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WINDOWS
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.



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Will safeguard people's land rights, asserts CM

Naidu says he is against 'political revenge'

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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.

ED raids K'taka minister

BELAGAVI: A few weeks after multiple raids conducted by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) on the properties of Joint Commissioner of Excise Y Manjunath, who is the brother in law of PWD Minister Satish Jarkiholi, the ED conducted searches at around 18 premises linked to the minister, including his residence in Bengaluru's Dollars Colony, government quarters and properties in Belagavi and Gokak, as part of an investigation into alleged irregularities in the issuance of bar licences and various other issues.

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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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