayanpet
19	Mukthiyamarag, Kosgi, Eijpor, Malireddipalli, Gundupalli, Timmayapalli, Sampalli, Ustavaniipalle, Nagasanni, Pottireddipalli	Kosgi	Narayanpet
20	Nandigam, Gokulnagar, Thimmareddipalle, Allipur, Lingalched, Peddapur, Mannapur, Ekkamedu, Peddapuram, Pedda Lingalched, Rantendrapalli, Nandigaon, Pedda Vagu, Kothapalle, Kottapalli, Kothapally	Kottapalli / Kothapalle / Kothapally	Narayanpet
21	Chittanur, Jinjaram, Ibrahimpatnam Peddachintakunta, Teelari, Venkatapur, Marikal, Rakonda, Madwar, Pasalpud, Pasalpud, Tileru, Dhanwad, Kottapalli, Sanjivakonda, Pedda Chintakunta	Marikal	Narayanpet
22	Kumaralingampalle, Kumaralingampalli	Narwa	Narayanpet
23	Allipur, Maddur, Kurumuthi, Lakshmidhevur, Gudur, Chinnachintakunta(Ct), Undyala, Edulapur, Waddemanu, Damagnapur, Seetharampeta, Nelikondli, Fareedpur, Pallamari, Lakota, Bandrepalle, Bandarpalli, Paridpur, Pandur Tanda, Sitarampeta, Manne Vagu, Pedda Vagu, Vaddeman, Nelikondli Tanda, Allipuram, Kurumuthi, Chinn Chintakunta, Lakshmidhevuram, Edlapuram	Chinna Chintakunta	Mahabubnagar

(2) Krishnagiri – Raichur New 765 kV D/c line:

S. No	Name of Villages	Tehsil/Mandal	District
1	P.Kotakonda, Kappatrala, Matsapuram, Machapuram, Palakurthi, Duppaganurthi, Devarabanda, Kotakonda, Ma sapuram, Palakurti	Devanakonda	Kurnool
2	Kurur, Thippapur, Neruduppalla, Errabadu, Vernugodu, Iranbanda, Handri Khairawadi, Gonegandla, Kulumala, Pedda Nelatur, Pedda Mariveedu, Alwala, Gajaladinne, Vantedudinne, Pilligundla, Virampalli, Kulamala, Handrikhairavadi, Kurumu, Bandagutta (Kumarala), Guilamurus, Chinn Marividu, Pedda Marividu, Tippanuru, Neraduppalla, Airanbanda, Pedda Nelaturu, Alwala, Puttapasam	Gonegandla	Kurnool
3	Agaveli, Pothugai, Potugallu, Erukalachervu, Yerukalachervu, Chunchu Yerragudi	Krishnagiri	Kurnool
4	Manchala, Maniravallam (Mantsala)	Mantralayam	Kurnool
5	Ponakaladinne, Kanakaveedu, Machapuram, Nandavaram, Poolachinta, Itharampuram, Chinnakothiki, Peddakothiki, Joharapuram, Gangavaram, Nadikhairavadi, Sanjivapuram, Johrapuram, Pulachinta, Kanakavidi, Kottala, Itharapuram, Matsapuram, Chinn Kottalki, Pedda Kottalki, Peta	Nandavaram	Kurnool
6	Raliadoddi, Parlapalle, Kalugota, Pesaladinne, K.Thimmapuram, Gardladinne, Enigabala, Soganur, Divamdinne, Tsalakudalur, Tsalakudalur, Timmapuram, Parlapalli, Guvvaladoddi, Kalugota, Soganuru	Yemmiganur	Kurnool
7	Kudakanor, Kutukunuru	Aiza	Jogulamba Gadwal Raichur
8	Gandhal, Gunjhal, Gangwar, Naddigaddimalkapur, Gunderveli, Buddinni, Idapur, Malibad, Asapur, Nelhal, Yergera, Udamgal, Khanapur, Gadhar, Nagapur, Manjerla, Askihal, Migdalinni, Alkur, Talmari, Arilbenchi, Mamdapur, Kamlagur, Hanchinhal, Hunsihalwada, Hosur, Rampur, Karebudur, Godihal, Upral, Purtipalli, Malmari, Anwar, Merchathal, Jalibenchi, Pesalidini, Ekksapur, Gonhal, Mirzapur, Talamari, Gangawar, Naddigadda Malkapur, Gundrevali, Hanchinal, Gunjehalli, Godahal, Uprahal Nagapur, Marchetahal, Nelahal, Arilbenchi, Raichur, Kamalapur, Manjerla, Medigadinni Budur, Purtipalli, Yeragera, Alakuru, Anavara, Buddadinni, Gadthara, Ganadhala, Gangavar, Godhiala, Gonala, Gunjahalli, Hanchinala Hasapura, Hosuru, Hunasihalwada, Kamalapura, Kerebuthuru, Khanapura, Maliyabadi, Mahamadapura, Marchathala, Matamari, Meerapur, Mudagaladinni, Naddigoddi Malkapur, Nagapaluru, Nelahala, Peesadadinni, Poothipili, Rayachur, Thalamar, Udhamaagal, Udhrala, Yekalasapura, Yaragera, Jalibedthali, Idapanuru	Kallur	Kurnool
(3) Krishnagiri – Sagar 765 kV D/c line:			
S. No	Name of Villages	Tehsil/Mandal	District
1	P.Kotakonda, Kotakonda, Matsapuram, Machapuram, Ma sapuram, Kurumu, Seshareddipalli	Devanakonda	Kurnool
2	Kurur, Kurumu, Lingamdinne	Gonegandla	Kurnool
3	Chanugundla, Penchikalapadu, Kuruvaganalapuram, Kuruva Nagalapuram, Gudipadu, Gudur, Guduru, Regadi Khanapuram, Regadikhanapuram, K. Nagalapuram, Regadi Khanapur	Gudur / Guduru	Kurnool
4	Parla, A.Gokulapadu, Ayyavari Gokulapadu, Peddapadu (Qol), Pedda Vagu, Peddapadu	Kallur	Kurnool
5	Mudumalagurthi, Yerradoddi, Erradoddi, Kodumur, Amadaguntla, Amadaguntla, Pyalakurthi, Ramachandrapuram, Krishnapuram, Pyalakurti, Mudumalagurti, Venkatagiri	Kodumur	Kurnool
6	Agaveli, Pothugai, Potugallu, Erukalachervu, Yerukalachervu, Chunchu Yerragudi	Krishnagiri	Kurnool
7	Remata, Basavapuram, Ulichala, Nidzur, G.Singavaram, Bavapuram, Gopala Singavaram, Nidzuru, Uluchala	Kurnool	Kurnool
8	Pedagarlapadu, Kesanapalle, Kesanupalli, Dachepalle, Pedda Garlapadu, Chinnaga Garlapadu, Kesanapalli, Dachepalli	Dachepalli	Painadu
9	Cherlagupadu, Padu, Madugula, Palleguntla, Palliguntla, Gogulapadu, Gurazala, Gangavaram, Telukutta, Gottimukala, Cherlagupadu, Satyanarayanaapuram, Samadhanampeta, Gurajala, Jangameshwarapuram, Anjanapuram, Ramapuram, Ramakrishnapuram, Dajida Major	Gurajala / Gurazala	Painadu
10	Miriyala, Miriyala, Chintapalle, Peda Kodamagundla, Kakanivaripalem, Chinnagarlapadu, Sankarapuram Siddhayi, Shankarapuram, Gadevaripalle, Bhatturwaripalle, Chinnaga Kodamagundla, Lakshimpuram, Pedda Kodamagundla, Reddipalem, Pedda Garlapadu, Chinnaga Garlapadu, Pedda Kodamagundla, Sankarapuramsiddhayi	Karempudi	Painadu
11	Pinnelli, Ramachandrapuram, Machavaram, Gandhinagar, Chennayyapalem	Machavaram	Painadu
12	Cherlagupadu, Padu, Madugula, Palleguntla, Gogulapadu, Gurajala, Gurajala, Cherlagupadu, Anjanapuram, Ramapuram, Janardanapuram, Nalla Vagu	Piduguralla	Painadu
13	Mennipadu, Kalgota, Pullur, Pulluru, Bonkur, Undavelli, Khanapur, Kanuchupu, Itikyapadu, Thakkasila, Senipalle, Pragator, Maramunakla, Morsu, Sherpalli, Manyanchenu, Pragtur, Ghantakaranna Vagu, Midutlapadu, Kalugata, Bomkuru, Itikyapadu, Takkasela, Salipuram, Serupalle	Undavelli / Undavelly	Jogulamba Gadwal
14	Gaddabaswapuram, Bekkam, Dagadapalle, Miyapuram, Ammapalle, Dagada, Velgonda, Nela Biluku, Gadda Baswapur, Pedda Biluku, Vipangandla, Miyapur, Nalla Chervu, Ammapalli, Chinnaga Dagada, Yellakonda	Chinnambavi	Wanaparthy
15	Yaparla, Gummadam	Pebbair	Wanaparthy
16	Sampatrapotlu, Vipangandla, Veepangandla, Toorkunkunta, Korikunta, Bollaram, Tumkunta, Bollataram, Sampatrapotlu, Weepangandla	Vipangandla / Weepangandla	Wanaparthy
17	Lingotam, Palukapalle, Hajipur, Pujjala, Chennaram (Sabki), Singavaram, Bonminnapalle, Siddapur, Mannavaripalle, Palakpalli, Lingotam Tanda, Pujjal, Channaram, Lingampalli, Chandra Vagu, Paikapalli, Pujjala, Chennaram, Bonminnapalli, Mannevaripally	Achampt	Nagarkurnool
18	Badigedine, Narsapalle, Kondrapalle, Yetham, Malajaram, Khanapur, Kodar, Janumpalle, Pasupla, Bawaipalle, Teegalapalle, Narsapalli, Badigedinni, Badigedinni Tanda, Kodera, Pasupula, Bawaipalli, Khanapuram, Khanapuram Vagu, Yetham, Singawattam, Kondrapalli, Badugadinni, Narsapalli, Kondrapotlu, Janumpalli, Janumpalli, Bavaipally, Teegalapally, Tigalapalli	Koderu / Kodair	Nagarkurnool

23	Chintalapalle, Machinenipalle, Enmanabeta, Jawaipalle, Singavatnam, Singawattam, Telaipegugutta Tanda, Jawaipalli, Nalini Chervu, Yanmanabeta, Chinthalapally, Chintalipalli, Machinenipally, Machinipalli, Yenmanabeta, Jawaipally, Singotam	Kollapur	Nagarkurnool
24	Sainpeta, Shanpet, Sayinipeta, Datharam, Dattaram, Madapur, Komatikunta, Bakaram, Manaijet, Vallabhapur, Rampur, Valvapur	Lingal	Nagarkurnool
25	Chennapurapalle, Chennapurapalli, Mahasamudram, Gantraopalle, Narayanapalle, Narayanapalli, Jonnalaboguda, Jonnalabogada, Dedinenipalle, Peddakarpamula, Peddakothapalle, Pedda Kottapalli, Devalthirumalpur, Adirala, Vennacherla, Marrikal, Mustipalle, Chandrakal, Mustipalli, Marikal, Nakkalapalle, Pedda Kottapalli, Pedda Karupamula, Deval Tirmalapur, Perumallapalli, Vavilabhavi, Gantraopalli, Khanapur Vagu, Chennapurapally, Gantraopally, Narayanapally, Pedda Karpamula, Pedda Kothapally, Deval Thimalapur, Mustipally	Pedda Kottapalli / Peddakothapally	Nagarkurnool
26	Gopalapuram, Gopalpur, Singavaram, Singavaram, Konduru, Bayanna Gattu, Kondur	Pentlavalli /	Nagarkurnool
27	Vattipalle, Boppepalle, Peddapalle, Peddapalli, Alair, Pedduru, Lakhnaram, Wattipalli, Boppalle, Aler, Bodabanda Tanda, Jangawanipalli, Vattipally, Boppally, Peddapally, Peddur	Telkapally	Nagarkurnool
28	Marripalle, Marripalli, Raichedu, Raiched Peratwanipalle, Uppununtala, Thippapur, Ayyavaripalle, Veltur, Kamsanipalli, Kamsanipalli, Lathipur, Penmilla, Tador, Penimella, Singaram, Uppununtala, Tador, Veltur Tanda, Avulonibavi Tanda (Piratvanipalli Tanda), Devadarkunta Tanda, Janardhanreddi Tanda, Ayyavaripalle Tanda, Penimella Tanda, Tippapur, Avulonibavi, Ayyavaripalli, Irtanopalli, Penumala, Priakan Tanda, Bavula Tanda, Marripally, Ayyavaripally, Kamsanipally, Lateefpur, Penimilla	Uppununtala	Nagarkurnool
29	Balnepally, Balinepally, Mudminikam, Advidevalapally, Molkacherla, Ulishayapalem, Ulishayapalem, Ulsapalem, Advidevalapally, Cherla Tanda, Gonegadi Tanda, Molkacherla, Mangali Tanda, Dudyu Tanda, Chintachetti Tanda, Indiranagar Tanda, Kotta Nandikonda, Molkacherla Tanda, Advidevalapally	Adaidevalapally	Nalgonda
30	Kothapally, Peruru, Perur, Kottala, Panguvankunta, Anjaneyulu Tanda, Kothapalli, Percor	Anumula	Nalgonda
31	Achampt (P), Chandampt, Murpunuthala, Chandampt, Mududandla, Gunti Pally, Gagilapur, Polepally - Gannerpalli, Gannerlapalli, Sandrala gadda, Murupunutala, Achampt, Polepalli, Kummargudem, Yelamagudem, Murupunutla Tanda, Polegani Tanda, Labadi Tanda, Chachchuvani Kunta, Gagilapuram, Isuka Bhavi, Chanda, Achampt Patti, Guntipally, Guntipalli	Chandampt	Nalgonda
32	Shakavally, Madmadka, Mynam Paile, Devarakonda (Ct), Devarakonda, Ambatvanigudem, Pedda Vagu, Naik Tanda, Lalsingh Tanda, Jairam Tanda, Shakhavalli, Chhandrigani Tanda, Madamadaka, Mynampalli, Mainampalli	Devarkonda / Devarakonda	Nalgonda
33	Gonakole, Gonakolu, Bogguladona, Burhanpur, Kamadenigowararam, Gonaboina Paile, Yerraram, Cherukupalle, Gauraram, Eudria Gattu, Kamadhenu, Gonebopinalli, Pratnapuram, Gonakol, Gonabopinapally, Cherukupalli, Cherukupalli	Gundlapalli / Gundlapalli	Nalgonda
34	Channamneni Palle, Vardhamaniguda, Achampet, Fakeerpoor, Pendi Pakala, Chinthakunta, Gazinagar, Gajinagaram, Achampet, Vartiyoni Tanda, Manjagani Tanda, Bodegani Tanda, Somanai Tanda, Pendipakala, Achchampeta Tanda, Babula Tanda, Chintakunta, Chennamnenipalli, Korroni Tanda, Jatavat Tanda, Guntamadugu Tanda, Fakirpuram, Vardhamanigudem, Vardhamanagudem, Bandla Tanda	Kondamallepalli	Nalgonda
35	Timmapuram, Perval, Neradugummu, Neredugummu, Mulavagu Tanda, Kallukunda Tanda, Pervala, Pervall, Neredugummu	Neredugummu / Neredugummu	Nalgonda
36	Surepalle, Regulagadda, Vallabhapur, Kakkiahgudem, Tummulu Chervu, Netapur, Kakkiahgudem, Dhanisoni Tanda, Hala R, Chilikala Vagu, Surepalli, Sitala Tanda, Moyga Tanda, Telaiyalugu Tanda, Bhojagani Tanda, Surepally	Nidamanoor / Nidmanoor	Nalgonda

Durga temple hundis fetch Rs 3.08 cr income

- Temple authorities opened the hundis at the Mallikarjuna Maha Mandapam
- Devotees also offered gold and silver ornaments to Goddess Kanaka Durga through the hundis

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VIJAYAWADA

THE Sri Durga Malleswara Swamy Varla Devasthanam atop Indrakeeladri in Vijayawada has earned Rs 3.08 crore through hundi collections during the past 15 days. The average daily hundi collection stood at Rs 19.30 lakh.

Temple authorities opened the hundis at the Mallikarjuna Maha Mandapam on Wednesday in the presence of temple trust board chairman Borra Radhakrishna (Gandhi) and Executive Officer and Special Grade Deputy Collector VK Seena Naik. Apart from cash,



Sri Durga Malleswara Swamy Varla Devasthanam EO VK Seena Naik supervising the counting of hundi collections at the Mallikarjuna Maha Mandapam atop Indrakeeladri in Vijayawada on Wednesday

devotees offered gold and silver ornaments to Goddess Kanaka Durga through the hundis. According to temple officials, devotees donated 301 grams of gold and 3,010 kg of silver during the 15-day period.

As several NRI devotees visit the temple, foreign currency was also found in the hundis. The offerings included 1,840 US dollars, 7 Malaysian ringgit, 870 UAE dirhams, 6 Singapore dollars, 215 euros, 170 British

pounds, 610 Turkish Lira, 0.50 Kuwaiti dinar, 91 Qatari riyals, 300 Omani baisa, 190 Canadian dollars, 100 New Zealand dollars and 380 Australian dollars.

Temple officials stated that the hundi collections demonstrated the ongoing influx of devotees to the renowned shrine.

The Special Protection Force (SPF) and One Town police ensured security during the counting of hundi collections.

RISE initiative earns national recognition

- NTR district collector Dr G Lakshmisha participates in the Skill Manthan webinar
- The webinar focused on creating sustainable livelihoods for women and developing their skills
- Says efforts are underway to expand the programme further and develop NTR dist as a model dist in women's empowerment and skill development

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THE Rural Incubation, Skilling and Entrepreneurship (RISE) initiative being implemented in NTR district to provide sustainable livelihood opportunities to rural women and equip them with skills for self-employment and entrepreneurship has



Collector Dr G Lakshmisha, along with other district officials, participating in the Skill Manthan webinar through video conference from the Collectorate in Vijayawada on Wednesday

received national-level recognition. NTR district collector Dr G Lakshmisha said the recognition was a matter of pride and attributed the achievement to the collective efforts of the district administration, self-help group women and partner organisations.

The collector, along with officials, participated in the Skill Manthan

webinar organised by the Union Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship through video conference from the district Collectorate in Vijayawada on Wednesday.

The webinar focused on creating sustainable livelihoods for women and developing their skills, while encouraging them to take up self-employment

and entrepreneurship. Skill Manthan was conceived as a platform for sharing innovative initiatives and best practices being implemented by districts across the country in the areas of skill development, employment and entrepreneurship.

During the webinar, innovative programmes aimed at improving

livelihoods and skill development among women in different parts of the country were showcased. The RISE programme of NTR district was prominently highlighted as one of the notable initiatives.

Speaking after the webinar, Dr Lakshmisha said the RISE centre at Guntupalli was working towards equipping women with skills and converting their capabilities into sustainable sources of income, in line with the vision of the Chief Minister and Deputy Chief Minister and the concept of "one family-one entrepreneur."

He said the district administration, with the support of NITI Aayog, SERP and other departments, was taking measures to create self-employment opportunities for women through the RISE initiative. The Collector said efforts were underway to expand the programme further and develop NTR district as a model district in women's empowerment and skill development. DRDA Project Director ANV Nanchar Rao and other officials participated in the programme.

‘Indian students among most intelligent in the world’

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BHIMAVARAM

INDIAN students are among the most intelligent and talented youth in the world, said Dr KVSG Murali Krishna, former Vice-Chancellor of JNTU Kakinada, senior professor of Civil Engineering and environmental expert.

He was addressing an orientation programme, "Vignana Deeksha," organised for first-year engineering students at Sagi Ramakrishnam Raju Engineering College (SRKR Engineering College), Bhimavaram. College Principal Dr KV Murali Krishnam Raju presided over the programme.

Dr Murali Krishna said he had travelled to around 25 countries and observed that Indian youth, particularly students, were widely recognised for their intelligence and academic capabilities. He urged engineering students to pursue research and



Prof Dr KVSG Murali Krishna, former JNTUK Vice-Chancellor being felicitated at SRKR Engineering College in Bhimavaram on Wednesday

strive to produce results that would contribute to the progress and welfare of society.

College Secretary and Correspondent Sagi Ramakrishna Nishanth Varma, Director Dr M Jagapathi Raju and Principal Dr KV Murali Krishnam Raju said the institution was providing students with exposure

to emerging technologies, contributing to its strong placement record in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana. Vice-President SV Rangaraju, Head of Foundation Dr M Shiva Kishan, heads of various departments, deans, first-year students and their parents attended the programme.

Renovated UBI branch inaugurated

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KANCHIKACHERLA

THE renovated Kanchikacherla branch of Union Bank of India was inaugurated on Wednesday with upgraded amenities and a customer-friendly environment aimed at enhancing the banking experience for customers.

K Sridhara Babu, Zonal Head, Vijayawada and SLBC Convenor-AP, inaugurated the renovated branch premises in the presence of MV Tilak, Regional Head, Vijayawada; B Ravi Raju, RAH, Vijayawada; and Pavan Kumar TBG,

Branch Head, Kanchikacherla. As part of the inauguration programme, Priority Sector Loan Sanction Letters were handed over to eligible customers.

The renovated branch is equipped to provide modern banking facilities, improved customer service and a more convenient banking environment to people in Kanchikacherla and surrounding areas.

The initiative reflects Union Bank of India's continued focus on strengthening customer service and making banking facilities more accessible and convenient.



The renovated Kanchikacherla branch of Union Bank of India being inaugurated

Expo on nuclear energy begins at GGU

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INDIAN culture has the strength to shape great personalities and has produced several eminent people, said Dr H Purushotham, Secretary, Department of Science, Technology and Innovation, Godavari Global University (GGU).

He inaugurated a three-day special exhibition on nuclear energy at GGU, organised by the AP Council of Science and Technology (APCOST) and GGU in collaboration with the Indra Gandhi Centre for Atomic Research (IGCAR), Kalpakkam, under the Department of Atomic Energy.

Addressing students at the inaugural programme, Dr Purushotham said student life was the most valuable phase and advised them to focus not only on education but also on knowledge, skills



The Exhibition being inaugurated

and personality development. APCOST Member Secretary and CEO Prof Dr K Sarath Kumar said the Central government was working towards increasing the country's nuclear energy capacity to 100 GW by 2047. He said the exhibition was being organised in collaboration with IGCAR to create greater awareness among

students about nuclear energy and its applications. District School Education Officer K Vasudeva Rao, GGU Pro Vice-Chancellor Dr KVB Raju, IGCAR Kalpakkam representative Jalaja Madanmohan, APCOST Projects Director P Srinivasa Babu, GGU Director Dr Muraidhar Reddy and others attended the programme.

SRR college opens library building

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GOVERNMENT Whip and Vijayawada Central MLA Bonda Umamaheswara Rao on Wednesday inaugurated the newly constructed library building at SRR & CVR Government Degree College in Machavaram, Vijayawada Central constituency. The building was constructed at a cost of around Rs 2.32 crore under the National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) pilot project. He also unveiled the plaque marking the inauguration.

Speaking on the occasion, Bonda Uma said the government had been taking special measures

under the leadership of Education Minister Nara Lokesh to restore the past glory of government schools and colleges. Providing quality education along with state-of-the-art infrastructure was one of the government's key priorities, he said.

Bonda Uma said the SRR & CVR Government Degree College had a rich history and recalled that eminent personalities, including former Chief Minister Dr Nandamuri Taraka Rama Rao (NTR), had studied at the institution.

College Principal Dr K Bhagya Lakshmi, former corporator Vallabhaneni Rajeswari, Vallabhaneni Satish, faculty members, alumni and others attended the programme.



MLA Bonda Umamaheswara Rao unveiling the plaque of the newly constructed library building at SRR College in Vijayawada on Wednesday

BAMS STUDENT SELECTED FOR CCRAS-SPARK PROGRAMME

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DEVI Vaishnavi, a second-year BAMS student of Dr NRS Government Ayurvedic College in Vijayawada, has been selected for the prestigious Studentship Programme for Ayurveda Research Ken (SPARK) - Undergraduate (UG) of the Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences (CCRAS), New Delhi.

Her selection is considered a significant achievement for the institution and reflects the growing interest among undergraduate Ayurveda students in research and evidence-based practices. Devi Vaishnavi is undertaking the programme under the guidance of Dr D Anil



Devi Vaishnavi, second-year BAMS student of Dr NRS Government Ayurvedic College, receiving the Rs 50,000 CCRAS-SPARK (UG) scholarship cheque from Principal Dr T Bullaiah in Vijayawada

Kumar, Professor and Head of the Department, and Dr K Sunitha, Assistant Professor,

Department of Roga Nidana and Vikriti Vignana. College Principal Dr T Bullaiah

appreciated their guidance and encouragement in motivating the student to take

up research. As part of the CCRAS-SPARK (UG) Programme, CCRAS awarded a Rs 50,000 scholarship to Devi Vaishnavi to support her research activities in Ayurveda. The scholarship was presented to her in the form of a cheque. Principal Dr T Bullaiah congratulated Devi Vaishnavi on her selection and expressed happiness over her achievement. The principal also appreciated CCRAS, New Delhi, for providing research opportunities and financial support to undergraduate Ayurveda students through the SPARK (UG) programme. Dr Vijaya Santha Kumari, Vice-Principal (Academic), along with faculty members and staff, congratulated Devi Vaishnavi on her accomplishment.

Iran conflict escalates; India must respond appropriately

IF there is one region that is perennially in turmoil, it is the Middle East. A cocktail of factors—religious conflicts, disputes between superpowers, and, of course, oil—keeps it in the news all the time. After a full of a few weeks, with Washington focusing on economic strangulation rather than kinetic action, the region has heated up again, as the US military struck five Iranian oil tankers on Tuesday. This happened, according to the US Central Command (CENTCOM), “after the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) targeted a US Navy warship with ballistic missiles twice over the past two days.” The US warship successfully evaded the attempted Iranian attacks and continued to patrol regional waters. No American personnel were harmed, it added.

There is also a report of Iran firing about 20 ballistic missiles towards Jordan, targeting two US military bases. Meanwhile, the pro-Tehran Houthis in Yemen have also launched ballistic missiles toward Israel. They also launched a wave of attacks on Saudi Arabia on Tuesday, wounding over 70 people and igniting fires at oil facilities and utilities in the kingdom.

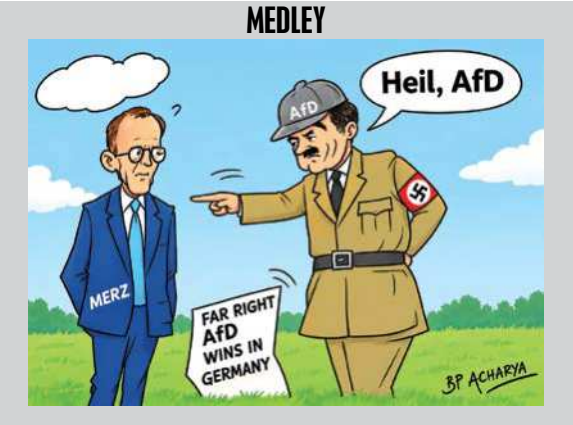
Tensions seem to be escalating. It looks like conflict will stay that way for some time. The reason is that US President Donald Trump is unwilling to fight the war all-out, with American troops on the ground. This is in tune with his opposition to the ‘forever wars’ that the US has fought many a time. His core base, the MAGA crowd,

hates America’s wars in faraway lands, gobbling up resources and killing young soldiers. Besides, his party, the Republican Party, must face midterm elections soon. At the same time, Trump doesn’t want to let Iran off the hook. Hence the blow-hot-and-cold nature of the ongoing war in the Middle East.

The escalation has affected crude prices, which hit a six-week high. Brent futures are touching the \$100 mark. Owing to our heavy dependence on crude imports, the government has changed the composition of its top five suppliers, with Brazil and Venezuela replacing the US and Nigeria. Russia, Saudi Arabia, and the United Arab Emirates (UAE) stay the top crude sellers.

The government must chalk out short, middle, and long-term strategies to end or at least curtail the country’s excessive dependence (around 88 per cent) on imported crude. In the short term, the priority should be to diversify sources of supply, build adequate strategic petroleum reserves, and maintain flexibility in purchasing crude from different markets so that geopolitical disruptions do not immediately translate into domestic price shocks. The government should also strengthen bilateral energy partnerships with major oil-producing countries and explore long-term contracts at competitive prices. In the medium run, India needs to accelerate the transition towards cleaner and more efficient sources of energy. Greater

investment in electric vehicles, public transport, biofuels, natural gas, solar and wind power can gradually reduce the demand for imported petroleum. At the same time, domestic exploration and production should be encouraged through stable policies, faster clearances and appropriate incentives, without compromising environmental safeguards. The long-term answer lies in reducing the economy’s structural dependence on fossil fuels. India must expand renewable energy, battery storage, green hydrogen, and other emerging technologies. A broader and more resilient energy mix would not only reduce the import bill but also protect the economy from wars, sanctions, and volatile global oil prices



LETTERS

Delhi PGs are deathtraps

THIS is further to ‘Delhi building collapse was waiting to happen’ (THI Sept 9). The Satya Niketan building collapse in the national capital that has been the PG for students studying in the Delhi University was so pathetic to watch which proved to be a virtual death trap for students with big expectations to make big in life. Similar incidents of fire accidents and building collapse are happening in Delhi NCR, resulting in no follow up action being taken to prevent such tragedies from happening. It is reported that ten or more buildings have been earmarked for demolition in the area, which is a positive development. Meanwhile, there must be a thorough check of PGs in Delhi to assess their structural health, and other safety precautions. The vulnerable ones must be declared unsafe. The Delhi University, on its part, must create more hostel accommodations for students whose numbers are growing every year.

K R Parvathy, Mysuru

Preventive measures must be the norm

APROPOS ‘Delhi building collapse was waiting to happen’, the Satya Niketan tragedy is painfully predictable, and the response is equally predictable. Politicians express shock, officials promise inquiries, FIRs are filed, and then everyone moves on until the next tragedy. This pattern has repeated itself far too many times. The heart of the problem is that urban governance remains a low priority for our leaders, who are busy with populist schemes and emotive distractions. Illegal constructions flourish, often with the tacit approval of those in power. We cannot keep treating safety as an afterthought. What we need is continuous enforcement, transparent building approvals, regular structural audits, and real accountability for officials and politicians who allow violations. Students and citizens deserve better than a system that only acts after lives are lost. Prevention must finally become the norm.

K Chidanand Kumar, Bengaluru

Building safety is a collective responsibility

THIS refers to “Delhi building collapse was waiting to happen”. Building safety cannot be ensured by municipal officials alone. Residents, tenants, landlords and local associations also have an important role in identifying warning signs such as cracks, water seepage, unauthorised extensions and damaged structural members. Delhi could establish a simple complaint system through which photographs and location details can be submitted and tracked until action is taken. Municipal authorities should publish inspection outcomes and deadlines for corrective measures. Public awareness programmes can also help residents understand when a building requires professional assessment. Such participation would make safety a continuous community responsibility rather than a matter left entirely to government agencies. Prevention becomes more effective when citizens can see that their complaints lead to timely action.

S P Suganya Devi, Coimbatore

Trafficking menace not among govt priorities

THE ‘Silent auction of innocence’ (THI Sept 9) piece by Nomula Srinivas Rao reflects a system that has accepted its failure. Traffickers move children across states, while the rescued victims are dumped into underfunded shelters, and often re-trafficked. If the state can build surveillance for elections, it can trace missing children. The problem is not technology, but non-prioritisation. Until we have real legislation, inter-state data sharing, and proper support, we are tending to look the other way.

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BENGALURU ONLINE

Cabinet decides to reintroduce students’ elections in varsities, colleges

BENGALURU: The Karnataka Cabinet on Wednesday decided to reintroduce students election in the universities and colleges, Karnataka Deputy Chief Minister G Parameshwara said. Political parties will not be allowed to take part in these elections, he said. “Student elections were earlier held in colleges but were subsequently banned. We have now decided to reintroduce elections in universities and colleges,” Parameshwara briefed reporters after the cabinet meeting. He explained that in each college, there will be one student president, two vice-presidents, including one woman, one general secretary, two joint secretaries, including one woman, and an executive committee of six members, including two women. There will be no reservation in these elections as the government does not want to promote caste-based elections among students, the Deputy CM said. The detailed modalities regarding when and how the elections will be held will be decided later, he added.

Parameshwara clarified that the students’ elections are not mandatory for colleges and it can happen only if students want it. “If students don’t want it, they can decide not to have it. The management cannot decide.

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Raising a toast to the mesmerising culinary art



COOKING is the art, science, and craft of preparing, heating, and combining raw ingredients to make them safe, digestible, and flavoury; a vital life skill that directly impacts our health, saves money, builds self-reliance, and connects us to different cultures.

Culinary art is the professional discipline and creative practice of preparing, cooking, and presenting. Serving food is a creative form of expression.

The practice of preparing safe, tasty and nutritious meals, and the need to consume simple, fresh and healthy food together with seasonal vegetables and fruits, has been connected with spiritual matters in various faiths across the world, including Hinduism, Christianity, Islam and Greek.

And, according to Greek mythology, Prometheus, the Titan, while not a cook himself, stole fire from Mount Olympus and gave it to humanity. By doing so, he taught mortals how to use fire to cook food and transition from raw diets to civilization.

Among the well-known practitioners of the culinary art are Gordon Ramsay and Sanjeev Kapoor.

In the books of the inimitable P G Wodehouse, Anatole is the supremely skilled

French chef, who is described as ‘God’s gift to gastric juices’.

Many people are known to be fond of good and tasty food. In that sense, a ‘gourmet’ is one who appreciates high-quality, sophisticated food, drink, or who judges fine culinary experiences. In a similar sense, ‘foodies’ is a person who has an enthusiastic, refined, or passionate interest in food, eating it not just out of hunger, but as a hobby or lifestyle.

This is perhaps why there is the famed saying, “the way to a man’s heart is through his stomach”, meaning that cooking delicious food is a good way to win someone’s love and affection.

Mythologies of various cultures in the world contain references to famous persons who excelled in culinary art. In Mahabharat, Bheema is known to be a great cook. In fact, when the Pandava princes need to remain incognito for a whole year and are forced to seek shelter in the court of King Virata, Bheema chooses to don the guise of a cook. Meanwhile, Nala, who ruled the Nishada Kingdom, is renowned not only for his valour and wisdom, but also his mastery of the culinary arts.

A good, tasty, nutritious, and balanced spread is recommended across cultures. In the western countries, a 7-course meal is a structured fine-dining experience where seven distinct dishes are served sequentially in a specific order to guide and balance the diner’s palate.

Likewise, in Indian tradition and Ayurveda, there is the term ‘Pancha Bhakshya’ which describes a complete and balanced meal or a grand royal feast, which, when paired with ‘Paramanna’ or sweet rice pudding, repre-



sents a feast that satiates all the five senses and aids proper digestion.

As one looks around the various regions of the world, including India, one encounters many a specific style, method or manner of cooking typical of that place.

Chinese cuisine is known for its diverse culinary tradition, encompassing distinct, regional styles, historical influences and fundamental flavour profiles developed across the country’s geographical landscape.

Rice is the primary staple in the southern and semi-tropical regions while wheat, millet and barley dominate the dryer, northern climates. Dishes frequently build flavours using aromatics and seasonings that are known to be high in protein content.

Mexican cuisine, on the other hand, is celebrated for the ingredients of corn, fresh chilies, avocados, and is fa-

mous for the recognition accorded by UNESCO.

Another example is that of French cuisine, which is defined by foundational cooking techniques, fine pastries, sauces, and local cheeses.

Yet another example is the Italian variety, known for fresh Mediterranean ingredients, pasta, and regional pizzas ranked highly on global food lists which feature iconic national dishes, top-rated recipes, and culinary staples from every corner of the planet

And Indian cuisine is acclaimed for spice blends, vegetarian options and distinct regional variations.

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Just as in the case of music, dance, sports and games or literature, every nation has its favourite dish. Many such delicacies have gained popularity across the world. The Pad Thai, a stir-fried rice noodle dish from Thailand, with its sweet, salty, and sour flavours certainly ranks high in that list. For those who are meat eaters, the Italian Carbonara Pasta, with pork, eggs, cheese, and black pepper would be a close competitor. Not far behind is the Haee of England, the Beef Poh of Vietnam and the Taco Adobada of Mexico.

and sour flavours certainly ranks high in that list. For those who are meat eaters, the Italian Carbonara Pasta, with pork, eggs, cheese, and black pepper would be a close competitor. Not far behind is the Haee of England, the Beef Poh of Vietnam, and the Taco Adobada of Mexico. Also, figuring in the list not for taste, but for popularity and following, is the omnipresent Burger of the USA. Not to be left far behind is the traditional Japanese dish sushi. And, as far as India is concerned, everyone knows that the all-time favourites from different parts of the country, but enjoyed by everyone are butter chicken, biryani, masala dosa, pav bhaji, rasagolla and gulab Jamun. Incidentally, many phrases and idioms relating to the practice of cooking find application in the English language. We have the idiom ‘in a soup’ meaning to be in a difficult, awkward or troublesome situation; ‘half baked’ stands for an idea or plan which has not been fully thought out; a ‘flash in the pan’; ‘out of the frying pan into the fire’; ‘soup to toothpick’ or ‘soup to nuts’, stands for the complete sequence of events in a full meal.

A cookbook or cookery

book is a culinary reference work that contains a collection of recipes and instructions for food preparation. Cookbooks serve as comprehensive guides that may include cooking techniques, ingredient information, nutritional data, and cultural context related to culinary practices.

The pleasures of good spread have often been the subject matter of praise in poetry, prose and cultures across the world. Perhaps the most popular among them is the amazing variety and dimension of the dishes prepared for a royal wedding in the yesteryear runaway cult Telugu movie Maya Bazaar.

Bob Hope, the well-known American comedian, actor, entertainer and producer, acts as a hunter in one his movies titled ‘Call me Bwana’. In one scene, his mother-in-law prepares breakfast for both and serves it to him. Noting his expression after tasting one morsel of the food, she exclaims that, after all, she is an interior decorator and not a cook. And Bob wryly retorts, “Just think what you are doing to mine!”

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

Reservation must reach the last person: Reform, don’t abolish



REKHA BOYAPALLI

INDIA needs a more intelligent affirmative-action architecture: preserve protection against discrimination but deliberately widen first access to families and communities still waiting for opportunity. India’s affirmative-action journey predates the Republic. In 1902, Chhatrapati Shahu Maharaj of Kolhapur reserved 50 per cent of government posts for backward classes, recognising that formal equality meant little when entire communities lacked access to education, administration and power. After Independence, B R Ambedkar and the Constitution gave this principle a durable democratic framework: equality sometimes requires corrective measures where history has produced structural exclusion.

Reservation is not a poverty scheme:

Reservation should not be confused with poverty alleviation. Its central purpose is social

inclusion, representation and protection against entrenched discrimination. A family may gain education or a government job and still encounter caste identity in workplaces, housing, social networks and marriage. One successful generation therefore cannot automatically be treated as proof that discrimination has disappeared.

Who is still waiting?

At the same time, supporters of reservation must confront an uncomfortable question: are the benefits circulating widely enough within eligible groups? Families that have already acquired education, information and networks can often compete more effectively, while a first-generation student from a deprived family may never reach the starting line. The answer is neither to stigmatise repeat beneficiaries nor to abolish reservation. It is to improve its distribution.

A first-opportunity window:

A pragmatic reform would create a ‘first opportunity’ window within the existing reservation categories. Around 25–35 per cent of opportunities should be prioritised for first-time or first-generation beneficiary families. If adequate candidates are unavailable, those opportunities should flow back to the wider



parent category rather than remain vacant. Previous beneficiaries would not suddenly lose all protection; instead, the system would ensure that a meaningful share reaches families that have never received its benefits.

Apply deprivation measures across categories:

The same logic can travel upward across the opportunity structure. Rural or remote schooling, low family income and assets, parental education, first-generation graduate status and poor access to quality schools can disadvantage candidates even outside caste-reserved categories. These factors should supplement—not replace—caste-based safeguards. A transparent opportunity or deprivation index could operate horizontally across categories, because a wealthy rural household and a poor urban household cannot sensibly be treated as identical simply by geography.

Political representation also needs circulation:

The principle should also inform political representation. Within constitutionally reserved political opportunities, India should debate mechanisms that encourage first-generation political entrants and sections that remain under-represented, rather than allowing representation to become concentrated in a small set of political families or networks. A 25–30 per cent first-opportunity principle deserves serious study here too, although any such mechanism would require careful constitutional and legislative design.

Beyond endless sub-caste fragmentation:

The Supreme Court’s 2024 Davinder Singh decision opened constitutional space for sub-classification within Scheduled Castes (SCs). That can help governments address unequal access, but India should be cau-

Policy notes: The suggested 25–35 per cent first-opportunity window and deprivation index are proposals for public debate, not current law. Political implementation would require constitutional and legislative scrutiny.

tious about answering every inequality by permanently multiplying caste compartments. Policy should increasingly ask measurable questions: Who has received opportunities? Who remains excluded? Which families are first-generation entrants? Where is representation still weakest? The goal should be circulation of opportunity, not permanent social fragmentation.

Reform is better than ‘reservation hatao’:

The August anti-reservation mobilisation around Jantar Mantar reflects genuine public dissatisfaction, including demands for greater attention to economic disadvantage. Such concerns deserve democratic debate. But abolishing caste-based affirmative action because its benefits may be unevenly distributed would confuse a problem of design with a failure of purpose. The answer to imper-

fect affirmative action is better affirmative action.

Make reservation less necessary:

The ultimate success of reservation should be measured by whether society gradually needs less of it. That requires far more than quota engineering. India must equalise school quality, enforce anti-discrimination norms in employment and housing, weaken caste barriers in marriage and social networks, and reduce unnecessary caste signalling in routine public life—while retaining caste data where needed to measure exclusion and enforce rights. A mature policy should neither romanticise reservation nor demonise its beneficiaries. It should keep opening doors until birth no longer determines opportunity.

(The writer is Vice-President of Telangana Pradesh Mahila Congress)

Union Cabinet okays ₹20,804-crore railway projects across 9 states

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Five projects worth around Rs 10,021 crore have been approved across Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka and Tamil Nadu. The projects will add around 540 km to the railway network and cover 17 districts, Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw said.

The projects include the third and fourth lines between Arakkonam and Renigunta, third and fourth lines between Whitefield and Bangarapet, doubling of the Hosur-Omalur section, doubling of the Salem-Karur-Dindigul section, and 110 km of multitracking between Secunderabad (Ghatkesar) and Kazipet.

The projects are expected to improve connectivity to around 2,121 villages with a combined population of about 52 lakh. The government said they will also strengthen connectivity to destinations including Tirupati, Kolar Gold Fields, Mettur Dam, the Kodaikanal Hills and Sathyamangalam Wildlife Sanctuary.

The southern projects are expected to support incremental freight movement of around 47 million tonne per annum (MTPA).

The government estimates that they could reduce oil imports by about 80 million litres and carbon dioxide emissions by around 420 million kg.

The remaining three projects, worth Rs 10,783 crore, will be implemented across West Bengal, Jharkhand, Odisha, Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh. They comprise the fourth line between Kharagpur and Jharsuguda (Bagdehi), the fourth line between Katni and Pendra Road, and the third line between Bilaspur (Uslapur) and Pendra Road.

These projects will add around 656 km to the railway network and cover 14 districts. They are expected to improve connectivity to around 4,790 villages with a combined population of nearly 56 lakh, while also easing congestion and improving line capacity.

The additional infrastructure is expected to strengthen connectivity to tourist destinations including Bandhavgarh Tiger Reserve, Amarkantak Temple, Achanakmar Tiger Reserve and Ratanpur Mahamaya Temple. The routes are also important freight corridors for commodities such as coal, cement, iron and steel.

The three projects are expected to enable incremental freight movement of around 27 MTPA. They could also reduce oil imports by around 120 million litres and carbon dioxide emissions by about 620 million kg, according to the government.

14 people killed in Syria blast

SARMADA (SYRIA): An explosion at a weapons warehouse in northwestern Syria killed at least 14 people and injured 11 others, state media reported Wednesday, citing the Health Ministry. The cause of the blast near the town of Sarmada, in Idlib province, was not immediately clear.

‘AI could kill us all by end of decade’

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“At OpenAI, many have not deeply internalized the civilizational stakes. At Anthropic, the stakes are well-understood,” he claimed.

He added that Anthropic, despite understanding the dangers, is “locked in a race to get there first - they believe no one else will act responsibly, so they must do it themselves, despite the risk.”

Lokesh lights 53 candles to mark Naidu’s arrest

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He said the episode demonstrated that the support of the people remained the ultimate strength and safeguard for both Chandrababu and the Telugu Desam Party.

The TDP has been observing the anniversary as a reminder of Chandrababu’s arrest

and subsequent 53-day detention, portraying the episode as an example of political persecution during the previous YSRCP regime. Lokesh expressed confidence that the continued support of the people would protect Chandrababu and strengthen the TDP in the political battles ahead.

TTD announces first-of-its-kind insurance cover for devotees

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TTD Executive Officer M Ravichandra and other senior officials attended the meeting.

Explaining the board decisions after the meeting, the Chairman and EO said the measures were aimed at strengthening pilgrim welfare, improving employee benefits and advancing environmental initiatives.

The board also enhanced the insurance compensation for devotees who die in accidents from Rs 3 lakh to Rs 10 lakh. It approved medical facilities under the Employees Health Fund (EHF) for employees covered by the Contributory Pension Scheme (CPS) and Modified Contributory Scheme (MCS), bringing them on par with those covered under the Old Pension Scheme (OPS). Salary revisions for em-

ployees belonging to 48 categories were also approved.

In a move aimed at promoting sustainable waste management, the board approved a proposal to convert food waste generated at the Annarasadam complex, canteens and hotels into biogas. Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL) has offered to undertake the conversion using a water hydrolysis process. The TTD approved handing over the operation of the biogas plant to GPS Renewables at a cost of Rs 2.80 crore.

With the anticipated rush during peak periods, the TTD has also sent proposals to the government seeking approval for 400 additional outsourcing posts to accelerate laddu production. The board sanctioned Rs 1.60 crore for three years towards transportation charges for

Gujarat team lauds natural farming transformation in AP

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A Gujarat team visiting Andhra Pradesh to study the Andhra Pradesh Community-managed Natural Farming (APCNF) approach has appreciated the visible transformation in farmers’ fields, particularly in crop diversity, biodiversity, soil health and income opportunities.

The team visited Guntur district on Wednesday to study natural farming practices implemented by Rythu Sadhikara Samstha (RySS). After interacting with farmers and observing various field models, the team said the shift from chemical farming

to natural farming had resulted in healthier crops, greater biodiversity, diversified cropping systems and improved livelihood opportunities.

The Gujarat delegation comprised Achyut Kumar Hasmukhbhai Patel, Dixit Babulal Patel, Hitesh Jamnadas Vora, Jaydeepsingh Ratansingh, Ratilal Vitthalbhai Shethia, Vanrajsingh Dilipsingh Chauhan, Prafullbhai Mansukhbhai Thakor, Nikunj Singh Hendrasingh Thakor, Bhikhabhai Hirabhai Bhutka and Dilipsingh Solanki.

APCNF representatives Krishna Rao, team leader, NRO Unit; Dada-peer, project executive, NRO; and Rajakumari, district project manager,



The Gujarat team visits a natural farming field at Pidamarthi in Guntur district on Wednesday

Guntur, accompanied the delegation and explained the natural farming approach, field-level implementation and different models being promot-

ed in the state. The team first visited Vijay Kumar’s POP model at Pidamarthi, where around 35 crop and plant varieties are grown on just 30 cents, generating a monthly income of about Rs. 13,000 to Rs. 15,000. The visitors appreciated the favourable microclimate, beneficial insects and crop diversity maintained on the farm.

At Ratnakumari’s A-Grade okra model, the team observed a healthy crop with more than 10 intercrops and banana plantations along the borders. Compared with a neighbouring chemical farming field, the natural farming plot had healthier plants and fewer visible symptoms of

virus incidence and leaf curling.

The delegation also visited Mastan Bi’s five-acre natural farming paddy compact block at Munnangi village. Officials explained weed-management practices, including the use of Azolla for weed suppression and soil enrichment.

Sticky plates, pheromone traps and L-shaped bund plantations were also demonstrated.

At Athota village, the team interacted with farmer Bapayya and appreciated his efforts to conserve and promote indigenous paddy varieties and traditional seeds. The delegation showed keen interest in the diverse varieties being preserved on his farm.

Renigunta, Arakkonam rail expansion gets approval

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The 76.559-km project is expected to ease congestion on one of the important railway routes connecting Tamil Nadu with Andhra Pradesh and provide greater operational flexibility for passenger and freight services. Renigunta, a major railway junction, serves as a key entry point for thousands of pilgrims travelling to Tirupati and Tirumala.

The project is part of a larger railway infrastructure expansion approved by the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs on Wednesday. For the Tirupati

region, the additional lines are likely to be particularly useful during festivals and peak pilgrimage seasons when passenger movement increases considerably. The Arakkonam-Renigunta section carries several passenger, long-distance and freight trains, putting considerable pressure on the existing infrastructure.

The proposed lines will also strengthen rail access to several prominent religious destinations along the corridor. Improved capacity could help the Railways handle the increased flow of devotees during major

religious events. The capacity augmentation proposal had been under consideration for some time. The Detailed Project Report for the third and fourth lines was completed and submitted to the Railway Board earlier this year. Land acquisition proceedings had also begun before the project received Cabinet approval.

A Gazette notification issued in January 2026 declared the proposed railway expansion between Arakkonam and Renigunta as a Special Railway Project for land acquisition in Tirupati and Chittoor districts. The

new lines will effectively extend the multi-tracking network beyond the existing four-line Chennai-Arakkonam section towards Renigunta.

This is expected to improve train movement into Andhra Pradesh and facilitate smoother operations for services heading towards destinations farther south. Meanwhile, work on another capacity expansion project is progressing in Tirupati district. Land acquisition has commenced for an 83.17-km third railway line between Gudur and Renigunta.

Will safeguard people’s land rights, asserts CM

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Naidu also launched a sharp attack on YSR Congress president Y S Jagan Mohan Reddy, referring to remarks he attributed to former chief minister K Ro-saiah and members of Jagan’s family. He alleged that Jagan’s conduct had caused differences within his family and referred to the murder of former minister Y S Vivekananda Reddy. These remarks were part of his broader criticism of the previous regime.

The Chief Minister alleged that land records had been tampered with during the previous regime and criticised the Land Titling Act, which he said was scrapped after the coalition government assumed office.

Mee Bhoomi-Mee Haku programme was launched to protect every farmer’s land forever, he said.

The government was issuing pattadar passbooks with the State emblem and security features including e-KYC, QR codes and blockchain technology, he said. Resurvey had been completed in 8,234 villages and 36 lakh passbooks issued, while 16 lakh acres

had been removed from the 22-A prohibited list, Naidu claimed. A major relief was announced for residents of ground-rent lands in Amalapuram, Machavaram, Mummidivaram and Ramachandrapuram. Naidu said the lands, which had remained in the 22-A prohibited list for more than a century, were being freed and treated on par with Gramakantham lands.

He said the government had also settled a 120-year-old land dispute and resolved long-pending land issues in places including Shettipalli, Vatticherukuru, Kalidindi, Kangundi and Mudinepalli. Naidu said 57.37 acres spread across 1,281 survey numbers would benefit 1,416 residents.

During his visit to Jayanthi Nagar in Machavaram, the Chief Minister interacted with families living on the ground-rent sites and handed over documents relating to the land rights. He said auto-mutation had been introduced immediately after registration and that 1.25 lakh families had benefited. He also said long-pending land disputes in several parts of the State had been

resolved.

On irrigation, Naidu said more than 1,000 tmc of Godavari water had flowed into the sea this year despite the impact of El Nino. Proper utilisation of the water was essential for the state’s future, he said, alleging that delays in irrigation projects during the previous regime had cost the state heavily. He explained the coalition government was pursuing development, welfare, and good governance through programmes such as NTR Bharosa pensions, P4, Swarna Andhra-Swachha Andhra and Sanjeevani. Governance, he said, should not be confined to the Secretariat but should bring a visible change in people’s lives.

Earlier, Naidu unveiled the foundation plaque for Rs 240 crore grid modernisation works being undertaken by the Eastern Power Distribution Company of Andhra Pradesh to provide three-phase power. Ministers K Atchannaidu, Anagani Satya Prasad and Vasamsetti Subhash, MP Ganti Harish, MLA Giddi Satyanarayana, public representatives and officials attended the programme.

Extra ‘F’ in CNR Rao’s name triggers SIR notice

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His entry in the previous electoral roll reads “Prof. CNR Rao,” while the current one has it as “Proff. C.N.R. Rao,” adding an extra “f” to the title.

This week, the ECI withdrew a notice issued to Padma Shri awardee Harekala Hajabba regarding a discrepancy in his name found during the SIR in Karnataka. Hajabba was asked to appear at a gram panchayat on September 11 with original documents, and an accountant was to be present during the verification. His name in the 2002 electoral roll and subsequent records differed from the full name he provided during the SIR enumeration. Hajabba said officials visited his residence after the notice became public and took it back, telling him they would examine the matter and get back to him. His documents since 2004 carried his name as Harekal Hajabba.

The discrepancy arose because his name appeared as only Hajabba in the 2002 electoral roll, while his subsequent records identify him as Harekala Hajabba. His Aadhaar card, ration card, passport, and voter ID carry the name Harekala Hajabba. The same name also appears in documents relating to his Padma Shri and other awards. Hajabba, a fruit seller turned education campaigner from Newpadapu in Mangaluru, became nationally known after using savings from selling oranges to establish a primary school in his native village. He received the Padma Shri, India’s fourth-highest civilian award, in 2020 for his contribution to education. Over 4.381 million notices are expected to be issued as part of the SIR, which began in Karnataka on June 30, to voters whose names fall under the “no mapping” and “anomalies” categories. The disposal of claims and objections will continue until October 22. The final electoral roll is scheduled for publication on October 27.



NEW DELHI
OFFICE OF THE REVENUE DIVISIONAL OFFICER ,
KADAPA , Y.S.R. KADAPA DISTRICT.

PUBLIC NOTICE

3(A) NOTIFICATION U/S NH ACT 1956

S.O. 4809 (E) – In exercise of powers conferred by sub-section (1) of section 3A of the National Highways Act, 1956 (48 of 1956) (hereinafter referred to as the said Act), the Central Government, after being satisfied that for the public purpose, the land, the brief description of which is given in the Schedule below, is required for building widening, two/four lane with paved shoulders etc.), maintenance, management and operation of Kopparthu Industrial Area to Kadapa ByPass Road under Newly proposed National Highway in km. 0.000 to 3.500 in the district of Y.S.R Kadapa in the State of Andhra Pradesh, hereby declares its intention to acquire such land.

Any person interested in the said land may, **within Twenty One (21) days from the date of publication of this notification in the Official Gazette**, object to the use of such land for the aforesaid purpose, under sub-section (1) of section – 3C of the said Act.

Every such objection shall be made to the competent authority, namely, the Revenue Divisional Officer, Kadapa, Y.S.R. Kadapa District, Andhra Pradesh in writing and shall set out the grounds thereof and the competent authority shall give the objector and opportunity of being heard, either in person or by a legal practitioner, and may, after hearing all such objections and after making such further enquiry, if any, as the competent authority thinks necessary, by order, either allow or disallow the objections.

Any order made by the competent authority under sub-section (2) of section 3C of the said Act shall be final.

The land plans and other details of the land covered under their notification are available and can be inspected by the interested person at the aforesaid office of the competent authority.

SCHEDULE

Brief Description of the land to be acquired with or without structures falling in the stretch of land from Km. 0+000 to Km. 3+500 (Kopparthu Industrial Area to Kadapa By Pass Road) of Newly proposed NH in the district of YSR Kadapa in the state of Andhra Pradesh



(In English)



(In Telugu)

Competent Authority (LA) & Revenue Divisional Officer, Kadapa Y.S.R. Kadapa District



Monsoon care tips for pretty hands this season



Hydrate



SHAHNAZ HUSAIN

Your hands are involved in nearly every task you undertake. We rely on them for working, cooking, cleaning, eating, writing, using tools and devices, self-care, and even for conveying our thoughts during conversations. Excessive moisture and humidity during the rainy season come with their own set of challenges, especially for our hands.

Dry hands are a common concern at this time of year due to dehydration, as a lot of water content is lost through excessive sweating. Due to dampness and fluctuations in humidity, hands frequently face issues like fungal infections between the fingers, joint stiffness, and dry skin irritation during the rainy season.

1. Hydrate

Hydrate your hands using hand cream or moisturiser. It can be a saviour, especially when you're working around water, like in the kitchen.

For especially dry hands, an overnight routine can help provide extra hydration. Apply a thicker layer of moisturiser before bed and wear soft cotton gloves. This allows your skin to absorb and lock in moisture overnight, leaving your hands feeling soft and

The monsoon season can leave your hands and nails vulnerable to dryness, irritation and infections. A little extra care can help keep them soft, healthy and beautifully groomed throughout the rains

nourished in the morning.

To keep your hands hydrated during the rainy season, apply a lightweight, non-sticky moisturiser right after every hand wash to trap water in your skin before it evaporates.

Mix coconut oil, sea salt, and vitamin E oil. Scrub your hands with the mixture for 5 minutes in a circular motion. Clean with warm water and pat dry.

Add lemon juice to a few drops of your regular hand wash in a bowl of warm water. Soak your hands in the mixture for 10–15 minutes every night before bed. Pat dry and apply moisturiser to get clean and soft hands.

2. Keep Your Hands Clean During Monsoon Season

Hand hygiene becomes even more crucial for staying healthy and preventing the spread of germs during the monsoon season. Clean your hands meticulously for at least 20 seconds with mild, fragrance-free soap and running water before eating,



Keep your hands clean during monsoon season



Exfoliate your hands with a mild scrub

after using the restroom, and immediately after coming home from outside.

Use germ-protection handwashes that provide 99.9% germ protection. They cleanse tough dirt and grime to leave your hands squeaky clean. Make sure that the handwash is made with 90% natural-origin content and doesn't contain parabens, silicones, triclosan, or triclocarban. Regular handwashing removes these microbes, significantly reducing the risk of monsoon-related illnesses like colds and flu, which spread easily through contaminated hands and water.

3. Exfoliate Your Hands with a Mild Scrub

Exfoliating your hands during the monsoon season helps remove dead skin cells and grime that stick to humid skin. Exfoliation helps remove dead skin cells and impurities, keeping your hands smooth and soft. Use a gentle scrub specifically designed for hands and feet at least twice a week. Pay attention to rough areas to prevent the buildup of dead skin. Apart from properly cleansing your hands with a mild cleanser, make sure you

don't miss out on the nails, as they can accumulate a lot of bacteria during the season. Get a nail brush that comes with small, tough bristles to clean under the nails and soft bristles to clean the top of the nails.

Homemade Hand Scrubs Coconut Oil, Sea Salt and Vitamin E Oil:

Mix coconut oil, sea salt, and vitamin E oil. Scrub your hands with the mixture for 5 minutes in a circular motion. Clean with warm water and pat dry.

Coffee, Coconut Oil and Sugar Scrub:

Mix 3 tablespoons of coffee, 2 tablespoons of coconut oil, and 1 tablespoon of sugar in a glass jar. Gently apply it to your hands and massage them. Rinse off after 2–3 minutes with warm water.

Coconut Oil, Honey, Sugar, Sea Salt and Lime Juice Scrub:

Take 1 tablespoon of coconut oil, 1 tablespoon of honey, 1/4 cup of sugar, 1/4 cup of sea salt, and a few drops of lime juice. Mix one tablespoon each of coconut oil and honey. Then add the sea salt and sugar and mix well. Now add the lime

juice and blend for 20–30 seconds. Gently rub the scrub on your hands for a minute or two and then rinse it off. Exfoliate your hands only once or twice a week to avoid damaging your skin barrier.

4. Take Extra Care of Your Cuticles

Nails take the most hit during the rainy season. The monsoon calls for special care of the nails to avoid damage due to red, swollen, and itchy skin around them. The skin becomes sweaty or infected due to overexposure to water, and as a result, both fingernails and toenails can be affected by the rains.

Painting your nails is like therapy. Trying out new nail colours and designs is something that just makes you feel groomed and uplifted. When your nails are groomed in invigorating hues, you automatically get a dose of colour therapy that is just great for your mood.

The monsoon season calls for special care of the nails to avoid infection and chipping. The monsoon can lead to rough, brittle, and discoloured nails. Well-kept nails are a part of our presentation and look. Be it any occasion, we all know how essential it is to maintain them.

(The author is international fame beauty expert and is called the herbal queen of India.)



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Solution to September 9

Saba Pataudi shares rare 1980s family album featuring young Sharmila Tagore & family

Bollywood veteran star Sharmila Tagore and the Pataudi family's priceless memories from the 1980s were shared by Saba Pataudi on Wednesday.

The jewellery designer shared a series of rare childhood pictures featuring her mother Sharmila Tagore, father, Mansoor Ali Khan Pataudi, siblings Saif Ali Khan, Soha Ali Khan, and herself.

Taking to her social media account, Saba posted a carousel of unseen family pictures from the 1980s.

The opening picture shows a smiling Sharmila Tagore with husband Mansoor Ali Khan Pataudi and their three children during a family gathering. The other pictures capture young Saif, Soha and Saba sharing candid moments with their mother.

The post also includes pictures of a young Sharmila Tagore with her children, and many more adorable sibling moments of Soha and Saba. The photos also comprise of recent moments of Saba with Saif Ali Khan.

For the uninitiated, Mansoor Ali Khan who passed away in 2011, was a stalwart cricketer. Talking about Sharmila Tagore, the actress who hails from the family of Guru Ravidranath

Tagore, was a very successful actress of the late 60s and early 70s era of Bollywood.Soha Ali Khan and Saif Ali Khan are successful actors from the Hindi film industry while Saba chose to stay away from cinema professionally.

For the uninitiated, Bollywood star Kareena Kapoor is the sister-in-law of Saba Pataudi. She is married to Saif Ali Khan and the couple are parents to two sons, Taimur Ali Khan and Jehangir Ali Khan.

Actor Kunal Kemmu is the brother-in-law of Saba with him being married to Soha Ali Khan.

World Archery Para Series

India win two gold, four bronze medals

Reigning Paralympics champion Harvinder Singh and world No. 1 Sheetal Devi led the charge as India signed off their World Archery Para Series Stage III campaign on a high

AHMEDABAD

REIGNING Paralympics champion Harvinder Singh and world No. 1 Sheetal Devi led the charge as India signed off their World Archery Para Series Stage III campaign on a high, winning two gold and four bronze medals, on the final day, here on Wednesday.

World No. 1 and reigning world champion Sheetal Devi held her nerve in a dramatic shoot-off to win the para compound women's individual gold, while double Paralympics medallist Harvinder, paired with Bhawna, helped India to gold in the para recurve mixed team event.

In the recurve mixed team final, double Paralympics medallist Harvinder and Bhawna



made short work of China's Liang Qiurong and Xia Lei, winning 6-0 in straight sets.

India took the opening set 35-31 before winning the second 36-33 and completing the clean sweep with a 34-32 victory in the third.

Bhawna then added another bronze in an all-Indian para recurve women's bronze-medal play-off, defeating compatriot Rajshree Rathod 6-0.

Sheetal returned in the evening session and produced a

composed performance against Kazakhstan's Aizada Seidan in a thrilling compound women's individual final. Both the archers started with perfect 30s and remained locked at 59 after the second end, with both shooting 29. Aizada then edged ahead by a point in the third end after shooting 28 to Sheetal's 27.

The fourth end ended 29-29, before Sheetal produced a 29 in the final end against Aizada's 28 to level the scores at 144-all and force a shoot-off.



Alcaraz's US Open title defence ends

Shelton's win sets up a match in the last four with compatriot Frances Tiafoe, boosting home hopes of a first American men's Grand Slam champion since 2003

LOS ANGELES

BEN Shelton beat defending champion Carlos Alcaraz 6-7(5), 6-1, 6-3, 1-6, 7-6(10-7) in the early hours of Wednesday to reach the U.S. Open semi-finals in the latest-finishing match in tournament history.

Shelton's win sets up a match in the last four with compatriot Frances Tiafoe, boosting home hopes of a first American men's Grand Slam champion since 2003. Seven-times major champion Alcaraz arrived at Arthur Ashe Stadium with a 13-0 Grand Slam record against U.S. men but found Shelton tough to break down in a match that

began at 11.05 p.m. on Tuesday and finished at 3.33 a.m. on Wednesday.

"For me it's always about the people in the crowd," Shelton said in explaining how he got through the gruelling contest.

"Whether it's my coaches and my team there, all my family and friends here, or the city of New York that showed up tonight till 3 a.m. with the USA chants until the very end.

"That's what kept me going, and that's what got me this win tonight. "It's incredible. I always say that this is the greatest sports city in the world. I say that this is the greatest stadium in the world."

Alcaraz clinched a tight first-set tiebreak and looked to have all the momentum but uncharacteristic sloppiness allowed Shelton to breeze through the next set before the American tightened his grip on the quarter-final by taking the third.

ASIAN GAMES: 400 ATHLETES EVACUATED



Hundreds of athletes and officials were briefly evacuated after heavy rain battered Nagoya, but the city's mayor on Wednesday ruled out any disruption to the Asian Games. Torrential rain flooded roads and water entered some of the venues for the multi-sport event, scheduled from September 19 to October 4. Around 400 people, including staff and athletes, had to be evacuated due to the heavy rain, but they later returned and no injuries were reported, an Asian Games official told Reuters.

Nyra youngest Indian to qualify for Nationals

NEW DELHI

DELHI shooter Nyra Sharma, aged just 10 years and three months, has become the youngest Indian to qualify for the National Championship.

Nyra secured her place in 10m air rifle after scoring 363/400 at the recently concluded All India Inter School Shooting Championship in Bhopal. Nyra trains at the TOPGUN Shooting Academy in Delhi and will now prepare for the National Championship, scheduled to be held later this year. Her rise has been remarkably swift. She made her competitive debut at the Delhi State Championship in June, followed by the India Open in July at Dehradun. At only her third competition, she produced the score that earned



her a place at the Nationals.

Speaking about the achievement, Nyra's father, Prashant Sharma, said, "As a father, I feel immense pride and gratitude on seeing Nyra become India's youngest shooter to qualify for the Nationals. This remarkable achievement is the result of her hard work, discipline,

and determination, along with the guidance and support of TOPGUN Shooting Academy."

For a shooter who entered competitive sport only a few months ago, qualifying for the Nationals at just 10 years old marks an exceptional beginning to her competitive career

IOA to probe Lakra's harassment charge

NEW DELHI

THE Indian Olympic Association (IOA) has constituted a four-member independent inquiry committee headed by retired High Court judge Deepa Sharma to probe the allegations of harassment and intimidation levelled against Hockey India secretary Bhola Nath Singh by former women's team captain

Asunta Lakra.

The panel, formed following a directive from the Sports Ministry, includes former track-and-field athlete Vandana Rao, former women's hockey team captain Mamta Kharb, and lawyer Sitwat Nabi as members.

Lakra, who is also a member of Hockey India's Executive Board, had accused Singh of threatening and har-

assing her after she objected to the alleged sexual harassment of girls in Jharkhand at the hands of local coach Sudhir Golla.

Hockey India has been directed to handle all requisite payments concerning the committee's honorarium, travel, accommodation, and incidental expenses.

"Hockey India is also requested to extend its full co-

operation to the committee and to ensure that all relevant documents, information and such other assistance as may be required is made available to the committee in a timely manner..." IOA President PT Usha's letter to HI stated.

The dispute between between Hockey India and Lakra had taken an ugly turn after the national federation's ethics committee is-



sued a show cause notice and launched an inquiry against the former captain after she was accused of threatening young player Albela Rani Toppo, who is also from Jharkhand.

TOP COURT: ENFORCE SEAT BELT LAW STRICTLY

The law is very clear on seat belts. The question is implementation. How can we ensure that every citizen and every driver in this country complies with it?

NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Wednesday said there are adequate laws mandating wearing seat belts while a vehicle is in motion and it is the duty of the law enforcement agencies to ensure compliance.

The observation came from a bench of Chief Justice of India (CJI) Surya Kant and Justices Joymalya Bagchi and

V Mohana, which was hearing a petition seeking directions for mandatory wearing of seat belts in vehicles.

The petitioner's counsel told the bench that many deaths and injuries from road accidents could be prevented if the law mandating seat belt use was followed.

He said that despite the law, a number of vehicles have non-functional seat

belts because of fancy seat covers or other modifications.

The bench said, "The law is very clear on seat belts. The question is of implementation. How can we ensure that every citizen and every driver in this country complies with it?"

The top court asked the petitioner to send his suggestions on the issue to the com-

petent authority.

"It is the work of the law enforcement agencies to ensure compliance," it said.

Referring to Rule 138(3) of the Central Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989, the bench said it requires the driver, the person seated in the front seat or the persons occupying front-facing rear seats to wear seat belts while the vehicle is in motion.

The petitioner's counsel argued that negligence of people and weak enforcement of law lead to serious injuries and even deaths in road accidents across the country.

The bench noted that there are adequate laws concerning road safety measures, including wearing of seat belts while a vehicle is in motion.

It said non-compliance of

law by people or failure of law enforcement agencies in taking appropriate action against the defaulters was essentially a question of maintenance of law and order.

The bench disposed of the plea while granting liberty to the petitioner to forward a copy of his petition to the concerned authority to consider the suggestions given by him.



Faridabad: Infant dies after drowning in water bucket

FARIDABAD

IN a tragic incident, a one-year-old boy died after drowning in a water-filled bucket while playing at his home in Jeevan Nagar Part-2, Faridabad, police said on Wednesday.



The deceased child was identified as Aryan.

Aryan's grandmother, Meena, said that at the time of the incident, the child and her mother were upstairs at home. While her mother was in a room, Aryan was playing outside. His father was away at work.

While playing, he wandered towards a bucket full of water kept near the bathroom and fell into it headfirst.

"After some time, I realised something was amiss when I could no longer hear any sound from the child," Meena said, adding that when she went to check on Aryan, she found him in the bucket.

She said that they then rushed Aryan to a government hospital, from where he was referred elsewhere. Aryan was then taken to a private hospital, where doctors declared him dead, Meena added.

"The child's body has been placed in the mortuary at ESIC Medical College and Hospital for a post-mortem examination. Further action will be taken based on the post-mortem report," said a senior police officer of Mujesar police station.

'UP govt docs can now serve till 70'

LUCKNOW

GOVERNMENT doctors in Uttar Pradesh will now be able to continue providing services through reappointment until the age of 70, Deputy Chief Minister Brajesh Pathak has said.

Pathak -- who also holds the health portfolio -- said the move is aimed at further strengthening government healthcare services in the state.

Under the existing system, government doctors can serve until the age of 65. Following Pathak's direction, the health department has now initiated the process of issuing an order to facilitate their reappointment up to the age of 70, according to an official statement.

Government hospitals, community health centres (CHCs) and primary health centres (PHCs) in the state receive a large number of patients daily. Extending the services of experienced doctors would provide patients with better medical consul-



tation and treatment, while also easing the pressure on hospitals and health centres, the deputy chief minister said on Tuesday.

"The Provincial Medical and Health Services cadre is the principal medical cadre of the Health Department and includes medical officers and specialist doctors who play a crucial role in providing healthcare services at government hospitals, CHCs and PHCs," Pathak said.

He said allowing eligible and experienced doctors to serve until the age of 70

would enable patients to directly benefit from their expertise.

The arrangement would be particularly useful in departments facing a shortage of specialist doctors, and would also help strengthen healthcare services in rural areas, he said.

Pathak said the additional chief secretary, health department, has been directed to expedite the process of issuing orders regarding reappointment of doctors after retirement, up to the age of 70

Food licenses of Rly catering, ISKCON suspended

MUMBAI:

The Maharashtra Food and Drug Administration (FDA) on Wednesday suspended the licenses of a supplier linked to a railway caterer, a dairy unit and multiple eateries at a religious centre in Juhu for alleged violations of food safety norms. Improvement notices issued to four others. Licenses of three food establishments operating at ISKCON, Juhu, suspended. Serious irregularities found in the milk business, Kharghar; license suspended. Licenses were also suspended for 20 renowned food establishments (hotels, restaurants, etc.): 6 in Mumbai, 3 in Konkan Division, and 11 in Pune Division," FDA stated. According to the Maharashtra FDA, "Inspection of food establishments, specifically base kitchens and food plazas supplying food to railway passengers conducted by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA)." The food license of a hospitality and catering company was suspended and improvement notices were issued to four others. The enforcement drive also hit the dairy sector, with authorities suspending the license of a Kharghar-based milk business after uncovering alleged operational irregularities.

5,326 missing; Nepal toll climbs to 1,365

CHITWAN

THE death toll from the devastating flash floods in Nepal climbed to 1,365 on Wednesday as more bodies were recovered from the affected areas, authorities said.

Rescue teams continued to search for 5,326 people, including at least 589 foreign nationals, who remain missing, according to a Nepal Police news bulletin.

Rescue teams recovered 363 bodies from Chitwan district, 226 from Nawalparasi East, 222 from Nawalparasi West, and 197 from Nuwakot.

Similarly, 174 bodies were recovered from Rasuwa district, 75 from Gorkha, 70 from Dhading and 38 from Tanahu.

So far, 102 bodies have been handed over to the family members after completing the identification process, police said.

Security personnel have safely kept 1,147 unidentified bodies underground in accordance with all prescribed protocols, including the collection of DNA samples to facilitate their identification.

The flash floods, triggered by an ice-rock avalanche near the Nepal-Tibet border on August 26, devastated towns and villages in northern and central Nepal.





“The E20 programme has been very successful so far and several automobile companies have announced plans to roll out flexi-fuel vehicles soon. Now our focus is on allowing blending at a percentage which will be higher than E20.”

-Tarun Kapoor, Advisor to PM Narendra Modi

BIZ BRIEFS

Organic Creamery unveils new product

Organic Creamery by Iceberg has launched its new Chef Special, Cookie Theory Sundae, in collaboration with celebrity chef Sanjay Thumma. Featuring a Cashew Caramel Cookie with rich caramel and crunchy cashews, the dessert pairs with customers' choice of creamy ice cream flavours. Available from September 4 across outlets in Hyderabad, Vijayawada and Bangalore, the sundae reflects Organic Creamery's focus on innovative, customisable and premium dessert experiences.

Credlix crosses \$1bn in export financing

Credlix, Moglix's cross-border trade financing platform, has surpassed \$1 billion in export financing, supporting over 1,000 MSME exporters across key global markets. The company has committed more than \$100 million to the India-Mexico corridor in FY27. Pramit Joshi, Senior VP, Credlix, said: "India has made significant progress in building digital and formal financing infrastructure for MSMEs, and export financing calls for a further set of capabilities alongside it."

AM/NS India launches Pelican

ArcelorMittal Nippon Steel India (AM/NS India) has launched Pelican, a premium galvanised steel brand targeting construction, infrastructure, manufacturing and engineering sectors. Ranjan Dhar, Director, AM/NS India, said: "Indian customers increasingly require steel solutions tailored to specific applications and performance needs. AM/NS Pelican offers a high-quality galvanised steel solution that combines reliable corrosion protection with consistent quality and performance. The launch further strengthens our growing portfolio of specialised steel products and expands the range."

Amazon India logs milestone

Amazon India's seller base has crossed 20 lakh, with over three lakh sellers joining the marketplace, marking its strongest growth in three years. Seller Assistant interactions rose 7.5x year-on-year, while adoption of AI advertising tools increased 77%. Aruna Daryanani, Director, Amazon India, said: "Our continued endeavor is to make Amazon. in the best place to sell for sellers of all sizes. Whether it is lowering fees, building AI-powered tools that simplify day-to-day operations."

TCS inaugurates lights-out factory

Tata Consultancy Services (TCS), an IT services, consulting, and business solutions firm, has launched the TCS Industrial Autonomy & Engineering Lab - Lights-Out Factory, at its Sahyadri Park campus in Pune. Joakim Landholm, SVP, SKF, said: "Reducing friction has always been central to industrial progress, and the next wave of manufacturing will depend on smarter, more energy-efficient, and more reliable operations."

OIL AT FOUR-FIGURE MARK, IT MAJORS BLEED, FIIS TURN NET SELLERS

Geopolitical storm batters D-Street as Sensex cracks 813 points

BRENT CROSSES \$100, IT STOCKS PLUNGE AND INDIA VIX RISES OVER 6%

MUMBAI

FALLING for the third straight day, benchmark stock index Sensex tumbled 813 points to a three-month low, and the Nifty settled below 23,450 following selling in IT, FMCG, financial services and oil & gas shares, as escalating tensions in West Asia drove crude oil to over \$100 per barrel.

The 30-share BSE Sensex tanked 813.35 points, or 1.08 per cent, to settle at the day's low of 74,764.23, also the lowest closing level in nearly three months.

The 50-share NSE Nifty declined 203.60 points, or 0.86 per cent, to end at a nearly three-month low of 23,431.50. The index had closed near this level on June 11 previously.



Among the 30 Sensex firms, HCL Tech fell the most, down 4.55 per cent. Infosys dropped 4.43 per cent, Tech Mahindra by 3.87 per cent, and Tata Consultancy Services by 2.26 per cent. HDFC Bank and Hindustan Unilever were also among the major laggards.

Adani Ports was the lead gainer, rising by 3.67 per

cent. Tata Steel, Trent and NTPC were among the winners. Brent crude, the global oil benchmark, jumped 2.67 per cent to \$100.5 per barrel.

India VIX climbed more than 6 per cent, reflecting increased hedging activity and growing caution over the near-term outlook, he added. The BSE SmallCap Select index declined 0.59 per

cent and the MidCap Select index dipped 0.52 per cent. Among the BSE sectoral indices, IT tanked the most by 3.21 per cent, followed by Focused IT (2.99 per cent), Realty (2.01 per cent), Insurance (1.49 per cent), Housing Finance (1.39 per cent), Top 10 Banks (1.03 per cent) and Bankex (0.74 per cent). Commodities, Energy, Utilities, Hospitals, Metal, Power and Services were the winners.

Foreign Institutional Investors (FIIs) offloaded equities worth Rs 123.19 crore on Tuesday, according to exchange data. On Tuesday, the Sensex dropped 555.23 points, or 0.73 per cent, to settle at 75,577.58. The Nifty declined 144.05 points, or 0.61 per cent, to end at 23,635.10.

Rupee loses ground as oil shock, market sell-off intensify

MUMBAI: The rupee slumped by 34 paise to close at 95.08 against the American currency on Wednesday as crude prices crossed the \$100 per barrel mark, stoking concerns over inflation and high forex outflows. Weak equity markets and FII outflows also pressured the rupee, forex traders said.

Brent crude futures surpassed \$100 a barrel for the first time in almost six weeks after attacks on oil facilities and ships in West Asia threatened to weaken the already strained supply chain amid the US-Iran tensions. Brent crude was trading higher by 2.94 per cent at \$100.73 per barrel.



At the interbank foreign exchange market, the rupee opened at 94.80, also its intraday high, against the US dollar. The local unit fell to an intraday low of 95.22 as crude oil prices surged. The rupee settled at 95.08, down 34 paise from its previous close of 94.74.

Meanwhile, the dollar index, which gauges the greenback's strength against a basket of six currencies, was trading at 98.84, higher by 0.05 per cent.

Adani Airports enters global top three after \$1-bn fundraise

NEW DELHI

BILLIONAIRE Gautam Adani's airport business is set to rank among the world's most valuable airport operators after securing about USD 1 billion in fresh equity from investors including Temasek, BlackRock-managed funds, Alpha Wave Global and Premji Invest.

The transaction values Adani Airport Holdings at about \$18 billion before the investment. Its implied post-money equity value of approximately \$19 billion places it around third globally among major listed and recently valued airport operators, behind Spain's Aena and Airports of Thailand,



according to market research analysts.

The comparison is not strictly like-for-like as Aena and Airports of Thailand are publicly traded, while Adani Airport Holdings is privately held within Adani Enterprises. Public-market valuations also fluctuate with share prices.

Under the agreements,

the investor consortium will acquire newly issued shares in three tranches and collectively hold about 5.54% once the transaction is completed. The final tranche is expected by July 2027.

The capital will fund expansion and modernisation of Adani's airport network, airport-linked commercial infrastructure and businesses such as ground handling and passenger services. The company aims to increase annual airport capacity to about 200 million passengers. Adani Airports operates eight airports, including Mumbai International Airport, and handles roughly a quarter of India's passenger traffic and about a third of its air-cargo

volumes. It is India's largest airport operator by number of airports, although GMR handles larger passenger volumes.

The valuation puts Adani Airports ahead of Groupe ADP, valued at about \$13 billion, and GMR Airports at around \$10.9 billion, according to analysts. Aena has a market value of about \$46 billion and Airports of Thailand about \$27 billion.

The company also plans about 22 million sq ft of mixed-use development in the first phase of its airport-city projects, adding commercial and real-estate revenue streams. The fundraise follows Adani Enterprises' Rs 15,000-crore QIP in July.

Jio Platforms begins global roadshow for \$3.8-bn IPO

MUMBAI

Jio Platforms is set to begin investor outreach later this week for its proposed initial public offering, which is widely expected to become India's largest public offering at about \$3.8 billion, according to sources.

The digital services arm of Reliance Industries received Sebi's final observations on August 28, clearing the way for the IPO. Jio Platforms had filed its draft papers in June.

Investor meetings are expected across key global financial centres, including the US, Hong Kong, Singapore and the UK. Jio did not respond to an email seeking comment.

Under its draft prospectus, Jio Platforms plans to issue up to 27 crore fresh equity shares, representing about 2.9% of its post-issue equity base. The offering could value the company at around \$137 billion.

Most of the proceeds will be used to repay or prepay about Rs 27,500 crore of outstanding borrowings of Reliance Jio Infocomm, Jio Platforms' material subsidiary. The balance will be used for general corporate purposes.

Jio Platforms houses Reliance's digital businesses, including its telecom operations.

Reliance Jio Infocomm has a 39.29% share of India's mobile connections, serving 506 million customers, and a 32.89% share of fixed-line connections with 157.9



WHAT IT MEANS

- **Potential record IPO: At around \$3.8 billion, Jio could overtake previous Indian IPO records.**
- **Huge valuation benchmark: The issue could value Jio Platforms at about \$137 billion**
- **Debt reduction: Most IPO proceeds will go towards repaying/prepaying Rs 27,500 crore of Jio Infocomm borrowings**

million customers.

The company had 26.85 crore 5G customers as of June 2026 and claims its 5G network carries close to 60% of India's wireless data traffic.

Jio has expanded into cloud, artificial intelligence and enterprise network services. For FY26, Jio Platforms reported a 15% rise in profit after tax to Rs 30,053 crore and a 14.5% increase in revenue to Rs 1,46,885 crore. The IPO would be Reliance group's first public offering since 2008 and its first IPO of a consumer-focused business.

Gold loses sheen for third day but silver shines

NEW DELHI: Declining for the third straight session, Gold prices fell Rs 100 to Rs 1,58,000 per 10 grams in the national capital on Wednesday amid subdued demand in local markets. The yellow metal of 99.9 per cent purity had closed at Rs 1,58,100 per 10 grams in the previous session. However, silver bucked the trend and extended its gains for the second straight session, surging by Rs 2,300 to Rs 2,43,400 per kilogram (inclusive of all taxes) from Tuesday's closing level of Rs 2,41,100 per kg, according to the All India Sarafa Association. "Gold has remained within a narrow range as investors take a cautious approach ahead of important US inflation data set to be released later this week," Saumil Gandhi, Senior Analyst - Commodities at HDFC Securities, said.

BharathCloud and Ibentos team up to power AI-led marketing

HANS BUSINESS HYDERABAD

BHARATHCLOUD, India's sovereign AI cloud service provider, has partnered with Ibentos, an AI-driven technology company operating across North America and India, to advance AI-powered brand marketing and event technology across India and Canada.

The partnership was formalised following discussions at the India-Canada Business Summit held on the sidelines of the 7th India-Canada Ministerial Dialogue on Trade and Investment, chaired by Union Minister Piyush Goyal. BharathCloud will leverage Ibentos HYPE, an AI-powered marketing platform, to create and manage on-brand campaigns at scale, while exploring ways to offer similar capabilities to its customers. The partnership will also focus on AI-led event experiences to enhance audience engagement and event management.

"As BharathCloud will keep growing its footprint in different markets, we require a technology partner that can bring smarter and more interactive experiences to our marketing campaigns, events and digital engagements," said Rahul Takallappally, Co-Founder, BharathCloud.

Jaspinder Bhatia, Co-founder and CMO, Ibentos Inc, said the companies' vision, customer base and innovation approach were strongly aligned, creating an opportunity to strengthen BharathCloud's brand and offer intelligent, scalable marketing solutions. Piyush Goyal noted that bilateral trade in goods and services reached \$23.66 billion in 2024, with merchandise trade at nearly \$8.98 billion.

AI and career growth fuel executive job-hopping

94% of senior leaders open to new opportunities, Page Executive report finds

NEW DELHI

INDIA'S senior leadership market is becoming increasingly fluid, as 94 per cent of executives are open to exploring new career opportunities, according to the Executive Compensation and Talent Trends Report by Page Executive India, part of Michael Page India.

The report, based on a survey of more than 1,200 C-level executives and senior leaders, found that 63 per cent are actively looking



for a new role, while 41 per cent do not expect to remain in their current position for more than a year. Executives are seeking faster career progression, broader responsibilities and greater opportu-

nities for impact.

Page Executive India Managing Partner Jon Goldstein said the executive market was not constrained by a lack of talent but by the pace at which organisations could

develop and retain it. Senior leaders, he said, were looking for faster progression, greater impact and clearer alignment between performance and reward.

Artificial intelligence is also becoming central to senior leadership roles. The report found that 75 per cent of executives actively use AI in their work. An equal proportion reported higher productivity from the technology, while 72 per cent said it had improved the quality of their work. Nilay Khandel-

wal, Senior Managing Director, Michael Page India and Singapore, said the conversation around AI was moving from adoption to accountability. Identifying, developing and retaining talent capable of working effectively alongside AI would become an increasingly important leadership priority. On compensation, 65 per cent were satisfied with remuneration, while 87 per cent cited pay as a key driver of job satisfaction. However, the report said compensation alone was

no longer enough to retain senior leaders, who were increasingly prioritising career progression and promotion opportunities.

The report also found that skills-based hiring was gaining ground as organisations sought to widen access to talent and reduce bias.

The findings point to a competitive senior talent market in which companies may need clearer career paths and opportunities with emerging technologies to retain experienced leaders.

'Policy must balance innovation with accountability'

MUMBAI: Policy should provide room for innovation to grow while ensuring that accountability and resilience grow alongside it, RBI Deputy Governor Rohit Jain said on Wednesday. The objective of policy, therefore, is to create the conditions in which useful innovation can develop responsibly, he said here at the Global Fintech Fest 2026. "This requires clear guardrails where the risks are understood, room for experimentation where they are still emerging, and the ability to adapt the framework as technology and its uses evolve."



‘Epic – First Semester’ is a beautiful journey: Anand Deverakonda



Vijay Deverakonda and director Sandeep Reddy Vanga along with the ‘Epic-First Semester’ team at the film’s pre-release event held in Hyderabad

Anand Deverakonda and Vaishnavi Chaitanya, who went viral together in Baby, are back as a pair with the upcoming youthful entertainer EPIC – FIRST SEMESTER. The movie directed by Aditya Hasan and produced by Suryadevara Naga Vamsi and Sai Soujanya is all set to hit the theatres on September 11, 2026.

While talking about the film, Anand called EPIC – FIRST SEMESTER a ‘beautiful journey’ as opposed to a regular love

story. The film chronicles love, family, career, and responsibilities of a middle-class youngster who goes abroad from Wanaparthy in search of his future.

Anand plays Aditya, an innocent young man torn between personal dreams and parental expectations. But his life takes a complete turn when he falls in love and gets into a live-in relationship. As per the actor, the situations have been portrayed in a very naturalistic angle so that the family audiences can easily connect to the story, without



any kind of discomfort.

Anand even stated that he could connect to his character on a personal level as he too had completed his studies in the US. He had left his home town for higher education and taken the road less travelled in order to make a better life for himself.

Vaishnavi plays Kadali, who embodies the hidden

struggles and responsibilities behind a cheerful facade.

Anand even clarified that EPIC is not a sequel to Aditya Hasan’s popular 90s web series, though it is indeed a part of the same universe. As per the actor, the film has the power to connect to different generations owing to its relatable emotions and realistic humour.

‘Mandaadi’ clears censor with U/A, set for a grand release

The much-awaited movie Mandaadi is all set for a grand release today. Starring Suhas and Soori in the lead roles, the movie directed by Mathimaran Pugazhendhi and produced by Elred Kumar of RS Infotainment is ready for an exclusive release in Tamil, Telugu, Kannada, Malayalam and Hindi.

The film has cleared censor with U/A certificate. The authorities were quite happy with the film especially with the boat sequence which was shot realistically in the sea.

Starring Mahima Nambiar in the female lead, the film also features Sathyaraj, Ravindra Vijay, Mithun, Bala Saravanan and others. Moreover, the film has good technical departments with cinematography by Kathir, GV Prakash Kumar’s background score, and action choreography by Peter Hein, Dilip Subbarayan and Mahesh Mathew.

Besides all that, the promotional events of the film have created a great hype around it. The songs and the teaser have got a good response from the audience, and the recently released trailer has already given a peep into the thrilling world of Mandaadi.

Besides, Mythri Movie Distributors LLP is all set to release the film on a large scale in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana. According to the latest reports, the bookings are happening fast in these states, especially on BookMyShow.

Finally, the interesting concept and realistic action along with the great technical values will surely make the film a hit. Moreover, with its wide release in multiple languages, Mandaadi is all set to make a mark and create a great opening for Suhas and Soori.



‘Sigma’ 3rd single is full of energy

The makers of Sigma have released the much anticipated “Rage Of Sigma” song, which has added more excitement and hype to the upcoming film. It has gained a great response on social media after its release.

This high energy number has been sung by Sean Roldan and scored by Thaman S has left everyone excited for the film.

The film, which is set to release worldwide on October 2nd has been produced on a large scale by Lyca Productions and A. Subaskaran. It stars Sundeep Kishan in the lead role and marks Jason Sanjay’s directorial debut.

The earlier released songs Sigma Style and Ayyayyo Ammadi have managed to create good talk back about the film due to their differing music styles.

The film also features Faria Abdullah, Raju Sundaram, Sampath Raj, Shiva Pandit, Anbu Thasan and Yogi Babu in prominent roles.

Krishnan Vasant has been appointed as the cinematographer for the film, which has been edited by Praveen K.L and VFX by Hariharasudhan. The music has been composed by Thaman S. Set for October 2nd release, Sigma has all aspects to deliver a great experience for the viewers on the big screen.

‘Haiku’ teaser: Aegan and Sridevi lead a vibrant romantic entertainer

The teaser of Haiku, a romantic entertainer starring Aegan, Sridevi and Femina George, has been unveiled by popular romantic hero Harish Kalyan. The upcoming Tamil romantic entertainer, which is produced by Vision Cinema House, is written and directed by Yuvaraj Chinnasamy, and slated to release worldwide on October 23, 2026, has been unveiled.

The teaser showcases the fresh chemistry between Aegan and Sridevi as well as a stunning appearance by Femina George towards the end. Aegan plays an urban lover in this stylish yet innocent avatar in a vibrant love story, having delivered natural performances in his previous starrer, Kozhi Pannai Chelladurai.

Music composer Siddhu Kumar’s soothing background score with violin, classic ragas, and contemporary fusion adds to the romantic mix. A breezy presentation that makes for a fresh take on love and relationships is likely to enchant the viewers with its vibrant visuals.

In the meanwhile, the film’s post-theatrical digital streaming rights have been acquired by Netflix for a reported fancy price even before the completion of its shoot.

Dr. D. Arulanandhu and Mathewo Arulanandhu are producing the film. Meanwhile, Priyesh Guruswamy has done the cinematography, Sakthi Praneesh has edited and Prem has designed the art.



Producer Madhu Kalipu expresses confidence about ‘Mahendragiri Varahi’

Mahendragiri Varahi starring Sumanth and Aishwarya Rajesh is all set to release globally on September 11. The devotional action thriller is directed by Santosh Jagarlapudi and stars Siddhu Jonnalagadda in a special role. The film is produced by Kalipu Madhu and Laxman on Rajashyamala Entertainments and Bridge Films.

Producer Madhu Kalipu expresses confidence on the film’s production and says that it has been made on a huge scale and budget without any compromise on the narration. He says Mahendragiri Varahi is a unique devotional action thriller which will surprise the audiences with its grand production value and an entirely new genre.

The film has Goddess Varahi as the central theme and a star-studded cast. As per Madhu, Sumanth has delivered his best performance in his career, Aishwarya has done a dramatic role that looks like a Goddess and Siddhu’s character in the film should also surprise the audience.

The film’s VFX, which is said to be the highlight of



the film, has been worked on extensively. There is nearly an hour of VFX in the film which has been done at the Annapurna Studios. The VFX team has created the effects with realistic graphics. The music and background score of the film are also supposed to be a major strength.

The film’s locations have also been shot in extensively. The team has done a lot of work to get permits to shoot in Ramachandrapuram Fort, Muchintal, Gandikota, and other places in Odisha. The team also constructed a massive set for the temple sanctum. The makers plan to release the film in nearly 900 screens globally, while OTT deals were also finalized after the teaser’s launch. Additionally, the producer is also planning to work on another film with Santosh Jagarlapudi in addition to a bilingual horror film with a Hollywood studio.

‘Lust Stories 3’ trailer filled with love, desire and drama

The much-awaited Lust Stories 3 is all set to premiere on Netflix, and the recently released trailer has only spiked more the expectations from the anthology. The third edition of the anthology will have four stories highlighting love, relationships, desires and emotions.

Directed by Vikramaditya Motwane, Kiran Rao, Shakun Batra and Vishal Bhardwaj, the anthology has an ensemble cast that includes Radhika Apte, Konkona Sen Sharma, Aditi Rao Hydari, Radhika Madan, Sana Thampi, Vijay Varma, Abhishek Banerjee,



Siddharth, Ali Fazal and Gurfateh Pirzada.

The trailer introduces

multiple couples dealing with complicated relationships while

facing their desires and vulnerabilities.

Apart from the couple-centric stories and the emotions, the stories seem to combine humour and drama, which is sure to make for an enthralling watch.

Siddharth and Aditi Rao Hydari, as well as Ali Fazal and Radhika Madan, feature heavily in the trailer, while Radhika Apte and Konkona Sen Sharma also spark the curiosity. The third edition seems to carry forward the tradition of the first two, with the female leads taking on the core of the stories.

The anthology is set to stream on Netflix from September 18.

‘Kalyanam Kamaneeeyam Jeevitham’ trailer promises love, family emotions and thrills

The trailer of Kalyanam Kamaneeeyam Jeevitham was unveiled at a grand event in Hyderabad, spiking the anticipation levels for the upcoming Telugu film. Movie star cast includes Khan Durani and Sahithi Avancha. Directed by Ravi Lokireddy and produced by Paila Prasada Rao and Kishore Gundala of VIVIFY Media Film Factory, the film is all set for a worldwide theatrical release on the 18 th of this month.

The movie has love, family emotions and thriller as the main elements and tracks the journey of a couple who get into trouble with the entry of a third party into their lives. It promises to engage viewers with loads of twists and turns, all without losing out on family-appropriate themes.

Director V.V. Vinayak, who was present as chief guest at the trailer launch, complimented the newcomers and wished that it becomes a massive success. Producers K.L. Damodara Prasad and Prasanna Kumar also praised the trailer and

urged people to support new talents. Music director Sri Murali Karthikeya is optimistic about his songs and background score that will be a major attraction, he says. Hero Khan Durani says he started doing films after spending some time learning and working in cinematography and other film departments. Sahithi Avancha says that the team has worked hard to deliver a story that would appeal to the youth as well as the family audience. Rajavamsi is releasing the film across the Telugu states.

