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ECI recognises Vijay-led TVK as state party

Reserves 'whistle' symbol

CHENNAI: The Election Commission of India (ECI) has recognised Tamilaga Vettri Kazhagam (TVK) as a state party in Tamil Nadu and reserved the 'whistle' as its election symbol. The recognition comes after the party's performance in the Assembly election, winning 108 of the 234 seats in the State. This marks a significant milestone for the actor-turned-politician Vijay-led TVK party. In a communication dated September 9, the ECI said it had reviewed TVK's performance in the 2026 Tamil Nadu and Puducherry Assembly elections and found that the party had fulfilled the conditions prescribed under Para 6A of the Election Symbols (Reservation and Allotment) Order, 1968. Accordingly, the Commission granted TVK recognition as a state party in Tamil Nadu as well as in the Union Territory of Puducherry.

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25 killed after fire breaks out on cargo ship in China port



BEIJING: At least 25 people were killed and five were missing after a cargo ship caught fire while docked in a Chinese port, Chinese state media reported on Thursday. The vessel was undergoing repairs at Beihai Ship-building Co. at the port of Qingdao, a major shipping hub on China's northeastern coast, when the fire broke out. China's Xinhua news agency released a photograph identifying the ship as the Ocean Melody. The vessel sails under a Liberian flag, according to the tracking website VesselFinder. There were 42 people aboard the ship when the incident occurred, Xinhua reported. Twelve people were safely evacuated, while five others suffered injuries and were taken to hospital. Their condition was reported to be stable.

IRREGULAR by MANJUL

MANJUL'S Comics

CHINJUL

I use vulgar language, roast everyone and abuse frequently. I don't know why Gen Z still can't connect with me

'PERFORM OR PERISH'

CM tells Cong MLAs aspiring for 2nd term

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CHIEF Minister A Revanth Reddy has made it clear to Congress MLAs that only the performance of every legislator will determine the success of the party and therefore their own conduct will influence the chances of their winning a second term in the next elections. The Chief Minister instructed all MLAs to attend the ongoing Assembly session and raise local issues in the House.

The Chief Minister presided over the Congress Legislature Party (CLP) meeting here on Thursday, with Ministers, government whips and Telangana Pradesh Congress Committee president in tow. He told the legislators that people gave a big mandate in the last elections; so, everyone

- Wants full attendance in House
- Asks them to raise local issues

Asking all the party MLAs to attend the ongoing Assembly session regularly, CM Revanth Reddy advised them to raise local issues in the House and work hard to succeed politically in the future as well



has to work hard to succeed politically in the future as well. Revanth Reddy commended the legislators for strongly countering the Opposition's conspiracy and exposing their "plot" against the government to the public. An inquiry into the incidents that took place

has already been initiated. The opposition Bharat Rashtra Samithi had "conspired" to disrupt the Assembly session, he reiterated. Even after losing power, BRS leaders had refused to shed their arrogance. The opposition leaders abused police officials

and public representatives verbally. They behaved inappropriately towards officials and caused embarrassment by taking off their T-shirts in the presence of female officers. The use of highly objectionable language to abuse the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly was uncalled for. The BRS also insulted the Dalit community by "purifying" the ground where Dalits had walked at KCR's farmhouse. Referring to the Census, the Chief Minister stressed that the Congress should mount pressure on the Centre to adopt the Telangana model and conduct a caste census alongside the general census. "The caste census conducted by Telangana is a role model for the country and it is the achievement of the state," he observed.

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2-DAY BRICS SUMMIT BEGINS TOMORROW

India pushes Global South priorities amid trade tensions

NEW DELHI

IN a strategic balancing act triggered by escalating global trade tensions, India is leveraging the two-day BRICS Summit starting Saturday to position the grouping as a complementary engine for economic growth while championing the Global South's core developmental priorities — most notably safeguarding food, energy and supply chain security.

With New Delhi putting



the finishing touches to the summit, China has confirmed President Xi Jinping's attendance, marking his first trip to India after a seven-year gap.

Iranian President Masoud

Pezeshkian, Russian President Vladimir Putin, South African President Cyril Ramaphosa and his Indonesian counterpart Prabowo Subianto are among the top leaders attending the crucial meet in the national capital.

India is steering the BRICS grouping as a vital complementary platform to champion the Global South's core developmental priorities, top Indian officials said on Thursday.

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S-400, BrahMos on table at Modi-Putin meet

NEW DELHI: The next phase of

S-400 deliveries and the next phase of BrahMos development will both be on the table when Prime Minister Narendra Modi meets Russian President Vladimir Putin in New Delhi on Friday, ahead of the BRICS Summit on September 12-13. Kremlin spokesperson Dmitry Peskov has confirmed that Russia would fulfil its commitments. "Russia is capable of fulfilling its obligations, and they will be fulfilled. This issue is being mentioned during the conversations of our two leaders," he said.

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IT'S CERTAIN: Xi to visit India for BRICS Summit

NEW DELHI: Chinese President Xi Jinping will be visiting India over this weekend to attend the 18th BRICS summit in New Delhi, the government has confirmed, effectively ending days of heavy diplomatic suspense. At the invitation of Prime Minister of the Republic of India Narendra Modi, President Xi Jinping will attend the 18th BRICS Summit in New Delhi from September 12 to 13, China's foreign ministry statement read. Earlier in the day, Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson Guo Jia-kun refused to provide any confirmation on Xi's visit to New Delhi.

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'Sexual assault' cases against KTR, Harish Rao



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HYDERABAD: After Bharat Rashtra Samithi legislators' September 7th scuffle with cops while protesting at the Legislative Assembly's main gate during the start of the monsoon session, the Saifabad Police have registered cases against BRS MLAs

T Harish Rao, K T Rama Rao and others for allegedly abusing a woman constable posted at the premises. The police stated in the FIR that the complainant was afraid of threatening the accused persons. But due to viral video clippings and photos of assault over her, she was offended and decided to lodge a complaint. **Continued on Page 7**

TG PR Act amended

GP's get quick access to funds

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THE Telangana Assembly on Thursday amended the Telangana Panchayat Raj Act, 2018 allowing the gram panchayats in the state to have separate bank accounts so that they can utilise the funds whenever they are needed. Under sub-section (3) of section 70 of the Telangana Panchayat Raj Act, 2018 ('Telangana Act No. 5 of 2018'), all moneys received by the gram panchayat are required to be lodged in the nearest government treasury. The proviso to that sub-section permits amounts received under central or state government schemes to be lodged in nearby nationalised banks, co-operative banks or post offices in such manner as may be prescribed.

The government had received representations seeking permission to deposit the gram panchayat general fund in nearby nationalised banks, co-operative banks or post offices, in addition to amounts received under centrally- or state-sponsored schemes.

Panchayat Raj Minister



Dhanasri Anasuya (Seethakka) said that it had been brought to their notice that delays in processing payments through the treasury system impede timely payment of salaries to gram panchayat staff and the timely discharge of other obligations. She said that while the Municipalities Act prescribes separate schedule commercial bank, there is no such provision in the Panchayat Raj.

The Minister said that it was decided to substitute sub-section (3) of section 70 of the Telangana Panchayat Raj Act, 2018 so as to provide that all moneys and funds received by a gram panchayat, including amounts received under the schemes of the central government or the state government from time to time, should be deposited in a nearby nationalised bank, co-operative bank or post office in such manner as may be prescribed. **Continued on Page 7**

Court frames charges against Lalu, family under PMLA act

NEW DELHI: The Special MP-MLA Court on Thursday directed to frame money laundering Charges against LARA Projects, Rabri Devi, Tejaswi, Lalu Prasad Yadav, PC Gupta, Sarala Gupta, Sujata Hotels and Vijay Kochar and Vinay Kochar for the money laundering offences. This alleged money laundering case is linked to the irregularities in the IRTC hotel tender scam case registered by the CBI. The court also said that the Investigation against Lalu Prasad Yadav was not politically motivated.

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SEC'BAD-KAZIPET MULTI-TRACKING RAIL PROJECT

Kishan, Laxman see fillip to TG economic development

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RAJYA Sabha member and a member of the Railway Standing Committee Dr K Laxman has called the approval of the Secunderabad (Ghatkesar)-Kazipet Railway Multi-Tracking Project "another historic decision by Prime Minister Narendra Modi's government for the development of Telangana". The decision was taken in the meeting of the Union Cabinet



Committee on Economic Affairs chaired by PM Modi on Wednesday. Dr Laxman, while welcoming the announcement, said that the Union Govern-

ment had approved eight railway multi-tracking projects across the country with an investment of Rs. 20,804 crore.

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'Get off our roads, Mr Singh'

US HOMELAND SECURITY POSTER SPARKS OUTRAGE

WASHINGTON

A social media campaign by the US Department of Homeland Security (DHS) has caused outrage after an AI-generated poster appeared to single out Indian truck drivers as part of the Trump administration's push encouraging undocumented migrants to leave the country.

The graphic, shared by the official DHS account on X, is designed like a movie poster and is titled Transformers: Age of Deportations. It shows an AI-generated robot carrying a DHS



badge facing a brown-bearded man wearing a head covering.

Across the centre of the image is the message: 'America for Americans. Get off our roads; you don't know how to drive, Mr Singh.' The post also tells undocumented commercial drivers to 'self-deport or find out' and includes a federal hotline through which people can report what DHS describes as 'illegal aliens on American roads'. The reference to 'Mr Singh' has drawn particular criticism from Sikh and Indian American organisations. **Continued on Page 7**



BANK STRIKE TODAY

- **Friday:** Unions strike
- **Saturday:** 2nd Saturday
- **Sunday:** Gen holiday
- **Monday:** Ganesh Chaturthi

NEW DELHI

BANK unions will go ahead with their planned nationwide strike on Friday, after talks with the government over key demands, including service conditions, failed to break the deadlock.

The United Forum of Bank Unions (UFBU) has said it will not defer the strike unless there is a favourable decision or a definite timeline on its principal demand for a five-day banking week. It may noted here that banks are closed on the second Saturday (September 12), followed by Sunday (September 13) and Monday (September 14: Ganesh Chaturthi) in some states. **Continued on Page 7**

RECYCLED WATER FOR INDUSTRIES

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THE cash-strapped Telangana government, looking for avenues to boost revenues, proposes to make the Musi river, presently under phased rejuvenation, a money-spinner.

For context, the state government has launched the Musi Riverfront Development Corporation Ltd to clean the 55-kilometer urban stretch, build sewage treatment plants, and transform the corridor into a sustain-

able public space.

Right now, the government is focusing on creating a commercial demand for recycled water (grey water) from the Musi Rejuvenation Project. As the first phase of the Musi project, already grounded, is scheduled to be completed by 2027; the available water from the STPs along the Musi river would be on sale for commercial needs.

In view of mushrooming data centers and industrial estates at the Bharat Future City and in the PURE



region, the government would start selling water to meet industrial needs. It is

estimated that 1,900 MLD of recycled water from the STPs in the Musi project would be

produced every day. Since data centres required huge water for cooling and other

purposes, officials said: "Arrangements are being made to cater to their needs once the Musi - phase one project is completed next year."

Presently, the establishment of data centres with 800 megawatts capacity are in various stages of completion. Each megawatt capacity requires around 15 million litres of water a year. The government estimates that 210 crore litres would be required every year to keep the existing and upcoming data centres in and around Hyderabad cool. "IT

is impossible to meet the requirement of huge amounts of water to keep the systems at data centers cool round the clock with the available water resources in the state.

The available water in Musi during monsoon season would be enough to meet the requirements of data centres and other industrial needs. A separate water supply network needs to be developed for all data centers. Water stock points should also be created around the data centers in the summer.

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BRS Working President KT Rama Rao, BRS Deputy Leader T Harish Rao, along with party MLAs and leaders, holding placards during a protest at Thukkuguda. The leaders inspected the site and alleged illegal land allocations worth crores by the State government to a firm linked to Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy's brother

PRIME LAND SOLD FOR A SONG !

KTR smells a rat in land deal struck with CM Revanth sibling's company

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HYDERABAD

SUSPENDED BRS MLAs on Thursday staged a protest at Thukkuguda, alleging that the State government had illegally allocated land to Tesseract, a company linked to Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy's brother, Anumula Kondal Reddy.

BRS Working President KT Rama Rao, BRS Deputy Leader T Harish Rao, along with MLAs, MLCs and senior party leaders, visited the site to inspect the land.

KTR alleged that government land worth around Rs 250 crore was allocated to Kondal Reddy for just Rs 7 crore. He questioned how government land could be allotted at such a low price instead of its market value and demanded that the govern-

ment place complete details of the allocation before the people.

He questioned whether granting government land, concessions and exemptions to the Chief Minister's family members amounted to abuse of power, conflict of interest and dynastic rule.

KTR also questioned the government incentives, land and exemptions allegedly granted to a company linked to A Jagadishwar Reddy under a Rs 1,000-crore investment agreement. He demanded clarity on the agreement between the Chief Minister's brother's company and Israel's innovation ecosystem.

He questioned the silence of the BJP and central investigative agencies, including the ED, IT and CBI, over the alleged land allocation. KTR

also demanded details on the entry of companies belonging to the families of Revanth Reddy and Minister Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy into the aerospace and defence sectors.

KTR alleged that BRS MLAs were suspended and forcibly removed from the Assembly for questioning the government over land allocations, Future City and its policies.

He further alleged that Future City was being developed as a real estate scheme and questioned the legal implications of using land earlier acquired for Pharma City for other purposes. He advised investors to examine the legal issues before investing and said the BRS would continue its fight for accountability and transparency.

SUNNAM CHERUVU makeover wins local praise

JULOORI BHARGAVI
SARASWATHI
HYDERABAD

SUNNAM Cheruvu is undergoing a remarkable revitalization after years of urban pressure, severe sewage contamination, and accumulated solid waste. HYDRAA, led by its commissioner, has initiated a comprehensive restoration drive. The project focuses on reclaiming the historic waterbody, clearing debris, and transforming the area into a clean, well-managed urban reservoir.

Engineering teams and heavy machinery are working continuous shifts at the site. Primary operational works include dredging accumulated silt, removing garbage heaps, clearing illegal encroachments around the designated Full Tank Level boundaries, and streamlining inflows.

Supported by government funding allocated for citywide lake rejuvenation projects costing several crores of rupees, HYDRAA is executing bund repairs, constructing inlet-outlet gates, and creating walking tracks alongside green spaces.

Local residents of nearby Padmavathi Nagar expressed immense relief at the visible progress. Mahesh, Raju, and Jay all



Residents welcome HYDRAA's efforts to restore lake and improve surroundings

long-time residents of Padmavathi Nagar, shared their appreciation for the rapid transformation. "For years, we endured terrible smells and heaps of foul garbage surrounding the lake bed," they remarked. "The ongoing work by HYDRAA has completely changed the environment. Seeing the garbage cleared away and proper lake restoration taking place gives us real hope for a healthier neighbourhood."

Beyond basic remediation, community and cultural needs have been integrated directly into the rejuvenation plan. Officials



responded to local demands by incorporating public amenities along the shoreline to support regional traditions and civic welfare.

Vaishnavi Durga, President of the Bathukamma Utsava Samithi, warmly thanked HYDRAA and the commissioner for accepting

their request to construct dedicated steps leading down to the lake bed. "We are deeply grateful to HYDRAA for listening to our community's request," she stated. "Building proper steps along the shore will allow women to celebrate the sacred Bathukamma festival safely and with dignity."

Supporters of community-led conservation have also commended the institutional push.

J Raghu Raj Goud, President of the Hari Co-operative Housing Society, applauded the development. Having previously led civil efforts to repair bunds and protect boundaries, Goud praised the comprehensive approach taken by authorities. "The proactive intervention by HYDRAA authorities ensures that Sunnam Cheruvu is finally receiving the structural protection and systematic development it desperately required, and this is a dream coming true for all of us and I would like to thank HYDRAA commissioner garu for this," he noted.

As dredging and bund construction enter final stages, the restored Sunnam Cheruvu stands as a testament to effective civic intervention, turning a once-neglected dumping ground into a proud community milestone.

GAPING MANHOLE POSES DANGER IN SHALIVAHANA NAGAR



A large manhole has emerged after a newly laid road was damaged at Shalivahana Nagar, behind Dilsukhnagar Bus Depot, posing a serious risk to motorists and pedestrians
Photo: Srinivas Setty

BJP accuses Cong, BRS of taking Dalits for granted

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HYDERABAD

BJP SC Mocha State President Kanthi Kiran stated on Thursday that both the previous BRS regime and current Congress government in Telangana are hurting Dalit sentiments for narrow political gains. Addressing media personnel, Kanthi Kiran accused both parties of reducing Dalits to vote banks and deriving sadistic pleasure from undermining community self-respect.

BJP Official Spokesperson Abhishek Jigini, alongside SC Mocha leaders Ramaswamy, Shravan, Arvind, and Ram-mohan, declared that abusive comments made against a Dalit holding the constitutional office of Legislative Assembly Speaker reflect an anti-Dalit mindset. They strongly condemned the sprinkling of turmeric water for purification at a spot outside BRS chief K Chandrashekar Rao farmhouse following drum protests by Dalit groups.

The leaders remarked that BRS is reviving century-old

discriminatory practices, asserting that insulting the Dalit community living with dignity under the Constitution authored by BR Ambedkar remains an unforgivable offence. They expressed anguish over an incident where Congress youth wing workers attacked the BJP state office and smeared black ink on posters commemorating the 650th birth anniversary of Saint Ravidas Maharaj, criticizing police inaction despite formal complaints.

The BJP leaders noted that Chandrashekar Rao made false promises to install a Dalit Chief Minister, while Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy assumed power making unfulfilled commitments through the Dalit Declaration.

Contrasting state politics with central initiatives, they emphasized that Prime Minister Narendra Modi government continues taking tangible steps to empower the Dalit community, assuring that the party will not remain a silent spectator if Dalit self-respect is undermined anywhere in Telangana.

BJP slams lathicharge on polytechnic students

HYDERABAD

TELANGANA State BJP President N Ramachander Rao strongly condemned the Congress government on Thursday for resorting to police brutality and a lathicharge on polytechnic students protesting against GO 97 at Ramanthapur Polytechnic College. In an official statement, Ramachander Rao described the visuals emerging from the college as deeply disturbing and condemnable.

Expressing shock, he noted that the Congress administration, which frequently speaks about its Mohabbat Ki Dukaan, unleashed police force on innocent students simply for raising their voices against GO 97. He emphasized that student concerns are valid, particularly amid serious apprehensions regarding government intentions to illegally transfer polytechnic college lands for real estate interests.

The BJP state chief alleged that the government appears hell-bent on utilizing police force to silence students rather than listening to their genuine concerns and resolving issues.

He lamented that students who should be in classrooms building their futures are instead forced onto the streets to face police batons. Criticizing Congress political posturing, Ramachander Rao remarked that while the party claims to safeguard student rights and preaches democracy in BJP-ruled states, it repeatedly unleashes police force on questioning students wherever it holds power.

Highlighting that the Ramanthapur incident is not isolated, Ramachander Rao pointed out that polytechnic students across Telangana have been protesting proposed college mergers under GO 97 for several weeks. He stated that whether through massive pending fee reimbursement dues affecting 40 lakh students, poor hostel conditions, or polytechnic grievances, the government has displayed apathy, arrogance, and insensitivity. Reminding the administration that students are not criminals but the future of Telangana, Ramachander Rao declared that the state BJP stands firmly with the polytechnic students.

Out-of-constituency beneficiaries to lose Indiramma houses

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HOUSING Minister Ponguleti Srinivasa Reddy stated in the Assembly on Thursday that the state government will drop Indiramma Housing scheme beneficiaries if they reside outside their designated constituencies. Replying to a supplementary question during Question Hour, Srinivasa Reddy emphasized that the government aims to construct houses where the poor currently live to protect their self-respect and livelihoods, rejecting policies that relocate beneficiaries 30 to 40 kilometres away from their workplaces. He highlighted that even in prime locations valued at Rs 150 crore to Rs 200 crore per acre, the government is sanctioning houses treating each constituency as a single unit.

Ensuring complete transparency in selection, official door-to-door physical verifications are being conducted for every beneficiary selected



in the draw, and any non-residents will have their names deleted promptly. Srinivasa Reddy noted that no other Indian state provides Rs 5 lakh free of cost for housing construction, adding that the government will positively consider member feedback regarding whether the Rs 5 lakh allocation requires enhancement.

Outlining the financial blueprint, Srinivasa Reddy explained that approximately Rs 22500 crore is required for the 4.50 lakh houses sanc-

tioned in the first phase, Rs 11000 crore for the 2.50 lakh houses in the second phase, and Rs 5500 crore for one lakh urban houses. Consequently, the state government will bear over Rs 40000 crore across two instalments to deliver nearly eight lakh houses. Assuring eligible families, he affirmed that the administration remains prepared to extend housing benefits to all remaining deserving poor through third and fourth phases in the near future.

Army arms theft probe gathers pace

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HYDERABAD

IN continuation of the ongoing investigation into the missing service weapons case on Army premises, investigating agencies questioned three senior officers on Thursday to secure vital leads. Taking serious note of the weapon theft episode reported in Hyderabad, senior officials collected CCTV footage from inside the Madras Regiment, where miscreants stole the armaments.

Investigators suspect that the miscreants stole weapons in a phased manner, noting that surveillance cameras were switched off when the breach occurred inside the military installation. Meanwhile, senior officials maintain close vigil on several suspects, including recently apprehended Bangladeshi nationals, surrendered Maoists, and recently released prison inmates, to establish breakthroughs in the case.

Highlighting the gravity of the incident, senior Defence Ministry officials from Delhi remain in continuous contact with Army authorities in Hyderabad to receive daily updates regarding investigation progress and security reviews.

Telangana eyes floating solar plants on major projects to meet power demand

- Power demand touches 19,000 MW
- Major reservoirs under study for floating solar projects

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TELANGANA is planning to promote solar, floating solar and other non-conventional energy sources on a large scale to meet the state's rapidly rising electricity demand, Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka informed the Assembly on Thursday.

Replying to a question on floating solar sheets on water bodies during Question Hour, Bhatti said the Electricity and Irrigation departments were jointly studying the feasibility of setting up



floating solar projects. A clear announcement on the plans would be made soon, he said.

The government is examining the prospects of installing floating solar plants on reservoirs of major and medium irrigation projects across the state. Nagarjuna Sagar, Srisailem, Pulichintala, Sriramsagar, Sripada Yellampalli, Devadula, Komaram Bheem, Paleru, Wyr, Mallanna Sagar, LMD, Mid Manair and Pocharam reser-

voirs are among those under consideration.

Bhatti said floating solar projects involved higher costs than conventional solar projects. Though the Centre had announced assistance of up to Rs 1 crore per MW under the Viability Gap Funding (VGF) model, certain challenges remained.

He said the Central mandate requiring domestically manufactured equipment imposed an additional cost burden of around Rs 1.30

crore per MW. Investor interest in floating solar projects could increase if the Centre relaxed these regulations, he added.

The Deputy CM said the state's peak power demand had risen sharply from around 15,000 MW when the government assumed office in December 2023 to 19,000 MW on September 9. Industrial growth and increased purchasing power were among the factors driving the rise.

₹19,000-cr annual subsidy

Bhatti said the government spends around Rs 14,000 crore annually on free electricity for agricultural pump sets. The free power scheme covering up to 200 units benefits around 55 lakh families and costs another Rs 5,000 crore, taking the total annual electricity subsidy to nearly Rs 19,000 crore.

Durgam Cheruvu shut for maintenance

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ENTRY to Durgam Cheruvu remains completely closed

to visitors on Friday due to ongoing facility maintenance works undertaken by HMWSSB. The civic agency requested the public to plan

visits accordingly, avoiding the premises during this period. Cyberabad Municipal Corporation expressed regret

for the temporary inconvenience caused and appreciated visitor cooperation during infrastructure improvement operations.



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ACB traps two officials in ₹1-lakh bribe case

Duo allegedly demanded payment to process ₹2 lakh CM Relief Fund aid

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ANTI-Corruption Bureau officials arrested an outsourcing employee of the Revenue department in the Secretariat and a senior assistant of the Telangana State Industrial Development Corporation on Thursday for accepting bribes to process Chief Minister Relief Fund payments.

The trapped officials were identified as Anandeshi Raghavender and Medi Vinod seated with the seized cash bribe of Rs 1 lakh and chemical solution bottles used during the Anti-Corruption Bureau trap operation in Hyderabad on Monday



Accused officials Anandeshi Raghavender and Medi Vinod seated with the seized cash bribe of Rs 1 lakh and chemical solution bottles used during the Anti-Corruption Bureau trap operation in Hyderabad on Monday

Officials, enforcement teams conducted raids at the Secretariat on Thursday and caught the accused red

handed while accepting a Rs 1 lakh bribe from the complainant. The illicit payment was demanded as official fa-

vour to process and release Rs 2 lakh in funds previously sanctioned under the relief fund.

Investigators revealed that the accused had also accepted an advance bribe of Rs 5000 from the complainant via PhonePe to initiate fund release procedures. Anti Corruption Bureau personnel recovered the physical bribe money, which yielded positive results during chemical testing.

The arrested officials were taken into custody and subsequently produced before the designated court for judicial remand as investigations into digital transactions continue.

RSB Factory outlet launches double dhamaka sale

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HYDERABAD

FOLLOWING success in Nizampet and Ameerpet, RSB Factory Outlet launched its Double Dhamaka sale in Kukatpally and Kusaiguda. Actress Rashmi Gautam inaugurated both venues on Wednesday.

The Kukatpally event at Sri Bhramaramba Mallikarjuna Swamy Kalyana Mandapam runs until September 17, while the Kusaiguda exhibition at Sree Lakshmi Convention near ECIL runs through September 16. The sale offers direct factory wholesale pricing on ladies, mens, kids apparel, and home furnishings.



CM Revanth and Ponnamp invited to Vinayaka Chavithi fete

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HYDERABAD

CHIEF Minister A Revanth Reddy and Hyderabad In-charge Minister Ponnamp Prabhakar were cordially invited by Cantonment MLA Sriganesh to attend Vinayaka Chavithi celebrations at Secunderabad Ganesh Temple starting September 14.

The invitation was ex-

tended at the Chief Minister Office in the Legislative Assembly on Thursday, where temple priests presented Vedic blessings to the leaders. Minister Adhuri Lakshman, legislators Kavam palli Satyanarayana and Sanjay, Endowment Department Commissioner Hanmanth Rao, and Temple Executive Officer Ramakrishna Rao attended the programme alongside other officials.

It's a Revanth govt-induced drought, fumes Harish Rao

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HYDERABAD

BRSRP Deputy Leader T Harish Rao accused the Congress government on Thursday of failing to utilize available Krishna River water, thereby failing to protect Telangana farmers. Addressing a press conference at Telangana Bhavan, Harish Rao asserted that the current crisis is not a natural calamity but a government-induced drought resulting from Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy administrative failure. He alleged that despite claiming to be a son of Palamuru, Revanth Reddy is betraying the region by failing to lift available river water.

Harish Rao alleged that the state government remains a silent spectator while Andhra Pradesh draws water, ignoring weather agency warnings regarding potential El Nino impacts. He highlighted operational failures across major lift irrigation projects, noting that the Kalwakurthy project Ellur pump house operates only



BRSRP Deputy Leader demands full operation of Krishna lift irrigation projects to protect local farmers

two of its five motors intermittently. Similarly, he questioned why Bhima operations only one of three motors, Nettampadu operates one of four, and Koilsagar runs just one of three.

He questioned whether the administration is aiding Andhra Pradesh in drawing water through Veligonda and Pothreddypadu. Harish Rao recalled that while Kalwakurthy irrigated only 13,000 acres for nearly 30 years, BRS governance expanded its coverage to 3.07 lakh acres.

Demanding immediate corrective action, Harish Rao urged the government to halt the diversion of Telangana rightful Krishna water share to Andhra Pradesh. He called for an immediate Apex Council meeting if necessary to safeguard state water rights and demanded that all pump motors across Palamuru, Kalwakurthy, Bhima, Nettampadu, and Koilsagar projects be switched on fully without delay. Concluding his remarks, Harish Rao emphasized that state farmers require immediate water release rather than administrative excuses, urging the government to end its negligence and act swiftly to protect agricultural interests across Telangana.

Govt to form corporation for outsourcing staff

HYDERABAD: The state government will soon form a dedicated Corporation to include outsourcing employees for salary payments, with an official committee already constituted to finalise necessary modalities.

Labour Minister G Vivek announced this while replying to supplementary questions during Question Hour in the Assembly on Thursday, adding that a high-level meeting will be convened shortly. Vivek stated that Telangana maintains the best wage policy, noting that the International Labour Organization considers the state a role model. Detailing the revised minimum wages across three zones, the Minister outlined category-wise pay scales. Unskilled workers will receive monthly wages of Rs 16000 in Zone-I Municipal Corporations, Rs 15000 in Zone-II municipalities, and Rs 14000 in Zone-III rural areas. Semi-skilled workers will receive Rs 17000, Rs 16000, and Rs 15000 across the respective zones.

Skilled manpower will be entitled to Rs 18500 in Zone-I, Rs 17500 in Zone-II, and Rs 16500 in Zone-III. Highly skilled personnel will earn Rs 20000 in municipal corporations, Rs 19000 in municipalities, and Rs 18000 in rural regions. The government aims to streamline salary disbursements and enhance financial security for all outsourcing staff across Telangana through this newly proposed corporate administrative framework.

Modernise universities, raise education standards: TGCHE chief

HYDERABAD

TELANGANA Council of Higher Education Chairman V Balakista Reddy stressed the need to modernise institutional infrastructure, raise educational standards, and ensure effective implementation of higher education reforms on Thursday. Addressing the three-day XV National Conference of the All India University Employees Confederation on the Status of Higher Education at Osmania University, he highlighted systemic growth priorities. Osmania University Vice-Chancellor Kumar Molugaram emphasized the indispensable role of universities in nation-building, commending non-teaching staff for maintaining operational excellence. TGCHE Secretary Sriram Venkatesh called for inter-departmental synergy and workforce adaptability amid changing administrative policies.

Principal of the University College of Arts and Social Sciences Kasseem urged a substantial increase in education budget allocations to ensure sustainable development. Organised by Osmania University non-teaching service associations—the NGO Association, Staff Association, and Technical Staff Association—the summit brought together nearly 400 national delegates and over 1,000 participants from across India. Academic Audit Director N Kishen, university principals, deans, and service association office bearers attended the inaugural ceremony. Continuing through September 12, the conference will feature specialized technical sessions addressing policy changes, administrative reforms, research expansion, and employee service matters to strengthen university governance framework across Indian higher education institutions.

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CHANGE OF NAME

I, SYED KHAJA MOHIUDDIN, S/o SYED KHAJA SHU-JAUDDIN, R/o H.No. 18-13-9/23/21, Rajiv Gandhi Nagar, Bandlaguda, Chandrayangutta, Hyderabad, Tg-500005, shall henceforth be known as **SYED KHAJA MOHIUDDIN SUHARWARDI** (Th 08170)

I, Khan Pathan Asif S/o Pathan Maqdoom Khan R/o H.No. 2-1/EL/131, Flat No.131, Sai Nagar, Old Hafeezpet, Serilingampally, Rangareddy Dist, TG-500049, Have changed my name as **Asif Khan Pathan S/o Pathan Maqdoom Khan.** (Th KRISHNAMURTHY)

I, Indra Rawat, W/o, No.14672398K, NK, Gordhan Singh, R/o, Dist: Ajmer, Rajasthan, changed my name from Indra Rawat to **Indra Devi**, vide Affidavit No.CE 043463 dt.09.09.2026, before Notary Public at Nasirabad. (Th KRISHNAMURTHY)

I, No. 14655488P, Hav, Anant Kumar Savadi, R/o, Dist: Belagavi, Karnataka, changed my Mother's name from Padmanavati A Savadi to **Padmavati Savadi**, vide Affidavit No. 995515 dt.08.09.2026 before Medchal-Malkajigiri Court, Telangana. (Th KRISHNAMURTHY)

I, Parisham Bevi, Mother of No. 17017735Y, CNU, Muhammed Rafi P, R/o, Vill: Ittita, Dist: Kollam, Kerala, changed my name from Parisham Bevi to **Parisha Bevi A**, vide Affidavit No. 995556 dt. 09.09.2026, before Medchal-Malkajigiri Court, Telangana. (Th KRISHNAMURTHY)

I, No. 14655488P, Hav, Anant Kumar Savadi, R/o, Dist: Belagavi, Karnataka, changed my Father's name from Appasab V Savadi to **Appasab Savadi**, vide Affidavit No. 995517 dt. 08.09.2026, before Medchal-Malkajigiri Court, Telangana. (Th KRISHNAMURTHY)

I, No. 14673279A, NK, Keshab Ghosh, R/o, Dist: Murshidabad, West Bengal, changed my Father's name from Ashoke KR. Ghosh to **Ashok Ghosh**, vide Affidavit No. 995520 dt. 08.09.2026, before Medchal-Malkajigiri Court, Telangana. (Th KRISHNAMURTHY)

I, T Sree Kutty, W/o, No. 14673467F, NK, Vinukumar, J, R/o, Dist: Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala, changed my name from T Sree Kutty to **Sreekutty T**, vide Affidavit No. 157 dt. 09.09.2026, before Advocate and Notary at Neyyattinkara, Kerala. (Th KRISHNAMURTHY)

I, No. 146555011A, Hav, Subhendu Roy, R/o, Dist: Howrah, West Bengal, changed my Father's name from Ajoy Kumar Roy to **Ajoy Roy**, vide Affidavit No. 995527 dt. 08.09.2026, before Medchal-Malkajigiri Court, Telangana. (Th KRISHNAMURTHY)

I, No. 1467378H, Hony Hav, Vinod Kumar Komare, R/o, Dist: Balod, Chhattisgarh, changed my Father's name from Sahdev Ram Komare to **Sahdev Ram Komare**, vide Affidavit No. 995528 dt.08.09.2026, before Medchal-Malkajigiri Court, Telangana. (Th KRISHNAMURTHY)

I, No. 14648292Y, CQMH, Vir Bahadur Singh, R/o, Dist: Azamgarh, Uttar Pradesh, changed my Mother's name from Kulavanti to **Kulvanti Devi**, vide Affidavit No. 995533 dt. 08.09.2026, before Medchal-Malkajigiri Court, Telangana. (Th KRISHNAMURTHY)

I, Lalitha Rallapalli Alias Lalithya Munikanniah W/o Rallapalli Rangaiah R/o Flat-201, Seshadri Residency, Madanaguda, RR Dist, TG-500049, Have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as **Lalithya Eniga Munikanniah Alias Lalithya E M** for all purposes. (Th KRISHNAMURTHY)

I, RIDIHMA AGARWAL, R/o.H.No.3-3, Alkapuri Township, Mandalam Nekkampur, Rajendranagar, Puppalguda R.R District, Telangana - 500075 Changed My Name As **Ridhima Agarwal D/o.Rajesh Kumar Agarwal** (Th 34602)

I Ritesh Kumar S/o. Chander Sing R/o. 4-9-60/114, Huda Colony Muskh Mahal, Atapur, Hyderabad-Ranga Reddy, Telangana Pin-500048, Changed My Name As **Thakur Ritesh Kumar S/o. Chander Sing.** (Th 34602)

I, JANGAM NAVEEN S/o JANGAM RAGHU,R/o 7-0/701/501, SATYANARAYANAPURAM COLONY, BIBI SHAEBA MAQTA MALKAJIGIRI MEDCHAL HAS CHANGED MY NAME AS **JANGAM NAVEEN KUMAR.** (Th 34602)

I, Lavanya Sokam W/o.Vijay Kumar Sokam Resident of Flat no. 302,3rd Flr, Arundodaya Pride, Balaji Enclave, Nagaram, Malkajigiri-Medchal-500083, TS have Changed my name and shall henceforth be known as "**Adula Lavanya**".For all purposes. (Th 34602)

CHANGE OF NAME

I, MOHAMMED ABDUL BASEER SIDDEEQI R/o. 6-1-137/C/5, Balam compound, Padmarao Nagar, Sec'bad Hyd-500025-TG, changed my name as **MOHAMMED ABDUL BASEER SIDDIQUI S/o. MOHAMMED ABDUL HAI SIDDEEQI** (Th 34602)

I, DIPTI CHETAN BOGHANI W/O. CHETAN DEEPAK BOGHANI R/o. P.NO:128, ASHA OFFICERS CLY, RAMAKRISHNAPURAM, SEC'BAD, HYD-500056, HENCE FORTH CHANGE MY NAME FROM DIPTI BOGHANI TO **DIPTI CHETAN BOGHANI** FOR ALL PURPOSE (Th 34602)

I, CHETAN DEEPAK BOGHANI S/O. DEEPAK RASHIKUL BOGHANI R/o.P.NO:128, ASHA OFFICERS CLY, RAMAKRISHNAPURAM, SEC'BAD, HYD, TS-500056, HENCE FORTH CHANGE MY NAME FROM CHETAN BOGHANI TO **CHETAN DEEPAK BOGHANI** FOR ALL PURPOSE (Th 34602)

I, Ratna Tomar W/o.Rohit Singh R/o: H No. 1091, Prestige Tranquil, One Golden Mile Road, Kokapet, Hyderabad, Telangana-500075, Do Here By Changed My Name As **Ratna Singh.** (Th 34602)

I, ALI ASGAR RAJKTWALA S/O KAI DI ZOHAR, R/o. PNO-12, FNO-301, Yusuf Manzil, Durga Vihar Colony, Gunrock Avn Trimulghery, Sec'bad 500015 TS. Changed my name as **ALI ASGAR RAJKTWALA** (Th 34602)

I, Mohammed Omer Shareef R/O 19-4-346/B, Konda Reddy Guda, Kishan Bagh, Hyd. Holder of passport no. B3608187, I have Changed my name as "**Mohammed Ghouse**" (Th 34602)

I, SATYANAGALAKSHMI RAYUDU (OLD NAME) R/O. 1-6-39/3/1, OLD ALWAL, SEC'BAD, MALKAJIGIRI-MEDCHAL-500010, TS, changed my name as **SATYA NAGA LAKSHMI KOPPISSETTY (NEW NAME) W/O PHANI KUMAR RAYUDU** for all purposes. (Th 34602)

I, DUDEKULA DURGA BHAVANI R/O FNO-404, MOONLIGHT APTS, SAI RAM NAGAR, MIYAPUR, HYD TS-500049 Changed My Name And RETAINED PREVIOUS SURNAME AS **KANCHARLA DURGA BHAVANI W/O DUDEKULA KULLAI BASHA**. With immediate effect (Th 34602)

I, SERVICE NO JC-733358L SUB (HONY LT) GAMBHIR SINGH, Adm Bn (Depot Coy), AOC Centre, Secunderabad, Telangana, hereby state that my father's name has been changed/ rectified from ABHAY PAL SINGH to **ABHAYPAL SINGH**, vide Affidavit dated 10 SEP 2026. (Th 34602)

I, SERVICE NO 6945037P HAV ANOOP R, Adm Bn (Depot Coy), AOC Centre, Secunderabad, Telangana, hereby state that my mother's name has been changed/ rectified from VALSALA KUMARI to **VALSALAKUMARI**, vide Affidavit dated 10 SEP 2026. (Th 34602)

I, SERVICE NO JC-736702W NB SUB SUNIL BABU, Adm Bn (Depot Coy), AOC Centre, Secunderabad, Telangana, hereby state that my mother's name has been changed/ rectified from VALSAMMA BABU to **VALSAMMA M**, vide Affidavit dated 10 SEP 2026. (Th 34602)

I, SEEMA DEVI spouse of Army personnel, SERVICE NO 158143471/L/Nk Dinesh Kumar, posted to Adm Bn (Depot Coy), AOC Centre, Secunderabad. Telangana, hereby state that my name has been changed from SEEMA DEVI to **SEEMA**, vide Affidavit dated 10 SEP 2026. (Th 34602)

I, Neha W/o Manish Prakash Shaw R/o C-73, Prakruthi Nivas, Annaram Gummadalada Mandal, Sangareddy -502313, Telangana, have changed my name to **Neha Sharma** for all purposes. (Th 35300)

I NARENDHAR K ALIAS K NARENDER SON OF CHANDRA SHEKAR YADAV KAVALI CHANDRAPUR BUSINESS, SHALL HENCE FOURTH BE KNOWN AS **KAVALI NARENDER YADAV.** (Th 35300)

I, RAGULA SRINIVAS R/O 6-3-1185/116, B S MAKTHA, BEGUMPET HYDERABAD 500016, TELANGANA INDIA. CHANGED MY NAME AS **RAGULA SREENIVAS S/o RAGULA NARSING RAO** (Th 35300)

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All the general public hereby informed that my client Smt. Narravula Sundharamini W/o. N. V. Bhaskar Reddy @ Narravulla Venkata Bhaskar Reddy, is the owner possessor of H.No. 1-46/4/5, in Plot No. 89 adm.189 sq. yds with total pinth area 3000 sq fts (1500 sq. ft in ground floor, 1500 sq. fts in first floor) in Sy.No. 138 situated at Bhavani Puram Chandanagar Village, Serilingampally Mandal, GHMC, Rangareddy District. My client purchased said house, through registered sale deed Doc. No. 6938 of 2021, and its link Doc. No. 113 of 2008 was mis-placed while he was travelling from Ameerpet to Ramchandrapuram. If any person traced out the link doc.No. 113 of 2008, Please return to below address. If any person misuses the said document, they will be liable to be prosecuted as per law. Hence, this Notice.

M. Govardhan,
Advocates,
Sangareddy,
Cell: 9849383488

CHANGE OF NAME

I, Bathula Rajesh S/O Chandramouli Bathula R/O 8-66/1, Ganesh Nagar, Husnabad, P. O. -Husnabad, Dist. Siddipet, (Telangana) - 505467 have changed the name of my minor daughter Bathula Mahishwarya Kshethragna Saiesha aged 3 years and she shall hereafter be known as **Bathula M K Saiesha.** (TM RAO)

CHANGE OF NAME

I, Cheedaragadda Pranay son of Cheedaragadda Prabhakar resident of 1-5-102/3, Girnigadda, Jangaon, Jangaon, Warangal (Telangana) - 506167 have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as **Phoenix Mathew.** (TM RAO)

CHANGE OF NAME

I, Peram Jayaraju S/O Venkateswara Rao Peram R/O No. 779, Rajiv Gandhi Nagar, Balaji Nagar, Borabanda, Balanagar, Dist. - Medchal-Malkajigiri, (Telangana) - 500018 have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as **Sri Charan Reddy Peram.** (TM RAO)

CHANGE OF NAME

I, Kommera Madhusudhana Reddy S/O Kommera Raji Reddy R/O 1-56, Gollapalli, Thimmapur Mandalam, Nedunur, P. O. Nedunur, Dist. Karimnagar (Telangana) - 505530 have changed the name of my minor son **Kommera Suresh Reddy** aged 15 years and shall hereafter be known as **Kommera Snehith Reddy.** (TM RAO)

CHANGE OF NAME

I, Smt. Kusam, W/o. Sri. Sandeep Singh, M/o. **GURSHAAN SINGH**, Aadhaar No. 8514 6052 4653, Aged About 41 Years, Occ: Self-employed, R/o. Dharmasala, Kangra, Himachal Pradesh-176215. That it is desired that my son's name be changed/ corrected from "**GURSHAAN SINGH**" to "**GURSHAN SINGH**" and that the said name **GURSHAN SINGH** shall hereafter be used for all official, educational, legal and other purposes. (TH_32287)

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No-cost ₹1-cr insurance cover for govt employees: Dy Cm Bhatti

HYDERABAD: Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka on Thursday said that the Rs 1 crore insurance scheme being provided to state government employees, contract and outsourcing staff, and pensioners was the first of its kind in the country and several state governments have approached inquiring about the scheme details. The minister stated that the scheme was being implemented with the humanitarian objective of ensuring financial security for an employee's family, preventing them from facing destitution in the unfortunate event of the employee's death. He informed the House that the scheme was being executed with the co-operation of banks, without imposing any financial burden on either the government or the employees. The minister was replying to a question on the insurance scheme during the Question Hour in the Assembly on Thursday. The Deputy Chief Minister mentioned that the state government had entered into agreements with 16 banks to provide insurance coverage to regular employees, pensioners, and contract and outsourcing staff.

BGUS sees chinks in Hyd'bad Ganesh fest coordination armour

Committee warns govt of responsibility for any untoward incident

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THE Bhagyanagar Ganesh Utsav Committee (BGUS) has expressed concern over the alleged lack of coordination among government departments ahead of the annual Ganesh festival, scheduled to be celebrated between September 14 and 25 in Hyderabad.

BGUS General Secretary Dr Ravinutala Shashidhar, along with committee president G Raghava Reddy Pulla Reddy, said preparations were being undertaken for the grand immersion procession of Ganesh idols on Anant Chaturdashi on September 25.

Shashidhar alleged that despite statements being issued by the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) and the police regarding arrangements, there was little visible activity on the ground with only two days left for the festival to begin. He warned that the government would be held responsible for any untoward incident arising out of poor coordination between de-



Bhagyanagar Ganesh Utsav Committee (BGUS) General Secretary Dr Ravinutala Shashidhar addressing a press conference at the Press Club in Hyderabad along with committee members, highlighting alleged lack of government coordination and police high-handedness ahead of the annual Ganesh festival

partments.

He said the celebrations would be conducted in a devotional atmosphere while adhering to Sanatan traditions. Expressing displeasure over the alleged treatment of committee vice-president Narayan Rathi by the Sultan Bazaar police, Shashidhar said it was "unacceptable" and claimed that such an incident had occurred for the first time in the committee's 47-year history. He questioned whether this was

what was meant by "friendly policing".

He alleged that some police personnel at the lower level were unnecessarily imposing restrictions, including binding over devotees and registering cases, in connection with the movement of Ganesh idols.

He said there were no restrictions on bringing Ganesh idols into the city but alleged that some officers were behaving aggressively with devotees.

Shashidhar suggested Hyderabad Police Commissioner VC Sajjanar to review the arrangements, alleging that he may be receiving misleading information from lower-level officials.

He also questioned the selective invocation of Supreme Court guidelines on sound pollution during Ganesh festivities, arguing that the regulations should be implemented uniformly across all communities and places of worship.

Lakshminarayana lake cries for revival

VILLAGERS BLAME JAWAHARNAGAR WASTE RUNOFF FOR FISH DEATHS AND GROUNDWATER POLLUTION

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RESIDENTS and fishermen of Edulabad village in Ghatkesar mandal of Medchal-Malkajgiri district urged HYDRAA to take urgent measures to protect and restore the historic Lakshminarayana Lake, alleging severe pollution has transformed the once-vital water body into a health and environmental hazard.

Following complaints submitted through Prajavani, HYDRAA Commissioner AV Ranganath, along with Additional Commissioner D Anand Kumar and Uppal Zonal Commissioner Radhika Gupta, inspected the lake on Thursday. The officials also reviewed arrangements being made for upcoming Ganesh idol immersion activities at the site.

Locals explained that the lake, spread over more than 600 acres, once played a crucial role in supplying drinking and irrigation water to the region. However, water contamination has led to widespread fish deaths and polluted groundwater in surrounding borewells, causing severe public health concerns. Villagers alleged that toxic wastewater carrying run-off from the Jawaharnagar dumping yard enters the lake directly, drastically worsening pollution levels.

They pointed out that diverting the sew-



age drain carrying Jawaharnagar wastewater away from the water body would substantially address the crisis. Requesting systematic development similar to other revived lakes, residents urged immediate interventions. Assuring prompt action, AV Ranganath promised locals that a dedicated meeting will be convened soon to prepare a comprehensive plan to restore the historic water body to its former state.

Eatala fumes over Cantonment civic affairs

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MALKAJGIRI MP Eatala Rajender expressed strong displeasure on Thursday over the functioning of the Secunderabad Cantonment Chief Executive Officer, describing his administrative demeanor as a major obstacle to regional development. Speaking after laying the foundation stone for cement concrete roads in SBI Colony, Chandulal Bowli, and Jaya Nagar Colony, Rajender observed that despite being one of the most beautiful, hygienic, and well-equipped areas in the twin cities, the newly appointed official attitude has created confusion and inaction. He noted that contractors are reluctant to undertake developmental projects, causing available central allocations to lapse while prompting local residents to question whether a merger with GHMC would prove more beneficial.

Rajender commended nominated board member Banuka Narmada Mallikarjun for striving to deliver civic amenities, adding that his persistent efforts secured

Rs 18 crore from the Central Government alongside pending tax and stamp duty funds. However, he urged Cantonment authorities not to jeopardize the livelihoods of poor and middle-class residents running banana carts, small eateries, or kiosks through absurd regulations. Stating that making a living has become a heavy burden even for educated individuals, Rajender stressed that officials must facilitate small-scale traders, street vendors, and shopkeepers rather than belittling or harassing them.

Reminding administrative authorities that state and central officials are public servants rather than autocratic bosses, Rajender cautioned that negligence and an anti-people attitude risk transforming public administration into a menace.

He affirmed that it is neither desirable nor tolerable for any official or public representative to toy with the lives of the poor, calling for effective fund utilization, upgraded civic infrastructure, and immediate protection for vulnerable small traders operating across the Cantonment area.

Jaju orders robust paddy procurement plan

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CHIEF Secretary Sanjay Jaju on Thursday directed officials to make robust arrangements for paddy procurement during the 2026-27 monsoon (Kharif) season and ensure farmers face no hardship.

Jaju, who chaired a coordination meeting with senior officials, said paddy was cultivated across around 57.7 lakh acres this season, with estimated production of 119.57 lakh metric tonnes. The government has formulated an action plan to procure around 65 lakh metric tonnes.



He said 8,283 grain procurement centres would be established in coordination with IKP, Primary Agricultural Cooperative Societies (PACS) and other agencies. As arrivals are expected to begin in October and peak in November, officials were told to complete arrangements well in advance.

The CS stressed the need to ensure adequate transport, hamals, warehouses and storage capacity, besides providing essential infrastructure for farmers at procurement centres.

He directed officials to assign a unique identification number to every farmer visiting procurement centres and

properly link Aadhaar details with the bank accounts used for payments.

Jaju called for close inter-departmental coordination to prevent delays in procurement, transportation, storage and payments, and directed officials to ensure transparent and speedy services to farmers.

Eatala seeks overhaul of Jan Aushadhi network

HYDERABAD: MALKAJGIRI MP Eatala Rajender highlighted systemic issues hindering the effective functioning of Jan Aushadhi Kendras, suggesting key structural measures to strengthen operations. Presenting before the Parliamentary Standing Committee in the national capital recently, the BJP parliamentarian urged urgent reforms to ensure an uninterrupted supply of quality medicines while maintaining financial viability

for store operators. Addressing supply chain bottlenecks, Rajender emphasized the necessity of timely payments to medical suppliers, noting that current settlement delays span three to five months. He proposed establishing a strict 30 to 45 day payment window alongside the immediate clearance of outstanding bills to bolster supplier confidence and facilitate smooth network operations.

Stressing the balance be-

tween affordability, quality, and accessibility, Rajender stated that every generic store must adhere to minimum stock standards. He called for dedicated mechanisms to maintain high-demand drugs, preventing stock-outs of essential medicines. Calling quality assurance non-negotiable, he advocated stringent batch testing, random sampling, independent lab verification, and rapid grievance response systems

for complaints. Furthermore, Rajender proposed expanding regional distribution centres and implementing track-and-trace systems for real-time monitoring to expedite drug deliveries.

Regarding specialized healthcare, Rajender urged the phase wise integration of cancer care medicines into the generic network to provide affordable alternatives for rare, costly treatments through dedicated procurement.

MMC chalks out plans for Ganesh festivities

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A coordination meeting was held at the Malkajgiri Municipal Corporation (MMC) headquarters under the chairmanship of Commissioner T Vinay Krishna Reddy with representatives of Bhagyanagar Utsav Samiti to discuss arrangements and the action plan for the peaceful, safe and smooth conduct of the upcoming Ganesh festival and immersion programmes.

The meeting discussed the safety of devotees during idol installation, processions and immersion, besides traffic management, sanitation, electrical safety, roads, lighting, medical and emergency services and infrastructure at immersion points. The Commissioner directed each department to identify works to be taken up in its jurisdiction in advance and complete them in coordination with other departments. Officials were instructed to ensure the availability of cranes, am-

balances, fire safety equipment, adequate staff, control rooms, lighting and other facilities required for devotees at immersion points.

He called for coordination with the police and traffic departments to ensure smooth movement of vehicles along immersion procession routes. Special priority should be given to sanitation at immersion points, with continuous cleaning undertaken to prevent garbage accumulation. The Commissioner also directed the Electricity Department, police and other concerned departments to strictly monitor compliance with electrical safety standards at Ganesh mandapams.

The meeting was attended by Malkajgiri Police Commissioner Sumati, Uppal Zonal Commissioner Radhika Gupta, Malkajgiri Zonal Commissioner Sanchit Gangwar, LB Nagar Zonal Commissioner Vikas Mahato, Traffic DCP Rahul Reddy, HYDRAA Additional Director Papaiah and others.

RTC trade union polls date to be announced soon: Ponnam

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TRANSPORT Minister Ponnam Prabhakar on Thursday said that the state government would soon announce the date for the trade union elections in the Telangana Road Transport Corporation (TGSRTC).

The minister was responding to questions raised by several MLAs regarding the RTC during the Question Hour in the Assembly. Prabhakar said that while railways serve as a lifeline for the poor and middle class across the country, the RTC acts as a lifeline for the people of Telangana.

Telangana RTC buses cover approximately 30 lakh kilometres daily, transporting 65 lakh passengers to their destinations. He said that the election process for RTC labor unions is currently underway; once the elections conclude, representatives from the winning union will be included in the official committee to advance the merger process. He assured that careful steps were being taken to ensure that the dif-



iculties encountered during RTC mergers in other states do not recur in Telangana.

The minister criticised the previous government for neglecting and undermining the RTC over the past decade. The minister recalled that after the Congress government assumed office on December 7, 2023, the 'Mahalakshmi' scheme was launched on December 9, providing free bus travel for women. He stated that the Mahalakshmi scheme not only reduced the financial burden on women but also revitalised the RTC. He added that following the scheme's implementation, bus occupancy and passenger footfall at bus stations have increased significantly.

The minister revealed that, till date, 347.47 crore

women had availed themselves of free travel, saving a total of Rs 12,171 crore. He announced plans to introduce 2,200 electric buses in Hyderabad city under the PM E-Drive scheme. The minister clarified that CCTV cameras have already been installed in premium-category buses and electric buses operated by the RTC.

Responding to requests from pilgrims visiting the Yadadri temple, he assured that measures would be taken to ensure express buses halt at Vangara. The minister clarified that the government has no policy to hand over RTC lands to private individuals, stating instead that RTC assets would be safeguarded and utilised for the organisation's development.

GANESHA IDOLS GALORE AHEAD OF FESTIVITIES



Lord Ganesha idols in various hues, designs and sizes on display ahead of Ganesh Chaturthi celebrations in Hyderabad
Photos: Srinivas Setty



Anti-Indian sentiment in US can derail trade relationship

A social media post by the US Department of Homeland Security has created a furore among Indian immigrants in the North American country. The social media post on platform X had an AI-generated poster featuring ‘Transformers’ character Optimus Prime and a brown man with a written message of “Self-deport or find out”. Just a few days back, the US Department of Labour has suspended Permanent Labour Certification Filings- widely known as PERM- of Cognizant as the US authorities investigate alleged fraud in the immigration programme. PERM is a key route for employers to get employment-based green cards for the foreign workers, whom they bring in to the US for executing project work.

Notably, Cognizant is a Nas-

daq-listed company though it was founded by people of Indian-origin. Many believe that the investigation may widen its ambit to other large Indian IT firms in coming days. These two developments in the US shows that anti-immigration sentiment in the US is at its peak.

Surprisingly, most of the hate speech and social media posts are directed at Indians as a major section of Indian immigrants are successful professionals. The MAGA supporter base of Donald Trump is actively flaring such anti-India sentiment. Since the first day of Trump as the President of the US, immigration from India has been facing huge issues.

It began with humiliating eviction of illegal Indians staying in the US. The memory is still fresh how

people were deported in planes with their hands and legs tied on chains. Then came a wave of measures restricting movement of professionals through H1B visa route. H1B- the most popular temporary work visa- has seen entry fee raised to around \$100,000.

Moreover, procedural delay has crept in. Visa appointments are being cancelled abruptly. Visa application processing is also facing undue delay. Amid such restrictive measures, the visa applications of Indian IT companies have gone down significantly. These measures by the US administration show that Indians are no longer welcome in the US.

For decades, the bright and wealthy in India aspire to work and settle in the US. Given the current measures, it seems the route

is slowly getting closed with active discouragement from the US government. Against this backdrop, it is worth evaluating the impact of such a development. For more than three decades, India and the US’ tech industry has been very closely integrated.

From unhindered flow of people to capital, India & US relationship has been built on mutual interest. The ongoing anti-India sentiment is likely to impact that relationship. When companies are no longer allowed to send professionals to the US, they have to shift much of the work back home as the US doesn't have the required STEM talent.

Moreover, rising people-to-people relationship is responsible for more Indian students opting for higher studies in the US. As restrictions pile up, slowly Indian

students are opting for other locations than the US. Though the diplomatic relationship remains strong between India and the US despite irritants, the emerging dynamics in the immigration front will show up in the policy making at some point of time. And that will not be pleasant.

Currently, the Indian startup ecosystem has close relationship with their counterparts in the US. Many leading fund houses of America have been investing billions in India. If anti-India rhetoric continues, decoupling to some extent is expected. All-in-all, derailment of relationship between India and the US may create a lose-lose situation for both nations. In this perspective, some sense of wisdom should prevail among policymakers on both sides.

LETTERS

‘Purification’ corrodes democratic culture

THIS refers to “Dalits up in arms over purification of road after dapuu protest at Erravalli” (Sept 10). Purification rituals after political rallies revives the old caste practice of untouchability, now reengineered as a weapon of party rivalry. Though it appears as a theatrical gesture meant to delegitimise opponents, but it drags public life back into the language of discrimination. When parties extend this symbolism into rallies by “cleansing” spaces, they are essentially staging caste-like differentiation in political form’. Moreover, in Parliament and assemblies, even the seating arrangement has become an analogy for it— ruling party on one side, opposition on the other — a physical enactment of separation. While such seating is procedural, the mindset it reinforces is adversarial rather than collaborative. Will purification rituals be enacted there as well? This is not just ritualistic excess; it corrodes democratic culture. Instead of debating ideas, parties are dramatising purity versus pollution, which questions the very notion of equal citizenship.

Dr O Prasada Rao, Hyderabad

Political differences getting uglier

CONSIDERING the report titled “Ministers meet Governor, complain against BRS over ‘purification’ ritual”, I would like to bring to your notice the complaint made by a delegation of Telangana Ministers to the Governor Shiv Pratap Shukla about the purification ritual allegedly performed by the leaders of BRS at Erravalli. According to the ministers, the act which was allegedly performed by the BRS leaders after Dalit leaders held a protest near the farmhouse of KCR indicated a discriminatory attitude. The ministers were also concerned about the remarks allegedly made and the manner in which Dalit leaders were being treated. It is a very serious matter and needs to be investigated. Differences of opinion in politics should not lead to acts or statements which might affect the dignity of any community. It should be investigated by the concerned authorities and necessary action taken if these allegations are found to be true.

Pulpa Architha, Hyderabad

Address Gen Z issues, don’t pose

AFTER the CJP and Gen Z protests, the PM urged ministers to connect more often with Gen Z through Instagram and other social media. Soon, MPs—and now ministers—began borrowing Gen Z lingo. Suddenly, even the Assam Chief Minister and other ministers are sharing AI-generated “1980s retro” images of themselves. Rahul Gandhi, too, has joined the trend. The images may be amusing, but have politicians misunderstood what Gen Z is saying? The EC had already cautioned political parties and candidates in October 2025 to clearly label AI-generated/synthetic content and follow safeguards. Gen Z doesn’t need politicians to look young or speak their language. They want their concerns heard and addressed. The best way to connect with Gen Z is not through retro AI photos, but by responding to the issues they are raising.

N Nagarajan, Hyderabad

‘Hanuman Ansh’ hits a new high!

THE extraordinary box-office success of the modestly budgeted film Hanuman Ansh proves that genuine storytelling and emotional sincerity still resonate deeply with contemporary audiences. Made without mega-star power, aggressive marketing, or high-tech spectacles, this film is on track to become one of the biggest hits of the year. The movie succeeds because it stays true to its roots. By focusing on the life, teachings, and philosophy of the revered mystic Neem Karoli Baba, it offers a clean, values-driven narrative centered on faith, love, and service to humanity. Its triumph sends a clear message to the film industry: clean dramas devoid of excessive violence, gore, and vulgarity can work wonders at the box office. The movie also shows that an intelligent filmmaker who prioritizes the soul of cinema over glitz and glamour will always find an audience. Hanuman Ansh is a refreshing reminder that powerful characterisation, good music, and a novel subject are the true pillars of filmmaking.

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BENGALURU ONLINE

WhatsApp ticket booking facility available for KSRTC, NWKRTC and KKRTC

BENGALURU: The Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation (KSRTC) has been providing an online advance reservation booking facility to make passenger journeys more comfortable and convenient. As part of this initiative, the One Karnataka Mobility App has been developed to bring together the services of the four State Road Transport Undertakings KSRTC, NWKRTC, KKRTC and BMTC on a single digital platform. With a modern and user-friendly interface, the platform is aimed at providing passengers with a simple, seamless and integrated travel experience. The upgraded Mobile App KSRTC AWATAR 2.0 and WhatsApp ticketing facility was launched by the Hon’ble Chief Minister of Karnataka on 10-09-2026, during the 100-day programme held at Vidhana Soudha, Bengaluru. A secure user login facility will enable passengers to authenticate their identity, access details of previous bookings and conveniently manage their transactions. Passengers will be able to register grievances related to all four transport undertakings on a single platform. The system will facilitate tracking of grievance status, escalation wherever required and monitoring of the resolution process. A digital monthly pass facility will be introduced in a phased manner, enabling passengers to book, receive and manage bus passes online. The facility will also provide for QR code-based digital verification.

For the convenience of passengers, Ticket booking through WhatsApp is now available for bus services operated by KSRTC, NWKRTC and KKRTC. Passengers can initiate the booking process by sending message by WhatsApp to number +91 6364940880

The interactive WhatsApp booking system will guide passengers through the complete ticket reservation process, similar to the existing KSRTC online booking system.

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THE MENTAL HEALTH OF OUR SOCIETY



K KRISHNA SAGAR RAO

THERE is a mental health crisis around us that we rarely acknowledge. When we speak of mental health, we usually think of depression, anxiety, addiction, loneliness or other clinically recognised conditions. These are undoubtedly serious concerns and deserve professional attention. But there is another, less visible crisis unfolding in our homes, workplaces, friendships and communities, a deterioration in the emotional health of society itself.

I call them the social diseases of our times. They are not psychiatric diagnoses. They are patterns of behaviour, attitudes and emotional dysfunction that are becoming so widespread that they are beginning to influence the way we relate to one another. They manifest themselves in broken relationships, toxic workplaces, bitter family disputes, fractured friendships, workplace politics and an extraordinary inability to disagree without becoming disagreeable.

The paradox is striking. We have never been more connected, yet we seem increasingly incapable of connecting with one another. As someone who has spent years observing organisations, leadership and human behaviour through the lens of Emotional Intelligence, I believe that six particular social diseases deserve our urgent attention.

1. The disease of insufficient consideration

Perhaps the most fundamental social disease today is our declining ability to consider the feelings, circumstances and dignity of another person. We are becoming increasingly self-referential. What I want, what I feel, what I deserve and what I think mostly takes precedence over what another person may be experiencing.

Consideration is not weakness. It is not submission. It is the simple ability to pause before acting and ask: “How will this affect the other person?” In families, this disease appears when spouses stop considering each other’s emotional needs. In workplaces, it appears when leaders treat employees as resources rather than

people. In society, it appears when inconvenience to oneself becomes more important than the legitimate needs of others.

The tragedy is that consideration costs very little. A little patience, courtesy, listening and sensitivity can prevent enormous emotional damage. Yet our increasingly hurried, competitive and individualistic lifestyles seem to be eroding precisely these qualities.

2. Chronic jealousy and the comparison syndrome

Jealousy has always existed. What has changed is its scale, visibility and frequency. Social media has transformed life into a continuous comparison exercise. Someone else’s holiday, house, career, children, wealth, marriage, social circle or success becomes a benchmark against which we quietly measure our own lives.

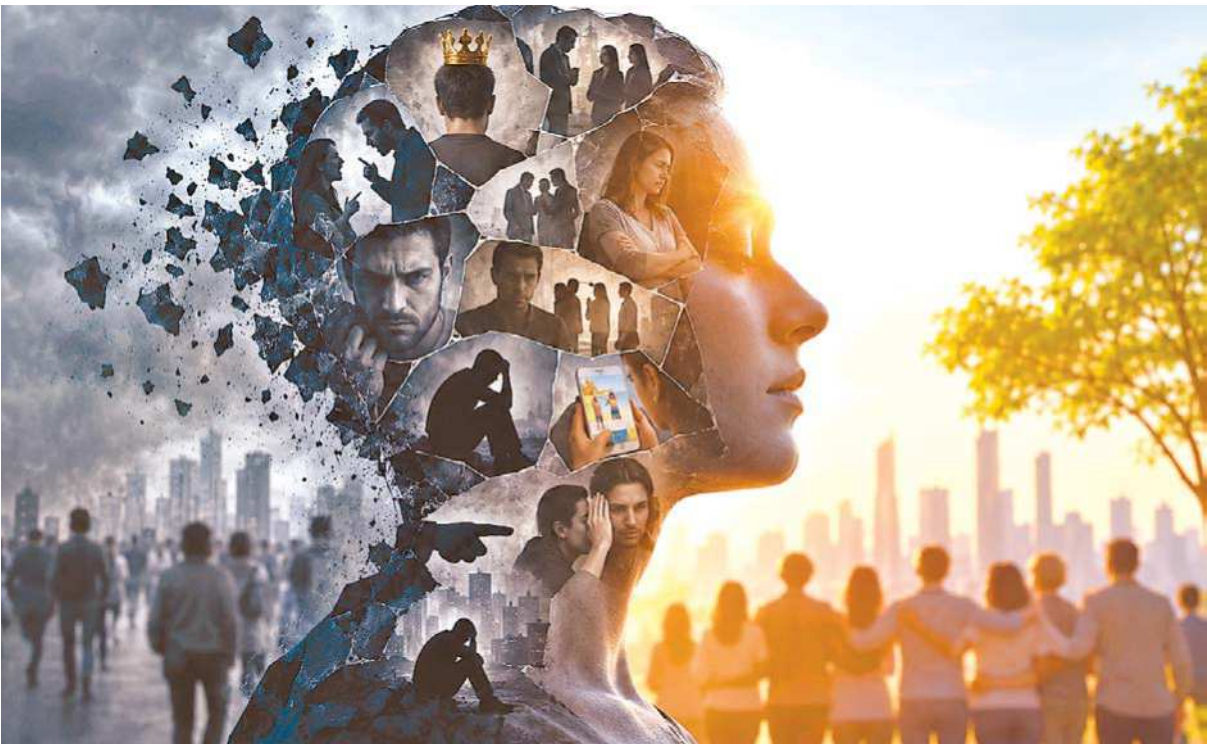
The result is a generation that is increasingly uncomfortable with another person’s success. Healthy competition can inspire us. Chronic jealousy destroys us. It makes us question the motives of successful people, diminish their achievements and sometimes even derive satisfaction from their failures. In organisations, jealousy produces unhealthy politics, withholding of information, sabotage, non-cooperation and resistance to talented colleagues. In families, it can create lifelong resentments between siblings and relatives.

The emotionally intelligent person understands a profound truth: “Another person’s success does not diminish one’s own worth”. We need to move from comparison to self-evaluation, from resentment to genuine appreciation.

3. The trust deficit

Trust is the invisible infrastructure of every healthy relationship. When trust disappears, communication becomes guarded, intentions are questioned, even innocent actions are interpreted suspiciously and relationships become exhausting.

We increasingly live in an environment of suspicion. We doubt what people say. We question motives. We assume hidden agendas. We demand proof where faith and goodwill once existed. The consequences are particularly damaging in families. When trust between spouses deteriorates, every disagreement becomes evidence of betrayal. Financial decisions become sources of suspicion. Friendships become transactional. Even professional relationships suffer when col-



leagues spend more energy protecting themselves than collaborating.

A trust deficit also has an enormous organisational cost. Organisations with low trust require more controls, more approvals, more monitoring and more bureaucracy. Decisions slow down and Innovation suffers. Employees become defensive rather than entrepreneurial. Trust, however, cannot be demanded. It has to be earned through consistency, transparency and integrity.

4. Weaponised communication - the disease of the sharp tongue

Words have always had the power to heal or hurt. Today, however, we seem to be losing our restraint. We speak impulsively, respond instantly and often use words not to communicate but to hurt and caused wounds. The sharp tongue has become a weapon. Sarcasm is mistaken for intelligence and Insults are disguised as honesty. Public humiliation is defined as “telling it like it is”. Arguments quickly become abusive and personal. And once hurtful words are spoken, apologies often arrive too late to repair the damage. Imagine this is happening across all relationships, spouses, colleagues and even between young children and their parents.

Emotional Intelligence demands something very different: the ability to regulate the emotion before expression. Not every thought needs to be spoken. Not every provocation requires a response.

5. Emotional volatility

Another disturbing feature of our times is our declining capacity to regulate emotions. Small disagreements become major confrontations. Frustration quickly becomes anger and a difference of opinion becomes a personal attack.

We increasingly react before we reflect. Emotional volatility is particularly destructive because emotions are contagious. One person’s uncontrolled anger can destabilise an entire family,

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team or organisation. A volatile leader creates fear. A volatile parent creates insecurity. A volatile spouse creates an environment in which everyone learns to walk on eggshells.

Emotional regulation does not mean suppressing emotions. It means managing them intelligently.

One of the defining characteristics of emotionally intelligent people is their ability to create a small but enormously important space between what they feel and how they respond. That space is where maturity resides.

6. The disease of entitlement

Perhaps the most corrosive disease of all is entitlement, the belief that we are owed attention, respect, success, money, loyalty, recognition or preferential treatment simply because we expect it. Entitlement quietly destroys gratitude.

It makes people focus on what they have not received rather than what they have. It turns relationships into transactions: What have you done for me? What have you given me? What do I get in return?

In marriages, entitlement can turn partnership into scorekeeping. In families, it can create permanent grievances between generations. In organisations, it produces employees who demand rewards without accepting corresponding responsibility and leaders who expect loyalty without demon-

strating fairness.

A healthy society must rediscover the difference between rights and privileges, expectations and gratitude, entitlement and responsibility. The question cannot always be, “What do I deserve?”, Sometimes it must be, “What do I owe?”

The social cost

These six diseases may appear individually insignificant. Collectively, they are enormously expensive. The cost is visible in rising family conflict, broken marriages, estranged children and parents, workplace toxicity, employee disengagement, declining trust, social polarisation and increasing loneliness.

There is also massive, quantifiable economic cost. Organisations pay for poor emotional intelligence through attrition, conflict, absenteeism, lost productivity, leadership failures and internal politics. Families pay through legal battles, counselling expenses, financial disputes and years of emotional estrangement. Society pays through declining social cohesion and an increasing burden on institutions that are forced to manage problems that could often have been prevented through better human behaviour.

And slowly, something fundamental changes: we begin to normalise dysfunction. That is perhaps the most dangerous consequence of all.

Can We Cure These Social Diseases?

The answer is yes, but there is no medication, app or government programme that can cure them. 5

The cure begins with self-awareness. We must become conscious of our own behaviour before judging the behaviour of others. We must learn to ask ourselves uncomfortable questions:

Am I sufficiently considerate? Do I become jealous of another person’s success? Do people trust me? Do my words heal or hurt? Can I control my emotions when provoked? Am I grateful or perpetually entitled? - These questions belong in our homes, schools and workplaces.

We need to teach Emotional Intelligence as seriously as we teach academic intelligence. Children should learn empathy, listening, conflict resolution, emotional regulation, gratitude and respectful disagreement as fundamental life skills.

Families must create cultures where difficult conversations can take place without humiliation. Couples must learn that winning an argument is often less important than preserving the relationship and parents must model the emotional behaviour they expect from their children.

Organisations, too, must recognise that Emotional Intelligence is not a soft corporate accessory. It is a strategic capability. Leaders who cannot regulate themselves, influenced by rumours, handle disagreement and build trust eventually become liabilities to the organisations they lead.

And perhaps most importantly, we need to rediscover the virtues that modern life is slowly pushing to the margins: kindness, patience, humility, gratitude, restraint, empathy and respect. None of these qualities is old-fashioned.

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International air connectivity from Tirupati gets big push

► CIVIL AVIATION MINISTER PITCHES FOR DIRECT TIRUPATI-KUWAIT FLIGHT

► VIRTUALLY INAUGURATES REGIONAL AIRLINE FLY91'S OPERATIONS TO TIRUPATI

PRADEEP VENNELAKANTI
 TIRUPATI

UNION Civil Aviation Minister Kinjarapu Rammohan Naidu has pitched for direct international air connectivity between Tirupati and destinations like Kuwait, a long-standing demand of people from the region and overseas devotees visiting the temple city.

Despite Tirupati airport being accorded international airport status in June 2017, the pilgrim city has so far remained without a direct international flight connection. A direct service to Kuwait is expected to particularly benefit devotees and residents from the Rayalaseema region who have been seeking easier air



Tirupati Airport Director D Boominathan handing over the ceremonial boarding pass to a Hyderabad-bound passenger on Thursday

access to the Gulf country.

The minister made the remarks while virtually inaugurating the first flight of regional carrier FLY91 to Tirupati. With its entry into the city, FLY91 has added Tirupati as its 13th destination and its third station in the state. The airline has introduced direct services linking Tirupati with Hyderabad, Vijayawada and Rajahmundry.

The Tirupati-Hyderabad flight will operate daily, while services to Vijayawada will run four days a week on Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays and Sundays. The Rajahmundry service will be available on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. The flight arrives from Hyderabad at 07.40 hrs, departs from Tirupati at 08.05 hrs and reaches Vijayawada at 09.15 hrs and again departs

from Vijayawada at 09.45 hrs and reaches Tirupati at 10.50 hrs. Similarly, the flight arrives from Hyderabad at 7.40 hrs, departs from Tirupati at 8.05 hrs and reaches Rajahmundry at 9.30 hrs and again departs from Rajahmundry at 10.00 hrs and reaches Tirupati at 11.25 hrs. Naidu said improved air connectivity was important for Tirupati, which receives millions of pilgrims every year.

He said efforts were under way to establish direct links with international destinations, including Kuwait, to make travel more convenient for devotees coming from abroad. The Hyderabad connection will provide passengers with access to a major aviation hub and onward links to several domestic and international destinations.

PARIS SPACE SUMMIT

Be co-travellers in our space journey: Modi

NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday called for greater international cooperation, sustainability and inclusion in the exploration and use of outer space, saying that the growing number of actors and technologies in space requires collective responsibility. Addressing the first International Space Summit in Paris through video conferencing, PM Modi thanked French President Emmanuel Macron for the invitation and for taking the initiative to convene the summit.

He said space, which had inspired human imagination for centuries, now plays an important role in everyday life, influencing areas ranging from climate and agriculture to oceans and communities. "As orbits become more crowded, technologies more powerful, and actors more numerous, our choices must be clear: cooperation over confrontation; sustainability over short-term gain; and inclusion over exclusion," PM Modi said.

The Prime Minister said India's approach to space cooperation is rooted in the principle of "Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam", or "One Earth, One Family, One Future", and called for the same spirit to extend beyond Earth.

‘Sexual assault’ cases against KTR, Harish Rao

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According to the FIR, a 33-year-old Armed Reserve Woman Police Constable (ARWPC) of the CAR Headquarters, Hyderabad, lodged a complaint with the Saifabad Police alleging that she was posted at the Legislative Assembly for bandobast duty at Gate No. 3.

Legislators T Harish Rao, along with K Taraka Rama Rao, D Sudheer Reddy, K P Vivekanand, Gangula Kamalakara, Padi Kaushik Reddy, Naveen Reddy, several other MLCs and their followers, came to Gate No. 3. Some of the MLAs were wearing black T-shirts bearing the slogan, "Congress has failed to implement its promises."

"Harish Rao loudly shouted at the women police on duty, stating, "Are you doing cheap politics by using lady constables as a shield?" At the same time, Taraka Rama Rao also publicly insulted them and loudly shouted, "Who is doing 'Shikhandi politics' by using women as a shield? Who is the local DCP here?" The said remarks were made with the intention of insulting the dignity and self-respect of the women police and intimidating them so as to prevent them from performing their official duties. Harish Rao removed his T-shirt and threw it towards

a police officer and stood semi-naked in front of them. MLC Naveen Reddy, MLA Sudheer Reddy and others, also removed their T-shirts and stood semi-naked at a very close distance from the complainant," said Saifabad Inspector K Nageswara Rao.

The woman police constable also alleged that the legislators, in an aggressive manner and while being semi-naked, shouted, "Where do they keep the women police?" Such conduct was deliberately carried out with the intention of outraging the modesty, dignity, and honour of the women police personnel. They behaved in such a vulgar and indecent manner despite knowing that they were women and were performing official duties.

Their conduct was intended to humiliate, intimidate, and sexually harass them and to prevent them from discharging their lawful duties. The entire incident was recorded by the cameras of various media channels present at the spot. The humiliation, fear, and distress caused to the women police personnel were clearly visible on their faces in the video footage. The complainant alleged in her complaint that the BRS MLAs and MLCs indulged in physically pushing against them amounting

to physical harassment and assault upon them. They deliberately approached them in a semi-naked condition, fully knowing that they were women police personnel on duty and could not leave the place of deployment.

They further attempted to forcibly enter the Assembly premises by pushing and jostling the women police personnel. During this process, they pushed and pressed against the chest area of the women police personnel.

Following the complaint, the Saifabad Police registered cases under section 74 (criminal force against a woman with the intent to outrage her modesty), 75(1) (offence of sexual harassment), 79 (intentionally insult a woman's modesty), 121(1) (voluntarily causing hurt or grievous hurt to a public servant to deter them from performing their official duty), 130 (criminal force), 132 (criminal force used to deter a public servant from discharging their official duty), 296 (speaks obscene words in or near a public place), 351(2) (deals with the punishment for basic criminal intimidation), 352 (intentional insults made with the intent) read with 3(5) (constructive criminal liability for acts done by several persons in furtherance of a common intention) of the BNS.

Vikarabad district court site row: HC asks advocates to let administrative process take course

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THE Telangana High Court on Thursday asked advocates opposing the proposed site for the Vikarabad district court complex to allow the issue to be decided through administrative process, observing that selection of a court site was essentially an administrative exercise.

The division bench of Chief Justice Apareesh Kumar Singh and Justice Ghouse Meera Mohiuddin heard a PIL filed by Vikarabad advocate Bandi Narayana and three others. The petitioners challenged the proposed 10-acre site at Billadakla/Mekalagandi for construction of the 10-plus-2 complex, claiming successive principal district and sessions judges had found it unsuitable.

P Varun Reddy, appearing for the petitioners, suggested alternative sites at the horticulture centre in Yennepally and at Shivarreddypet. He submitted that the proposed site was low-lying, had deep ditches and uneven ground; was difficult to access. He referred to earlier correspondence from district judges supporting a more convenient location near the railway station and RTC bus-stand.

S-400, BrahMos on table at Modi-Putin meet

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India signed a \$5.43 billion (Rs 40,000 crore) deal with Russia in October 2018 for five S-400 Triumf regiments. Four have already been delivered and are operational. Three squadrons are deployed in Punjab, Rajasthan and the Jammu sector against Pakistan, while one is deployed in the north against China.

The S-400 was credited with a 300+ km intercept -- the longest-ever kill in Operation Sindoor in May 2025 -- taking out a Pakistani AEW&C aircraft

and helping establish air dominance. The fifth and final squadron was delayed due to the Russia-Ukraine war. It is now assured for delivery by November 2026.

Peskov also said the two countries were jointly producing BrahMos missiles and that it was time to consider upgrading them. "We are jointly producing the BrahMos missiles, and it is time to think about improving those missiles, adding some additional characteristics, making them more competitive in

the market and more effective," he said.

The BrahMos-NG (Next Generation) is a lighter 1.3-tonne missile compared with the 2.9-tonne BrahMos. It is smaller, has a speed of Mach 3.5 and a range of 400 km-plus, and can be carried by Tejas and MiG-29 fighter jets -- allowing six to seven missiles per fighter compared with one on the Su-30MKI at present.

Russia still accounts for 40% of India's arms imports for the 2021-25 period, down from 51%.

It's certain: Xi to visit India for BRICS Summit

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"I have no information to provide regarding the question you raised," Guo Jiakun replied to a question on if the Chinese leader will be travelling to India this weekend to attend the BRICS leaders' meeting. The high-stakes visit marks Xi's first visit to India in seven years, following a chill in bilateral relations after the 2020 Galwan Valley border clashes that killed 20 Indians and an unknown number of Chinese soldiers. The last time Xi visited India was in 2019 for an informal summit with Prime Minister Narendra Modi in Mamallapuram near Chennai. Xi had first come to India in September 2014 when it was the first terms of both the leaders in office and had later visited Goa in 2016 to attend the BRICS summit. Bilateral ties between the two nations have improved in recent years, especially since PM Modi visited China last year and as both nations grapple with volatile relationships with the US. New Delhi has since then eased some of the restrictions on Chinese investment that it imposed following the 2020 clashes, focusing on electronics, capital goods, and solar cell sectors.

India pushes Global South priorities amid trade tensions

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As global trade disputes and geopolitical realignments create economic headwinds, India is looking at addressing critical vulnerabilities in food security, energy stability and resilient supply chains, they said.

The summit in New Delhi is taking place against the backdrop of a global economy facing the adverse impacts of the Russia-Ukraine war, the West Asia crisis, especially the blockade of the Strait of Hormuz, and the Trump administration's trade and tariff policies. With just a day left before the summit, it remains unclear whether the mem-

ber nations of the grouping have reached a consensus on a joint statement, as differences between Iran and the United Arab Emirates (UAE) over the West Asia crisis persist. The grouping operates under a framework of consensus.

BRICS, originally comprising Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa, expanded in 2024 to include Egypt, Ethiopia, Iran, the United Arab Emirates and Saudi Arabia, with Indonesia joining in 2025. Belarus, Bolivia, Kazakhstan, Cuba, Malaysia, Nigeria, Thailand, Uganda, Uzbekistan and Vietnam became BRICS partner countries last year.

BRICS has emerged as an in-

fluential grouping as it brings together 11 major emerging economies of the world, representing around 49.5 per cent of the global population, around 40 per cent of the global GDP and around 26 per cent of global trade.

India's chairship of the grouping is centred on four pillars: resilience, innovation, cooperation and sustainability. In addition to these areas, the leaders will exchange views on strengthening intra-BRICS cooperation on common priorities and share perspectives on global and regional matters of mutual importance, according to the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA).

Bank strike today

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The latest conciliation talks were held at the office of the chief labour commissioner (central), with representatives of the UFBU, Indian Banks' Association (IBA), Department of Financial Services (DFS) and labour authorities.

The DFS representative appealed to the bank unions to reconsider the strike call in view of the BRICS Leaders' Summit during 11-13 September in New Delhi. The unions, however, maintained that they could not defer the strike in the absence of a favourable decision or a definite timeline for implementation of the five-day work week.

"Two rounds of online meetings were held today. There has been no concrete outcome on the five-day work week. The strike stands," said Rupam Roy, general secretary, All India Bank Officers' Confederation (AIBOC).

The September 11 action is the first in a wider programme announced by the UFBU.

The unions have also called a three-day nationwide strike during September 28-30 and have announced an indefinite strike from October 26 if their demands remain unresolved.

Kishan, Laxman see filip to TG economic development

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Of these, five key projects related to Telangana, along with Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, and Karnataka, were approved with an investment of Rs. 10,021 crore. These projects will develop a total of 540 km of railway line.

The Secunderabad-Ghatkesar-Kazipet route is like the lifeblood of the Telangana railway system.

Implementing multi-tracking on this route will reduce train congestion and improve passenger services.

Freight transport will be faster, directly benefiting Telangana industries, farmers, traders, and

youth. This decision reflects Prime Minister Modi's vision of a developed India and a developed Telangana.

These projects, designed in line with the PM Gati Shakti National Master Plan, will strengthen connectivity among road, rail, industries and markets.

This will help reduce transportation costs and make supply chains more efficient.

Dr Laxman said, "The Modi government at the Centre is not limited to words, but is setting the direction for the development of the states with huge infrastructure investments. I

am grateful to the Prime Minister and the Central Railways for further strengthening railway connectivity in line with the aspirations of the people of Telangana."

The project, targeted for completion by 2029-30, will connect Telangana with national freight and industrial corridors.

Earlier, Union Minister G Kishan Reddy welcomed the decision and said freight trains will also reach their destinations faster, saving fuel and reducing freight charges. This

multi-tracking railway line can transport an additional 9.83 million tonnes of freight per year.

This will enable the transport of 7.06 million tonnes of coal, 0.73 million tonnes of iron ore, 0.65 million tonnes of food grains and 0.13 million tonnes of cement. The railway line, to be made available between Secunderabad and Kazipet, will also pave the way for better rail travel on the Vijayawada and Mumbai routes.

Thanking PM Modi and Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw for approving the project, Kishan Reddy said he was happy about the

approval for the construction of the multi-tracking railway line between Secunderabad and Kazipet.

He said that after the formation of Telangana state, the railway budget allocations have increased 21 times over the last 12 years; with Rs. 36,286 crores being allocated to Telangana.

In addition, he said Telangana currently has railway projects worth about Rs. 50,000 crores under construction, and a final location survey is underway for railway projects worth another Rs. 50,000 crores.

‘Perform Or Perish’

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The Chief Minister took serious note of the deletion of the votes in the SIR and asked all the legislators to protect the voting rights of the people. He pointed out that 15 crore adult voter names have gone missing across the country.

Thanking all the MLAs for their cooperation during these 1,000 days of governance, Revanth Reddy said that all the legislators should be present in the House during the debates.

DGCA orders drug test for all pilots

NEW DELHI: After the captain of an Air India flight that was involved in a sudden altitude loss incident last month tested positive for drug use, aviation safety regulator Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) ordered all Indian airlines to conduct a one-time test for psychoactive substances on all their pilots by July next year, according to sources.

Indian airlines are estimated to have close to 14,000

pilots. Following the incident that involved a Phuket-Delhi flight, and before the DGCA ordered tests for all pilots across airlines, the Air India group had voluntarily initiated one-time random drug tests on the about 5,000 pilots employed by Air India and Air India Express.

Moreover, the draft of the new and likely more stringent norms on testing aviation personnel for psychoactive substance use is likely

to be related by the DGCA by month-end, according to Civil Aviation Minister K Rammohan Naidu. Last month, Naidu had said that the Ministry of Civil Aviation (MoCA) suggested to DGCA that all pilots should undergo a dope test once a year, against the current regulation that requires 10% of the pilots to undergo random testing annually.

According to sources, while the DGCA was already

in the process of revising the regulations pertaining to testing of aviation personnel for psychoactive substances, the Air India incident led to calls for more stringent drug testing protocol and stricter disciplinary action in proven instances of drug abuse.

Even as consultations for revising the rules were on, the regulator decided to put all airline pilots through a one-time drug test over the course of nearly 12 months.

Court frames charges against Lalu, family under PMLA act

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The court also said that the land transferred at Patna is proceeds of crime. "The proceeds of crime were enjoyed by the Lalu Family," Special Judge Vishal Gogne directed that charges be framed against the accused persons under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act.

The court has directed the

accused persons to appear before the Rouse Avenue court on October 3 before Special Judge Prashant Kumar. The court has discharged the accused persons, namely: Gaurav Gupta, Nath Mal Kakrania, Rahul Yadav, Vijay Tripathi, Deoki Nandan Tulshyan, Rajiv Kumar Relan, Abhishek Finance Private Limited. While framing the charges,

the court said that Lalu Prasad Yadav, the then Railway Minister, fixed a tender of an IRCTC hotel in favour of his favourite company in lieu of a land Parcel. The Land at Patna was described as proceeds of crime by the ED. The court also said that it did not find that the investigation against Lalu Prasad Yadav was motivated by political vendetta.

TG PR ACT AMENDED

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Seethakka said that funds were not being received on time due to treasury delays. "The previous government discriminated against panchayats. We are amending the law to rectify this," she said.

The Minister said that panchayat elections were delayed due to issues regarding BC reservations. Full funding from the Centre for that period was not

received. "We are spending Rs 50 crore monthly for gram panchayats. The second instalment of Rs 619 crore for the 2025-26 year is yet to be received. We are paying salaries to multi-purpose workers on the first of the month. The Centre's new policies are impacting village development," she said.

The Minister also said that the government had to face 40 per cent burden

under the VB-Gram-G scheme, which was earlier just 10 per cent. She alleged that the central forest laws were creating obstacles in the construction of roads in forest areas, which is causing inconvenience to the people.

Replying to a question, the Minister said a decision regarding the cheque-signing authority for deputy sarpanches will be taken soon.

Telangana govt to make Musi money-spinner

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"Water availability in the Musi project and the demand for water for data centers, IT and industrial projects is under study. The price of water would be decided depending on the availability and demand in every season. How much revenue would be generated would be known only after the completion of the Musi first phase," the officials said.

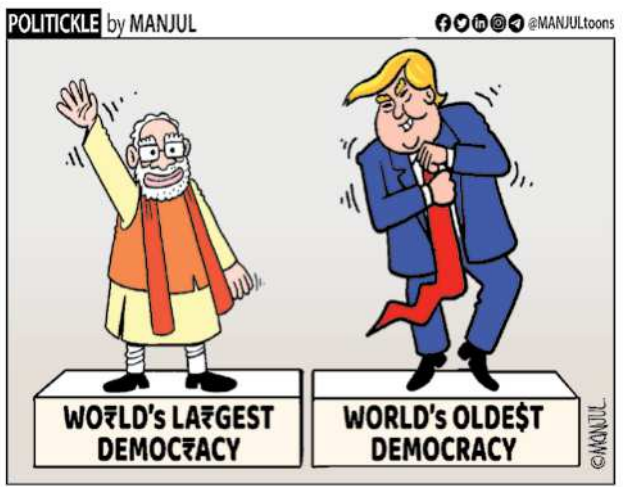
‘Get off our roads, Mr Singh’

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The Sikh Coalition, a US-based civil rights organisation advocating for Sikh Americans, criticised the poster, saying it reinforces stereotypes about Sikh Americans and portrays members of the community as outsiders.

"Millions of Sikhs in the United States have the last name Singh, which means lion. We remain

fearless in identifying as Sikhs—even when our government portrays us as enemies," the organisation wrote in a post on X. Sikh Americans are also a significant presence in the US trucking industry. Industry advocacy groups have estimated that Sikh drivers make up a sizeable share of the country's long-haul truck-driving workforce.





Scholarships		PART-I
Scholarship Name 1:	LIC Golden Jubilee Scholarship 2026-27	
Description:	The LIC Golden Jubilee Scholarship Scheme 2026 is being offered by the LIC Golden Jubilee Foundation. The scholarship is a financial award designed to support meritorious students belonging to economically weaker sections, providing them with better opportunities for higher education and employment.	
Eligibility:	The application is open to meritorious students who have secured at least 60% marks or an equivalent CGPA in Class 10th or 12th/equivalent examinations during the academic years 2023–24 to 2025–26. For the General Scholarship, applicants must have taken admission in the first year of one of the listed academic programmes in 2026–27. For the Special Scholarship, applicants must have taken admission in the first year of Intermediate/10+2, vocational or diploma courses. The annual family income for both the categories must not exceed ₹4.5 lakh. An award of up to ₹50,000.	
Prizes & Rewards:	Online Application Only	
Last Date to Apply:	www.b4s.in/hans/LICCI	
Application mode:	https://dle9eg0t055l3.cloudfront.net/static/images/scho-media/lic-golden-jubilee-scholarship-2026-271788792351.png	
Short Url:		
QR Code:		
Scholarship Name 2:	IDFC FIRST Bank Engineering Scholarship Programme 2026-30	
Description:	A promising engineering career should not be limited by financial constraints. The IDFC FIRST Bank Engineering Scholarship Programme 2026-30, an initiative by IDFC FIRST Bank, supports deserving first-year B.E. and B.Tech. students from modest family backgrounds with financial assistance of up to ₹1 lakh per year for four years. The scholarship aims to ease the cost of engineering education and help students continue their studies and pursue their career aspirations with confidence.	
Eligibility:	• Must be an Indian citizen. • Open to students enrolled in the first year (academic year 2026-27) of their B.Tech or B.E. program. • Must have secured admission to one of the FIRST IMPACT empanelled colleges. • The gross annual family income from all sources must be less than or equal to INR 6 lakh. • Applicants must have a valid mobile number linked to their Aadhaar number. • IDFC FIRST Bank employees and their family members are not eligible to apply.	
Prizes & Rewards:	INR 1,00,000 per year for up to four years.	
Last Date to Apply:	20-09-2026	
Application mode:	Online applications only	
Short Url:	www.b4s.in/hans/IFBES2	
QR Code:	https://dle9eg0t055l3.cloudfront.net/static/images/scho-media/idfc-first-2026-301787580725.png	
Scholarship Name 3:	OakNorth Scholarship and Mentorship Programme 2026-27	
Description:	The OakNorth Scholarship and Mentorship Programme 2026-27 supports underprivileged women pursuing STEM degrees. It is available to female students from Jharkhand and Bihar who have completed Class 12 and are enrolled in a STEM undergraduate program at government institutions.	
Eligibility:	• Open to domiciled students of Jharkhand or Bihar. • Only female students are eligible to apply. • Applicants must be pursuing the 1st-year of a graduation degree in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) subjects at a government university or college in India. • Applicants must have scored a minimum of 75% marks in Class 12. • Annual parental income must not exceed INR 3,00,000 from all sources.	
Prizes & Rewards:	INR 30,000 (one-time, fixed amount)	
Last Date to Apply:	20-09-2026	
Application mode:	Online applications only	
Short Url:	www.b4s.in/hans/ONSS5	
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Scholarship Name 4:	SBI Platinum Jubilee Asha Scholarship 2026	
Description:	The SBI Platinum Jubilee Asha Scholarship 2026-27, an initiative of SBI Foundation, supports meritorious students from economically disadvantaged backgrounds across India. It covers students from Classes 9 to 12 to undergraduate, postgraduate, medical, IIT, IIM and eligible overseas programmes.	
Eligibility:	• Open to Indian nationals studying in Classes 9 to 12, undergraduate, postgraduate, MBBS, IIT or IIM programmes. Overseas Studies is open only to SC/ST Indian nationals. • Applicants must have at least 75% marks or 7.0 CGPA; SC/ST applicants receive a 10% relaxation. Annual family income must not exceed INR 3 lakh for school students and INR 6 lakh for other categories. • General UG/PG institutions must have NAAC Grade 'A' or above or be among the Top 300 in NIRF Overall 2025-26. Medical applicants must study at AIIMS or a Top 50 NIRF medical institution. • Overseas applicants must study at a Top 200 QS/THE-ranked institution and have a valid offer or acceptance letter. Category-specific entrance or proficiency scores may apply.	
Prizes & Rewards:	Scholarships ranging from INR 15,000 to INR 20,00,000 per academic year will be awarded depending on the scholarship category. (*T&C Applied)	
Last Date to Apply:	19-09-2026	
Application mode:	Online applications only	
Short Url:	www.b4s.in/hans/SBISF20	
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AI and its integration with education: Building a future for students

DR ATUL CHAUHAN

India is entering a period of significant change in education as Artificial Intelligence (AI) becomes increasingly integrated into industries, governance, healthcare and other areas of society. For higher education institutions, this shift brings the responsibility of preparing students to work with AI while also understanding its limitations, ethical implications and impact on society.

According to the 2024 Advancing India's AI Skills: Interventions and Programmes Needed report by NASSCOM and Deloitte India, India's AI talent pool is projected to grow from 600,000–650,000 to more than 1.25 million between 2022 and 2027. The broader AI market, particularly software and services, is also projected to grow at a 25–35 per cent compound annual growth rate through 2027.

For universities, these developments underline the need to integrate AI education into academic programmes. Used thoughtfully, AI can support personalised learning, assist teachers, expand access to educational resources and help students develop skills relevant to emerging careers.

Supporting personalised learning

AI-based systems can analyse aspects of student performance and recommend lessons, exercises or practice material. Students who require additional support can receive further explanations and practice, while those progressing faster can be given more challenging tasks.

However, such systems should complement rather than replace teacher judgement. Educators remain important in understanding students' individual circumstances and providing academic and personal guidance.

Supporting teachers and classrooms

AI can also assist educators with tasks such as lesson planning, organising learning materials and routine assessments. By reducing some



administrative responsibilities, technology could allow teachers to devote more time to mentoring, classroom discussion and creative learning.

The role of teachers remains central because education involves more than the delivery of information. Empathy, encouragement, ethical guidance and an understanding of students' social and emotional needs cannot be reduced to automated systems.

Expanding access to learning

India's linguistic and geographical diversity presents another area where AI could contribute. Digital platforms such as DIKSHA and SWAYAM have expanded access to educational resources. AI-enabled translation, speech recognition and text-to-speech technologies could further support students who learn in regional languages or require accessibility features.

Rural and remote learners could also benefit from AI tutors, digital laboratories and career-guidance tools. However, these possibilities depend on reliable electricity, affordable devices, internet access and systems capable of functioning in low-bandwidth or offline environments.

Preparing students for an AI-enabled workplace

Universities in different parts of the world

are experimenting with interdisciplinary approaches to AI education, combining technical learning with problem-solving, projects and applications across disciplines.

For students, technical knowledge alone may not be sufficient. They will also need to understand how to evaluate AI-generated information, identify limitations, verify outputs and apply human judgement. These skills will be relevant across sectors including healthcare, agriculture, finance, manufacturing, education and public services.

India's education system must therefore approach AI as a tool that works alongside human intelligence. Investment in computing infrastructure, teacher training, regional-language technologies, ethical safeguards and inclusive access will be important to ensure that AI reduces rather than widens educational inequalities.

The future of education will not be secured by AI alone. Its value will depend on how effectively institutions combine technological capabilities with human judgement, responsible use and meaningful learning. By taking this balanced approach, education can help students become capable and ethical participants in an increasingly AI-enabled world.

As Artificial Intelligence becomes part of education and the wider economy, universities face the task of preparing students for an AI-enabled future. Thoughtful integration of AI can support personalised learning, assist teachers and expand access to educational resources. At the same time, students need skills to evaluate AI-generated information, understand its limitations and apply human judgement. The future of education will depend on balancing technology with ethical safeguards, teacher guidance and inclusive access to ensure AI supports meaningful and equitable learning



UoH Professor Rajadurai Chandrasekar elected INSA Fellow

Prof. Rajadurai Chandrasekar of the School of Chemistry, University of Hyderabad (UoH), has been elected as a Fellow of the Indian National Science Academy (INSA), with the fellowship taking effect from January 2027. The recognition acknowledges his contributions to materials science, nanoscience and photonics research.

With the fellowship, Prof. Chandrasekar will become a Fellow of all three National Science Academies of India. He is also a Fellow of the Royal Society of Chemistry (RSC), UK. His research work has received recognition through several awards, including the SERB-STAR Research Award, the Materials Research Society of India (MRSI) Medal and the YIM Boston Young Scientist Award. Prof. Chandrasekar has also been listed among the top 2% of scientists globally in the field of Nanoscience and Technology in a Stanford University-based global ranking. He has an H-index of 47 and serves on international editorial boards of journals covering materials chemistry and science.

His research group works on miniature, all-organic photonic microsystems designed to guide, modulate, split and process light. The research has potential applica-

tions in areas such as optical communication, sensing, computation, robotics and space technologies.

Prof. Chandrasekar has also contributed to the development of the field of "Mechanophotonics", which combines mechanical micromanipulation with crystal photonics. His work in this area explores the development of all-organic photonic integrated circuits and new approaches to controlling light at the microscale.

His current research includes AI-driven soft materials for programmable optical communication devices, supported by the J. C. Bose Grant. The interdisciplinary research brings together artificial intelligence, soft materials and photonics to explore optical technologies with programmable functions.

The INSA fellowship adds to Prof. Chandrasekar's academic and research recognitions and highlights the role of interdisciplinary research in areas connecting chemistry, materials science, photonics and emerging technologies. His work also reflects the growing use of advanced materials and computational approaches in developing new technologies for communication, sensing and other applications.

Spaces that inspire learning and discovery

Libraries have long been more than quiet places filled with books. They are spaces where people discover information, develop new interests and learn at their own pace. From school libraries to public and university libraries, these spaces continue to play an important role in supporting education and lifelong learning.

For students, a library can provide an environment away from everyday distractions. It offers access to textbooks, reference materials, newspapers, journals and digital resources that can support classroom learning. More importantly, spending time in a library can encourage students to explore subjects beyond their prescribed syllabus. A student researching a science project, reading about history or simply discovering a new author can begin to develop the habit of learning independently.

Libraries also help preserve knowledge. Books, manuscripts, newspapers and other records document ideas, experiences and discoveries across generations. Today, many libraries are combining traditional collections with digital archives, making information accessible in new formats while continuing to protect valuable physical resources.

Another important role of



libraries is bringing people together. Reading groups, workshops, exhibitions, lectures and community programmes can turn libraries into shared learning spaces. Such activities allow people of different ages and backgrounds to exchange ideas and learn from one another.

Technology has also changed the way libraries operate. Students can now use online catalogues, e-books, academic databases and digital archives alongside printed materials. Learning how to find reliable information, evaluate sources and use digital resources responsibly is becoming an important skill in education. Libraries can therefore contribute to more than academic performance. They can encourage curiosity, concentration, critical thinking and independent learning. They also provide an opportunity to slow down, read carefully and engage with ideas without the pressure of constant digital notifications.



AHF Junior Asia Cup 2026

Indian women demolish Pak 19-0, storm into semis

MOQI (CHINA): India produced one of the most emphatic victories of the 2026 Women's Junior Asia Cup, dismantling Pakistan 19-0 in their quarterfinal on Thursday to move within two wins of a third successive continental title.

The defending champions needed only seven minutes to break the deadlock, with Puja Sahoo finding the net. Roshni Aind doubled the advantage two minutes later, and what followed was a relentless Indian assault that left Pakistan struggling to contain the pace and frequency of attacks.

India added four more goals in the next five minutes. Tanushree Dinesh Kadu and Sukhveer Kaur struck in the 11th and 13th minutes respectively, with Sanika Chandrakant Mane also scoring in the 13th minute. Madhu Sidar and Geeta Yadav then extended the advantage before Mane returned to score her second in the 23rd minute. Tanuja Toppo and Pooja Malik completed India's first-half scoring, while Purnima Yadav's 33rd-minute goal ensured the team went into the interval with a staggering



10-0 lead. There was no let-up after the restart. Madhu Sidar scored again in the 39th minute before Supriya opened her account a minute later. Malik then took centre stage, scoring in the 49th and 51st minutes to complete her hat-trick. Krishna Sharma and Binima Dhan added further goals as India continued to pile on the pressure. Supriya struck again in the 54th minute, while Roshni capped the extraordinary performance with her second goal in the final minute of the match.

The 19-goal haul came after India had already demonstrated their strength during the group stage, finishing top after victories over Japan, Malaysia and South Korea.

India will now await the winner of the South Korea-Malay-

sia quarterfinal for their semi-final clash. The result leaves the reigning champions just two victories away from a hat-trick of Junior Women's Asia Cup crowns, having lifted the trophy in 2023 and 2024.

For Pakistan, meanwhile, the quarterfinal turned into a one-sided contest almost from the outset, with India's sustained attacking pressure producing goals across all four quarters.

India's goals: Puja Sahoo (7'), Roshni Aind (9', 60+), Tanushree Dinesh Kadu (11'), Sukhveer Kaur (13'), Sanika Chandrakant Mane (13', 23'), Madhu Sidar (16', 39'), Geeta Yadav (18'), Tanuja Toppo (25'), Pooja Malik (27', 49', 51'), Purnima Yadav (33'), Supriya (40', 54'), Krishna Sharma (48'), Binima Dhan (55').

East Zone clinch Duleep Trophy after 13 years

Kishan, Quraishi shine; East Zone win on first innings as match drawn



CHENNAI: East Zone clinched the Duleep Trophy for the third time on Thursday after overcoming South Zone via first innings at the M.A. Chidambaram Stadium. The triumph ended East Zone's 13-year drought, with its previous title coming in the 2012-13 season.

Resuming their second innings, East Zone rode on a maiden first-class century from Md Kounain Quraishi (116 not out off 190 balls) and Anukul Roy's 64 before declaring at 388/7 in 99.2 overs.

Quraishi reached his century in the 96th over, while his seventh-wicket partnership with Roy extended to 150\.

South Zone were also penalised five runs for slow over-rate. East Zone's title was built on a mammoth first-innings 708, featuring captain Ishan Kishan's 270 and Kumar

Kushagra's 101. Kishan added 80 in the second innings to finish with 350 runs in the match. Jharkhand talents Kushagra and Shikhar Mohan, who scored 85 on debut, also played key roles.

South Zone pacer Mohammed Siraj bowled nine consecutive overs despite the result being virtually decided. After Kishan declared, celebrations erupted, with players dancing on the turf. Kishan and Vaibhav Sooryavanshi waved to spectators, with Sooryavanshi also joining the celebrations with a stump in hand.

BRIEF SCORES:

East Zone 708 and 388/7 in 99.2 overs (Md Kounain Quraishi 116, Ishan Kishan 80; MD Nidheesh 2-28, CV Milind 1-27) draw with South Zone 336 (Tilak Varma 99; Mukesh Kumar 3-62).

Shafali steers India to Women's Asia Cup final

DUBAI: Shafali Verma lived a charmed life for her stroke filled 64 off 40 balls as India marched into yet another Women's Asia Cup final with a comfortable 40-run win over Bangladesh here on Thursday.

On a slow surface where batting was a struggle for majority of the batters, Shafali stood out with her fluent effort to take India to 149 for five. The Indian opener was dropped as many as three times and she duly made Bangladesh pay for those mistakes.

Considering the conditions and India's bowling resources, the seven-time champions were expected to defend the target and they did rather comfortably, limiting Bangladesh to 109 for

7 in 20 overs. Bangladesh never threatened India despite the aggressive intent of opener Juairiya Ferdous (14 off 18). Eventually Ferdous and her opening partner Dilara Akter (21 off 26) fell while attempting to clear the mid-wicket boundary. Kranti Gaud's running catch to get ride of Akter was a brilliant effort on an otherwise ordinary day for the fielders.

Like the last game, Pratika Rawal dropped a couple of catches. The Indian spin trio of Deepti Sharma (3/26), Shree Charani (1/14) and Prema Rawat (1/21) too delivered in spin friendly conditions.

It has been a low scoring tournament mainly due to



the slow nature of the pitches here. Considering that and Bangaldesh's batting, India deep down and knew they had got enough on the board.

They play either Pakistan or Sri Lanka in the final scheduled for Sunday.

BRIEF SCORES:

India 149/6 in 20 overs (Shafali Verma 64, Harmanpreet Kaur 24 not out; Sultana Khatun 2/30) beat Bangladesh 109/7 in 20 overs (Dilara Akter 21, Shorna Akter 22 not out; Deepti Sharma 3/26, Nandani Sharma 2/10) by 40 runs.

Services miss QF as Inter-Dept Hockey reaches knockouts

HYDERABAD: After six days and 40 matches, the 6th Hockey India Senior Men Inter-Department National Championships 2026 enters the knockout stage, with the quarterfinals scheduled at Gachibowli Hockey Stadium on Friday. Defending champions Petroleum Sports Promotion Board (PSPB), runners-up Comptroller & Auditor General of India (CAG), Food Corporation of India (FCI), Railway Sports Promotion Board (RSPB), Sports Authority of India (SAI), Punjab National Bank (PNB), All India Police Sports Control Board (AIPSCB) and Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) made the last eight. Services Sports Control Board, who had finished third last year, missed out despite winning three of four matches in Pool C, finishing level on nine points with AIPSCB and CBDT. AIPSCB topped with a +7 goal difference, CBDT were second at +6, while Services managed +4. Their 5-2 loss to CBDT proved costly. CBDT, who with two wins and two draws. CAG were unbeaten in Pool B with four wins, although two were narrow 5-4 victories. SAI finished second. RSPB also won all four matches, scoring 27 goals and conceding four. FCI advanced after another strong finished outside the top 10 last year, secured a quarterfinal berth. PSPB topped Pool A with three wins and a draw, while PNB advanced with two wins and two draws. CAG were unbeaten in Pool B with four wins, although two were narrow 5-4 victories. SAI finished second. RSPB also won all four matches, scoring 27 goals and conceding four. FCI advanced after another strong league campaign. The quarterfinals line-up: PSPB vs SA I, RSPB vs CBDT, CAG vs PNB and AIPSCB vs FCI.



Food Corporation of India and Canara Bank players in action

17th South Zone Shooting C'ship

Future City Police Inspector James wins bronze medal

HYDERABAD

FUTURE City Police Commissionerate Inspector B James Babu won a bronze medal in the Standard Pistol event at the 17th South Zone Shooting Championship – Rifle & Pistol 2026, held in Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala.

His performance brought recognition to the Future City Police Commissionerate and the Police Department, high-

lighting his discipline, sustained practice and commitment to competitive shooting while continuing to discharge his professional responsibilities.

Inspector James Babu thanked Future City Police Commissioner Dr Tarun Joshi, IPS, for his continued encouragement, support and motivation towards sporting excellence among police personnel. He said the Commissioner's encouragement had inspired

him to pursue excellence both in policing and competitive shooting.

"I dedicate this achievement to the blessings of God and to the constant encouragement and support of my senior officers, colleagues, family and fellow shooters," James Babu said. He also expressed gratitude to Dr. Tarun Joshi for encouraging sporting talent and motivating police personnel to excel at national and international levels.



Commissioner of Police Dr. Tarun Joshi, IPS, felicitates Inspector B James Babu at the Future City Police Commissionerate office in Ranga Reddy district here on Thursday.

SC to hear plea against UP legislators' perks

NEW DELHI: The Supreme Court on Thursday sought responses from the Uttar Pradesh government and others on a plea challenging the validity of certain provisions of a 1980 Act which provide for pension and other facilities to sitting and former MLAs and MLCs of the state.

A bench of Justices Vikram Nath and Sandeep Mehta agreed to hear the plea which challenged a verdict of the Lucknow bench of the Allahabad High Court in May this year. The high court had dismissed the plea challenging the constitutional validity of certain provisions of the Uttar Pradesh State Legislature (Members' Emoluments and Pension) Act, 1980.

The high court had noted that apparently these provisions confer upon sitting and former MLAs and MLCs a range of salary, allowances and other facilities, and further extend pension, family pension, free travel, medical facilities and other amenities to their spouse, family members and companion.

The top court issued notice on the petition challenging the high court verdict and posted it for hearing after four weeks. The petitioner 'Lok Prahari' had moved the high court contending that the state legislature has, in effect, made itself the "judge in its own cause" and showered benefits upon itself and its former members in a manner that is "manifestly arbitrary" and contrary to the basic constitutional idea that a public office is meant for public service and not for personal gain. "The core grievance of the writ petitioner is that all these provisions travel far beyond the limited power conferred by Article 195 of the Constitution of India, which speaks only of 'salary and allowances' to 'members' and makes no mention of pension, post-retirement benefits, facilities to family/companion or 'other facilities,'" the high court had noted. Article 195 of the Constitution deals with salaries and allowances of members of the Legislative Assembly and Legislative Council of a state.

The high court had observed that the challenge mounted by the petitioner was essentially rooted in a policy disagreement rather than any demonstrable Constitutional infirmity.

Suicide of MPSC aspirant It's a murder by system: Dipke

DHARASHIV: Cockroach Janata Party (CJP) founder Abhijeet Dipke on Thursday termed the suicide of MPSC aspirant Prathamesh Deshmukh as a "murder done by the system", and said the government should ensure that incidents like this do not happen again.

He also said that people were demanding reservation as the government has completely failed in providing quality education and jobs to the youth.

Deshmukh (28), who was preparing for the Maharashtra Public Service Commission (MPSC) examinations allegedly died by suicide in Pune with a note left behind by him mentioning that he had a debt of around Rs 2.5 lakh. He was a native of Paranda in Dharashiv, and was staying in a rented accommodation in Navi Peth area while preparing for competitive exams.

Dipke on Thursday visited Khasapuri village in Dharashiv and met Deshmukh's grieving family members.

Talking to reporters later, Dipke said Deshmukh went to Pune with a dream to get a job and take his family out



of poverty. "He borrowed money from friends to meet his expenses. But due to paper leaks and delayed results, pressure mounted on students. This (Deshmukh's suicide) is system's fault and it is a murder done by the system," he alleged.

Deshmukh took the extreme step as he was fed up with the system, unemployment and financial condition of youth in rural areas, the CJP convenor said.

"Prathamesh stayed in Pune and used to have a meal only once a day due to his financial condition. According to his mother, Prathamesh used to say that he would come home in a government car, but unfortunately he was brought here in an ambulance yesterday. His father has already passed away,"

Dipke said.

The MPSC aspirants from the rural areas face a challenge of meeting their expenses in a city like Pune, he added.

"He (Deshmukh) had borrowed Rs 2 lakh to Rs 2.5 lakh from his friends...A youth had to end his life for this much amount. This is the condition of our youth in rural areas because there is no employment," he said.

"Prathamesh was preparing for MPSC exams and we all know what is happening in the MPSC. Exams are not conducted properly, the results are improper and paper leaks also take place. How will the youth from rural areas survive in a city like Pune? How will they pay the money required for library, food, rent and coaching? This

is a question that haunts the youth from rural areas," he said.

"Prathamesh left the village with a dream to become an officer, then how can he return without cracking the exams? For this, he did everything that he could. He stayed there (in Pune) for four years by curtailing his expenses. There are thousands of youths like him," he said.

Talking about the quota issue, Dipke claimed that since people have lost faith in the government they were asking for a constitutional remedy.

"The government cannot give good facilities. If they get good facilities, good schools and education and opportunities, why would anyone ask for reservation? People are asking for reservation because the government has completely failed in giving quality education and providing jobs. People have lost faith in the government so they are seeking constitutional remedies," he said.

Dipke also said the CJP earlier only supported the agitation by the MPSC aspirants, but now it will also get involved in the agitation.

Keralam minister calls for action to curb organ trade

'Practical decisions needed in transplant cases'

THIRUVANANTHAPURAM: Keralam Minister K Muraleedharan on Thursday said organ trading must be strictly prevented, but stressed that appeal committees should take practical decisions to protect patients' lives when transplantation applications are rejected.

In a Facebook post, the state Health minister said legal experts on the appeal committees should pay particular attention to the issue while examining applications for organ transplantation.

He was speaking after inaugurating 'Smriti Vandhanam 2026', organised by the Kerala State Organ and Tissue Transplant Organisation to remember deceased organ donors and honour their family members.

The minister honoured the families of 39 deceased donors who donated organs between August 2025 and August 2026.

"Organ trading must be strictly prevented. At the same time, when appeal committees reject applications, legal experts should ensure that the patient's life



is not put at risk and that practical decisions are taken to save the patient's life," he said.

Muraleedharan described the families of organ donors as an unparalleled example to society, saying they had come forward to help save other lives despite the immense grief caused by the loss of their loved ones.

"The pain of losing a loved one, especially a child, is unbearable. That families come forward to make such a sacrifice for another life even in such moments of intense grief is a noble act that must not go unrecognised by society," the minister added.

'Chhatron Ki Goonj' in Indore on Sept 19

NEW DELHI: Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Thursday announced that his fifth edition of the Chhatron ki Goonj initiative will be held in Madhya Pradesh's Indore on September 19 and asserted that it is essential to hear the voice of every student in the country to change the system.

Gandhi has held four Chhatron ki Goonj events in Kota, Dehradun, Prayagraj and Pune. The last one in

Pune on August 22 was for girl students.

In a post in Hindi on X, Gandhi said, "My dear students, youth and India's Gen Z, the entire country is watching with you as today a broken education system has extinguished the flame of your hopes and pushed your future into darkness."

"Through Chhatron ki Goonj, I am meeting you in different cities to understand your challenges. As part of

this campaign, on September 19, I will once again be among you in Indore," the leader of opposition (LoP) in the Lok Sabha said.

But to change this system, it is essential to hear the voice of every student in the country, their pain and their opinion, he said.

"Go to the link below and tell us — what is stopping you from achieving your dreams? You can also reach us by making a video.

"Your problems. Your suggestions. Together, we will bring hope back," Gandhi said and shared the link for feedback of students.

In a video along with the post, Gandhi said the idea behind the Chhatron ki Goonj programme is to listen to what the students and the country feel and to allow students to express themselves.

"The objective of the Chhatron ki Goonj programme is to keep before



the country your thoughts, expression and fears. And also raise the issues that our students want raised," he said in the video.

He urged students to convey what needs to be done to restore hope among students in India's education system.

Jailed Hindu leader gets parole for mother's funeral

DHAKA: Bangladesh authorities on Thursday granted five-hour parole to jailed Hindu rights leader Chinmoy Krishna Das to attend his mother's funeral, local media reported.

The Hindu monk was arrested in November 2024 on sedition charges for allegedly disrespecting the national flag, which sparked protests and communal tensions.

Chattogram District Deputy Commissioner (DC) Mohammad Zahidul Islam Mia ordered the Hindu



leader's release on Thursday afternoon following an application from his family, The Daily Star newspaper reported.

Chinmoy's mother, Sandhya Rani Dhar, 70, was undergoing treatment at a hos-

pital in Hathazari and died early morning on Thursday.

"Following an application by his brother over the death of his mother, we have passed an order to release Chinmoy Krishna from jail on parole for five hours in accordance with the law," the newspaper quoted DC Zahidul Islam Mia as saying.

Swatantra Gauranga Das Brahmachari, vice-president of ISKCON's Prabartak Sri Krishna Temple, confirmed the decision, bdnews24.com news portal reported.



WHAT TODAY'S WOMEN REALLY LOOK FOR

Saree

BEYOND DESIGN

DILEEP KUMAR GOLI

A saree purchase rarely begins and ends with whether the design is attractive. In our conversations with customers, women often ask practical questions first. Will the fabric feel heavy after a few hours? Is it easy to drape? Does it need special care? Can it be worn again after the wedding? These questions reveal what now shapes the purchase. Design may attract attention, but usefulness often decides what a woman takes home.

This is especially clear among women who want to wear sarees beyond major weddings. They are buying them for office celebrations, family lunches, religious occasions, festive dinners and smaller functions.

A beautiful saree that needs constant adjusting will not serve all these settings. Its weight, fall, softness and breathability matter. Even when choosing silk, customers pay attention to how comfortably they can

The consumer is also better informed. Terms such as "pure silk" or "traditional weave" are no longer enough on their own. Shoppers want clear information about the fabric, weaving style, zari, care requirements and price. When considering a Kanchi pattu or Mysore silk saree, they want to understand what distinguishes

guishes it and why that difference matters. This does not weaken the appeal of heritage. It allows women to appreciate the craft while knowing exactly what they are paying for.

Versatility also enters the decision. Many women consider the blouse, jewellery and future occasions before finalising a saree. They want to know whether it can be styled differently for a family wedding, a festival or a formal event. Versatility does not mean choosing something plain. It means selecting a saree that leaves room for personal styling and does not become limited to a single photograph or occasion.

The way women shop has changed as well. A saree may first catch their attention on Instagram, but the decision depends on accurate colours, close-up visuals and useful product details. Inside a store, customers value someone who understands the occasion, explains the options and respects the stated budget. Good service is not about presenting the largest number of sarees. It is about helping the customer make a choice she will remain satisfied with.

Perhaps the most important shift is that more women are choosing sarees for themselves. Family traditions and recommendations still carry meaning, but the final choice is increasingly personal. One woman may choose a classic silk because it reminds her of her mother. Another may pick an unexpected colour simply because it feels right on her. The saree is not being worn only to meet an expectation. It is being used to express individual taste.

For a saree brand, these changes affect everything from product selection to customer service. Visual appeal still opens the conversation, but comfort, authenticity, rewear value, styling freedom and honest guidance complete the purchase.

The new Indian saree consumer is not moving away from tradition. She simply expects it to fit the way she lives now. When a saree feels right, wears well and is explained honestly, she has a reason to return.

(The writer is a CEO, MISSAMMA)



Artistes from Hyderabad present 'Krishnanjali' at ISKCON Dwarka

Artists from Hyderabad, Telangana, presented a soulful Kuchipudi dance programme titled "Krishnanjali – An Offering to Lord Krishna through Kuchipudi Natyam" at ISKCON Dwarka, New Delhi, as part of the Divine Janmashtami celebrations. The presentation featured students of Jyothi Kalakshetra, Hyderabad, under the guidance and choreography of Jyothi Reddy, Natya Guru and Choreographer.

The programme brought together classical dance, devotion and spirituality, with the artists offering their prayers to Lord Sri Krishna through Kuchipudi. The presentation featured four compositions — Pushpanjali, Dashavataram, Swagatham Krishna and Tarangam.

The programme commenced with Pushpanjali, a traditional salutation offered to the Lord of Dance, Guro, musicians and audience. Presented in Ragam Nattai and Talam Adi, the piece was performed by Godi Anagha Devi.

The energetic Dashavataram depicted the ten incarnations of Lord Vishnu — Matsya, Kurma, Varaha, Narasimha, Vamana, Parasurama, Rama, Krishna, Buddha and Kalki. Presented in Ragam Mohana and Misra Chapu Talam, it was performed by P. Sri Vaishno Devi, Lalitha Sri Pinapala, Harshitha Kairamkonda, Yuvasre Phane Surya and Ishanee Khare from Gurgaon.

Swagatham Krishna, the popular Carnatic composition by Oothukkadu Venkata Subbaiyer, brought a joyful devotional mood to the programme. Presented in Ragam Mohana and Talam Adi, the piece was performed by Godi Vijetha Devi Sathish Reddy. The presentation concluded with Tarangam, a distinctive

Kuchipudi item in which dancers perform rhythmic sequences while dancing on the rim of a brass plate. Presented in Ragam Mohana and Talam Adi, Tarangam featured P. Sri Vaishno Devi, Lalitha Sri Pinapala, Harshitha Kairamkonda, Yuvasre Phane Surya and Ishanee Khare. Speaking on the presentation, Jyothi Reddy, Natya Guru and Choreographer, said, "Kuchipudi is not merely



a performing art; it is a path of devotion, discipline and connection with our cultural roots. Every time our dancers perform, it becomes an expression of deep devotion and a way of serving God through our cultural traditions. Presenting Krishnanjali at ISKCON Dwarka was a deeply spiritual experience for our students. We hope that such performances inspire the current generation as well as future generations to understand, respect and carry forward our rich cultural heritage."

Established in Hyderabad in 2018, the school of arts has grown from a small group of students to more than 150 students trained in Kuchipudi to professional standards. Jyothi Reddy has performed at several prestigious cultural and spiritual platforms in India and abroad and has received honours including the Nritya Ratna Award, Mahatma Gandhi Memorial Award and Shri Shakthi Award, among other recognitions.

Godi Vijetha Devi Sathish Reddy, who performed Swagatham Krishna, said, "For me, performing Kuchipudi at ISKCON Dwarka was not simply a performance; it was an offering. The dancers are deeply inspired by the classical dance tradition and the cultural values underlying it. Every performance becomes an expression of our devotion and an opportunity to serve God through our culture."

Through such presentations, we hope to inspire the present generation and future generations to remain connected with our traditions, culture and Sanatana Dharma."

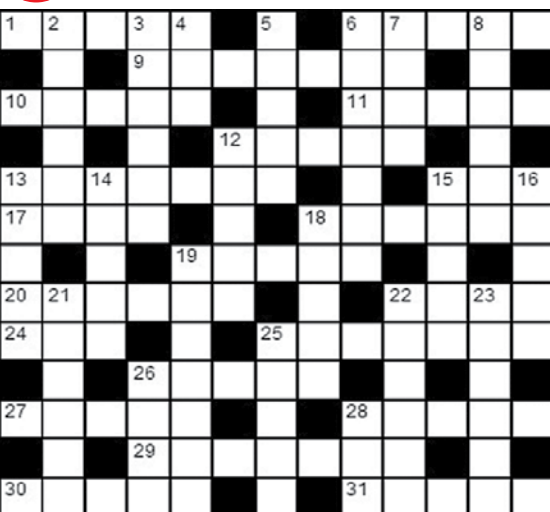
The presentation featured young dancers P. Sri Vaishno Devi, Lalitha Sri Pinapala, Harshitha Kairamkonda, Yuvasre Phane Surya, Ishanee Khare and Godi Anagha Devi, who came together to present their art in New Delhi. P. Sri Vaishno Devi, the great-granddaughter of the inspirational philanthropist G. Pulla Reddy, continues to pursue Kuchipudi with dedication and devotion.

The event reflected the collective efforts of the students, music orchestra, supporting families and dedicated technicians, who strive in their humble way to preserve and promote Sanatana Dharma, Indian traditions and cultural heritage. The performers, inspired by the spiritual foundation and cultural values of classical dance, view every performance as an expression of deep devotion and a meaningful way of serving God through culture.

Through their dedication to Kuchipudi, the young artists seek to keep India's spiritual and artistic traditions alive and make them meaningful for the present generation while inspiring future generations to respect, preserve and carry forward the country's rich cultural heritage.



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ACROSS

- 1 Sheikdom of song (5)
- 6 Teach (5)
- 9 Asylum seeker? (7)
- 10 Unsuitable (5)
- 11 Reduce by 50 per cent (5)
- 12 French composer (5)
- 13 Movie theatres (7)
- 15 599, in Roman numerals (3)
- 17 Homages (4)
- 18 Gambling house (6)
- 19 Macho guy (2-3)
- 20 Caught or ensnared (6)
- 24 Maritime letters (3)
- 25 Passed on (7)
- 26 Ready for battle (5)
- 27 Garment for nun (5)
- 28 Go well together (3,2)
- 29 Fiasco (7)
- 30 Nile dam site (5)
- 31 Russian mountains (5)

DOWN

- 2 Stale, rank (6)
- 3 Kickbacks (6)
- 4 Up to now (3)
- 5 Biblical traitor (5)
- 6 Capital of Iran (7)
- 7 Actual (4)
- 8 To no avail (2,4)
- 12 Ran swiftly (5)
- 13 Horn-shaped bone (5)
- 14 Cosy retreats? (5)
- 15 ___ daily: vacillate or dawdle? (5)
- 16 Was able (5)
- 18 Dressed like Dracula (5)
- 19 Cheer (7)
- 21 Compositions (6)
- 22 Simpler (6)
- 23 Antenna; of the air (6)
- 25 Summation (5)
- 26 Verdi heroine (4)
- 28 Sick-day cause (3)



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FATIMA SANA SHAIKH promotes regional cinema at J&K Film Festival

Actress Fatima Sana Shaikh speaks on the importance of regional cinema at the first International Film Festival of Jammu and Kashmir 2026, held in Srinagar. The actress said that regional films are all about portraying the real life of that particular region and not the perception of it by someone else. As her mother is from Kashmir, the actress felt that visiting the Valley was special and that the region could soon become a popular film destination. Fatima also spoke lovingly of Dargah co-star Zaira Wasim. The actor's September 2026 cover story for Lifestyle Asia India saw her pose in her latest designer outfits while she discussed her plans for the year. Since she has no films this year, fans are now waiting for her next project.

V Vijayendra Prasad unveils title poster of 'First Bench Premakatha'

The title poster of the upcoming Telugu film First Bench Premakatha has been unveiled by V. Vijayendra Prasad. The legendary writer and Rajya Sabha MP congratulated the team and wished them luck.

Presented by Vedula Balakameswari and produced under the banners of Mega Films and Sai Samhita Creations, the film is directed by Venkataramana S, the man behind Mercy Killing.

First Bench Premakatha narrates a love story between two toppers that takes a turn towards their studies, ambitions, and families.

This film promises to take the audience through the exciting journey of young love, where the protagonist's romance had an adverse effect on their studies, ambitions, and parents.

The film's story is set in the challenging competitive



exam environment where the protagonist deals with the expectations of their parents, studies, love, and career. It promises to take the audience through the exciting journey of first love, first crush, and the dilem-

mas of Gen Z, dealing with the adverse effect of love on ambitions and parents.

Kollabathina Joshna Rani, Nakka Haribabu, and K. Ramesh Chandra are the producers, while Shivakoti Bobby, Pathan Waleekhan,

and Kakarapalli Raju are the executive producers.

With an intriguing plot twist, the film aims to recreate the magic of first love while exploring the dilemma of love versus career and family.

'EYE Bomma' trailer released; promises a gripping social thriller

The trailer of EYE Bomma, an upcoming Telugu film starring Banoth Pawan, Gautham, Narmada and Satish, was unveiled at a grand gathering at Hyderabad today. Directed and produced by Vijay Raghunathabhatla under Sri Mallanna Creations, the film is set for an international theatrical release soon.

The film dwells on a modern-day social issue and narrates the story of a man who goes through various phases in life before taking up a sheath against society. The film also delves deep into his psyche, action and also the reason that leads to his conflict with the system.

Director Vijay revealed that he had finished the script overnight while the entire

film was shot in 15 days. He said the idea struck him while interacting with people about the EYE Bomma piracy website and wanted to probe deep into their activities and the reason behind their initiation.

Making his debut as the lead actor, Banoth Pawan says that the director provided him with a great platform after his tryst with the industry. While Gautham plays the role of DSP Vikram, Satish is also a part of the star cast.

Producer Kuruva Jamanna says that his love for movies motivated him to venture into film-making despite being from an agriculture family. Praising the trailer, guest of honor Rama Satyanarayana and producer Raja appreciated Vijay's work.



'Jai Gowriputra Ganesha' trailer speaks about student mental health

The audio and trailer of Jai Gowriputra Ganesha, the maiden production of Vatsalya Audio and Video Illustrations, were launched at a grand event in Preview Hall of Telugu Film Chamber in Hyderabad. Writer, director and producer Swami Srivatsalya Dharma Veera presided over the event that was attended by a few personalities of the film industry, political leaders and spiritual scholars.

The film speaks about the increasing academic stress among students and the importance of saving them from falling into the trap of suicide. Besides, the movie throws light on how the unhealthy race for exams, marks, home-work and positions will affect an overall growth of the new generation.

My 26 years of deep study and experience on Vedic Dharma Shastras inspired me to use this art form (movie) to preach ethical values and humanity to the younger generation. This movie also explains how Indian culture, traditions and values can be helpful to develop emotional wellbeing and healthy relationships, said Swami Srivatsalya Dharma Veera.

Telugu Film Producers Council Secretary Tummala Prasanna Kumar and Joint Secretary Tummalapalli Ramasatyanarayana appreciated the film's social message, while actor Gharshana Srinivas and Sri Daivajna Sharma welcomed the initiative of promoting the Vedic values among the young generation. Starring Gharshana Srinivas, Karate Kalyani, Srimani, Maruthi Sakaram, Damaam Abhilash, Kavya Sri, Divyasri, Raja Ramakrishna Varma, Chandramukhi Chandrasekhar, Tiruvedhula Jayaram and others, the movie's team feels the film will help open up dialogues for parents, students and society.

'AH' glimpse builds suspense ahead of Oct 9 release

The makers of AH have created more hype over the upcoming thriller by releasing the first glimpse titled as 'Bloody Hunger'. The film stars Rahul Vijay and Archana Iyer and is set to release worldwide on October 9, 2026.

The Bloody Hunger glimpse, which does not have any dialogues, uses atmospheric visuals, rapid editing and a chilling background score to set the tone for the mysterious world. This video contains a lead-up to an investigation into the disappearance of young girls and a sinister force that seems to be operating.

Rahul Vijay is seen as a determined police officer investigating the case while Archana Iyer is seen in

intriguing glimpses that add to the mystery. The words "Ammayi, Adrushyam, Anveshana" provide the central theme of investigation for the film and the final glimpse leaves many questions unanswered.

Sri Charan Pakala's frightening background score enhances the suspense along with Monish Bhupathi Raju's cinematography while Abhinav V. Kunapareddy and Garry BH handle the editing.

Directed by Sai Baali and produced by Kanaka Rao Tonangi, Abhishek K and Garry BH, AH is the production venture of Star Box Stories and Ripple Slide Studios. The latest glimpse has made us more curious about the dark thriller.



'Missing Meghana' promotions gain momentum

The much-anticipated missing Meghana is all set to hit the theatre screens on September 18, and it is all set to release across 150 plus screens. Panchumarthi Naresh Babu is the producer of the film under the banner of First copy movies and KD & Co. The emotional thriller is directed by Vachaspathy.

The film stars Ram Karthik, Ammu Abhirami, Vaidika Senjalia, and Ankit Kooya in the lead roles alongside Goparaju Ramana, Vempa Kasi, Kaushik, Mahipal, Ruchita, Nalini, Srinivas, Azeem, and Pandu in the supporting roles.

The promotions of the film have gained tremendous attention, as the teaser and three songs launched till now garnered decent responses.

The songs are doing well online, and RR Dhruvan's music has received appreciation for the fresh feel. Apart from that, the camera work of Shyam K Naidu has also garnered attention.

The promotions of the film started with the director V.V. Vinayak launching the first look and title poster of the film. Later, the first song Pilla Pilla was unveiled by producer Suresh Babu, and the second song was revealed by Dil Raju, the producer of the film. Third song was unveiled by writer-producer Kona Venkat and Matcha Ravi.

Director Vachaspathy shared that the trailer of the film will be out soon, and Naresh is optimistic about the film's final version and business.

