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It's a murder by system: Dipke
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.

The mental health of our society
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.

Brent crosses \$105 on Iran war, Saudi output slump
Brent crude oil prices climbed above \$105 a barrel on Thursday, reaching their highest level since May 25, as renewed fighting between the US and Iran raised concerns over prolonged disruptions to global energy supplies.

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.

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WINDOWS

20 dead after cargo ship catches fire in China

BEIJING: At least 20 people were killed and five were missing after a cargo ship caught fire while docked in a Chinese port, Chinese state media reported Thursday. A photo released by Xinhua news agency identified the ship as the Ocean Melody, which sails under a Liberian flag, according to the public vessel-tracking website VesselFinder. A total of 42 people had been on the vessel, and 12 of them were safely evacuated, Xinhua reported.

Lalu, Tejashwi to face PMLA charges

NEW DELHI: A Delhi court on Thursday ordered framing of money laundering charges against former railway minister Lalu Prasad Yadav, his wife Rabri Devi, son Tejashwi Prasad Yadav and four others in the Enforcement Directorate's case regarding the alleged IRCTC scam. The court has already framed charges of corruption against the RJD patriarch and 11 others last October year in the CBI case in the alleged scam. On Thursday, Special Judge Vishal Gogne said there was a "strong suspicion" against seven persons for the offence of money laundering and that the nature, timing and course of investigation did not appear inspired by political vendetta as argued by the counsel for the accused persons.

CISF jawan killed in accidental firing from rifle

DANTEWADA: A head constable of the Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) was killed after his service rifle allegedly accidentally went off while he was cleaning it at a camp in an iron ore mines area in Chhattisgarh's Dantewada district, police said on Thursday. The incident took place around 2.30 pm on Wednesday at a portacabin post under the CISF's Bachel camp area on Bailadila hills, a police official said. CISF personnel are deployed to guard the National Mineral Development Corporation (NMDC) iron ore mining areas in Kirandul and Bachel. The deceased, identified as head constable Dattatraya (50), was a resident of Ahilyanagar in Maharashtra, he said.

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BRICS Summit: India puts Global South at centre stage

- India puts food, energy and supply-chain security high on the agenda
- 11-member BRICS represents nearly half the world's population

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NEW DELHI

INDIA will seek to put the concerns of the Global South at the heart of the two-day BRICS summit beginning Saturday, with food and energy security, resilient supply chains and inclusive



economic growth taking centre stage amid mounting global trade and geopolitical tensions. The summit will bring together leaders of major emerging economies. Russian President Vladimir

Putin, Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian, South African President Cyril Ramaphosa and Indonesian President Prabowo Subianto are also among the leaders expected to attend. Officials said India views

BRICS as a complementary platform for economic growth and greater cooperation among developing economies at a time when the global economy is facing pressures from the Russia-Ukraine war, the West Asia crisis, disruption around the Strait of Hormuz and US trade and tariff policies. India's BRICS chairship is built around four pillars — resilience, innovation, cooperation and sustainability — with a focus on health, agriculture, food, energy, disaster-risk reduction and supply chains. Trade, investment, connectivity and high technology will also figure

prominently. However, uncertainty remains over a consensus-based joint statement amid differences between Iran and the UAE over the West Asia crisis. BRICS now comprises 11 emerging economies and accounts for about 49.5 per cent of the world's population, 40 per cent of global GDP and 26 per cent of global trade. Several other countries have joined as BRICS partners. India assumed its fourth BRICS chairship on January 1, 2026. More than 350 meetings and high-level engagements have since been held across over 25 Indian cities.

Xi to visit India for BRICS summit

BEIJING: Chinese President Xi Jinping will visit India this week to attend the 18th BRICS Summit in New Delhi, the foreign ministry announced on Thursday. This will be Xi's first visit to India in nearly seven years. During his visit, Xi is expected to meet Prime Minister Modi on the sidelines of the summit. The visit is expected to be a high-profile diplomatic engagement with implications for the ongoing efforts to stabilise bilateral ties between the two Asian powers as well as for BRICS cooperation amid a volatile global situation, particularly the West Asia conflict and the Russia-Ukraine war.



Magistrate suspended over Rs 5L notice to CJP protester

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NOIDA

THE Greater Noida executive magistrate who issued a notice requiring 20-year-old student Akshat Tripathi to furnish a personal bond of Rs 5 lakh over his participation in the Jantar Mantar paper leak protest has been suspended with immediate effect, Solicitor General of India Tushar Mehta told the Supreme Court on Thursday. Tripathi, a second-year BA LLB student and secretary of the Students' Federation of India (SFI) unit at Gautam Buddha University in Noida, had challenged the executive magistrate's notice. The notice, based on a report by a police sub-inspector, accused Tripathi of spreading "anti-government misleading talks" among the students and encouraging them to join the Cockroach Janta Party (CJP) protest. The writ petition, filed through advocate-on-record Subhash Chandran KR, said the notice invoked Section 126 of the BNSS, which allows an executive magistrate to seek security for maintaining peace when there is information that a person is likely to cause a breach of peace or disturb public tranquillity. Tripathi's petition said the notice cited no specific date, statement or act of violence attributable to him, or disclosed material supporting the allegations.

Drug tests mandatory for pilots across all airlines

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NEW DELHI

AVIATION watchdog DGCA has ordered drug tests for pilots across all airlines and the exercise is to be completed by July 2027. Separately, Civil Aviation Minister K Ram Mohan Naidu on Thursday said the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) is expected to finalise the draft on the new norms for drug tests of pilots by the end of this month. The moves come against the backdrop of the pilot-in-command of an Air India Phuket-Delhi flight, which suddenly lost nearly 300 feet altitude leaving many passengers injured on August 4, testing positive for drug use. On September 4, Air India terminated the services of the pilot-in-command, hours after probe agency AAI's preliminary report into the Phuket flight incident said the drug use by the pilot was a serious concern

DRUG TESTS
Mandatory for pilots across all airlines

ALL PILOTS COVERED
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SAFETY FIRST
Aim is to prevent substance-related risks to flight operations

STRICT ACTION
A positive test can trigger action under applicable aviation regulations

REGULATORY OVERSIGHT
Airlines must comply with mandatory testing norms set by aviation authorities

AVIATION DRUG TESTING
Safety
Compliance
Fit to Fly

and asked regulator DGCA to take appropriate action. The sources on Thursday said DGCA ordered drug testing for pilots across all airlines last month and that the carriers have been asked to complete the exercise by July next year. Naidu, on the sidelines of a conference in the na-

tional capital on Thursday, said draft of the revised Civil Aviation Requirements (CAR) regarding testing of pilots for psychoactive substances is expected to be finalised by the end of this month after stakeholders' discussions. Currently, drug tests for pilots are done on a random

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basis. Under DGCA's present Civil Aviation Requirements (CAR), random tests for psychoactive substances have to be done for 10 per cent of pilots and air traffic controllers, among others, annually. There are more than 12,000 pilots with various commercial airlines.

56 Chandni Chowk jewellery shops sealed

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NEW DELHI

AT least 56 jewellery and bullion-related shops in Chandni Chowk's Kucha Mahajani were sealed by the Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) on Thursday, traders claimed, adding that jewellery and bullion worth crores remain locked inside the premises. The action comes amid an intensified enforcement drive by the MCD against dangerous and illegal buildings across the city following the Satya Ni-



ketan building collapse, in which seven people were killed. Yogesh Singhal, president of the All India Bullion and Jewellers Association, stated that notices were posted on the shops, and the sealing occurred around 11.30 am on Thursday.

US racist 'Mr Singh' ad draws fire

Texas: A US Department of Homeland Security (DHS) advertisement asking "Mr Singh" to self-deport has sparked a controversy, with advocacy groups condemning it as "racist", "anti-American" and discriminatory. As part of its campaign against unlicensed commercial drivers, the DHS posted AI-generated imagery on X showing a brown-bearded man with the message: "Get off our roads, you don't know how to drive Mr Singh." A related video used characters from the Transformers franchise. Megatron is shown negotiating the release of "aliens" — a term used by the US administration for foreign nationals — including truck drivers linked to road accidents and other offences.

Modi: India for safe, sustainable space

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NEW DELHI

PRIME Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday said India supports a safe, secure, and sustainable space domain anchored in international law, underlining that scientific data must serve the common good with openness and integrity. Modi also said that ISRO's technologies and partnerships serve not only India, but the wider world. The prime minister said for centuries, space inspired people's imagination and now, it shapes life on earth, from climate and crops to oceans and communities. "The promise of space is



infinite. Our responsibility is collective. 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," he said. Modi said India's approach is rooted in

'Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam' -- 'One Earth, One Family, One Future', and this spirit must now travel beyond the planet. "We support a safe, secure, peaceful and sustainable space domain anchored in international law, dialogue and multilateral cooperation. Scientific data must serve the common good, with openness and integrity," he said. The prime minister said India's space journey reflects this philosophy and the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO), which stands at the heart of this journey, has earned global admiration for its excellence and cost-effective missions.

India's nuclear arsenal estimated at 190 warheads: US report

SAGAR KULKARNI
WASHINGTON

INDIA'S nuclear arsenal is estimated at 190 warheads, which includes 30 additional warheads for new missiles under production, according to a US nonprofit policy think tank. The Federation of American Scientists (FAS) derived the estimates from analyses of a combination of open sources, state-originating data and

'We estimate that India may have produced enough military plutonium for 140 to 225 nuclear warheads and might have assembled up to 190. With more weapon systems in development, the country's warhead stockpile will likely increase further'

commercial satellite imagery. "Based on available public information about its nuclear-capable delivery

force structure and strategy, we estimate that India may have produced around 190 nuclear warheads," according to the article



titled 'India's Nuclear Weapons - 2026' penned by FAS Nuclear Information Project Director Hans Kristensen.

India's nuclear arsenal includes over 160 warheads for operational launchers as well as additional warheads for new missiles

in production, it said. The article noted that India continued to modernise its nuclear arsenal, with several new weapon systems fielded in recent years and several more under development to complement or replace existing nuclear-capable aircraft, land-based delivery systems, and sea-based systems. "We estimate that India may have produced enough military plutonium for 140 to 225 nuclear warheads and might have

assembled up to 190. With more weapon systems in development, the country's warhead stockpile will likely increase further," it said. India adopted the no-first-use doctrine after the Pokhran-II nuclear tests in 1998 and continues to adhere to the policy. "India is committed to maintaining credible minimum deterrence and a posture of 'no first use' of nuclear weapons," the government told Parliament recently.



Despite parental opposition...

20-year-old woman is free to become Jain sadhvi: HC

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INDORE

THE Madhya Pradesh High Court has granted relief to a 20-year-old woman who wishes to renounce the worldly life and become a Jain sadhvi, saying that as an adult citizen, she is free to make her life decisions and practise the religion of her choice.

Justice Sandeep N. Bhatt of the Indore bench made this

remark while disposing of the woman's writ petition on September 7.

The woman's lawyer told the court that she had decided to embrace the Shvetambara Jain faith, take initiation and follow the religious path as a sadhvi, but her parents and relatives were opposing her decision and harassing her.

In the petition, the woman had requested immediate

police protection.

The single bench said in its order, "I have considered the submissions made at the bar. It seems that the petitioner who is aged 20 years, citizen of India, is entitled to follow the religion or practice of religion as per her own way and to live her life as per her will."

Citing the "peculiar facts of the case", the court said it had equal sympathy to-

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wards the woman as well as her parents.

"... but law provides that petitioner being a major (aged more than 18 years) and citizen of India is entitled to get

protection of her family rights and other legal rights and for any obstruction caused by anybody, the same cannot be permitted in the eye of law," it said. The judge told the

woman that if her parents or any other person adopted coercive methods against her, she could apply to the police station or officer concerned for help. It also cited the Supreme Court's decisions in "Lata Singh vs. State of U.P." and another case reported in AIR 2006 SC 2522, holding that individuals aged over 18 were free to make their own decisions and that the court was required to protect the



interests of such persons.

The high court directed that if such an application is filed by the woman, the competent authority or the station

in-charge would look into the matter and take immediate action as per the directions given in the relevant Supreme Court judgment.

Ancient temple swept away in UP's Bareilly

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BAREILLY

AN ancient temple was swept away by the waters of the Ram Ganga river amid severe erosion in Bareilly district, while an overhead water tank under construction collapsed into the Kichha river, officials said. The temple, believed by locals to be centuries-old, was located in Kapoorpur village in the Mirganj tehsil area. It was completely engulfed by the Ram Ganga following days of intense erosion. Villagers noticed the temple had been washed away on Wednesday morning.

The temple was considered an important place of worship for the villagers.

Efforts were made by the administration and villagers to protect the structure, but the strong river cur-

The erosion has also posed a threat to nearby agricultural fields and inhabited areas, with villagers demanding permanent measures to check the erosion



rent rendered the measures ineffective.

The temple platform and two pillars had already been washed away before the entire structure disappeared into the river.

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An overhead water tank being constructed at a cost of around Rs 4 crore under the Jal Jeevan Mission also

collapsed into the Kichha river in the Shergarh block on Tuesday morning.

The tank began to tilt as erosion intensified due to the strong river current and collapsed into the river within about four seconds, according to officials. No

after speaking to officials and villagers.

Construction of the tank in Bais Nagar gram panchayat had been underway since 2023. The tank structure had been completed, and pipelines had also been laid, officials said. The site is around 50 km from the district headquarters.

Shukla said areas affected by river erosion were being continuously monitored and revenue and departmental teams had been directed to keep a close watch on the situation.

"Relief and protective work is also being carried out at places affected by erosion," she said, adding another overhead tank located around eight to 10 metres from the river was also at risk of collapsing and its safety had been assessed.

Chopper landing permission denied

Akhilesh's Bulandshahr visit sparks political row

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BULANDSHAHR/LUCKNOW

A political row erupted in Uttar Pradesh on Thursday over the denial of helicopter landing permission for Samajwadi Party chief Akhilesh Yadav's proposed Bulandshahr visit, with the former chief minister alleging a deliberate attempt to scuttle his programme. The BJP, however, refuted the charge.

Yadav's September 11 visit was postponed after district authorities refused permission for his helicopter to land at the designated site, saying a technical inspection had found the ground unsuitable for a safe landing.

SP district president Matloob Ali said the programme had been postponed because permission for helicopter landing was not granted and a fresh date would be announced later.

But Yadav had already accused the Uttar Pradesh government and administration of manufacturing an excuse to stop his programme.

"There is no waterlogging anywhere near the helipad in Bulandshahr. By deliberately showing cement, mortar and paver blocks, the administration, on the government's covert instructions, is looking for an excuse to cancel our September 11 programme," Yadav said in a post on X.

He demanded that impartial experts inspect



the site in the presence of SP office-bearers.

Yadav also suggested that the administration could come up with another excuse if he decided to travel by road. "If we come by road, will excuses also be made about the poor condition of the expressway, highway or roads? Because all those roads are actually fit for travel," he said.

"The public is asking why the helipad and the weather turn bad only for the opposition?" Yadav said. Speaking at a press conference in Lucknow on Thursday afternoon, Yadav again took a swipe at the administration, showing a video of the proposed landing site and saying there appeared to be no waterlogging there.

"It seems as if there has been a flood and we will have to go there by boat," he remarked sarcastically. Yadav also said a programme had earlier been proposed in Bulandshahr during the Sawan period but was subsequently postponed.

NCSC chief claims threats pushed Pb villager to suicide

HANS NEWS SERVICE
CHANDIGARH

NATIONAL Commission for Scheduled Castes (NCSC) Chairman Kishor Makwana on Thursday met the family of Gulzar Singh, a daily wageer from Punjab who allegedly committed suicide, and claimed that he took the extreme step as he was "being threatened".

Singh, a 47-year-old Dalit man from Dirba in Sangrur district, died on the night of September 7 after allegedly consuming poison. His family said he questioned Finance Minister Harpal Cheema about the supply of drugs in the area during an event in Dirba on September 6.

Makwana visited Singh's



Turbanjara village and extended his condolences to the bereaved family. The NCSC chairman said Singh was raising his voice against the drug menace as the lives of many youths were getting destroyed because of this scourge.

"Gulzar was threatened and due to this, he took an extreme step," he claimed.

Singh's family demanded strict action against all those who were involved in threatening him and that they should be provided security, Makwana said.

The family of the deceased daily wageer earlier claimed that Singh was harassed and subjected to casteist slurs after he questioned Cheema.

The NCSC had issued a notice to the Punjab government, seeking a detailed report within five days on Singh's death from the chief secretary and the director general of police.

A purported video of Singh's last moments shows him asking Cheema about the availability of drugs in his area. He said the sarpanch would be responsible for his death and admitted that his son also took drugs. As his emotive video went viral, opposition parties cornered the Bhagwant Mann-led government and demanded a probe and Cheema's resignation.

Saini attacks Cong after MLAs protest wearing black clothes

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CHANDIGARH

HARYANA Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini on Thursday attacked the Congress after its MLAs wore black clothes and protested on various issues, asking them to remember what all people had to face when they were in power.

Drawing a contrast with the previous Congress regime, Saini said that senior citizens earlier had to endure long delays, sometimes waiting months for their pension payments.

Congress used to insult the elderly beneficiaries, but our government gave them the respect they deserved, he said.

"The Congress should tell what the state of affairs was during their time. Systems had broken down during their time. Youth are also aware of how jobs were given during their time," Saini said.

Saini was addressing a news confer-



ence here after transferring over Rs 1,890 crore through Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) to over 50 lakh eligible beneficiaries under various welfare schemes.

On August 27, the opening day of the three-day session of the Assembly, Congress MLAs, dressed in black and led by the party leader Bhupinder Singh Hooda, took out a march from the High Court roundabout to the Vidhan Sabha and raised issues related to the youth,

Ram temple donation theft, the condition of sanitation workers and alleged scams.

Later, the MLAs, who were dressed in black clothes, attended the Assembly.

Saini said during Congress' time people used to wear black clothes to protest. People had to wait for four days to get a gas cylinder. Congress may have forgotten that period, but people have not, he said.

Attacking the previous Congress regime, Saini said, "Hooda should tell what the system was when they were in power. Wearing black clothes won't suffice, Hooda sahab; you have inflicted wounds on people's hearts."

Referring to the Congress protest, Saini further said that the Congress made even its senior-most MLAs wear black clothes, remarking that they are not at an age to be made to wear such attire.

CA escapes abduction attempt as car crashes into ditch

JAIPUR : A chartered accountant was allegedly forced into his luxury car by two unidentified men, who drove away in the vehicle before abandoning it following a crash into a roadside ditch here on Thursday, police said.

As the car veered off the road, the man managed to get out of the vehicle and fled, while the two accused also escaped the spot, the official said.

Ashok Nagar SHO Hemant Janagal said the man was returning from his morning walk when the two accused entered his car (Mercedes) and drove it themselves.

A relative of the victim said the accused kept driving and asked him about the car's functions to operate the vehicle.

Punjab suicide

Chugh alleges forced cremation

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NEW DELHI

BJP Rajya Sabha MP Tarun Chugh on Thursday claimed Punjab Police conducted the last rites of a Dalit man from Sangrur, who committed suicide, against his family's wishes and accused the AAP government of crossing "all limits of injustice" against the community.

Gulzar Singh, a 47-year-old Dalit man from Dirba in Sangrur district, died on Monday night after allegedly consuming poison.

His family said he had questioned Finance Minister Harpal Cheema about the supply of drugs in the area during an event in Dirba on September 6.

In a post on X, Chugh alleged that police forcibly conducted Singh's funeral.

"The shameful, deceitful, and hideous face of the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) has once again been exposed."

Mayawati frees nephew Akash Anand from BSP

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LUCKNOW

BSP chief Mayawati on Thursday said her nephew Akash Anand has been "completely freed" from the party, shortly after his father-in-law and former Rajya Sabha member Ashok Siddharth announced his retirement from politics.

She questioned whether Anand, whose personal and family interests she said appeared to outweigh his political career and the party's interests, could effectively work for the BSP while remaining

"double-minded". Mayawati said Anand's failure to repost her earlier X post showed his greater attachment to family ties than the BSP and its movement.

"Therefore, the people in the party feel that just as he was relieved of all the important responsibilities of the post of national coordinator on September 3, 2026, he should now also be completely freed from the party from today. There-

fore, if Akash Anand wants to remain independent in the party, he is free to do so; that is, he has now been completely freed from the party," Mayawati posted on X.

Mayawati also described Siddharth's decision as a "correct step" taken late and said his retirement had been sought by the party in the larger interest of the Bahujan Samaj Party, its movement and Anand.

Har: Rs 1,890 cr transferred to over 50 lakh beneficiaries

HANS NEWS SERVICE
CHANDIGARH

HARYANA Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini on Thursday transferred Rs 1,890.16 crore directly into the bank accounts of more than 50 lakh eligible beneficiaries under 26 different schemes through Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT).

He said that a total of Rs 1,890.16 crore has been released on Thursday into the bank accounts of 50,28,208 eligible beneficiaries under 26 different schemes.

These include the instalment under the Deen Dayal Lado Lakshmi Yojana, social security pensions for the elderly and persons with disabilities, financial assistance to needy families under the DAYALU Yojana, gas subsidy for homemakers, Bhavantar compensation for farmers, and incentives to entrepreneurs under various schemes of the Industries and Commerce Department.

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Saini that the 11th instalment of the 'Deen Dayal Lado Lakshmi' Yojana has been released today. Under the scheme, Rs. 212.16 crore has been credited to the bank accounts of 10.10 lakh women beneficiaries. With this, a

total amount of Rs. 2,254.47 crore has been released under the scheme in 11 instalments so far.

He said that from September 17, families with an annual income of up to Rs 1.80 lakh will also start receiving benefits under the scheme. The state government has made a provision of Rs 6,500 crore for the Lado Lakshmi

Yojana in the budget for the current financial year.

Notably, the annual family income eligibility under the scheme was being raised from Rs 1 lakh to Rs 1.80 lakh. Saini said that Rs. 1,129.05 crore has been transferred directly into the bank accounts of 35,06,841 beneficiaries on Thursday under 15 social security pension schemes. These include the Old Age Samman Allowance, Disability Allowance and other social security pensions.

He said that the govern-

ment has brought about a systemic change by adopting a 'pro-active model'. Eligibility is determined automatically on the basis of the Parivar Pehchan Patra database, enabling eligible citizens to receive social security pensions from their homes without having to visit government offices or submit applications.

He said that payments through Direct Benefit Transfer reflect the government's commitment to transparency and good governance.



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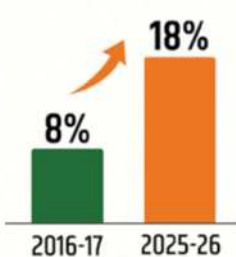


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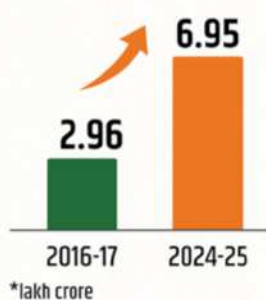
2 AGRICULTURE GROWTH & ECONOMY

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Sugarcane:
₹28.61 lakh crore paid to farmers since 2017



Dairy: 12.38 lakh cattle protected under various schemes



Horticulture area:
21.41 → 25.66 lakh hectares



Horticulture
Exports: ₹400 crore → ₹1,700 crore
Total income: ₹41,000 → ₹1,25,000

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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.

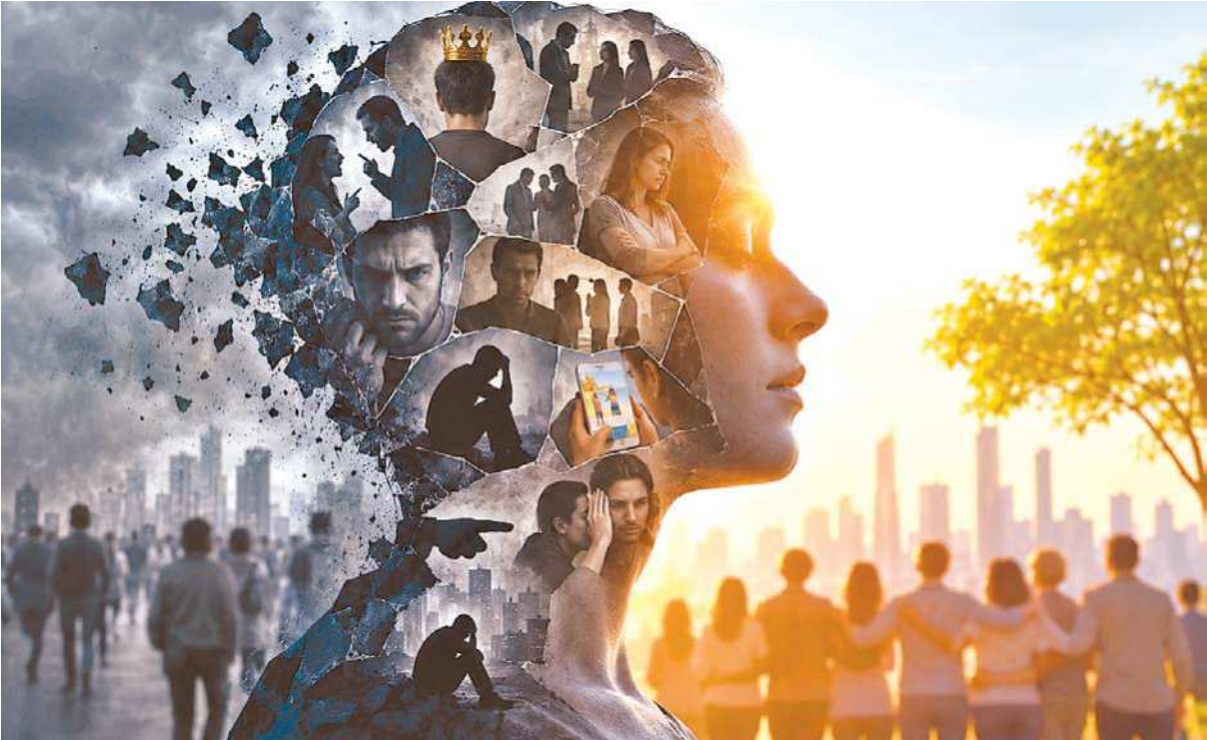
The result is a generation that is increasingly uncomfortable with another person’s success. Healthy competition can inspire us. Chronic jealousy destroys us. It makes us question the motives of successful people, diminish their achievements and sometimes even derive satisfaction from their failures. 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-

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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Swatantra Bhardwaj case

Harassment of CJP protester can't be taken lightly: SC

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NEW DELHI

THE Supreme Court on Thursday took serious view of allegations of harassment of a minor girl who participated in the July Cockroach Janta Party protests and said the nobody can be permitted to browbeat a victim or her family for pursuing criminal proceedings.

A bench of Chief Justice of India Surya Kant and justices Joymalya Bagchi and V Mohana asked Solicitor General Tushar Mehta to ensure action on the girl's FIR and sought report from Delhi and Uttar Pradesh governments on the issue.

"Such matters cannot

be taken lightly. Nobody should be protected if violence against a child is involved... if persons accused of such acts were roaming free and attempting to browbeat the child or her family so that they do not pursue criminal proceedings, it would be a serious matter. "There cannot be any second opinion about it. Such matters cannot be taken lightly. Nobody should be protected. If violence against a child is involved and persons are roaming free and trying to browbeat the child or the family so that they do not pursue the criminal proceedings, that may be a serious matter," the bench observed.



The counsel appearing for the 14-year old girl told the court that she was harassed and her house was vandalised after she registered the FIR against a person who claimed in a video that he had attacked her father during the CJP's protest.

Without referring to any

names, the lawyer said instead of prosecuting those who were accompanying the accused and were allegedly caught on camera, an FIR has been registered against the child.

This is also contrary to the Supreme Court's earlier order, the lawyer said, add-

ing that video can be placed on record showing that the girl's residence had been subjected to stone pelting.

"The high-powered committee will take time, but if something happens to the child in the meantime, that cannot subsequently be reversed or repaired through the committee," the counsel submitted.

Responding to the submission, the CJI said, "If there are anti-social elements who indulged in violence against child, and they are roaming free, and are trying to browbeat the child, that may be a serious thing."

Earlier, Delhi Police on September 5 had added

provisions of the SC/ST (Prevention of Atrocities) Act and criminal intimidation to the FIR against Hindutva influencer Swatantra Bhardwaj over the alleged assault on the minor activist's father during the CJP-led protests.

Bhardwaj was detained in Bulandshahr after the CJP staged a protest outside the Parliament Street police station demanding his arrest over the alleged assault.

The action follows outrage over an interview in which Bhardwaj claimed he had "cracked the skull" of the minor activist's father during the July 20 protest and escaped arrest because of his political connections.

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Earnest Money	Rs. 18,54,600/-
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Date and time of submission of tender and opening of tender	Upto 15:00 hrs on 06.10.2026, Opening of e-tender after 15:00 hrs on 06.10.2026.
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MCD continues drive against unsafe and illegal buildings

Visuals from areas such as Laxmi Nagar, Jagatpuri and Pandav Nagar showed civic teams carrying out demolition action against structures found in violation of building norms

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NEW DELHI

THE Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) continued its demolition and enforcement drive against dangerous buildings, unauthorised construction and violations of building



norms across all 12 zones of the national capital on Thursday, days after the collapse of a paying guest accommodation in Satya Niketan killed seven people and injured at least five.

Visuals from areas such as Laxmi Nagar, Jagatpuri and Pandav Nagar showed civic teams carrying out demolition and enforcement action against structures found in violation of building norms.

In the last 2-3 days, MCD teams also carried out action in Vishwas Nagar, Mukherjee Nagar, Jamia Nagar, Shaheen Bagh, Tilak Nagar, Karam Pura, Karol Bagh, Ramesh Nagar, Mansarovar Garden, Chandni Chowk and Nehru Vihar, with the drive expected to continue there.

The MCD, meanwhile, also resumed the controlled demolition of the building adjoining the one that collapsed in

Satya Niketan on September 6. Officials said the structure was being demolished in a calibrated manner.

The ongoing drive is part of a wider crackdown on unauthorised construction, illegal misuse of properties and structurally unsafe buildings across Delhi, which has intensified following the Satya Niketan collapse.

As part of a safety assessment exercise launched after the incident, the MCD surveyed 1,252 paying guest (PG) buildings between September 7 and 9. Official records show that between June 1 and September 9, the civic body carried out 1,053 demolition actions, sealed 491 properties and issued 2,316 show-cause notices and 757 demolition notices as part of its enforcement drive across the city.

Delhi sets 60-day deadline to fix student housing crisis

NEW DELHI: Lieutenant Governor Taranjit Singh Sandhu has approved an 18-member high-power committee to overhaul student accommodation in Delhi, with a focus on safety, affordability and better regulation. The panel has 60 days to submit its recommendations. Headed by Education Minister Ashish Sood, the committee will assess the gap between demand and availability of student housing and examine ways to expand regulated hostels and other accommodation. The move follows the recent Satya Niketan building collapse, which renewed concerns over overcrowding, structural safety and inadequate facilities in accommodation used by students.

The decision follows a September 7 meeting chaired by the LG and attended by Chief Minister Rekha Gupta and Sood. The panel will review existing

guidelines for paying guest (PG) facilities and explore using vacant government buildings and underutilised DDA properties as student residences.

It will also identify government land and buildings suitable for new hostels and encourage universities and educational institutions to provide safe and affordable accommodation.

A centralised database of institutional hostels and legally registered PG facilities will be considered to improve monitoring. The committee will also explore a digital platform allowing students to report overcrowding, fire hazards and other unsafe conditions.

NORTHERN RAILWAY
1st CORRIGENDUM

Tender No.: 108-SRDEE-G-DLI-2026-27
Name of Work: "Provision of 48 V pit light and catwalk light with other allied works in washing cum pit line (03 Nos.) at Old Delhi Station."
The amendments in above said tender are as under:

Tender No.: 108-SRDEE-G-DLI-2026-27	
Earlier published	Amended
Name of work	108-SRDEE-G-DLI-2026-27 "Provision of 48 V pit light and catwalk light with other allied works in washing cum pit line (03 Nos.) at Old Delhi Station."
Approx. cost of the works in	Rs. 1,04,45,600.00/-
Address of the office	Sr. Div. Elect. Engineer/General, DRM Office, Delhi Division, Northern Railway, State Entry Road, New Delhi, 110055
Bid Security	Rs. 2,08,900.00/-
Date & time of submission of tender	15.09.2026, 13.00 Hrs.
Opening of tender	15.09.2026, 13.00 Hrs.

The tender document of above-mentioned tender has been modified kindly go through the amended documents available on www.ireps.gov.in and submit your offer accordingly.

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For the convenience of rail passengers Railways have decided to extend the services of train no. 02417/18 Prayagraj Jn.-Dadri-Prayagraj Jn. & 04163/64 Narayanpur Bazar-Dadri-Narayanpur Bazar Trains from Prayagraj Jn. to Shakur Basti with additional stoppages. The details of new stoppages, timings and effective dates are given below:-

Revised Time-Table of Train No. 02417/02418 over extended portions								
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DATES OF RUN: 02417 Ex. Prayagraj Jn. from 11.09.2026 to 14.10.2026 (34 Trips) & 02418 Ex. Shakur Basti 12.09.2026 to 15.10.2026 (34 Trips). 02417 Ex. Prayagraj Jn. from 15.10.2026 to 14.12.2026 (4 days a week) Sunday, Monday, Thursday & Friday (36 Trips) & 02418 Ex. Shakur Basti from 17.10.2026 to 17.12.2026 (4 days a week) Wednesday, Thursday & Saturday & Sunday (36 Trips).
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Retired IAS Das takes charge as DERC chief

PURNA SINGH
NEW DELHI

Retired IAS officer S.C.L. Das has taken charge as the Chairman of the Delhi Electricity Regulatory Commission (DERC), with Delhi Power Minister Ashish Sood administering the oath of office and secrecy to him on Thursday.

The oath-taking ceremony was held at the Power Minister's office in the national capital. Congratulating Das on assuming the new responsibility, Sood expressed confidence that his extensive administrative experience would contribute significantly to strengthening Delhi's power sector and improving the functioning of the regulatory body.

Sood said the Delhi government gives the highest priority to transparency, accountability and protection of consumer interests in the power sector. He



added that Das's extensive administrative background and expertise are expected to further enhance the effectiveness of the Delhi Electricity Regulatory Commission.

The DERC has a key role in regulating Delhi's electricity sector, protecting the interests of consumers and overseeing important matters related to electricity distribution. With Das taking charge as its Chairman, the commission is expected to continue focusing on effective regulation and consumer-centric functioning of the power sector in the capital.

Bank ordered to pay Rs 49,600 over failed Rs 10K ATM transaction

"The failure to reverse the amount within the prescribed period constitutes a deficiency in service. The complainant was deprived of the use of his own money and was required to repeatedly approach the bank, submit written complaints and pursue the matter before this commission"

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NEW DELHI

A Delhi consumer commission has directed Punjab and Sindh Bank to refund Rs 10,000 to a customer after finding that the amount was debited from his account during an ATM transaction but the cash was not dispensed. The District Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission also directed the bank to pay Rs 29,600 as compensation for delayed reversal of the failed transaction, Rs 10,000 for mental agony and harassment, and Rs 10,000 towards litigation expenses.

A bench headed by commission president Divya Jyoti Jaipuria and member Rashmi Bansal heard a complaint filed by Jitender Singh, who claimed that money was deducted from his account without the ATM dispensing any cash to him.

The complaint said, "The failure to reverse the amount within the prescribed period constitutes deficiency in service. The complainant was deprived of the use of his own money and was required



to repeatedly approach the bank, submit written complaints and pursue the matter before this commission."

The commission said the mere fact that the transaction was shown as "successful" in the bank's electronic system could not conclusively establish that cash had actually been dispensed.

"The mere recording of a transaction as 'successful' in the electronic system cannot, by itself, conclusively establish that cash was actually dispensed to the customer," the commission said.

The case arose from a complaint by Jitender Singh, who said he attempted to withdraw Rs 10,000 from an Axis Bank ATM in Ghaaziabad on December 5, 2022. Although the transaction was processed and he re-

ceived a transaction message, the ATM did not dispense any cash, while the amount was debited from his Punjab and Sindh Bank account.

Punjab and Sindh Bank told the commission that it registered the complaint and forwarded it to Axis Bank, which rejected it on the ground that the transaction was successful. The matter was subsequently referred to the ATM cell/arbitration but was again rejected.

The commission, however, noted that the bank had not produced any ATM journal, cash balancing report, electronic journal, CCTV footage, switch-level reconciliation report or other reliable technical record to establish that the cash had actually been dispensed.

Bharadwaj asks BJP MLA to make Satya Niketan PG documents public

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NEW DELHI

A day after BJP MLA Anil Sharma rejected the AAP's allegations regarding ownership of the Satya Niketan PG building collapse that claimed seven lives by showing registry and building-related documents at a press meet, AAP's Delhi unit chief Saurabh Bharadwaj asked Sharma on Thursday to share those documents publicly.

Bharadwaj said merely displaying the registry papers was not enough and Sharma should share them in the public domain so that the land's details and the area covered by the registry could be verified. "The registry is not shown like this. Please share the registry in the public domain. Let us also see how many square yards of land it covers and which land the registry is for," Bharadwaj said at a press conference.

The BJP MLA, who is also a spokesperson for the Delhi government, said on Wednesday that the land belonged to the Delhi Development Authority (DDA) and showed the documents. He said the property was his ancestral land, not purchased, and demanded



an apology from the Aam Aadmi Party leaders, threatening to file a defamation case against them.

Sharma, who represents the RK Puram constituency under which Satya Niketan falls, said at a press conference that the building in question is a four-storey structure with stilt parking. The AAP leader also questioned whether the commercial building used as a PG had the required approvals from the Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD).

"If you have constructed the building after getting the map approved, show us the sanctioned plan. If it is being used for commercial purposes, you would also have the completion certificate and fire safety certificate," he said.

Bharadwaj said the issue was not about where Sharma lived, but about the construction and operation of unauthorised PG accommodations in the area.

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- Pre-Bid Conference :** 28.09.2026 at 11.30 hours at CAO/C Office, N. Rly., Kashmir Gate, Delhi and through online VC link.
- Last date of receipt of queries :** 30.09.2026 upto 15.00 hrs.
- Authority response to queries :** 06.10.2026 upto 15.00 hrs.
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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 Is-han 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 Mo-han, who scored 85 on debut, also played key roles.

South Zone pacer Mo-hammed 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).

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



Food Corporation of India and Canara Bank players in action

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 finish 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.

World Archery Para Series Stage III

India finish second with 15 medals including 4 gold

AHMEDABAD: Hosts India finished their campaign at the World Archery Para Series Stage III with the highest overall medal tally of 15 — four gold, three silver and eight bronze — but placed second behind the Czech Republic, who topped the standings with five golds. China finished third with two gold, six silver and five bronze medals.

The event served as an important international test for India ahead of the Aichi-Nagoya 2026 Asian Para Games, scheduled from October 18 to 24.

Paralympic champion Harvinder Singh led India's gold rush, winning the para recurve men's doubles with Vijay Sundi and mixed team gold with Bhawna. Shyam Sunder Swami and Toman Kumar won compound men's doubles gold, while world champion Sheetal Devi claimed compound women's individual gold; Sarita took bronze.



India's silvers came through Bhawna-Pooja, Tanvi Ingale and Swati Chaudhary-Adil Mohammed Nazir Ansari. Bronze winners included Yugal Garg, Swati, Sheetal-Toman, Toman, Bhawna, Swati-Vasundhara Teotia and Adil-Vinayak Breed. Swati and Adil each secured two medals, while Bhawna won three.

The W1 discipline is for athletes with severe impairments affecting both upper and lower limbs and the torso.

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.



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 Dargal 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 Shrivakoti 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.

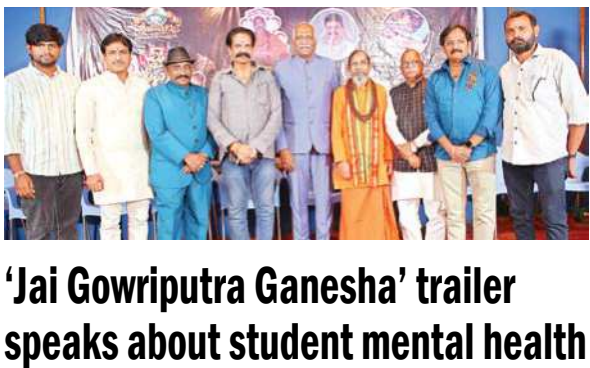
The film dwells on a modern-day social issue and narrates the story of a man who goes through various phases in life before taking up a sheath against society. The film also delves deep into his psyche, action and also the reason that leads to his conflict with the system.

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 Tummalapalli Prasanna Kumar and Joint Secretary Tummalapalli Ramasatyanarayana appreciated the film's social message, while actor Gharshana Srinivas and Sri Daiwajna 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, Tiruveedhula 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.

I poured my blood, sweat and tears into it: Udaya Bhanu about 'Panchanama'

The first-episode screening and press meet of the Telugu ZEE5 Original Panchanama took place at Prasad Labs, Hyderabad on September 9. The crime thriller is set to premier on 11 th September. The show promises to keep the audience engaged with its crime, mystery and emotional drama.

The thrilling series is directed by Mohan Srivatsa and stars Bharath Srinivasan as Jai Ram, Medha Reddy, Shivaji Raja, Surya Srinivas, Srijia, Radhika Preethi, Charan



Babu and Shiva Karthik Danda. Actress Udaya Bhanu while talking about

the ZEE5 series said that Panchanama is a project which goes beyond a

regular crime thriller. She further added that they have put in so much of their blood and sweat into the project because of the emotional content and her bond with the character.

Post the screening, the cast and crew met the media persons and interacted with them. The team discussed their experience while working on the show and talked about the various challenges of working on such a complex crime based series. Panchanama will stream on ZEE5 from 11 th September.

'Kaagitham Padavulu' trailer promises an unexpected experience

The trailer for the upcoming Telugu love story film "Kaagitham Padavulu," starring Vardhan and Krishnapriya, was released before its theatrical premiere on September 18. This movie was directed by MGR Thukaram and produced by Keerthana Naresh, T.R. Prasad Reddy, Venkatarama Anjanappa under multiple banners.

Director MGR Thukaram expressed confidence in the content of the film and claimed that the spectators would be surprised by the climax. He also stated that they had worked hard and promised that the film would



provide an unexpected experience for the spectators. Vardhan asserted that the entire team had given their best, and he hoped that the viewers would en-

joy it. He also said that the experience of making the Kaagitham Padavulu was an unforgettable one, and he urged them to witness it on the big screen.

Furthermore, Krishnapriya called the film a good family entertainer and acknowledged the director for giving her a meaningful role. Anjanappa said that they remained committed to the story and made the film without any compromise on its quality.

Keerthana also thanked the team for the incredible work and dedication, especially the director and Vardhan.

Their previous glimpse attracted the attention of many, which increases the anticipation for the romantic drama's release. Asian Suresh Entertainment has scheduled the release of Kaagitham Padavulu on September 18.