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ULB polls rescheduled to Nov 1

- Fresh nominations allowed in four ULBs till Oct 24
- Final list of candidates on Oct 25; counting on Nov 3

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THE AP State Election Commission (APSEC) on Thursday rescheduled the municipal election programme across the state, fixing November 1 for polling and November 3 for counting, while extending the nomination process in four Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) where it found that candidates had been prevented from filing their papers because of intimidation, attacks, damage to nomination papers or other adverse circumstances. The revised schedule applies to all 100 ULBs covered by the election programme, including Vizianagaram Municipal Corporation. Earlier, the poll was scheduled for October 28.

Anil Chandra Punetha

In a fresh notification on Thursday night, State Election Commissioner Anil Chandra Punetha ordered the reopening of nominations for 48 hours on October 23 and 24 in specified wards of Kadapa Municipal Corporation, Rajampet Municipality and Tirupati Municipal Corporation, and in all 32 wards of Mydukur Municipality.

The SEC's decision follows the Supreme Court's October 21 directions in SLP(C) No. 37476/2026, requiring the Commission to examine complaints by the petitioner party and individual candidates, along with supporting documents and electronic evidence, and decide whether the nomination deadline should be extended wherever candidates were unable to file their papers because of law-and-order problems.

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Impromptu meet by Naidu, Pawan

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AMARAVATI: Deputy Chief Minister and Jana Sena chief Pawan Kalyan's visit to Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu's residence on Thursday has triggered speculation about the NDA leadership's next steps amid tensions over the local body elections following the Supreme Court's intervention. Continued on Page 5

Netanyahu invites Modi to light I-Day torch

TEL AVIV: Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on Thursday said he has Prime Minister Narendra Modi to light a torch alongside Indian pilot Smit Machchar on Israel's Independence Day. In a post on X, Netanyahu said PM Modi thanked him for the invitation and described India and Israel as jointly fighting terrorism "on land and in the air". Netanyahu added that Modi had also commended the strong, decades-old ties between the two countries.

Sonia Gandhi unveils first copies of her memoir

NEW DELHI: The first copies of 'Belonging: A Journey of Love', Sonia Gandhi's memoir, are here. The 79-year-old was, of course, the first recipient of the much-awaited book, which is set for worldwide release on November 10. "You are carrying a very heavy weight," Sonia Gandhi told her publishers as they arrived with a few hardback copies.

CM for faster execution of 714 investment MoUs

- 519 of 714 agreements see action initiated, officials tell 22nd SIPB meeting
- Vizag to get world-class convention centre for hosting investment summits

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AMARAVATI: Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu on Thursday directed officials to focus on translating investment agreements into actual investments and starting production, rather than limiting efforts to signing memoranda of understanding. At the 22nd State Investment Promotion Board (SIPB) meeting held at his camp office, officials reported that action had been initiated on 519 of the 714 investment agreements signed so far.

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Indian among 3 killed in Houthi attacks on Saudi airport, oilfield

DUBAI: An Indian national among 3 people were killed and many others were injured in two separate attacks on an airport and an oilfield in Saudi Arabia, officials said on Thursday. The attacks took place on Wednesday amid a series of drone and missile strikes on airports, energy facilities and other key infrastructure in Saudi Arabia. Falling debris from the successful interception of a drone targeting a processing facility at Saudi Aramco's Shaybah oil field killed two people and injured two others, the Kingdom's Energy Ministry said. Continued on Page 5

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