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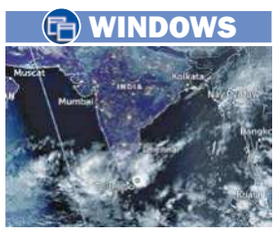


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WINDOWS



NEW CYCLONE ON THE WAY?

Fresh low-pressure area likely over Bay of Bengal around Nov 13

NEW DELHI: Even as southern Odisha reels from severe flooding and landslides caused by cyclones Arnab and Murasu, which hit the Andhra Pradesh coast within a span of six days, a fresh weather system is expected to develop over the Bay of Bengal around November 13.

As per the latest weather update, the system is expected to move northwestwards before turning into a well-marked low-pressure area during the subsequent 24 hours.

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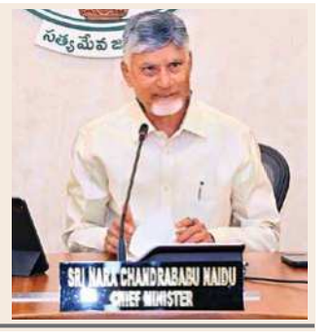


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Cabinet nod for ₹31,387-cr AI data centre in Vizag dist

K Varaprasada Rao
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- AM Intelligence's data centre expected to generate 1k jobs
- Green signal for IT, AI, Robotics and AVGC-XR policies



THE Andhra Pradesh Cabinet, chaired by Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu at the Secretariat here on Tuesday, approved a series of major investment proposals, with a particular focus on establishing the state as a destination for artificial intelligence (AI), data centres, electronics and advanced manufacturing. The Cabinet discussed 34 agenda items and cleared three key policy initiatives covering the IT, AI and robotics sectors, besides amendments to the AP Semiconductor and Display Fab Policy.

Among the major proposals approved was the establishment of a 512 MW Green Integrated AI Data Centre by AM Intelligence at Bheemunipatnam in Visakhapatnam district, involving an investment of Rs 31,387 crore and expected to generate 1,000 jobs. The Cabinet also approved the allocation of around 25 acres at Bhogapuram for a giga-scale AI data centre by Reliance Industries. Epack's proposal to establish an AI data centre equipment manufacturing unit at Rambilli in Anakapalli district was cleared. The project involves an investment of Rs 570.20 crore and is expected to provide employment to 2,565 people. The Cabinet also reviewed the progress of the Adani Cloud Hub project. The proposed Carbon Cosmo battery material manufacturing facility at Naidupeta in Tirupati district received approval, with an investment of Rs 4,000.20 crore and an employment potential of 700. Dixon Technologies was granted approval for land allocation for its proposed manufacturing unit in Tirupati, involving Rs 700 crore investment and 2,300 jobs.

The Cabinet approved the expansion of Ravali Spinners in West Godavari district with an investment of Rs 236.92 crore, expected to create 1,569 jobs. It also cleared the allocation of 173.82 acre to Hetero Group pharmaceutical companies in the Nakkapalli Bulk Drug Park.

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India to remain only major economy with workforce surplus thru 2030

NEW DELHI: India will emerge as a key source of skilled talent for the global economy as it is projected to remain the only major economy with a surplus workforce through 2030 even as 85 million jobs worldwide could remain unfilled by then because of skill shortages, a new report has said.

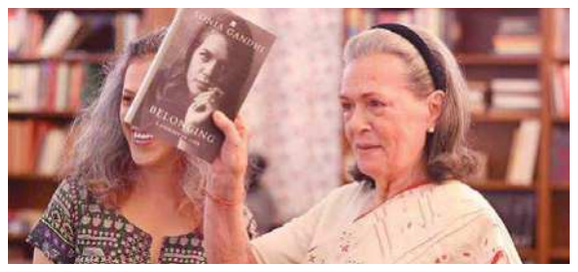
The report from India Narrative cited Korn Ferry estimates that global skills shortages could result in $8.5 trillion in unrealised annual revenue.

India's demographic profile is expected to play a major role in this advantage, the report said, adding that the country's median age is nearly 28 years, against 38 years in the United States and 39 years in China.

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'BELONGING: A JOURNEY OF LOVE'

Sonia Gandhi's book brings political memoirs in focus



NEW DELHI: A memoir by former Congress president and Rajya Sabha MP Sonia Gandhi released on Tuesday, with its pages offering a rare insight by the politician into how she came from humble Italian origins and went on to become the matriarch of India's most powerful political dynasty — the Nehru-Gandhi family. The book called "Belonging: A Journey of Love" was Published by HarperCollins India.

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Sonia Gandhi trying to justify Emergency in her memoir: BJP P7

SC seeks WhatsApp's action plan to curb digital arrest scams

New Delhi



THE Supreme Court has directed WhatsApp and other digital intermediaries to submit details of measures proposed by them to prevent digital arrest scams and related cybercrimes, asking them to simultaneously share their proposals with the Indian Cybercrime Coordination Centre (I4C).

A bench headed by Chief Justice of India Surya Kant, comprising Justices Joymalya Bagchi and V Mohana, issued the direction in an order uploaded on the court's website following the October 29 hearing in a suo motu case titled 'In Re: Victims of Digital Arrest Related to Forged Documents'.

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'SURRENDER TO IRAN'S 7 CONDITIONS'

Tehran asks Trump after call to end war

TEHRAN: Iran's powerful secretary of the supreme national security council Major General Mohsen Rezaei has issued a warning to the US after Donald Trump indicated that the war is unlikely to resume. Rezaei called on the US to submit to Iran's seven conditions to bring an immediate end to the conflict in West Asia.

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Indirect polls to MPP, ZPP chief posts

Elections to be held in 659 Mandal Parishads and 28 Zilla Parishads on Nov 19,20

Hans News Service
Amaravati



THE State Election Commission (SEC) has announced the schedule for indirect elections to the posts of mandal parishad presidents and vice-presidents and zilla parishad chairpersons and vice-chairpersons across Andhra Pradesh. The elections will be held on November 19 and 20, respectively, following the completion of polling and counting for MPTC and ZPTC constituencies.

State Election Commissioner Anil Chandra Punetha issued the notifications on Tuesday, for conducting elections to the leadership positions and co-opted membership in 659 Mandal Praja Parishads (MPPs) and 28 Zilla Praja Parishads (ZPPs).

According to the schedule, special meetings will be convened by the respective presiding officers on November 19 to elect MPP presidents and vice-presidents, while the corresponding elections in ZPPs will be conducted on November 20. Notices convening these meetings will be served on the elected MPTC and ZPTC members by November 14.

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Bank of Baroda opens specialised SME branch

Hans News Service
Vijayawada



BANK of Baroda has inaugurated a specialised Small and Medium Enterprises (SME) Branch in Vijayawada, reaffirming its commitment to strengthening the MSME sector and supporting Andhra Pradesh's economic growth.

The branch was inaugurated by Sunil Kumar Sharma, Chief General Manager – MSME Banking, co-lending and supply chain finance, Corporate Office, Mumbai, in the presence of MVS Sudhakar, general manager and zonal head, Hyderabad Zone, and SK Kiran Reddy, Deputy General Manager and Regional Head, Vijayawada Region. Local business leaders, community representatives and customers also attended the programme.

The new branch assumes significance due to Vijayawada's strategic proximity to Amaravati, the upcoming capital city, which is expected to emerge as a major centre for infrastructure, commercial and economic activities.

Addressing the gathering, Sharma said the specialised branch would offer comprehensive financial services, including working capital, term loans, project finance and customised credit facilities to existing and aspiring entrepreneurs.

He said the branch would cater to the diverse business potential of the Vijayawada-Guntur-Amaravati region, covering infrastructure, construction, agro and food processing, rice mills, chilli and turmeric industries, textiles, handlooms, aquaculture, engineering, manufacturing, logistics, healthcare and hospitality sectors.

CHALAPATHI VARSITY TO ORGANISE CRICKET TOURNEY

Hans News Service
Guntur



Chalapathi University vice-chancellor Prof BV Chowdary, registrar Prof N Rama Rao, deans and physical education directors releasing the brochure of the intercollegiate cricket tournament at a programme held at the university on Tuesday

CHALAPATHI University will organise an inter-collegiate cricket tournament for intermediate students from November 23 to 25 at its Mothadaka campus.

The tournament aims to identify sporting talent and promote teamwork, discipline and sportsmanship among students. Participation is free, and interested junior colleges must register their teams by November 21.

Each college can register a maximum of two teams, with 15 players each. Balls will be provided by the organisers. The university appealed to junior colleges to encourage students to participate.

Centre urged to solve chilli export crisis

Hans News Service
Narasaraopet

NARASARAOPET MP Lavu Sri Krishna Devarayalu met Union Minister for Commerce and Industry Piyush Goyal in New Delhi on Tuesday and submitted representations seeking immediate intervention in two key issues affecting farmers, exporters and the manufacturing sector in AP.

He brought to the minister's attention the problems faced by chilli exporters, particularly those from Palnadu district. He explained that more than 150 containers carrying Indian red chilli consignments had been stranded in Sri Lanka since August 2026 due to disputes over permissible moisture content standards.

Prolonged detention and rejection of consignments have affected the quality of the produce, causing substantial financial losses to exporters.

He urged the Union Minister to initiate discussions with the Sri Lankan government to ensure the immediate release of the stranded consignments.

He sought simplified testing procedures for chilli being re-imported into India and an agreement between the two countries to recognise quality.

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
POLICE DEPARTMENT
TENDER NOTIFICATION

A.P. Police Department invites online bid through the Government e-Marketplace (GeM) Portal for the supply of "Industrial Washing Machine" (GeM Bid No. GEM/2026/B/8246044) to the A.P. Police Academy, Mangalagiri. The bid is available on the GeM Portal from 06.11.2026 to 17.11.2026 upto 17:00 hours. The total estimted value of the procurement is Rs.5,00,000/-.

Sd/-
Asst. Director (Admn.)

DIPR R.O NO. 21890/CL/ADVT/1/1/2021-22 Dt. 10-11-2026

इंडियन बैंक Indian Bank
इलाहाबाद ALLAHABAD

PRAKASAM ROAD BRANCH
#27-6-170,Beside AnnapurnaTheatre,
Prakasam Road, Governorpet, Vijayawada -520002

Notice to be sent to hirer(s) before breaking open a locker in case of overdue rent

To,Mrs. VUDIMUDI SATYAVATHI,PLOT NO.28, ROAD NO 15,
BHARATHI NAGAR, VIJAYAWADA,PIN 520008

Dear Sir/Madam

Locker No. 142 / SDV 4501081277 in our Safe Deposit Vault hired by you.

The rent on the subject locker amounting to **Rs.17,700/-** fell due for payment on **10/11/2026** and we regret to observe that you have not remitted the amount of rent and the caution deposit since **July 2023** as required under the Bank's rules in spite of our previous reminders. The notice dated **17.02.2025, 27.08.2026, 17.10.2026** sent in your address by Regd. Post returned unserved with postal remark "**No such person in the door name**".

We draw your attention to conditions 7, 11 and 12 of the terms and conditions governing the hiring of lockers. We therefore, give you this notice that if the arrears of the rent and caution deposit as aforesaid is not paid within a month from the date of this notice, the locker shall be broken open and the contents will be disposed of in accordance with the provisions of the locker agreement and you will be liable for all arrears of rent and other costs incurred in this connection.

Date: 10.11.2026. Place: Prakasam Road ,Vijayawada **BRANCH MANAGER**

Karur Vysya Bank Smart way to bank

THE KARUR VYSYA BANK LTD.,
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VIJAYAWADA, ANDHRA PRADESH. Mobile No: 9959988585

SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

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

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the **BORROWER CUM TITLE HOLDER (01) : M/s.Sridevi Pharmaceuticals, Rep by its Partners,** Ground Floor, H.No.11-24-2, Kalyan Enclave, Challamrajuvari Street, Kothapeta, Vijayawada. **PARTNER CUM TITLE HOLDER (02). Mr.Pothina Srinivasa Rao, S/o. Mr. Sai Babu,** H.No.12-2-121, BRP Road, Pothina Ramulu Complex, Panja Centre, Vijayawada. **PARTNER(03) : Smt.Satyala Vijaya Lakshmi, W/o.Mr.S.Simhachalam,** H.No.9-16-1, Makinavari Street, Kothapet, Vijayawada. **PARTNER CUM TITLE HOLDER (04): Mr. Pullepu Sambhu Prasad, S/o.Mr.Bulli Veeraraju,** H.No.30-20/1-21, T-3/2, Kotilingam Street, Aiswarya Towers, Seetaramapuram, Vijayawada. **GUARANTOR CUM TITLE HOLDER (05): Smt.Pullepu Satya Jyothi, W/o. Pullepu Sambu Prasad,** H.No.30-20/1-21, T-3/2, Kotilingam Street, Aiswarya Towers, Seetaramapuram, Vijayawada. **GUARANTOR (06): Mr.Satyala Simhachalam, S/o.Mr.Satyala Krishna,** H.No.9-16-1, Makinavari Street, Kothapet, Vijayawada that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, **The Karur Vysya Bank Ltd,** the symbolic possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of **The Karur Vysya Bank Ltd.,** Secured Creditor, will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is"** and **"Whatever there is"** on **19.12.2026** for recovery of **Rs.1,65,36,989.78 Ps. (Rupees One Crore Sixty Five Lakhs Thirty Six Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty Nine and Paise Seventy Eight Only)** and further Interest and expenses there on due to **the Karur Vysya Bank Ltd,** Secured Creditor from the above mentioned borrower and guarantor. The reserve price and other details are as follows;

Sl. No.	Nature of Facility	Account Number	Balance Outstanding amount
01	Open Cash Credit-KVB Pharma Plus	1414298000000334	Rs.1,55,27,971.14 Ps. as on 31.10.2026
02	GECL - Term Loan	1414808000000616	Rs.10,09,018.64 Ps. as on 05.11.2026
		Total Amount	Rs.1,65,36,989.78 Ps.

Schedule- A :

(Mortgage Property Standing in the name of Mr.Pothina Srinivasa Rao)

Commercial Shop situated at R.S.No.53/P, 54/P, Sub Division No. 53/B1, H.No.76-1/1-F.F/68 (As per Tax Receipt), Block No.28, Revenue Ward No.28, Asst Number 1073161034, Shop No.68, First Floor in Phase-2 Covered by Plot NO.4 in L.P.No.20/2005, "HRT SAI NIRMAN APARTMENTS", Opp Ananya Towers, A.P.Housing Board Colony, Bhavanipuram, Vijayawada with an un divided share of land 16 Sq.Yds in the total extent of 5987.78 Sq.Yds with an Plinth area of 308.17 & 207.57 Common Area along with Two Wheeler Parking **bounded by :**

Boundaries of Shop No.68 : North : Shop No.67, **South :** Common Corridor, **East :** Common Corridor, **West :** Shop No.73.

Boundaries of Total Extent : North : 40' Feet wide Road, **South :** 30' Feet Wider Road, **East :** 30'Feet Wide Road, **West :** 60'Feet Wide Road.

Reserve Price : Rs.16,50,000/- Bid Amount : Rs.1,65,000/-
Bid Increment : Rs.50,000/-

Schedule- B :

(Mortgage Property Standing in the name of M/s.Sri Devi Pharmaceuticals)

Residential Land and Building situated at NTS No.395, Old H.No. 4-1-15/A, Present H.No.4-1-14, Old Assessment No.3495, New Assessment No.129753 and Present Assessment No.1073012468, Old Municipal Ward No.6 there after municipal Ward No.7A, Present Municipal Ward No.32, Revenue Ward No.1, Block No.8, Pothina Lakshmaiah Street, Near Vagu Center, K.T.Road, Vijayawada Municipal Corporation, NTR District with an extent of 70 Sq.Yds **bounded by :**

Boundaries of the Building : North : Joint Wall Between Schedule Property and Property of Pothina Rajeswari and Others, **South :** Property of Kota Kameswara Rao, **East :** Joint Way, **West :** 20 ft Municipal Road.

Reserve Price : Rs.54,50,000/- BID Amount : Rs.5,45,000/-
Bid Increment : Rs.1,00,000/-

Schedule- C :

(Mortgage Property Standing in the name of Smt.Pullepu Satya Jyothi)

Residential Flat Situated at R.S.No.160/1A1, H.No.30-20/1-2, Flat No. T-3/2, First Floor, Ishwarya Towers, Assessment No.195543 and Present Assessment No.1073095113, Revenue Ward No.5, Block No. 5, Municipal Ward No.23, Kotilingam Street,Opp Timber Merchants Association Function Hall, Near Indian Oil Petrol Bunk, Chuttugunta Circle, Sitarampuram, Vijayawada Municipal Corporation, NTR District with an undivided share of 41.625 Sq.Yds out of total Extent of 832.50 Sq.Yds with an Plinth area of 700 Sq.ft, 20 Sq.ft of Common Area and 70 Sq.ft of Two wheeler Parking area **bounded by :**

Boundaries of the FlatNo.T-3/2 : North : Open to Sky, **South :** Open to Sky and Common Corridor, **East :** Open to Sky, **West :** Open to Sky.

Boundaries of Apartment : North : Property of Kolluri Ranga Prasad, **South :** Property of Challakolusu Kondala Rao, **East :** Property of Potluri Sitarama Swamy & Others, **West :** Municipal Road Called as Kotilingam Street.

Reserve Price : Rs.39,50,000/- BID Amount : Rs.3,95,000/-
Bid Increment : Rs.1,00,000/-

Schedule- D :

(Mortgage Property Standing in the name of Sri. Pullepu Sambhu Prasad)

Commercial Shop situated at R.S.No.53/P, 54/P, Sub Division No. 53/B1, H.No.76-1/1-F.F/73 (As per Tax Receipt) , Shop No.73 in Phase-2 Covered by Plot No.4 in L.P.No.20/2005, First Floor, Phase No.2, Near HIG No.317, "HRT SAI NIRMAN APARTMENTS", Opp Ananya Towers, A.P.Housing Board Colony, Bhavanipuram, Vijayawada Municipal Corporation, NTR District with an un divided share of land 16 Sq.Yds in the total extent of 5987.78 Sq.Yds with an Plinth area of 308.17 & 207.57 Common Area along with Two Wheeler Parking **bounded by :**

Boundaries of Shop No.73 : North : Shop No.74, **South :** Common Corridor, **West :** Common Corridor, **East :** 30'Feet Wide Road.

Boundaries of Total Extent : North : 40' Feet wide Road, **South :** 30'Feet Wider Road, **East :** Shop No.68, **West :** 60'Feet Wide Road.

Reserve Price : Rs.16,50,000/- Bid Amount : Rs.1,65,000/-
Bid Increment : Rs.50,000/-

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in our Bank's/ Secured Creditor's website i.e. **www.kvb.co.in/Property Under Auction** also at the web portal **https://www.bankauctions.in** of the service provider, **M/s. 4Closure (bankauctions.in) Hyderabad.**

Statutory 30 days' Notice under Rule 8(6) of the SARFAESI Act, 2002

The borrower/s and guarantor/s are hereby notified to pay the dues as mentioned above along with up to date interest and ancillary expenses before the date of e-Auction, failing which the Schedule property will be auctioned/ sold and balance dues, if any, will be recovered with interest and cost.

Date : 10.11.2026 **Sd/-Authorized Officer**
Place : Vijayawada **The Karur Vysya Bank Ltd., Vinukonda**

यूनियन बैंक Union Bank of India

RAYAPUDI BRANCH 25381,Door no :3-10/A, Society Road, Rayapudi,Rayapudi Village , Thullur Mandal,Guntur-522237,Phone No: 91371 25381 ; Email: ubin0825387@unionbankofindia.bank.in

POSSESSION NOTICE
{RULE 8(1) OF SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES 2002}
(for immovable property)

Whereas the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of **Union Bank of India, Rayapudi Branch, Rayapudi Village and Mandal, Guntur District** under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Asse'ts and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (Act 54 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (12) of the Act read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued demand notice dated 27.08.2026 calling upon the borrower(s) **1) Mr. G. Veeranjaneyulu S/o Mr. Sivaiah, 2) Mrs. G. Sailaja W/o Mr. G. Veeranjaneyulu** both R/o Flat no. 501, Fourth floor, Sadineni Towers, Sri Mallikharjunapuram colony, Koretipadu, Guntur-522002 and the Guarantor(s) **3) Mrs. Tati Venkayamma w/o Sitaramaiah,** R/o Dno. 126-5-531, Geetha Residency, Annapurna Nagar, Amaravathi Road, Guntur- 522034 to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs.19,20,429.62p** (Rupees Nineteen lakhs Twenty thousand Four hundred Twenty Nine and Paisa Sixty Two Only) as on 14.08.2026 within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The Borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (4) of the said Act read with rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on this the **07th day of November 2026.**

The Borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of Union Bank of India for an amount **Rs.19,67,474.62p** (Rupees Nineteen lakhs Sixty Seven thousand Four hundred Seventy Four and Paisa Sixty Two Only) as on 31.10.2026 and interest thereon.The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

DESCRIPTION OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

Residential Flat no. 501 located at fourth floor of "Sadineni Towers" with an undivided and unspecified share of 48.46 sq. yds out of total extent of 670.22 Sq. yds and with plinth area of 1016 sq. ft(including common area and car parking area), situated at plot no. 484, nearest door no. 10-170/1, Sri Mallikarjunapuram colony, old Gorantla grama panchayat, Koretipadu sub district , Guntur District and property in the name of G. Veeranjaneyulu and being bounded by :(Registered Sale Deed bearing document no. 3524/2018 dated 03.08.2018) **Boundaries of Apartment**:(as per doc) **East**:Property belongs to others,**South** : Plot No. 485,**West** : 33 ft wide road,**North** : Plot no. 483 **Boundaries of Flat**: (as per doc) **East** : Common corridor & lift and open to sky,**South** : Open to sky,**West** : Open to sky,**North** : Open to sky

Date:07.11.2026 **Sd/- AUTHORIZED OFFICE,**
Place:Guntur **UNION BANK OF INDIA**

बैंक ऑफ़ इंडिया Bank of India

Machilipatnam Branch, Sivalayam Street, Chemmanagaripeta, Machilipatnam, Krishna-521001, PH: 08672-229494

APPENDIX-IV [See rule-8(1)]
POSSESSION NOTICE (for Immovable property)

Whereas The undersigned being the authorized officer of the **BANK OF INDIA** under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a demand notice dated **04-08-2026** calling upon the **Borrower(s)** Mrs. **Mr. Peetha Srinivasa Rao (Borrower & Mortgagor) S/o Peetha Koteswara Rao & Mrs. Peetha Mani (Co-Borrower) W/o Peetha Srinivasa Rao** to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs.24,66,523.30/- (Rupees: Twenty-Four Lakh Sixty-Six Thousand Five Hundred Twenty-Three and Thirty paise) + interest w.e.f. 30-06-2026** and **other costs, charges & expenses** within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower(s) having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower(s) and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under sub-section (4) of section 13 of Act read with rule 8 of the Security Interest Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on this the **04th day of November of the year 2026.**

The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the **BANK OF INDIA** for an amount **Rs. 24,66,523.30/- and interest thereon from 30-06-2026.** The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Description of the Immovable Property

A) PROPERTY (The below mentioned property is in the name of the borrower Mr. Peetha Srinivasa Rao)

Schedule: All the piece of land with buildings, sheds and structures stand in thereon situated at Municipal Ward-15, old D.No:15/594-C and 15/596, Edepalli, Machilipatnam, Krishna district Andhra Pradesh-521001 in an extent of 133.61 Sq. yards owned by Mr. Peetha Srinivasa Rao S/o Koteswara Rao within Bandar Sub Registry is bounded as under:

Item No: 01:East: The site of Koka Madhava Rao & Others –32'.5",**South**: The site of Madireddy Rajyalakshmi & Madireddy Sailaja--33'.3",**West:** 10'.6" Width of Road --32'.1" ,**North**: 2nd Item --33'.4" Within the above boundaries total extent of 119.39 sq. Yards or 99-81 sq. Meters of RCC roofed building.

Item No: 02 :East: The site of Koka Madhava Rao & Others --7'.8",**South**: 1st tem--33'.4",**West**: No Boundary ,**North**: Brahmanula Site--33'.4" Within the above boundaries total extent of 14.22 Sq. yards or 11.88 sq mts. Within the above boundaries total extent (item no.1 and item no.2) of 133.61 sq. Yards or 111.69 sq.meters of house site with RCC roofed Building with municipal tax assessment no :1070050103

Place:MACHILIPATNAM **Chief Manager,Authorized Officer**
Date :04.11.2026 **BANK OF INDIA**

SBI **STATE BANK OF INDIA**
SEETHARAMAPURAM BRANCH
Main Road, Seetharamapuram, Narsapur Mandal, West Godavari District, Andhra Pradesh-534280

VEHICLE FOR E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE

State Bank of India, Seetharampuram Branch, Main Road, Seetharampuram, Narsapur Mandal, West Godavari District, Andhra Pradesh-534280 is seeking quotation for auctioning the under mentioned vehicle of the borrower on "as is and where is basis" terms. The Bus was seized by the bank as the borrower failed to pay the EMI's, which is being auctioned "online" on **10.12.2026 (Thursday).**

Borrowers Name & A/c No.	Vehicle Details	Reserve Price & EMD	Auction Date & Time
Mrs. Sure Bhavani, C/o. Sure Vamsi Krishna, F No.202, Durga Nilayam, Beside ONGC Main Stores, Rustumbada, Narasapuram, W.G.Dist, AP-534275.	Make and Model of Vehicle: **ASHOK LEYLAND LTD** Chassis No.MB1PBEHD0NEFH9943 Engine No.NFEZ413208 Registration No.AP 39 UJ 0139 Colour : White and Gold	**Rs. 24,00,000/- & Rs. 2,40,000/-**	**Dt. 10.12.2026 Time : 11.00 AM to 01.00 PM**

E-Auction Terms and Conditions : (1) E-Auction will be conducted online on **"as is and where is basis".** For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in **State Bank of India.** The Secured creditor's website **www.sbi.co.in/web/sbi-in-the-news/auction-notices.** For Registration, EMD, Auction Details etc., Visit **https://baanknet.com/ eauction-psb** of the service provider: **M/s PSB Alliance,** Toll free Number :82912 20220. **(2)** After payment of full bid amount **RC** will be allotted to the successful bidder in due course by applying for a new **RC.** All related expenses shall be borne by the successful bidder. However, the sale certificate will be issued immediately. **(3)** Date for inspection of vehicle and other details: **11.11.2026 to 09.12.2026 at 10.00 A.M. to 04.00 P.M.** Can be contacted till 04.00 hrs. **(4)** Registration charges and other expenses shall be borne by the successful bidder. Payment of all statutory/ illegal dues, taxes, cess, rates assessments, charges, fees etc. due to anyone shall be fully paid by the successful bidder. **(5)** Auction time shall be two hours with unlimited extensions of 10 minutes each time. Minimum Bid Increment **Rs.5,000/- (6)** Request for Participation/ Participation Documents/Declaration Proof of Payment etc. **Date: 09.12.2026** Must be filed/uploaded before **03.00 P.M. (7)** The sale shall be subject to the rules/terms fixed by the Bank and Bank reserves the right to accept or reject any/all offers without assigning any reason. **(8)** Bidders **Authorized Officer, Branch Manager, Ph : 91103 95315** for vehicle inspection and any creation of sale **E-mail Id: ssbi.08496@sbi.co.in** and Bidders may also contact Bank Approved **Resolution Agency M/s Ratnam Services, Mr. P Anand, Ph : 93944 42626.**

Date : 10.11.2026 **Sd/- Authorised Officer**
Place : Seetharampuram **State Bank of India**

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Fortifying Syndicate

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

E- AUCTION SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

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

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described Immovable properties mortgaged to the Secured Creditor, the symbolic / physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of branches mentioned below of the Canara Bank, will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is"** on **27.11.2026**, for recovery of **amounts mentioned below** due to the **ARM Branch, Vijayawada of Canara Bank** from the below mentioned Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s). Description of the immovable properties with no encumbrances to the knowledge of the bank.

DATE & TIME OF E-AUCTION : 27.11.2026 at 2.00 PM to 4.00 PM (with unlimited extension of 5 minutes duration each till the conclusion of the sale) **LAST DATE FOR SUBMISSION OF EMD: 27.11.2026 before 12.00 Noon**

EMD amount of 10% of the Reserve Price is to be deposited in E-wallet of M/s. PSB Alliance Private Limited (baanknet) portal directly or by generating the challan therein to deposit the EMD amount through RTGS/ NEFT in the account details as mentioned in the said challan on or before 27.11.2026 at 12.00 Noon.

Borrower/Guarantors & Branch Details (All Accounts Transferred to ARM, Vijayawada Branch)	DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTIES	Reserve Price (in Rs.)	EMD (10% of Reserve Price)
Gorantla Branch, Guntur **Sri Bandi Venkatesh, S/o Srinivasa Rao** **Total Liability : Rs.37,34,717.42/- as on 09.11.2026 + interest + other expenses**	**A-Schedule:(Physical possession available)** Guntur District - Koretipadu Sub-District- Guntur Municipal Corporation Area – Gorantla Village – D No.471 a total Extent Of Ac.11-33 Cents –of which an extent of Ac.2-00 Cents In which out of extent of 619 - 33 Sq. yard of site covering Plot No.24 as per plan –The southern extent of 501 Sq. yards of Site where In "PAVAN RESIDENCY" Apartment was constructed being bounded by 6 th Block. **Boundaries: As per Deed. Within the above boundaries, an extent of 501 Sq. Yds of 418.88 Sq.Mtrs of residential site In which** **B-Schedule:** An undivided, unspecified and indivisible share of site measuring an extent of 40 Sq. Yds or 33.44 Sq.Mtrs of site along with one Flat bearing No.203 located in the second floor of "PAVAN RESIDENCYApartment, being **Boundaries: As per Deed.** Within these boundaries, one Flat bearing No.203 located in the second floor of PAVAN RESIDENCY Apartment constructed in a plinth area of 1250 Sq.ft (including common area and car parking) with all its fixtures and fittings therein along with all common and joint rights .easement rights facilities including car parking area in common parking area. **CERSAI ID of the above-mentioned property : 400067231464**	**Rs. 26.09 lakhs**	**Rs. 2.609 lakhs**

Date & Time of Inspection of the Property : 23.11.2026 at 11.00 AM to 4.00 PM.
For detailed terms and conditions of the sale please refer the link "E-Auction" provided in Canara Bank's website (www.canarabank.bank.in) or may contact Chief Manager, ARM Branch, Vijayawada, Canara Bank, Ph. No. 8331011695 during office hours on any working day.

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E-Auction Process and Terms & Conditions, contact Service Provider : M/s. PSB Alliance (baanknet), web portal : "https://baanknet.com/eauction-psb" (Contact No.7046612345/6354910172/8291220220/ 9892219848/8160205051, E-mail: support.baanknet@psballiance.com.

Date : 09-11-2026, Place: Vijayawada **Sd/- Authorised Officer, Canara Bank**

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DATE & TIME OF E-AUCTION : 27.11.2026 at 2.00 PM to 4.00 PM (with unlimited extension of 5 minutes duration each till the conclusion of the sale) **LAST DATE FOR SUBMISSION OF EMD: 27.11.2026 before 12.00 Noon**

EMD amount of 10% of the Reserve Price is to be deposited in E-wallet of M/s. PSB Alliance Private Limited (baanknet) portal directly or by generating the challan therein to deposit the EMD amount through RTGS/ NEFT in the account details as mentioned in the said challan on or before 27.11.2026 at 12.00 Noon.

Borrower/Guarantors & Branch Details (All Accounts Transferred to ARM, Vijayawada Branch)	DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTIES	Reserve Price (in Rs.)	EMD (10% of Reserve Price)
ARM Branch, Vijayawada **Sri Sankarapu Nani S/o. Venkateswara Rao (Borrower)** **Total Liability : Rs.45,42,830.29 Ps as on 07.11.2026 + interest + other expenses**	**Property No. 1: A-Schedule:** All that part and parcel of the property situated in NTR District, Vijayawada Registration District, Gunadala Sub Registry, Vijayawada Municipal Corporation area, Vijayawada, Gunadala R.S.No. 102/1B, VLT Assessment No. 1073245098, Plot No. 6 of 236.0 sq. yds, Plot No. 7 Part 36.0 sq. yds, making a total extent of 272.0 Sq. Yds with the following **Boundaries: As per Deed.** **In between total extent of 272.0 Sq. Yds or 227.42 Sq. Mts in which undivided joint share 54.4 Sq. Yds or 45.48 Sq. Mts site. B-SCHEDULE :** In above A-Schedule property constructed a Group House in the name and style of "RSS RESIDENCY" in Fourth Floor, Flat No. 4.F-1 (2BHK), Nearest D.No. 49-4-25. **Boundaries: As per Deed. Within these 1300 Sq.ft plinth area of Flat, 390.0 sft common area and 130 Sq.ft Car Parking area and with all appurtenances therein and with all its easement rights therein.**	**Rs. 40.64 Lakhs**	**Rs. 4.064 Lakhs**
Karl Marx Road Branch, Vijayawada **Mr. Ramisetty Suresh Babu S/o Hanumantha Rao, Smt. Ramisetty Sumathi W/o Suresh Babu and Guarantor: Sri Yagati Venkataramana Rao, S/o Subba Rao.** **Total Liability : Rs.44,09,361.89/- as on 07.11.2026 + interest + other expenses**	**Schedule-A: Sale Deed No: 1695/2017 standing in the name of Mr. Ramisetty Suresh Babu S/o Hanumantha Rao:** Flat No.GF-B, constructed in Sri Siva Sai Residency, on an undivided/ un-specified joint share of 30 Sq. Yds = 25.083 Sq. Mts, out of a total extent of 610 Sq. Yds or 510.21 Sq. Mts of site in R S No. 137/1 of Kannur village, Penamaluru Mandal, Patamata SRO limits, Krishna District. **Boundaries of entire plot: As per Deed. Schedule-B:** Flat No.GF-B, constructed on ground floor, Sri Siva Sai Residency, on a plinth area of 875 Sq. ft **Boundaries of Apartment: As per Deed.** **CERSAI Id of the above mentioned property : 400036906595**	**Rs. 12.64 Lakhs**	**Rs. 1.264 Lakhs**
ARM Branch, Vijayawada **Sri Atyam Kiran Kumar S/o. Kasi Visveswara Rao (Borrower) And Smt. Atyam Anuradha W/o. Atyam Kiran Kumar (Co- Borrower)** **Total Liability : Rs.39.19.314.67 Ps as on 07.11.2026 + interest + other expenses**	**Property No. 1: A-Schedule:** All that part and parcel of the property situated in NTR District, Nunna Sub Registrar Office Vijayawada Rural Mandal, Nunna Village, R.S. No.618/5, 618/8, 621/1, Nearest Door No.6-95 of an extent of 1980.1 Sq. Yds. **Boundaries: As per Deed. In these boundaries an extent of 1980.1 Sq. Yds or 1655.56 Sq.Mts site out of undivided joint share an extent of 39 Sq. Yds or 32.609Sq.Mts site. B -SCHEDULE:** Above this A-schedule total site constructed an Apartments in the Name and style of "Krishna Residency" in Second Floor Flat No.307. **Boundaries: As per Deed. In between boundaries of flat with 1130 Sq.Ft Plinth + Common area, 80 Sq. Ft car Parking Area of Flat and with all easement rights therein.**	**Rs. 33.34 Lakhs**	**Rs. 3.334 Lakhs**
ARM Branch, Vijayawada **Sri Guntaka Seetha Reddy (Borrower-HL & Co Borrower-Education Loan) and Mr/Mrs Guntaka Samhitha (Borrower - Education Loan)** **Total Liability : Rs.31,55,927.86/- as on 07.11.2026 + interest + other expenses**	**A-Schedule:** All that piece and parcle of site measuring an extent of 1168.93 Sq.yds site bearing R.S.no.345/9, 345/9A, 345/5, Situated at Nunna Village, Nunna Grama Panchayati Area, Vijayawada Rural Mandal within the jurisdiction of Nunna Sub Registrar's Office being **bounded by: East:** Property sold by Guntaka Sambi Reddy to Others, **South:** Property of Guntaka Koti Reddy, Guntaka Pitchi Reddy, **West:** Loya bata Road, **North:** Property of Polareddy Kesava Reddy. In between four boundaries an extent of 1168.93 Sq.yds or 977.38 Sq.mts site in which undivided joint share i.e.58.44 Sq.Yds or 48.86 Sq.Mts Site.... **B-Schedule:** In the above A-Schedule total site constructed an apartment in the name and style of "Sai Enclave" in which Fourth floor, Flat No.FF-1 bearing Assessment No.4933, Door No.9-22, being **bounded by: East:** Open to Sky, **South:** Lift, Open to Sky, **West:** Corridor, **North:** Open to Sky. In between four boundaries 1193 Sq.Ft plinth area of Flat, 100 Sq.Ft of Common area, 100 Sq.ft of Car Parking Area and with all its easement rights therein.	**Rs. 29,70,000/-**	**Rs. 2,97,000/-**

Date & Time of Inspection of the Property : 21.11.2026 at 11.00 AM to 4.00 PM.
For detailed terms and conditions of the sale please refer the link "E-Auction" provided in Canara Bank's website (www.canarabank.bank.in) or may contact Chief Manager, ARM Branch, Vijayawada, Canara Bank, Ph. No. 8331011695 during office hours on any working day.

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Date : 07-11-2026, Place: Vijayawada **Sd/- Authorised Officer, Canara Bank**

HELP FOR CYCLONE-HIT FARMERS SOUGHT

- Tourism Minister Kandula Durgesh attends cabinet meeting held at Amaravati
- Appeals to the Chief Minister to ensure that every farmer who sufferes crop losses receive appropriate government compensation

Deekshitula Subrahmanyam
Rajamahendravaram



Minister Kandula Durgesh meeting Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu for assistance to all farmers affected by successive cyclones in East Godavari district

TOURISM, Culture and Cinematography Minister Kandula Durgesh has appealed to Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu to extend government assistance to all farmers affected by successive cyclones Murusu and Arnab in East Godavari district, particularly in Nidadavole constituency.

During the Cabinet meeting held at Amaravati, the minister brought to the Chief Minister's notice the extensive damage caused by the natural calamities and the hardships faced by farmers in the district.

Durgesh explained that heavy rains and the overflowing Errakalava canal had inundated several neighbouring villages, leaving vast stretches of agricultural land submerged.

Standing crops, which were ready for harvest, had been completely damaged, dealing a severe blow to the farming community. Floodwater also entered several houses, disrupting normal life in the affected areas, he said.

The minister said that only a limited number of farmers had crop insurance coverage and urged the government to consider even those without insurance on humanitarian grounds. He appealed to the Chief Minister to ensure that every farmer who suffered crop losses received appropriate government compensation.

He also sought immediate enumeration of crop and house damage caused by the cyclones and Errakalava floods. He urged the authorities to include every eligible affected farmer in the assessment lists without excluding anyone on technical grounds.

Durgesh appealed to the Chief Minister to extend comprehensive support to farmers and people of Nidadavole constituency during the difficult period. CM responded positively to his representations, the minister said.

East Godavari collector instructs speedy restoration of road

- Reviews the losses caused by the impact of Cyclone Morusu and the subsequent heavy rains and floods
- Officials told to take precautionary measures to prevent accidents and ensure the safety of commuters
- Irrigation department asked to install pipelines at the breached locations to regulate and divert the floodwater according to the flow conditions

Deekshitula Subrahmanyam
Rajamahendravaram



East Godavari district collector Kirti Chekuri inspecting the damaged Karicharlagudem–Sanjeevapuram road in Gopalapuram mandal on Tuesday

EAST Godavari district collector Kirti Chekuri has directed officials of the Panchayat Raj and Irrigation departments to take up restoration of the severely damaged Karicharlagudem–Sanjeevapuram road in Gopalapuram mandal on a war footing to ensure that people do not face inconvenience.

The collector inspected the damaged road on Tuesday and reviewed the losses caused by the impact of Cyclone Morusu and the subsequent heavy rains and floods.

Officials informed her that nearly 320 metres of the road had been completely washed away, while another 700 metres had developed severe damage, with portions tilting to one side and sinking due to the floodwater.

Kirti Chekuri directed officials to take precautionary measures to prevent accidents and ensure the safety of commuters. Officials informed her that temporary restoration works had already been taken up by the Panchayat Raj department. She instructed them to expedite permanent restoration measures.

The collector asked the Irrigation department to install pipelines at the breached locations to regulate and divert the floodwater according to the flow conditions. The Panchayat Raj department was directed to undertake necessary repairs and reconstruction of the damaged road. She stressed that both departments should work in close coordination and complete the works at the earliest.

The collector said she had been touring cyclone-affected areas of Gopalapuram mandal for the past three days to assess the situation. Heavy rainfall of nearly 60 mm within five hours, coupled with massive inflows from upper catchment areas, had resulted in breaches in several tanks and extensive damage, she said.

Strong winds and heavy rains had severely affected paddy and banana crops. The crop enumeration process was currently underway on a large scale to assess the losses, she added.

The district administration had also requested the government to send an Inter-Ministerial Central Team to assess the extensive damage in the district. The team was expected to visit the affected and inundated areas shortly and facilitate appropriate assistance to the victims, she said.

AIKS convention in Nalgonda from Nov 15

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THE 36th national convention of the All India Kisan Sabha (AIKS) will be held in Nalgonda, Telangana, from November 15 to 18, Andhra Pradesh Rythu Sangham State secretary K Prabhakar Reddy announced on Tuesday. Prabhakar Reddy, along with State president V Krishnaiah, AP Koulu Rythu Sangham president B Balaram, its secretary M Haribabu and senior Rythu Sangham leader Y Keshava Rao, unveiled the wall poster of the convention at Balotsav Bhavan in Vijayawada.

Addressing a press conference, Prabhakar Reddy said the convention would discuss major challenges facing the agriculture sector and farmers across the country. A massive public meeting with around one lakh farmers would be organised on November 15. Former MP Brinda Karat, AIKS national president Ashok Dhawale, general secretary Vijoo Krishnan and former general secretary Anan Mulla would participate.

Koulu Rythu Sangham State general secretary M Haribabu called upon farmers and tenant cultivators from Andhra Pradesh to participate in the convention. He said the organisations would conduct village-level campaigns and flag-hoisting programmes on November 14 and 15 to mobilise farmers.



Andhra Pradesh Rythu Sangham and AP Koulu Rythu Sangham leaders releasing the poster of the All India Kisan Sabha national convention in Vijayawada on Tuesday



Vijayawada MP Kesineni Sivanath (Chinni), MLA Vasantha Venkata Krishna Prasad and other leaders felicitating newly elected ZPTC and MPTC members at Ithavaram village of Nandigama mandal on Tuesday

ZPTC, MPTC members felicitated

An interaction and felicitation programme was organised for newly elected Municipal Councillors, ZPTC and MPTC members

Dasari Srnivasa Rao
Vijayawada

MP Kesineni Sivanath (Chinni) called upon newly elected ZPTC and MPTC members to work with dedication, uphold people's trust and give priority to village development. He congratulated the NDA candidates who emerged victorious in the recent local body elections.

Mylavaram MLA Vasantha Krishna Prasad organised an interaction and felicitation programme for newly elected Municipal Councillors, ZPTC and MPTC members of Mylavaram Assembly Constituency at his residence at Ithavaram in Nandigama Mandal in NTR district on Tuesday.

The programme was attended by Nandigama MLA and Government Whip Tangirala Sowmya, NTR district TDP president Gadde Anuradha, Jana Sena Party district president Samineni Udayabhanu and other senior leaders.

Speaking on the occasion, MP Kesineni Chinni said he had campaigned less in Mylavaram constituency during the local body elections because of his confidence in MLA Krishna Prasad's leadership and his efforts to address people's problems. He said the NDA's performance in NTR district, which he described as a 95% strike rate, was the result of the collective efforts of TDP, Jana Sena and BJP leaders and cadres. He urged alliance workers to set aside personal differences and maintain unity.

MLA Vasantha Krishna Prasad said the alliance's victories reflected the unity of the three parties and the confidence reposed in them by the people. He said the alliance had won 33 of the 40 seats contested in Kondapalli Municipality, 62 of the 73 MPTC seats across the five mandals in the constituency and all five ZPTC seats.

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CHANGE OF SURNAME
I. GUJJULA REETHU KAMAL (old surname). D/o GUJJULA MICHAEL SRIDHARAN Resident of D.No. 48-9-5, Flat No.3, Shubham Enclave, Near SBI Bank, Vishnu Nagar, Gunadala, Vijayawada- 520 004, NTR District, A.P. I have Changed my surname as REETHU KAMAL GUZZULA (New surname), D/o GUJJULA MICHAEL SRIDHARAN Hereafter my surname is known as REETHU KAMAL GUZZULA (New surname), D/o GUJJULA MICHAEL SRIDHARAN for all purposes.
DURGAPRASAD-VJA

CHANGE OF NAME
I, K ANNAPURNA spouse of No: 15387187W, Rank:Ex - HONY NB SUB, KAMALAGUNTA GURUNADHAM, RO, SIGNALS Jabalpur, R/o. Door No: 4-6-297, Hanuman Nagar 1st Line, Koretipadu, Guntur, Guntur District - 522007, Andhra Pradesh, have changed my name from K ANNAPURNA to KAMALAGUNTA ANNAPURNA vide affidavit dated 10-11-2026 before the Notary. Henceforth I will be called as KAMALAGUNTA ANNAPURNA for all purposes.
VALI-GNT

CHANGE OF NAME
I, No: 15387187W, Rank:Ex - HONY NB SUB, KAMALAGUNTA GURUNADHAM, RO, SIGNALS Jabalpur, R/o. Door No: 4-6-297, Hanuman Nagar 1st Line, Koretipadu, Guntur, Guntur District - 522007, Andhra Pradesh, have changed my daughter name from K HEMASRI to KAMALAGUNTA HEMA SRI vide affidavit dated 10-11-2026 before the Notary. Henceforth she will be called as KAMALAGUNTA HEMA SRI for all purposes.
VALI-GNT

CHANGE OF NAME & DOB
I, RAJYA LAKSHMI is legally wedded spouse of No: 15462564L, Rank:Ex - HAV, Name: KATTEBOYANA RAGHU, RO, AMRD Ahmednagar, resident of Door No: 3-69, Pedagadelavarru Village and Post, Tsunduru Mandal, Guntur District, Andhra Pradesh - 522318, have changed my name from RAJYA LAKSHMI to KATTEBOINA RAJYALAKSHMI and my correct date of birth is 20-08-1976 but not 20-08-1979 vide affidavit dated 10-11-2026 before the Notary. Henceforth I will be called as KATTEBOINA RAJYALAKSHMI (DOB: 20-08-1976) for all purposes.
VALI-GNT

CHANGE OF NAME
I, No: 15387187W, Rank:Ex - HONY NB SUB, KAMALAGUNTA GURUNADHAM, RO, SIGNALS Jabalpur, R/o. Door No: 4-6-297, Hanuman Nagar 1st Line, Koretipadu, Guntur, Guntur District - 522007, Andhra Pradesh, have changed my daughter name from K DRITHISRI to KAMALAGUNTA DRITHI SRI vide affidavit dated 10-11-2026 before the Notary. Henceforth she will be called as KAMALAGUNTA DRITHI SRI for all purposes.
VALI-GNT

CHANGE OF NAME
I, MULLETI HEMANAGA SUNDHR, S/o MULLETI PRASADA RAO, residing at Flat No. 406, Raghava Towers, Hanuma Nagar Road, Ramavarappadu, Vijayawada (Rural), NTR District, Andhra Pradesh-521108, have changed my name from MULLETI HEMANAGA SUNDHR to MULLETI HEMA NAGA SUNDAR. Henceforth, I shall be known as MULLETI HEMA NAGA SUNDAR for all purposes.
RAJARAO-VJA

CHANGE OF NAME
I, MANDALA VENKATA LAKSHMI VITTAL KUMARI W/o Mandala Srinivasa Rao, resident of D.No. 10-90, Pedda Veedhi, Velama Street, Veeravasaram (V), Veeravasaram (M), West Godavari District, Andhra Pradesh-534245. I have changed my name from V.L.VITAL KUMARI (Old Name) to MANDALA VENKATA LAKSHMI VITTAL KUMARI (New Name) henceforth I am being called MANDALA VENKATA LAKSHMI VITTAL KUMARI W/o Mandala Srinivasa Rao for all purposes.
RAJARAO-VJA

CHANGE OF NAME
I, MOHAMMAD ABDULLAH (old name) resident at DNo. 39-2-22/1, Y.V Rao Street, Labbipeta, Vijayawada 520010. NTR Dist, AP, India, Hence I have Hence I have changed My Name to *MOHAMMAD ABDULLA*(New Name), hereafter My Name is known as *MOHAMMAD ABDULLA (New Name) S/o. RAGHAVA RAO.
TH-34613

CHANGE OF SURNAME
I, SHAIK ASHA (OLD NAME) W/o. SYED BASHA resident of D.No 1-1,1st Floor, Sri Sai Nilayam, Mahanadu, Tadepalle, District Guntur, A.P India Hence I have Changed My Name to SYED ASHA (New Name) W/o SYED BASHA, Here after My Name is Known As SYED ASHA (New Name) W/o. SYED BASHA.
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In order to save us from Burning Hell, JESUS shed his holy blood on the cross for our sin, died, was buried and rose again on third day. Those who believe in him will receive the forgiveness of sin, escape from hell fire and enter into his kingdom after death. ph: 9848552321.
Ro No. 34613

CHANGE OF GIVEN NAME AND SURNAME
I, VASUMURTHY SRINIVASU (OLD NAME) S/o. SYED MOULALI , resident of D.No 1-1, 1st Floor, Sri Sai Nilayam, Mahanadu, Tadepalle, DIST:Guntur, A.P India Hence I have Changed My Name to SYED BASHA (New Name) S/o SYED MOULALI, Here after My Name is Known As SYED BASHA (New Name) S/o SYED MOULALI .
TH-34613

CHANGE OF NAME
I, DUDEKULA SAFFINNA BANUU D/o DUDEKULA HASSAN , residing at H.No. 37-1-409/12A, Bhagyanagar 4th line 6th Cross Road, VTC: Ongole, PO: Ongole, District: Prakasam, Andhra Pradesh-523001, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as SAFFINNA BANUU.
TM RAO

CHANGE OF NAME
I, DUDEKULA MOHAMMAD SHAAHID S/o DUDEKULA HASSAN ,residing at H.No. 37-1-409/12A, Bhagyanagar 4th line 6th Cross Road, VTC: Ongole, PO: Ongole, District: Prakasam, Andhra Pradesh-523001, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as MOHAMMAD SHAAHID.
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YSRCP urges SEC to ensure free and fair gram panchayat polls

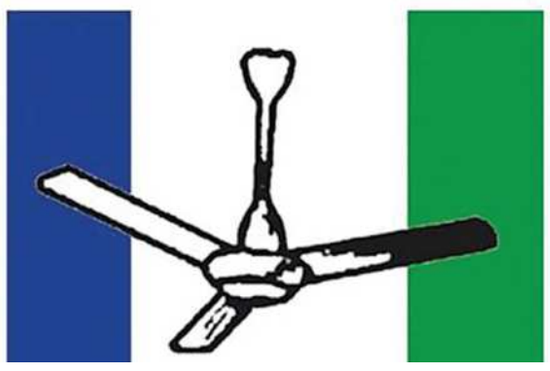
- Party alleges ruling coalition leaders are pressuring officials to shift nomination centres
- Leaders cite alleged irregularities in previous local body elections and seek action against violators
- Petition highlights concerns over nomination obstruction, bogus voting and recounts

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Amaravati

YSRCP leaders urged the State Election Commission to ensure that upcoming gram panchayat elections are free and fair. They alleged that ruling NDA coalition MLAs are pressuring officials to make candidates file nominations at mandal-level cluster centres instead of the designated places within their gram panchayats. Party legal cell state president Malasani Manohar Reddy and grievance cell state president Ankareddy Narayana Murthy submitted a petition to the SEC.

They said similar pressure had already been reported in Rayachoti and Maidukuru and sought immediate action against leaders and officials who violate election rules.

Manohar Reddy alleged



that YSRCP candidates were previously prevented from filing nominations in 84 ZPTC and more than 2,000 MPTC seats. He said polling agents were arrested at 3 am in over 50 polling centres and forcibly removed from another 50. He also alleged that recounts overturned results in seats where YSRCP candidates led by 700-800 votes, and that fresh declarations favouring TDP candidates were issued even after victory certificates had been given.

Narayana Murthy rejected Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu's claim that the polls were peaceful and that the coalition won 76 per cent of the seats. He alleged that police and revenue officials were used to enable bogus voting, arrests and result changes. He also said Supreme Court directions on CCTV cameras, webcasting and police security were not properly followed in some places.

The leaders asked the SEC to prevent nomination obstruction and take strict action against anyone violating election rules.

Investment summits turn into corporate tourism: CPM

- Party state secretary questions claim of 50 lakh jobs through investment summits
- Alleges failure to deliver promised investments; seeks protection for workers' rights

Dasari Srinivasa Rao
Vijayawada

CPM state secretary V Srinivasa Rao criticised the state government for organising investment summits to attract investment and generate employment, alleging they have become corporate tourism programmes without delivering the promised jobs.

Addressing a press conference at Balotsav Bhavan in Vijayawada on Tuesday, he said that not even 10 per cent of the Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) signed since 2016 had materialised and less than two per cent of the promised jobs had been created.

He said successive partnership summits had promised nearly 50 lakh jobs, but most commitments remained on paper. In 2016, 328 MoUs worth Rs 4.67 lakh crore promised 10 lakh jobs, while 665 agreements worth Rs 10.54 lakh crore in 2017 promised 22.34 lakh jobs, he said. Similarly, 734 MoUs worth Rs 4.40 lakh crore were signed in 2018, promising 11 lakh jobs, he added.

Referring to the Reliance gas project in Konaseema, he said that despite a promise of one lakh jobs, only around 3,200 people had reportedly been employed. The Kia project, which promised 30,000 jobs, had provided employment to only around 12,000 people, he claimed.

He expressed concern over the closure of spinning mills, dairy units and sugar factories and demanded that the government organise labour conferences alongside investment summits to protect workers' rights.

On environmental issues, he warned that



CPM state secretary V Srinivasa Rao addressing a press conference at Balotsav Bhavan in Vijayawada on Tuesday

increasing pollution in Visakhapatnam, coupled with proposed data centres and ethanol projects, could affect public health. He demanded an expert committee to examine their environmental impact.

Commenting on local body elections, he alleged that the State Election Commission had failed to ensure free and fair polling and accused the government of using police to suppress opposition parties. Despite alleged intimidation and attacks, the CPM had increased its vote share from 7.4% in 2021 to 8.2% in the latest elections, he said. He thanked voters, particularly those in agency areas, and called for continued unity among Left parties.

Terming Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu's claim that the results reflected public support for his governance as self-deception, he alleged electoral irregularities and appealed to people to participate in the CPM-CPI protest on November 11.

He also demanded immediate enumeration of losses caused by cyclones Arnab and Murasu and compensation for affected farmers and tenant cultivators. He criticised the Chief Minister for raising the issue of scrapping Rs.500 notes instead of addressing rising prices.

Call for child-friendly documentation policies

Hans News Service
Vijayawada

THE Andhra Pradesh State Commission for Protection of Child Rights (AP SCPCR) has called for comprehensive administrative reforms to make the father's name non-mandatory in government forms and official records wherever it is not legally mandatory, emphasising that no child should be denied education, identity documents, welfare benefits or essential services because of the absence of the father's details.

Addressing a one-day state-level workshop on "Making Father's Name Non mandatory", jointly organised by the Children of India Foundation and AP SCPCR here on Tuesday, Vetukuri AVSSN Raju, chairperson of AP SCPCR, who was the chief guest, highlighted the need to place children's dignity, identity, equality and fundamental rights at the centre of government documentation procedures.

Raju observed that children of single mothers, unmarried women, widowed and divorced women, survivors of human trafficking and commercial sexual exploitation, and children living under the care of guardians or other caregivers often face difficulties when government applications insist on the mandatory disclosure of the father's name. Dr Rayapati Sailaja, chairperson of the AP State Commission for



Vetukuri AVSSN Raju, chairperson of AP SCPC, Dr Rayapati Sailaja, chairperson of AP Mahila Commission and others lighting the traditional lamp to mark the inauguration of workshop in Vijayawada on Tuesday

Women, emphasised the need for coordinated action and convergence among all concerned departments and the APSCPCR to take the initiative forward and secure a Government Order ensuring that no child is denied access to education or opportunities. She further stressed the importance of ensuring equal opportunities for all children and women, irrespective of their circumstances.

Concluding the address, she stated, "A child's future should never be restricted by the absence of a father's name in a government document. No child should be questioned about their family circumstances before being allowed to exercise their rights. Our administrative systems must be sensitive to children's realities and guided by equality, dignity, privacy and the best interests of the child."

The dignitaries present included MK Vijayalakshmi, Secretary of Krishna DLSA; Rama Rao, Assistant Commissioner, Education Department; P Ramana Reddy, Department of Juvenile Welfare; Vasanthabala, Director, DOJW; Srinivasa Rao, Deputy Director, Health Department; Sirisha, Joint Director, DWCD; VS Subbarao, Joint Director, School Education; PV Rao, chairperson, CWC, Eluru; Hemanth Kumar, Executive Director, Children of India Foundation; NVS Rammohan, Director, HELP; V Gandhibabu, Member, APSCPCR; Challa Madhusudanrao, Member, APSCPCR; and P Nagamanasa, Member, APSCPCR, Jennifar Y, Programme Manager, Children of India foundation, CWC chairpersons, Commission members, NGO representatives were present.



AP CID busts Webland land records fraud, arrests four

MV Syam Sundar
Amaravati

THE Crime Investigation Department (CID) has unearthed a major fraud involving unauthorised manipulation of Webland records by misusing the login credentials of a senior National Informatics Centre (NIC) officer. Four persons have been arrested in connection with the racket, which allegedly altered around 30 land records covering approximately 70 acres across different locations.

The case came to light following a report from the office of the chief commissioner of land administration (CCLA) regarding suspicious alterations in Webland records relating to four land parcels measuring 6.55 acres in Indlacheruvu and Padamara Lakshmipuram villages of Donakonda mandal in Prakasam district. The CID registered a case on October 1.

Investigation revealed that an outsourced junior developer at NIC, Vijayawada, Rangaiahgari Sai Kumar, allegedly manipulated the Webland database using the login credentials of G V S R Sarma, a senior NIC officer, without his knowledge or authorisation. The accused bypassed the prescribed application, verification and revenue department approval procedures to enter new pattadar names in the online records.

According to the CID, Vadlamudi Yedukondalu initially sought changes in his family's land records in favour of his father. He allegedly coordinated with intermediaries Vemula Venkat Rao, an outsourced data entry operator at CDMA, here, and Shaik Basha, a technical assistant associated with the Anna canteen project. Basha allegedly connected them with Sai Kumar to execute the database alterations.

The investigation found that payments ranging from Rs.50,000 to Rs.70,000 per acre were collected for the changes. UPI transactions of Rs.50,000 and Rs.25,000 were identified as part of the evidence. The estimated value of transactions is around Rs.50 lakh.

CID seized mobile phones, digital payment details and two PowerPoint presentations containing proposed Khata additions, Aadhaar images and Adangal particulars. The investigation is continuing to identify beneficiaries, trace financial transactions and establish the full extent of the fraud.

CID advised landowners to regularly verify their Webland records and avoid middlemen promising unauthorised changes. It clarified that an unauthorised Webland entry does not confer legal ownership.

The investigation was conducted under the supervision of CID SP Dr K V Srinivasa Rao by ASP S. Sireesha and her team. DGP Dr Ravi Shankar Ayyannar appreciated the officers for detecting the fraud. Further victims can contact ASP S Sireesha at 9247560212.

Training on medico legal cases underway

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Guntur

A special training programme on the management of medico-legal cases was conducted at the Government Medical College in Guntur on Tuesday. The training programme is being conducted in accordance with the orders of the AP High Court and the directions of AP CID Director General Ravi Shankar Ayyannar. The two-day programme, scheduled for Tuesday and Wednesday.

Police officers and staff of the Forensic Medicine Department are being trained in the scientific collection of evidence, procedures to be followed during post-mortem examinations, videography, photography, medical documentation, preparation of reports and digital certification.

The training includes group discussions on case studies, video interactions, digital entry exercises and practical demonstrations to familiarise participants with the prescribed procedures for handling medico-legal cases.

Associate Professors Dr Pramod Kumar, Ashok Kumar and Ramesh Babu, along with their team, are also involved in the programme. Guntur district additional SP GV Ramanamurthy and Government Medical College Principal Dr NV Sundarachari were also present.

HOLY DIP



Thousands of devotees taking a holy dip in River Godavari and offering Harathi at Pushkar Ghat in Rajamahendravaram on Tuesday marking Kartika Masam
Photo: M Krishna

Athlete Vijay selected for Asian Laser Run Championships

Dasari Srinivasa Rao
Vijayawada

INTERNATIONAL athlete and sports coach Goggulamudi Vijay Kumar, a native of Chinna Avutapalli village in Gannavaram mandal of Krishna district, has been selected to participate in the Asian International Laser Run Championships to be held in the United Arab Emirates (UAE) from November 11 to 17.

Andhra Pradesh Modern Pentathlon Association General Secretary K Haribabu announced the selection and said Vijay Kumar had earned the opportunity through his outstanding performances at the State and national-level competitions. Vijayawada MP Kesineni Sivanath (Chinni) felicitated Vijay at his office on Tuesday and congratulated him on his selection.

Haribabu said Vijay Kumar had performed well at the State-level Laser Run competitions held at the Alluri Sitarama Raju Sports Stadium in Eluru district from July 10 to 12. He subsequently showcased his talent at the national-level championships held in Nashik, Maharashtra, from October 4 to 6, securing selection for the Asian event. The Asian championships will be held near Flamingo Beach in Ras Al Khaimah, UAE.



MP Kesineni Sivanath (Chinni) felicitating international Laser Run athlete Gogulamudi Vijay Kumar in Vijayawada on Tuesday

GMC launches plantation drive

Hans News Service
Guntur

THE Guntur Municipal Corporation has launched a massive plantation drive covering over 40 km of road dividers in two phases to enhance the city's green cover, improve air quality and make Guntur a greener and more beautiful city, GMC commissioner K Mayur Ashok said.

He said the initiative aims to improve environmental balance and bring national-level recognition to Guntur. Plantation works are being taken up over 25 km in the first phase and the remaining 15 km in the second phase.

He said the existing plants were being trimmed attractively, while shrub plantation works were being carried out and monitored regularly.

The project is being implemented scientifically, with plants selected in consultation with experts from the AP Green Corporation. Special care has been taken to choose varieties that can withstand Guntur's summer temperatures, require less water and are less likely to be damaged by animals.

The old soil in the road dividers is being completely removed and replaced with quality red soil and suitable fertilisers to ensure healthy plant growth. The project is estimated to cost between Rs 5 crore and Rs 6 crore.

The contractors concerned will be responsible for maintaining the plants for two years as part of the contract conditions. The GMC will also install signboards displaying details of the plants, contractors and concerned officials.

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Nuzvid duo selected for volleyball tourney

Dasari Srinivasa Rao
Vijayawada

AKKINENI Vaibhav and Akkineni Mokshagna, Class VIII students of Trividha English Medium High School in Nuzvid of Eluru district, have been selected to represent the combined Krishna district in the State-level Under-14 volleyball tournament to be held at Paderu in Alluri Sitarama Raju district from November 11 to 13.

The duo were among the 12 boys and 12 girls selected during the Under-14 volleyball selection trials conducted by the School Games Federation of Krishna district at Gudivada under the aegis



of the School Games Federation of Andhra Pradesh (SGFAP), affiliated with the School Games Federation of India (SGFI).

The selected boys' and girls' teams, comprising 12 players each, left Vijayawada to participate in the State-level tournament, which will feature teams from across the state.

Cyclone-hit power infrastructure inspected

Dasari Srinivasa Rao
Machilipatnam

APCPDCL Chairman and Managing Director P Pulla Reddy inspected the restoration of the damaged power infrastructure in cyclone Murasu-affected areas of Krishna district on Tuesday and directed officials to expedite repair works to ensure early restoration of electricity supply, particularly to aquaculture units. During his visit to Kara Agraharam, Kruthivennu and Machilipatnam Rural villages, he inspected electricity lines, poles and transformers supplying power to aquaculture farms. He enquired with officials about the damage caused to the electrical infrastructure by the cyclone and reviewed the progress of restoration works. Stressing the importance of uninterrupted power supply to the aquaculture sector, Pulla Reddy instructed officials to complete repairs to damaged power lines, poles and transformers on a war footing.

He said special attention should be given to cyclone-hit areas to restore supply at the earliest and prevent inconvenience to the public and aqua farmers.



APCPDCL CMD P Pulla Reddy inspecting the damaged electricity infrastructure at a village in Krishna district during his field visit to review restoration works

STAGE SET FOR MPP, VICE-MPP ELECTIONS

Dasari Srinivasa Rao
Vijayawada



The NTR Zilla Parishad office near MG Road in Vijayawada

ELECTIONS to the posts of Mandal Parishad Presidents (MPPs) and Vice-Presidents in NTR and Krishna districts will be held on November 19, while elections to the Zilla Parishad Chairpersons and Vice-Chairpersons will be conducted on November 20. Elections to co-option members of the Mandal Parishads and Zilla Parishads will also be held on the respective dates.

NTR district has 16 mandals with 16 Zilla Parishad Territorial Constituency (ZPTC) segments and 280 Mandal Parishad Territorial Constituency (MPTC) members.

Krishna district has 26 mandals, 26 ZPTC segments and 352 MPTC members. The newly elected representatives will participate in the indirect elections to choose the respective local body office-bearers.

The presiding officers and election authorities concerned will conduct the elections during special meetings convened at the respective Mandal Parishad and Zilla Parishad offices. Notices will be served on all MPTC and ZPTC members by November 14, informing them of the election schedule.

As per the prescribed procedure, elections to co-option members will be conducted first, followed by the election of MPPs and Vice-Presidents in the Mandal Parishads. Similarly, in the Zilla Parishads, co-option members will be elected first, followed by the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson.

For the special meetings convened to elect Zilla Parishad office-bearers, Members of Parliament (MPs), Members of the Legislative Council (MLCs) and Members of the Legislative Assembly (MLAs) will also be invited. However, they will not have voting rights, as the election of Zilla Parishad Chairpersons and Vice-Chairpersons is restricted to eligible ZPTC members. The elections will be conducted through a show of hands. Each Mandal Parishad will elect one co-option member, while each Zilla Parishad will elect two. In the event of a tie, the result will be decided by drawing lots.

Recognised political parties can issue whips through their authorised representatives in the prescribed Annexure-I format, in accordance with State Election Commission guidelines. The whips must be submitted within the stipulated time. However, there is no provision for issuing a whip in elections to co-option members.

The elections will pave the way for the formation of elected leadership in the Mandal Parishads and Zilla Parishads following the recent MPTC and ZPTC elections in the two districts.

Parties prepare for polls to MPP, ZP posts on Nov 19, 20

- The elections to co-opted members, MPP presidents and vice-presidents will be held on November 19
- The elected MPTC members will elect one among themselves as MPP president and another as vice-president


Collector K Dinesh Kumar

Deekshitula Subrahmanyam
Rampachodavaram

THE State Election Commission has issued notifications for conducting indirect elections to the posts of co-opted members, presidents and vice-presidents of 12 Mandal Praja Parishads and the chairperson and vice-chairperson of the Polavaram Zilla Praja Parishad, District Collector K Dinesh Kumar said on Tuesday.

The elections to co-opted members, MPP presidents and vice-presidents will be held on November 19. Similarly, elections to two co-opted members and the ZP chairperson and vice-chairperson will be conducted on November 20. Presiding officers concerned will convene special meetings on the respective dates to conduct the elections, the Collector said. The elected MPTC members will elect one among themselves as MPP president and another as vice-president. Likewise, elected ZPTC members will choose the ZP chairperson and vice-chairperson from among themselves.

Each Mandal Praja Parishad will elect one co-opted member, while the Zilla Praja Parishad will have two co-opted members. Eligible candidates for these positions should belong to religious or linguistic minority communities. The election of co-opted members will be conducted before the elections to the MPP president and vice-president and the ZP chairperson and vice-chairperson posts. The elections to the MPP and ZP leadership posts will be conducted through the Show of Hands method. Members will be required to follow the party whips issued by their respective recognised political parties. However, party whips will not apply to elections of co-opted members, the Collector clarified.

MPs, MLCs and MLAs who are ex-officio members of the respective Mandal and Zilla Praja Parishads will be invited to attend the special meetings.

However, they will not have voting rights in these indirect elections.

Election process of MPP, ZP chairperson reviewed

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Bapatla

THE State Election Commission has announced the schedule for elections to the posts of Mandal Parishad presidents and Zilla Parishad chairperson in the district, Bapatla District collector Dr V Vinod Kumar said.

Addressing a video conference with joint collector, Zilla Parishad CEO, Revenue Divisional Officers, municipal commissioners, tahsildars and MPDOs from the collector's bungalow on Tuesday, he reviewed local body elections, Cyclones Arnab and Murasu, and MLC elections.

He said elections to the posts of MPPs and vice-presidents would be held on November 19. Similarly, elections to ZP chairperson and vice-chairperson posts would be held on November 20. He said one co-opted member would be elected in each Mandal Parishad and two in the ZP. The election of the MPP would be conducted first, followed by the vice-president.

He said the ZP chairperson would be elected first, followed by the vice-chairperson. He directed officials to make necessary police security arrangements. Reviewing cyclone damage, he directed officials of the agriculture, horticulture, drainage, P&R, and R&B departments to conduct a war-footing survey of crop losses and damage to property caused by Cyclones Arnab and Murasu.

Field-level staff were instructed to record damage to houses, property and crops accurately, along with photographs of damaged houses.

Details and bank account information of people staying in rehabilitation centres should be submitted immediately.

Regarding MLC elections for Krishna, NTR, Guntur, Bapatla and Palnadu districts, he directed RDOs and tahsildars to scrutinise applications received for inclusion in the eligible voters' list and forward them to Guntur.

Bapatla, Chirala and Repalle RDOs Harikumar, Narasimha Rao and Sridevi, municipal commissioners and officials from Agriculture, Horticulture, Marketing, Drainage, P&R, R&B and Civil Supplies departments, along with tahsildars, MPDOs, village revenue officers and panchayat secretaries, participated in the video conference.

Release of industrial incentives hailed

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Vijayawada

AP Chambers has welcomed the Andhra Pradesh Government's release of approximately Rs 1,400 crore towards pending industrial incentives, including Rs 22 crore for food processing units, describing it as a timely boost to industries, particularly micro and small enterprises.

In a statement, AP Chambers president Potluri Bhaskara Rao said the initiative would provide much-needed financial relief to MSMEs, improve their working capital availability and strengthen their operational capabilities.

He expressed sincere gratitude to Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu for his proactive leadership and commitment to industrial development. He said the State Government had been promoting an industry-friendly ecosystem through its focus on Ease of Doing Business and Speed of Doing Business. Andhra Pradesh was rapidly emerging as a preferred investment destination, attracting substantial investments through its progressive industrial policies, he observed.

AP Chambers appreciated the government's continued efforts to support existing industries while encouraging fresh investments, generating employment opportunities and accelerating the State's overall economic growth.

Dy tahsildar in ACB net

Dasari Srinivasa Rao
Vijayawada


G Konduru Deputy Tahsildar Pendem Vijaya Kumar, who was caught red-handed by ACB officials while allegedly accepting a Rs 10,000 bribe at his office on Tuesday

THE Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) officials of the Vijayawada Range on Tuesday caught a Deputy Tahsildar red-handed while allegedly accepting a bribe of Rs10,000 at the Tahsildar's office in G Konduru mandal of NTR district.

The accused officer, Pendem Vijaya Kumar (48), Deputy Tahsildar of G Konduru mandal, allegedly demanded Rs 10,000 from a 28-year-old complainant, Chinni Najarenu Rao of Ajit Singh Nagar, Vijayawada, for carrying out official work related to his agricultural land.

According to the ACB, the complainant approached the officer seeking corrections in the Adangal records relating to his land in Survey No 524-B at Vellaturu village and processing of a Pattadar Passbook in his name. The officer allegedly demanded the bribe for extending the official favour.

Acting on the complaint, the ACB registered a case under Section 7 of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988, as amended in 2018. A trap was laid by ACB Additional SP Sravanthi Roy and DAP BV Subba Rao at around 2.05 pm on Tuesday at the Tahsildar's office in G Konduru, during which the officer was caught red-handed while allegedly demanding and accepting the amount.

Srabanthi Roy said Vijaya Kumar joined the Revenue Department as a Junior Assistant in 2005 and was promoted as Revenue Inspector in 2011. He was promoted as Deputy Tahsildar in 2017 and had been working in G Konduru mandal since July 7, 2022.

She appealed to the public to report corruption in government departments through its toll-free number 1064, mobile number 9440440057 or email complaints-acb@ap.gov.in. She assured that the identity of complainants and informants would be kept confidential.

Basaveswara Rao elected APAS honorary secretary

Dasari Srinivasa Rao
Machilipatnam


Prof MV Basaveswara Rao

PROF MV Basaveswara Rao, In-charge Rector of Krishna University, Machilipatnam, has been elected Honorary Secretary of the Andhra Pradesh Akademi of Sciences (APAS) for the three-year term from November 2026 to November 2029.

His election took place during the constitution of the Akademi's new Executive Council, comprising eminent scientists and academicians from universities and research institutions across Andhra Pradesh. The appointment is considered a recognition of his academic experience and contribution to higher education and research.

His new responsibility will involve working with the Akademi in promoting scientific activities, research and academic collaboration in the State.

Members of the academic fraternity, colleagues, students and well-wishers have congratulated Prof Basaveswara Rao on his election and wished him success in discharging his responsibilities.

Two-day training programme begins for para-legal volunteers

Deekshitula Subrahmanyam
Rajamahendravaram



District Principal Judge Junaid Ahmed Maulana at two-day training programme for para-legal volunteers at the DLSA meeting hall on Tuesday

DISTRICT Principal Judge Junaid Ahmed Maulana has stressed that para-legal volunteers play a crucial role in extending legal assistance to vulnerable sections of society who remain unaware of laws and their rights.

He spoke after inaugurating a two-day training programme for para-legal volunteers from the erstwhile East Godavari district, organised by the District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) at the DLSA meeting hall on the district court premises here on Tuesday.

He said para-legal volunteers should act as a reliable bridge between the public and the Legal Services Authority. He urged them to discharge their responsibilities efficiently with discipline, ethics, integrity and a spirit of selfless service.

DLSA Secretary and Senior Civil Judge Y Srilakshmi cautioned them against misusing the identity and powers granted by the Legal Services Authority for personal gains or unauthorised activities. On the occasion, the District Principal Judge released a Telugu book titled "Recognition of Forest Rights Act–2006: Frequently Asked Questions and Explanations", authored by senior advocate Dr P Trinadha Rao.

'Brown revived Telugu literary heritage'

Deekshitula Subrahmanyam
Rajamahendravaram


Faculty and students paying tributes to CP Brown on his birth anniversary in Rajamahendravaram on Tuesday

CP Brown was a great literary patron who breathed new life into Telugu literary heritage at a time when it was facing the threat of extinction, said Dr PVB Sanjeeva Rao, Head of the Telugu Department at SKVT Government College. He spoke as the chief speaker at a programme organised by the Telugu Department and Kala Gowthami at SKVT Government College to mark the birth anniversary of CP Brown.

Sanjeeva Rao said Brown made remarkable efforts to trace, collect, edit and publish several invaluable literary works and classical texts that had remained obscure in the form of palm-leaf manuscripts. IQAC Coordinator Dr DV Nageswara Rao, who attended as the chief guest, said Brown's dedication to the Telugu language, despite being a foreigner, was an inspiration to everyone.

Faculty member Gaddam Venkata Rao said Telugu people would always remember Brown's contributions, including the preparation of bilingual dictionaries and the collection, editing and preservation of folk songs. SKVT College Principal Dr BV Tirupanyam, faculty members S Raj Kumar, Palli Sudha and J Suguna, students CH Ganesh Reddy, G Sandhya Ramani, Deepika and others participated.

Krishna DCCB donates Rs 1 cr to CM Relief Fund


Krishna DCCB chairman Nettam Sri Raghuram, Minister Kollu Ravindra and APCOB chairman Ganni Veeranjaneyulu presenting a cheque to Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu at the Secretariat on Tuesday

Dasari Srinivasa Rao
Vijayawada

THE Krishna District Cooperative Central Bank (DCCB) has contributed Rs 1 crore to the Chief Minister's Relief Fund to support farmers who suffered crop losses due to natural calamities.

Krishna DCCB chairman Nettam Sri Raghuram, accompanied by Minister for Mines, Geology and Excise Kollu Ravindra and APCOB chairman Ganni Veeranjaneyulu, met Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu at the Amaravati Secretariat on Tuesday and handed over a cheque for Rs 1 crore. Speaking on the occasion, Raghuram said the welfare of farmers was the primary objective of the Krishna DCCB and supporting them during natural disasters was a social responsibility of the cooperative banking sector.

The Chief Minister appreciated DCCB chairman Raghuram, the bank's senior officials and staff for their contribution. He commended the bank for earning recognition in the cooperative banking sector and expressed confidence that it would achieve further progress and set new benchmarks in the future.

Aerobics Gymnastics Championship

Four VPS students selected

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The selected students with the staff

FOUR students of Veeramachaneni Paddayya Siddhartha Public School here have been selected to represent Andhra Pradesh in the All Age Group Aerobics Gymnastics National Championship 2026–27, scheduled to be held in Jaipur, Rajasthan, from November 12 to 16.

According to the selection letter issued by the Gymnastics Association of NTR District on November 9, the selected students include Diya Palakurti and Vadipina Aadvika of Class IV in the National Development Category, and Jahnavi Kollipara of Class VIII and Ananya Vemuri of Class VII in the Youth Category.

The students earned their selection through their dedication, discipline, perseverance and sporting talent. The Andhra Pradesh team will leave for Jaipur on November 11 and return on November 18. N Pawana Phani will accompany the team as its manager. The school acknowledged the support of the Gymnastics Association of NTR District Secretary B Babu Rao and Treasurer L Murali Krishna in promoting gymnastics.

School Principal Meda Seetha Ramaiah, Vice-Principal K Rose Mary, Headmistress Ch Jayalakshmi and Academic Coordinator D Anuradha congratulated the selected students and wished them success in the national championship.

Power restoration work reviewed

Naresh Nandam
Ongole

APCPDCL Director for Projects and HRD, TVSN Murthy, inspected power restoration work in the field that is being carried out after the damage caused by Cyclone Murasu.

The Director visited the Naguluppalapadu section and checked the repair work on the 11 KV Ammanabrolu-Chavatapalem feeder. A power cut had occurred on this feeder due to the cyclone, and the electricity supply needs to be restored. He also reviewed the breakdown repair work on the 11 KV Chadalavada feeder in the same section. He told the officials to speed up the restoration work. He asked the staff to work together and bring back the power supply as soon as possible. He ordered the workers to follow all electrical safety rules while doing the repair work. The Director said the APCPDCL team is working without a break to restore a steady power supply.

He added that the department will continue its efforts until normal supply returns in all the affected areas.

Onus on govt and people for a pollution-free Diwali

DIWALI pollution has become an annual grey rhino event—a looming, predictable threat that we all recognise but choose to ignore. Black swan occurrences are unforeseeable, and therefore very difficult to deal with. The Covid-19 crisis was a black swan about which no one knew. Hence the untold loss of life and incalculable damage to the economy. The inability to tackle grey rhinos, however, is symptomatic of sclerosis in Indian statecraft, the callousness of the political class, and the irresponsible behaviour of people in general. Like every post-Diwali, news headlines screamed of various parts of the country, especially north India, becoming gas chambers. Delhi and the surrounding National Capital Region (NCR) being the worst affected with PM2.5 readings, which capture levels of smoke, flying off the charts. Many of the capital's air monitoring stations went blank on Diwali night. The missing hours were partially filled the next day by the Delhi Pollution Control Committee (DPCC), showing the smoke level peaked at 3,744 µg/m³, more than 60 times the national 24-hour standard of 60.

Another news report said that in Delhi, which recorded its worst Diwali-day air quality in five years, pollution levels touched nearly 5,000 µg/m³ at some monitoring stations—that is, over 80 times the safe limit. Even the peninsular region was not spared, with Hyderabad's average air quality index (AQI) zooming to 509. Although, coastal Chennai and Mumbai were better, Kolkata was not spared, as AQI spiked above 600. Coastal centres in Gujarat too had very high AQI numbers. At the heart of the problem is the lack of concern in the quarters that matter. Our political elite, cutting across party lines, have almost zero regard for real issues like pollution. Despite harsh commentary in public discourse, media outcry, and severe reprimands by the higher judiciary, the powers that be are insouciant about the lives and health of millions of people who suffer because of debilitating pollution. Little, if anything, has been done to ameliorate the conditions; if there are any short, medium and long-term measures to address the issue, they are not perceptible.

It is time our political masters woke up and took effective steps to rectify the situation. This requires moving beyond the ritualistic responses that follow every Diwali, when governments issue advisories, announce restrictions, hold meetings, and promise action, only for the problem to resurface with renewed intensity the following year. What is needed is a comprehensive, coordinated, and time-bound strategy that addresses every significant source of pollution throughout the year, rather than treating it as a seasonal emergency. Governments must invest in public transport, strengthen last-mile connectivity, enforce emission standards, ensure scientific disposal of municipal and agricultural waste, and penalise industrial violators. Stubble burning, construction dust, vehicular emissions, and firecrackers all demand sustained attention, not selective outrage. Equally important is the creation of an institutional framework that assigns clear responsibility to specific authorities and holds officials accountable for measurable outcomes. Political leaders must also lead by example, instead of shifting blame or indulging in partisan point-scoring. At the same time, people too must do their bit. They must adhere to the norms specified by the authorities regarding bursting of crackers. They need to realise that every government intervention will fail without their support. Environmental protection is everyone's responsibility.

Cultivating resilience: Why crop diversification is Telangana's only scientifically sound climate adaptation

Dr Ramesh Chennamaneni

An unprecedented drought crisis across 365 mandals in Telangana, driven by a post-monsoon El Niño effect and a 17 per cent rainfall deficit, threatens agricultural collapse until July 2027. To initiate a transition of the state from a vulnerable monoculture to a drought-resistant, resilient agricultural economy ensuring the livelihoods of small and marginal farmers, a comprehensive climate adaptation framework is required. This strategy is anchored by the Mandal-Wise Decentralized Alternative Production Package (MDAPP), localised soil-moisture ecological mapping, and aggressively front-loaded financial assistance through a specialized Green Transition Bonus.

THE prevailing. The state government has officially declared 365 mandals across 31 districts as drought affected. Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy has warned that this unprecedented El Niño-related water and power crisis could persist until next July. This emergency exposes the deep structural vulnerabilities of our agricultural system and demands alternative strategies.

From an ecological perspective, crop diversification serves as a scientifically validated climate change adaptation strategy specifically engineered to combat acute hydrological stress. Replacing continuous paddy with low-water alternatives directly intercepts the drought cycle by altering the microclimate and soil physics of the farm. Deep-rooted alternative crops break up compacted subsoil layers, increasing capillary porosity and maximizing water infiltration when erratic rains do occur. By maintaining ground cover through diverse cropping architectures, farmers drastically lower soil surface evaporation and buffer the field against extreme thermal gradients. Crucially, integrating diverse root profiles optimises water extraction across varying soil depths rather than exhausting the topmost layer, significantly increasing regional water-use efficiency and preserving precious residual moisture within the root zone during extended dry spells. However, transitioning from predictable paddy fields to complex alternative crop systems introduces severe operational hurdles for small and marginal farmers.



For these smallholders, climate adaptation is not just an ecological goal—it is a high-stakes problem of daily farm management, labor allocation, and survival.

The smallholder farm management crisis

The 2026 monsoon concluded with a 17 per cent overall rainfall deficit, leaving 18 out of 33 districts severely deficient. The total kharif crop area dropped from 139.28 lakh acres to 126.06 lakh acres, leaving standing crops withering. While traditional paddy cultivation fell by 18 per cent, the remaining acreage faces disaster. Out of 30 lakh agricultural pump sets, almost 15 lakh have run dry due to the rapidly falling water table.

When the state government appeals to smallholders to avoid paddy and shift to alternative crops like pulses, millets, or oilseeds, it overlooks a critical farm management reality. Small and marginal farmers operate on razor-thin margins. Paddy is highly automated, easy to store, and insulated by guaranteed state procurement.

In contrast, alternative crops require intensive, localized agronomic management: precise sowing windows to catch brief moisture windows, entirely different seedbed preparation, specialized weeding, and delicate handling during harvest. Forcing a smallholder with less than two acres to learn and manage these volatile new crop dynamics without structural support creates a severe policy asymmetry. It expects the most vulnerable stakeholder to absorb 100% of the operational and financial risk.

Localized agroecological realities

Climate change impacts Telangana's distinct agro-ecological zones differently, meaning top-down, uniform advisories broadcasted via Rythu Vedikas fail to match localized realities:

The northern zone: Experiencing erratic rains and rising thermal stress that alter the growing period.

Central zone: Facing severe groundwater depletion that rapidly strips moisture from shallow root zones.

The southern zone: High evaporation rates on shallow soils lead to immediate crop wilting during short dry spells.

To address this, the state must implement a Mandal-Wise Decentralized Alternative Production Package (MDAPP). This framework maps soil taxonomy and aquifer health across all 621 mandals to deliver a tailor-made alternative crop grid specifically optimized for smallholder management.

In zone A (deep black cotton soil with over-exploited groundwater in specific mandals within Adilabad, Nalgonda, and parts of Khammam), high soil water-retention capacity dictates a total ban on Yasangi paddy. This is replaced by long-staple cotton intercropped with pigeon pea, Bengal gram, black gram, green gram, or soybean.

In sone B (red sandy loams with critically low water tables across Mahabubnagar, Medak, and Rangareddy), the low moisture profiles require drought-hardy options like groundnut, castor, pearl millet, finger millet, foxtail millet, sorghum, and sesame.

In zone C (alluvial and medium loamy soils under deficit canal networks in Nizamabad, Karimnagar, and Warangal), flood irrigation must be eliminated in favor of safflower, mustard, green gram, sunflower, and linseed.

To institutionalise this, physical soil health cards must become digital MDAPP Smart Passbooks. When a smallholder registers their land, the portal automatically tags their mandatory crop code, blocks restricted paddy entries, and unlocks tailored input-subsidy modules.

Insulating the smallholder transition

The primary barrier to diversification is the immediate liquidity crunch faced by smallholders when changing cultivation patterns. MDAPP restructures direct benefit transfers by splitting investment support into a two-tier framework: the base Rythu Bharosa support plus a legally ring-fenced Green Transition Bonus (GTB) of ₹3,000 per acre per season, paid exclusively for alternative crops.

To prevent smallholders from falling back on high-interest private moneylenders for new tools and inputs, cash flows are front-loaded. During the pre-sowing phase, 60 per cent of the combined seasonal payout is deposited directly into the farmer's account. The remaining 40 per cent is released 30 days after sowing following automated remote-sensing crop verification. Furthermore, Telangana's 2,600+ Rythu Vedikas must be upgraded into local logistics hubs. Upon registration, smallholders will receive an SMS voucher redeemable at the Rythu Vedika for 100 per cent subsidized, high-yield, drought-resistant seeds developed by PJTSAU. To manage the technical shift in water utilization, alternative crops are paired with Micro-Irrigation Direct-Delivery (MIDD). Any smallholder registered under MDAPP automatically qualifies for a 90 per cent subsidy on drip or sprinkler kits, installed by technical teams within seven days.

Eliminating market volatility

The final anchor of MDAPP eliminates market price volatility. The state must establish a dedicated, legally backed statutory body: the Telangana Alternative Crop Procurement Board (TACPB). Operating under a 120 per cent MSP Procurement Accord, the TACPB will legally guarantee to buy 100 per cent of the alternative crop volume at a 20 per cent premium over Central MSP.

This bonus directly compensates smallholders for the lower physical yields characteristic of pulses and millets relative to paddy. By processing harvests at decentralized Rythu Vedika weighbridges and clearing payments via DBT within 72 hours, Telangana can effectively withstand the serious economic and social vagaries of one of the worst droughts it has been experiencing since decades.

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We need to deal with natural calamities more effectively



Ravulapati Seetaramarao

No matter how big the storm is, if N Chandrababu Naidu oversees it, it becomes possible to contain the ferocity. As a chief minister who keeps losses within bounds, he calmly restores what is lost, while the storms gradually cross the coast. When Arnav and Murasu cyclones occurred, those storms extended from afar, and with several precautionary measures in place, the two cyclones that followed quickly caused less loss of life.

When the two struck Andhra Pradesh, Arnav that arrived on October 28 was estimated to cause about ₹4,526 crore in damage. The Murasu cyclone arrived on November 3. However, this damaged copper crops across 52,500 hectares. Preliminary estimates indicate that only about eight people lost their lives due to these two cyclones. The first cyclone reportedly caused crop damage over 90,000 hectares in the southern Odisha region. As always, after the central government officials visited at the ground level, the initial loss estimates were used to decide on financial assistance and other forms of support. Reports indicate that states like Telangana, Karnataka, and Tamil Nadu have extended necessary aid to Andhra Pradesh during this crisis.

With the help of the Real-Time Governance Society (RTGS) and technical experts, casualties and property losses were minimised.

When Hudhud struck in October 2014, Chandrababu Naidu stood ahead of the officials with remarkable initiative, guiding in many ways and fighting the storm to safeguard lives, property, and livelihood in the face of the cyclone. Governments strive to lend a hand during crises, sometimes without people noticing, but it is very rare for a leader at the level of the Chief Minister to personally drive aid efforts across the ground. For politicians who think power is to be enjoyed, helping in times of trouble is a duty and a goal; for Chandrababu, this brought immense adulation and admiration from ordinary people as well. The Hudhud cyclone claimed 63 lives and caused damages worth about Rs 22,000 crore. There has always been a worrying factor about what would happen if a cyclone hit a region. Now, in the two Telugu states and in Odisha, people perceive such calamities as a regular threat—though it is a tragedy when they occur. The handling of such disasters often becomes highly challenging, and corruption tends to harden. Yet for ordinary people, and for those who depend on fishing along the coast, daily life becomes a heavy burden. Those who muster the courage to go out to fish face grim conditions, and the hardships persist until they return safely. Therefore, there is a growing need for skilled professionals who can anticipate such disasters through technology, for enhanced cooperation between state and central government officials, and for proactive, strategic measures to be put in place well in advance.



Along with state authorities, agencies functioning at the central level must act with utmost precautions to protect crops from these calamities. Rapid, well-considered strategic decisions that minimise losses have become indispensable. Likewise, government agencies responsible for timely compensation and delivering relief at the field level must increasingly adopt decisive actions. The Prime Minister's Crop Insurance Scheme (Crop Insurance Scheme) was launched by the Centre a decade ago, but its utilisation at the field level remains limited. There are no records showing that the plan is being implemented in a manner intended to compensate farmers for losses caused by climate-induced natural adversities. If the government can bring all farmers under this scheme, it would provide some relief to those who suffered losses. It would be beneficial if states took responsibility for taking this scheme to the farmers and establish government machinery at the field level that provides relief to farmers.

Initially, there was no thought of reclaiming these compensation payments by the governments. However, with the 15th Finance Commission's recommendations, within two years prior, the national and state Disaster Response Funds were reclassified not as relief funds but as part of recovery and reconstruction under this scheme. Governments must consider how appropriate this is. When natural disasters disrupt states in such dreadful ways and push livelihoods into dire straits, the central government should be ready to provide urgent financial assistance and take all possible supportive measures. Only then will federalism and democracy have meaning and usefulness. Co-operative federalism should be actualised as a true federal arrangement in which the central government can function in a manner aligned with democratic values.

Presently, cyclones are occurring on a regular basis in one state or the other. To effectively deal with these natural calamities, and lessen the effect of losses of properties, crops and deaths, separate mechanisms at the state and national levels are urgently called for. Though disaster management machinery is now functioning at both levels, the inadequacy and technical assistance is evident. Hence, a specialised scheme is to be urgently thought of to give a credible helping hand in containing heavy losses. Best governance is then registered in the minds of affected people.

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LETTERS

Make preventive healthcare a national priority

WITH reference to "India should focus on its health promotion policies," it is alarming that 10–30 per cent of youngsters is reportedly suffering from health-impacting behavioural issues and conditions. While India has a predominantly young population, lifestyle disorders such as obesity, diabetes, hypertension, stress and lack of physical activity are increasingly affecting them. Equally concerning is that only around 45–47 per cent of Indians are covered by some form of health insurance or healthcare financing scheme. Another common misconception among salaried employees is that the employer-provided health insurance of ₹3–5 lakh is sufficient. However, this may fall short in the event of critical illnesses, major surgeries or prolonged hospitalisation. Therefore, every individual should consider taking an independent personal health insurance policy to ensure continuous financial protection. The government should also prioritise preventive healthcare through regular health screenings, nutritional education, awareness campaigns and promotion of physical activity in schools, colleges and workplaces. A healthy younger generation is essential for India's productivity and economic growth, and prevention must become a national priority rather than merely a medical intervention.

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Every Indian must be health conscious

APROPOS your editorial 'India should focus on its health promotion'. It is very important that every Indian must be health conscious, in each situation – eating healthy food, indulging in regular physical activities; and not yielding to habits of smoking, tobacco use and excessive use of alcoholic beverages. Nutrition continues to be a big and vital contributor to healthy living; while the have-nots evolved a meaningful regimen when it comes to eating habits, without compromising on nutrition – it is the rich who fall prey to eating all kinds of junk foods that are unhealthy and having less nutritional content in them. The reality of growing atmospheric pollution, use of excessive pesticides in vegetable crops is being seen as a serious threat to health issues and long-term illnesses. The busy lifestyle, growing stress and untimely regimen about eating lunch and dinner are contributing to severe and unprecedented health issues. The irregular sleep pattern is also said to be the cause for growing cardiovascular ailments – heart attack and stroke. The problem of hypertension has become a regular thing for many. Yoga and meditation practices are beneficial while belly fat is said to be the main cause for heart attack and strokes.

S Lakshmi, Hyderabad

TG govt lacks application

The autocratic decision-making mechanism of Telangana contributes to reversing the existing trend of investments in various sectors. The involvement of stakeholders in decision making exercises of this nature is conspicuous and visible to economic analysts. To attract capital investments to a state in a highly competitive environment in our country needs scientific and professional studies with the invitation of suggestions from experts in various fields. In the absence of such exercise, policy reversals in the midstream only decelerates the momentum built over years. The present state government exhibits immaturity and lack of application of mind in its functioning. This in turn has resulted in the unfortunate stagnation of its economy. It requires introspection by the state cabinet to correct its policy making parameters immediately before the damage becomes irretrievable. With drought conditions already breaking the rural economy during this year, Telangana can ill-afford the luxury of stagnation in other economic spheres. Sooner we correct this, better for the state, it will be

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BENGALURU ONLINE

Prove Sangh links in murders or resign: Tejasvi challenges Kharge



BENGALURU: BJP MP Tejasvi Surya has challenged Karnataka Minister Priyank Kharge to produce evidence within three days to substantiate his allegations linking Sangh Parivar members to the murders of journalist Gauri Lankesh and rationalist M M Kalaburgi, or resign from his post.

Reacting to Kharge's remarks at a Muslim League programme in Kerala, Surya said securing justice in the high-profile murder cases required seriousness and commitment rather than political speeches. In a social media post, he said the Home Minister's responsibility was to ensure justice under the rule of law and not pronounce prejudiced judgments from political platforms.

Surya questioned the delay in the trials, pointing out that the chargesheet in the Gauri Lankesh murder case was filed in 2018, while the trial began in 2022. The case is now before its seventh judge, and all the accused are out on bail, he said. . In the Kalburgi murder case, only 33 of the 139 witnesses had been examined by September 2026, highlighting the slow pace of the proceedings, he added.

He said Congress had been in power in Karnataka for most of the period since the murders and that the state government had constituted the SITs. The Home Department must explain its role in ensuring effective investigations and trials, he demanded.

Surya also questioned Kharge's assurance that the cases would be concluded within six months and those responsible would be sent to prison, saying such statements could raise concerns about judicial independence. He asked Kharge to disclose the names of those allegedly linked to the Sangh who had been chargesheeted and provide evidence within three days or resign.

Kharge had alleged that people associated with the Sangh Parivar were behind the murders and expressed confidence that the accused would be brought to justice within six months.

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CII PARTNERSHIP SUMMIT

AP sets its sights on next industrial revolution

- Visakhapatnam summit puts space technology, AI and advanced manufacturing in focus
- Global industry leaders, foreign governments and private space companies to converge on November 12-13
- State seeks a larger role in emerging technologies and international supply chains
- CM Naidu to hold high-level discussions with international delegates, multinational companies and Central Ministers



K Varaprasada Rao
Amaravati

ROCKETS, advanced technology and global industrial capital will take centre stage as Andhra Pradesh prepares to make an ambitious pitch for a place in the next wave of industrial growth. Visakhapatnam will host the 31st CII Partnership Summit on November 12 and 13, bringing together international business leaders, foreign government representatives, diplomats and executives of major companies.

The state is using the global gathering to position itself beyond conventional manufacturing, targeting high-value industries in space technology, clean energy, artificial intelligence and advanced manufacturing. Its larger ambition is to attract businesses that can connect Andhra Pradesh with emerging global markets and technology-driven supply chains.

Organised jointly by the state government and the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII), the summit will be inaugurated by Union home minister Amit Shah at Andhra University on November 12, from 10.30 am to 12.30 pm. Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu will participate in key sessions and hold meetings with international delegates, multinational companies and Central ministers.

A major attraction will be the proposed interaction with India's private space industry. Naidu is scheduled to meet representatives of Agnikul, Bellatrix Aerospace, Skyroot and Hawthorne Rockets to explore opportunities in space technology, research and manufacturing.

The participation of these companies brings a distinctive dimension to the State's investment strategy. The expanding private space sector offers opportunities in launch systems, satellite technologies, propulsion and specialised components, creating demand for advanced manufacturing and research facilities. Andhra Pradesh intends to present its infrastructure and policy framework to companies operating in this emerging industry.

The presence of Dr Daren Tang, director general of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), adds an important international dimension. With patents, innovation and intellectual property protection playing an increasingly significant role in technology-led businesses, Naidu will hold a separate meeting with Tang.

The Chief Minister is also scheduled to meet government representatives from Singapore, the United Arab Emirates, Guatemala and Slovakia, besides the ambassadors of Japan and Russia. He will meet the chairman of a Japanese institute focused on international strategy.

The corporate delegation will include representatives of Kia Motors, ReNew, Mondelez India, Saint-Gobain, NALCO and Levista, spanning automobiles, renewable energy, food processing, construction materials, infrastructure and manufacturing. Naidu will also meet ReNew chief executive Sumant Sinha and participate in discussions with CII-associated chief executives.

The summit will provide a platform for the State to seek greater Central support for industrial expansion. Naidu is scheduled to meet Central ministers Nitin Gadkari, Piyush Goyal, Chirag Paswan, Pralhad Joshi and Sarbananda Sonowal to discuss sector-specific development measures, central assistance and possible concessions or relaxations for different sections of the state's population. He will also raise the impact of international developments on various sectors in Andhra Pradesh.

A separate Women and Growth Summit 2026 at Novotel, Visakhapatnam, will focus on women's economic empowerment.

Naidu will begin his engagements a day before the summit, meeting Singaporean Minister Gan Siow Huang in Amaravati on November 11. In Visakhapatnam, he is scheduled to meet WIPO Director General Daren Tang, Japanese Ambassador Keiichi Ono, UAE Minister Abdulla bin Touq Al Marri and ReNew chief executive Sumant Sinha, followed by interactions with CII chief executives and a welcome dinner for international delegates.

The state has already secured investment commitments worth Rs 86,000 crore through five regional investor meetings held as preparatory outreach. The Visakhapatnam summit now offers a larger international platform to turn Andhra Pradesh's investment ambitions into long-term business partnerships, technology collaborations and globally competitive industries.

APPSC releases Group-2 notification for 720 vacancies

- 471 executive and 249 non-executive posts to be filled
- December 11 is the last date to submit online applications
- Screening test scheduled for February 21, 2027

K Varaprasada Rao
Amaravati

THE Andhra Pradesh Public Service Commission (APPSC) released the Group-2 recruitment notification on Tuesday, announcing 720 vacancies across executive and non-executive categories. The online application process commenced on Tuesday, with December 11 at 11.59 p.m. fixed as the deadline for submission of applications.

Of the total vacancies, 471 are executive posts and 249 are non-executive posts. Candidates can submit their applications through the Commission's official website.

The Group-2 screening test will be conducted offline in OMR-based format on February 21, 2027.
The schedule for the main examination, which will be conducted online, will be announced separately by the Commission.

Among the executive posts, 203 vacancies are for deputy tahsildars and 176 for deputy mandal parishad development officers (MPDOs). The other major vacancies include 40 Goods and Services Tax (GST) officers and 29 Prohibition and Excise Sub-Inspectors.

In the non-executive category, the notification includes 80 assistant section officer (ASO) posts and 91 senior accountant posts, along with other vacancies.

Candidates possessing a bachelor's degree from a recognised university are eligible to apply. The notification provides details of post-wise vacancies, age limits, pay scales, zone-wise distribution of posts and the examination pattern.

Candidates have been advised to go through the detailed notification and verify the eligibility conditions before submitting their applications.

Nvidia CEO told me he didn't know Alice was a spy: Trump

Washington

US President Donald Trump took a sympathetic tone towards Jensen Huang on Monday, saying the Nvidia CEO was "suffering greatly" and didn't know a woman he had an affair with was an alleged Chinese spy.

Trump also danced around the question of when he personally was aware of intelligence linking the chip boss to Alice Huang, a Chinese executive who had allegedly been funnelling information to Beijing.

The US leader said he had spoken to Huang earlier on Monday "to see if he's feeling alright," calling the Taiwanese-born tech boss an "amazing guy."

"I asked him that question, 'did you have any idea that she was a spy?' He said, 'I had no idea that she was a spy,' and I really believe him," Trump told reporters at the White House.

He added: "I hope there is no problem. I believe he is suffering greatly... more so because of his family, his wife, who he loves, and his family. But he's definitely suffering." Jensen Huang sent a message to Nvidia employees on Sunday in which he acknowledged having an affair and apologized to both his family and company staff.

Trump said he was not aware about the allegations when Huang accompanied him to China in May. Huang is a key figure in the AI revolution and close to the US President. "No, I didn't hear about it then. But a lot of people have heard about it," Trump said.

Huang has also attended numerous White House events, including a state visit by Chinese President Xi Jinping in September.

Sends msg to enemies: Hegseth slams bid to impeach him

WASHINGTON: US secretary of war Pete Hegseth on Tuesday described the impeachment efforts against him as sending a message to Washington's adversaries that the US would punish its own military personnel and political leadership for carrying out "lawful operations." "In the 250 years of our American republic, no secretary of war or secretary of defence has ever been impeached for carrying out lawful military operations," Hegseth told reporters. The briefing came a day after President Donald Trump backed Hegseth, saying that he had led the US to victory in "two wars" — referring to the Iran war and the US military intervention in Venezuela in January, which resulted in the removal of Nicolas Maduro. The press conference was the Pentagon chief's first in six months and came a day after Republican US Representative Thomas Massie of Kentucky introduced eight articles of impeachment against him.

'WHITEWASHING'

Sonia trying to justify Emergency in her memoir: BJP

NEW DELHI: The BJP on Tuesday accused former Congress president Sonia Gandhi of trying to justify the Emergency in her memoir and said it should have been named "whitewashing" instead of "Belonging: A Journey of Love". Taking to X, BJP's national spokesperson C R Kesavan said the book appears to be an attempt to "sugar-coat the historical wrongs perpetrated" by the Nehru-Gandhi family, which held power at the Centre for several years. "Sonia Gandhi could have titled her memoir as 'Whitewashing' instead of 'Belonging', because the motive of this book appears to be sugarcoating the historical wrongs perpetrated by the Nehru-Gandhi family and camouflaging the cardinal sins committed by the Congress party," Kesavan said.

SC seeks WhatsApp's action plan to curb digital arrest scams

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The matter has been listed for further hearing on November 23.

During the earlier hearing, senior advocate Kapil Sibal, appearing for WhatsApp, informed the bench that the platform had taken preventive measures, including action against 9,400 accounts. He also assured the court that an affidavit detailing the steps taken would be filed. Sibal further submitted that WhatsApp was developing software to identify suspicious accounts and alert users.

The latest directions come amid growing concerns over digital arrest scams and other cyber frauds, with the apex court stressing the need for stronger accountability of financial institutions and digital platforms.



India to remain only major economy with workforce surplus thru 2030

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Over 40 per cent of India's population is under 25 years of age, while around 68 per cent, or nearly 961 million people, are of working age, the report said. Global Capability Centres (GCCs) will play a key role in transforming India's position in the global economy. India had 2,117 GCCs in FY26, employing 2.36 million professionals and generating $98.4 billion in revenue, up from $64.6 billion in FY24.

GCCs added nearly 2 lakh net employees during FY26, driven by demand for artificial intelligence, machine learning engineers, cloud experts and product developers.

The report said that India's projected skilled workforce surplus of 45 million by 2030 could address roughly 53 per cent of the anticipated global talent shortfall. The talent can either work from established hubs such as Hyderabad or Pune for clients abroad, or it can move to Frankfurt, Toronto or Houston on a work visa. Overseas Indians sent home a record $129.4 billion in remittances in 2024, accounting for 14.3 per cent of global remittance flows and the number of Indians working abroad has increased to 18.5 million from 6.6 million in 1990. "Universities and vocational programmes must teach AI, cloud, cybersecurity, healthcare and advanced manufacturing, not only coding. The 2025–26 Union Budget announced a national framework to promote GCCs in tier II cities. That should be funded and carried out," the report noted.

Indirect polls to MPP, ZPP chief posts

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The process also includes the election of co-opted members before the selection of the respective parishad leadership. Each MPP will elect one co-opted member, while each ZPP will elect two. These positions are reserved for representatives belonging to religious or linguistic minority communities. As per GO Ms No 131 of the panchayat raj and rural development department, dated March 11, 1995, Muslims, Christians, Sikhs, Buddhists and Zoroastrians (Parsis) are recognised as religious minorities. Those whose mother tongue is a language other than Telugu are considered linguistic minorities.

The MPTC members will elect the MPP president and vice-president from among themselves, while ZPTC members will similarly elect the ZPP chairperson and vice-chairperson. The elections to these leadership positions will be conducted through a show of hands, making adherence to party whips issued by recognised political parties mandatory for members.

However, party whips will not apply to elections for co-opted members.

Sonia Gandhi's book brings political memoirs in focus

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In the memoir, Sonia Gandhi opens up for the first time about the extraordinary twists and turns of a life that has largely unfolded in full public view. It contains moving glimpses of Gandhi's private grief. She writes about the loss of her first child, who died shortly after birth, and the chilling discovery of grenades in a room of their house after Operation Blue Star, the 1984 military operation against Sikh separatists at the Golden Temple in Amritsar. She also provides a ringside view of several turbulent chapters in Indian politics, not least the violent assassinations of her mother-in-law, Indira Gandhi, in 1984 and her husband, Rajiv, in 1991.

"Much has been written about my family, but rarely with real insight into who they were, their motivations, their struggles, their very human flaws. I wanted to portray them honestly, as people I knew and loved," the 79-year-old Gandhi wrote said ahead of the release of the memoir.

Her book also revisits some of the darker episodes that have dogged the Gandhi family and the Congress party, including Indira's imposition of the Emergency in June 1975, a 21-month period during which civil liberties were suspended, political opponents were jailed and the press was gagged, which caused fear and dismay across the country. In Gandhi's account, it also caused a rift within the family.

Born Sonia Maino in 1946 in a small Italian village near Vicenza, she met Rajiv Gandhi — the grandson of India's first Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru — at a restaurant in the United Kingdom's Cambridge city. The two got married in New Delhi in 1968, when Rajiv's mother and Nehru's daughter Indira Gandhi was serving as India's prime minister.

In her book Sonia Gandhi talks about her 2004 decision to not take up the top job as prime minister of the world's largest democracy. The Nehru-Gandhi family gave India three prime ministers.

In an excerpt from the book, Sonia said her children - and now senior Congress leader Priyanka Gandhi Vadra and Leader of Opposition Rahul Gandhi - had then discussed with her, their mother's possible prime ministership. "One of them asked me straight out whether I would accept the post, just in case our party pulled off a victory. 'Absolutely not' I'd said, almost indignantly,' the excerpt read.

"Neither Rahul nor Priyanka felt that I should become prime minister. They'd lived through the trauma of their grandmother's assassination and the brutal murder of their father. In their minds, holding that office was intrinsically linked with heightened danger. They looked relieved and I, too, felt lighter, having said my views out loud on the question for the first time," Sonia wrote in the memoir.

Ultimately, Gandhi's memoir is a vivid record of six decades of India's political transformation from the Congress-dominated secular republic she moved to in 1968 until today. Gandhi's account offers a glimpse of how deep the political polarisation runs in Indian politics today. In one revealing passage, Gandhi writes that she has had "practically no real contact" with Prime Minister Narendra Modi in the 12 years he has led the nation. In fact, at times when the two have been in the same room, such as the Speaker's small chamber, Modi "tends to look away, avoiding eye contact", she says. On one occasion, she adds, he has asked briefly about her health after a hospital stay.

After the 2001 terror attack on parliament, Gandhi immediately called then-BJP prime minister AB Vajpayee to enquire about his safety, a gesture he appreciated.

Gandhi sees an increasingly authoritarian style of politics, in which those in power seek to "belittle and torment" opponents. For years, Gandhi's son, Rahul, has been the subject of BJP's ridicule, which calls him Pappu, a derisive term intended to portray him as inexperienced and naive. She adds that similar things are happening elsewhere in the world, an observation that can be read in the context of US President Donald Trump's use of personal insults and ridicule against opponents.

In the book, Gandhi describes a 2012 conversation with Hillary Clinton on the country's female leaders and their backgrounds. In her recollections of Indira, she shares that, despite wielding authority, Indira could feel besieged and profoundly alone, and this was particularly acute, Gandhi writes, in the months leading up to the declaration of the Emergency by her mother-in-law.

Gandhi also writes of her own isolation, including when she decided to take on the leadership of the Congress out of a sense of duty to her family's political legacy.

Among the many ways in which Gandhi charts the erosion of India's democratic conventions in Belonging, one particularly telling shift is the changed relationship between the media and those in power. She recalls a time when journalists had opportunities to question prime ministers directly. In 12 years in power, Modi has not addressed a single press conference on his own. He has sat in on one press briefing at the conclusion of an election campaign and appeared alongside US presidents at joint press encounters after bilateral meetings, where they took questions from the press. Gandhi writes warmly of the closeness between the Gandhi family and that of Bollywood superstar Amitabh Bachchan, whose parents she lived with when she first moved to India, but she makes no mention of the subsequent estrangement between the two families. In another instance, she does not name the political leader she describes as "thoroughly dishonest" and who she says she trusted in 1999, when Congress unsuccessfully attempted to form a coalition government.

'SURRENDER TO IRAN'S 7 CONDITIONS'

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Iran's seven conditions include an end to the hostilities on all fronts, lifting the US naval blockade along the Strait of Hormuz, reopening the shipping lanes in the strait immediately and lifting of economic sanctions on Iran. "The war against Iran has torn the US government apart, but Washington is flailing like a desperate gambler - Stop playing. Stop making up news about imaginary negotiations. Do not deny the new order in West Asia -It is time to surrender to Iran's seven conditions," Rezaei told Iranian media. On Monday, Trump engaged in a high-level dialogue with Qatari Prime Minister Sheikh Mohammed bin Abdulrahman bin Jassim Al Thani. The US President announced that key Gulf allies have backed an unprecedented joint land-and-sea blockade against Iran under "Operation Iron Gate," declaring that preventing Tehran from acquiring nuclear weapons remains strictly "non-negotiable."
While warning that American forces remain in a high state of combat readiness should regional dynamics deteriorate, Trump projected optimism regarding a potential de-escalation, noting signs of progress toward winding down the hostilities.

Cabinet nod for ₹31,387-cr AI data centre in Vizag dist

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In a move to promote women entrepreneurship, the Cabinet approved a 30-acres FICCI FLO Industrial Park at Jaggayyapeta in NTR district exclusively for women entrepreneurs. It also cleared the proposed SKICORP Integrated Footwear Park over 56.82 acres in Annamayya district and an MSME Park spread across approximately 21 acres in Thamballapalle.

The Cabinet approved incentives for Rathi Green Energy and Newland Labs. It also cleared the cancellation of earlier land allotments made to Websol Renewables and Metro Decorative in the Naidupeta Special Economic Zone. It approved increasing the capacity of the Greenko solar power project from 500 MW to 1,500 MW and a 30-year lease of 192.68 acres of Waqf land in Vajrakarur mandal of Anantapur district for a solar power project. The Cabinet also agreed to examine the feasibility of allowing private participation in nuclear power generation using Small Modular Reactor technology as an alternative to thermal power, subject to the availability of the technology. The Cabinet approved the establishment of a dedicated Directorate of Traffic Management and Road Safety at Police Headquarters in Mangalagiri. It will function under the supervision of the director general of police and will be headed by an officer of inspector general rank. Five acres in Sakhamuru in the capital region will be leased for a Kendriya Vidyalaya, with stamp duty exemption. The Cabinet also approved the establishment of a 15 MW waste-to-energy plant in Vijayawada through the free transfer of 5.50 acres of AP Genco land to the municipal corporation. A one-time settlement of Rs 48.73 crore relating to Sembukarpu was regularised subject to conditions. The Cabinet also approved incentives and other land-allocation proposals relating to industrial development.



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Skin detox tips to follow post-festive season

After days of festive celebrations, late nights, heavy makeup and indulgent eating, your skin may need some extra care to regain its natural glow. Follow these simple detox tips to rejuvenate your skin, restore its freshness and maintain a healthy radiance



Shahnaz Husain

The festive season is over, and it is time to get back to your regular routine. Amid the celebrations, preparations and late-night parties, we often tend to neglect our health and skincare routines. Excessive consumption of sweets and oily foods, heavy makeup, lack of sleep, and exposure to pollution can take a toll on our skin, leaving it dull, dry and tired.

Festive celebrations also bring increased exposure to smoke and environmental pollutants, which can irritate the skin and aggravate existing skin problems. After days of festivities, it is time to give your skin some extra care and help restore its natural glow.

Here are some simple tips to follow for healthy, refreshed skin.



1. Follow a Balanced Eating Routine

After days of festive indulgence, focus on returning to a balanced eating schedule. Rather than resorting to extreme fasting or restrictive diets, opt for regular, nutritious meals that support overall health. Include fibre-rich foods, fresh fruits, vegetables and whole grains in your daily diet.

Eating at regular intervals and avoiding unnecessary snacking can help maintain energy levels. If you are considering intermittent fasting, consult a healthcare professional first, particularly if you have an existing medical condition or take regular medication.

2. Add Antioxidants to Your Diet

Antioxidants help protect the body against free radicals, which can damage cells and contribute to premature skin ageing. Fruits, vegetables, whole grains, nuts, seeds and herbs are excellent natural sources of antioxidants.

Include foods rich in vitamins C and E, such as citrus fruits, berries, almonds and green leafy vegetables. These nutrients support skin health, help protect cells from oxidative stress and contribute to collagen production. Green tea is another good addition to your daily routine.

A balanced diet is generally the best way to obtain antioxidants. Avoid taking high-dose supplements without medical advice, as certain supplements may interact with medications.

3. Make Healthy Food Choices

Festive treats, fried snacks and sugary foods are difficult to resist during the celebrations. However, excessive consumption can affect overall health and may aggravate skin concerns such as breakouts.

Now is the time to return to healthier eating habits. Choose whole grains over refined carbohydrates and include adequate protein in your meals. Add citrus fruits, seasonal vegetables, salads and sprouts to your diet.

Try to consume at least five portions of fruits and vegetables daily. Reduce your intake of foods high in sugar, unhealthy fats and salt. Eating slowly and mindfully can also help you recognise when you are full and prevent overeating.

4. Keep Yourself Hydrated

Hydration is essential for maintaining healthy skin. Exposure to pollution, late nights and unhealthy food choices can leave you feeling tired and dehydrated. Drinking sufficient water helps maintain the body's fluid balance and supports normal skin function.



Make it a habit to drink water regularly throughout the day. You can also include coconut water, herbal teas and water-rich foods such as cucumber, watermelon and oranges in your diet. Starting your morning with a glass of waterw is a simple way to establish a healthy hydration routine. You can also add lemon for flavour. Remember, consistent hydration, nutritious food and proper skincare together can help your skin regain its freshness and natural glow after the festive season.

(The author is an internationally acclaimed beauty expert, popularly known as the Herbal Queen of India.)

Alaya F reflects on her fitness journey with a handstand scorpion on canes

Actress Alaya F used social media to reflect on her fitness progress over the years. In her latest post on Tuesday, the 'Jawaani Jaaneman' actress shared that back in 2023 she was unable to properly hold a headstand, but after three years of persistent hard work, she can now do a handstand scorpion on canes.

Alaya dropped a video of herself doing the handstand scorpion. The clip opened with glimpses of many of her failed attempts in the last three years, with Alaya finally performing the handstand scorpion perfectly at the end.

"November 2023, I could barely hold a headstand properly. November 2026, I'm doing a handstand scorpion on canes (A smiling face with a bead of sweat emoji) (sic)" read the caption of the post.

She added, "The name of the game is progress (Smiling face and raising hands emoticons)."

The 'Freddy' actor loves to keep her Insta Fam motivated with such inspiring insights into her intense fitness routine.

Back in June, Alaya expressed her excitement as she unlocked a hollowback headstand.

Sharing a glimpse of her latest fitness milestone, Alaya penned, "The balance Gods have been very kind to me lately! Hollowback headstand unlocked, babyyyyy!."

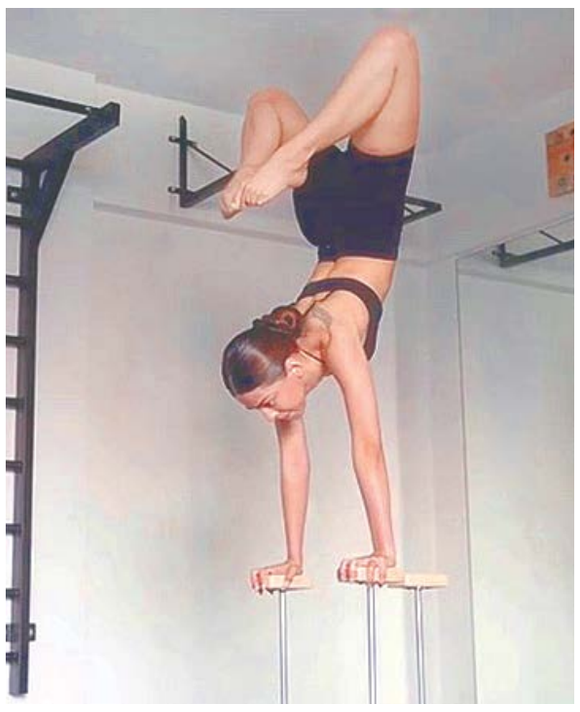
The clip showed her performing a hollowback headstand, showcasing her flexibility and control.

Talking about her cinematic journey, Alaya stepped into acting in 2020 with the laughter ride 'Jawaani Jaaneman', co-starring Saif Ali Khan and Tabu.

She has also been a part of 'Bade Miyan Chote Miyan', where she shared screen space with Akshay Kumar, Tiger Shroff, and Prithviraj Sukumaran.

Alaya's other projects include 'Freddy (2022)', 'Srikanth (2024)', 'Bade Miyan Chote Miyan (2024)'.

Up next, Alaya will be seen playing a crucial role in a high-octane thriller series, 'Storm'. Backed by Bollywood actor Hrithik Roshan, the series also stars Parvathy Thiruvothu, Srishti Shrivastava, Rrama Sharma, and Saba Azad in significant roles. (IANS)



Still treating your recurrent hives as an allergy? It could be chronic spontaneous urticaria

Dr Vijaya Bhaskar Mallela

When hives appear, it is natural to look for a cause. You may suspect something you ate, a medication or a product that came into contact with your skin. But what if the hives keep returning without an identifiable trigger? It could be more than an allergy.

Chronic urticaria is a condition in which hives, swelling or both recur for more than six weeks. One type is chronic spontaneous urticaria (CSU), where symptoms occur without an identifiable external trigger. Unlike an allergic reaction linked to a specific substance, CSU can cause repeated flare-ups without an obvious explanation.

Dr. Vijaya Bhaskar Mallela, Chief Dermatologist, Jubilee Hills, Hyderabad, says, "Recurring hives are commonly linked to allergies, although this may not always be the case. If the symptoms persist for more than six weeks or occur repeatedly without an identifiable trigger, chronic spontaneous urticaria could be a possible explanation. A medical evaluation can help distinguish between different causes and determine the most suitable course of treatment."

Here are five important things to understand about recurrent hives:



Recurring hives are often mistaken for allergic reactions, but persistent flare-ups without an identifiable trigger could indicate chronic spontaneous urticaria (CSU). Understanding the condition, recognising its symptoms and seeking timely medical advice can help manage it effectively

1. Hives do not always indicate an allergy

Hives are raised, itchy welts that can appear suddenly on different parts of the body. While they may occur during an allergic reaction, they are also a common symptom of CSU. Therefore, recurring hives should not automatically be attributed to food, skincare products or environmental exposure.

2. The six-week mark matters

When hives recur for more than six weeks, the condition is considered chronic urticaria. Individual welts often disappear within 24 hours, but new ones may develop elsewhere. Keeping track of their frequency, duration and associated swelling can help during a medical consultation.

3. Finding triggers can be frustrating

People experiencing repeated flare-ups may eliminate certain foods, change skincare products or avoid everyday activities. However, CSU often occurs without a specific external trigger. Certain factors may worsen symptoms, but they are not necessarily the underlying cause.

4. It can affect overall wellbeing

Persistent itching can disturb sleep, cause daytime fatigue and affect concentration at work. Visible hives and swelling may also lead to discomfort or self-consciousness in social situations. The unpredictability of flare-ups can further affect emotional wellbeing and quality of life.

5. The right diagnosis guides treatment

A dermatologist or allergist can assess symptoms, review medical history and determine whether further investigations are needed. Treatment focuses on controlling symptoms and is guided by clinical assessment and response. Unnecessary dietary restrictions or avoiding suspected allergens may not help when no allergic trigger is identified. Recurrent hives deserve attention, particularly when they persist for weeks or return without a clear explanation. Instead of assuming every flare-up is an allergy, seeking medical advice can help identify CSU and ensure appropriate symptom management.

CROSSWORD



ACROSS

1 Poem part (6)
5 Gain victory (3)
8 Hankering (4)
9 Leave out (4)
10 Arrival (6)
11 Type of chemical process (9)
13 Suspended (4)
15 First in short (3)
16 Lifting machine (5)
17 Indian tandoori dish (5)
20 Hawaiian garland (3)
22 A beam of light (3)
23 ___ Shri (26th January award) (5)
24 Licit (5)
26 "vi" in Roman numerals (3)
27 Neck part (4)
28 Hindu goddess of wisdom (9)
31 Singapore or Bali? (6)
32 At an earlier time (4)
33 A lively tune (4)
34 __-de-sac (3)
35 "One in a" movement that's everlasting ! (6)

DOWN

1 Bind as a bandage (6)
2 Be ahead in time (8)
3 Metallic element (4)
4 Achieves or accomplishes (7)
5 Cereal plant (5)
6 Prying (4)
7 Hard to please (7)
12 China's Mao ___ Tung (3)
14 Harsh (4)
18 Where Farsi is spoken (4)
19 Desert region in SW Africa (8)
20 Pasta dish (7)
21 Fabric (7)
24 Debussy heroine (3)
25 Sinew (6)
26 Slop (5)
29 French preposition (4)
30 Analogy words (2,2)



Solution to November 10

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Solution to November 10

CYCLONES RAVAGE CROPS IN 4.61 LAKH HECTARES

- 5.23 lakh farmers hit by Cyclone Arnab; 1.86 lakh by Murasu.
- Crop losses estimated at Rs 3,209 crore.
- Agriculture minister Atchannaidu orders faster damage assessment to ensure farmer coverage

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AGRICULTURAL crops over 4,61,194 hectares were damaged due to recent cyclones 'Arnab' and 'Murasu' in Andhra Pradesh.

The cyclone also damaged horticultural crops across 29,960 hectares.

Agriculture minister K Atchannaidu reviewed the damage caused to agricultural and horticultural crops by the recent cyclones during a teleconference with senior officials on Tuesday morning.

Officials reported that, under the impact of Cyclone 'Arnab', crops over 3,27,843 hectares suffered damage in 15 districts, affecting 5,23,136 farmers. The damaged crop area was 30.05 per cent of the 10,90,933 hectares under cultivation in the affected districts. The officials estimated a production loss of 9,78,091 tonnes, resulting in a financial loss of Rs 2,392.84 crore.

In Dr B R Ambedkar Konaseema district alone, 99.19 per cent of the cultivated area was damaged, affecting 94,808 farmers and resulting in a financial loss of Rs 348.88 crore. The estimated requirements under the State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF) and the National Disaster Response Fund (NDRF) are Rs 815.57 crore and Rs 714.96 crore, respectively.

Officials also reported that due to the impact of Cyclone 'Murasu', crops across 1,33,351 hectares were damaged across nine districts, affecting 186,269 farmers. The damaged crop area was 23.71 per cent of the total cultivated area of 5,62,445 hectares. The financial loss is estimated at Rs 816.53 crore, with a production loss of 3,38,302 tonnes. The estimated requirements under the SDRF and NDRF are Rs 321.64 crore and Rs 266.67 crore, respectively.

The officials also stated that due to Cyclone 'Arnab', 23,211.48 hectares of horticultural crops were damaged across 215 mandals and 1,310 villages in 15 districts, affecting 58,990 farmers.

Enumeration has been completed for 23,035.08 hectares (99.24 per cent) involving 58,630 farmers. The enumeration for the remaining 176.40 hectares, involving 360 farmers, is still pending. Out of the 15 districts, 14 have completed 100 per cent of the enumeration, while Krishna district has reached 86.67 per cent.

Officials reported that due to the impact of Cyclone Murasu, 6,748.52 hectares of horticultural crops across 106 mandals and 530 villages in eight districts were damaged, affecting 12,586 farmers. So far, enumeration has been completed for only 2,211.73 hectares (32.77 per cent) involving 3,392 farmers, while the registration of 9,194 farmers covering 4,536.79 hectares remains pending.

Minister Atchannaidu directed officials to conduct a comprehensive field-level assessment of the damages caused by the two cyclones and to identify, on a district-wise basis, the remaining crop area and the number of farmers yet to be registered. He emphasised that the enumeration process must be expedited to ensure that no eligible farmer is left out.

Parties rein in cadre as Pawan announces separation from wife

- Pawan and Anna Lezhneva say they will part ways by mutual consent and remain committed to their children
- YSRCP tells leaders and social media activists to stay away from personal remarks; TDP warns of disciplinary action against IT wing members

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THE announcement by Jana Sena Party chief and Deputy Chief Minister K Pawan Kalyan that he and his wife Anna Lezhneva have decided to part ways has prompted the YSRCP and the TDP to move swiftly to prevent the personal matter from becoming a subject of political mudslinging on social media.

The YSRCP leadership has instructed its leaders, spokespersons, party cadre and social media activists not to comment on Pawan Kalyan's personal life or circulate content relating to his separation. The directive, issued from the party's central office following instructions from party president Y S Jagan Mohan Reddy, calls for restraint in public discussions and on social media platforms.

The party has specifically cautioned its members against responding to posts, joining online discussions or sharing photographs, videos and other material concerning the personal lives of Pawan Kalyan and his family.

Though the communication does not name him, its timing and contents make clear that it was issued in response to the announcement.

The TDP, an alliance partner of the Jana Sena Party, has also declared that it would not tolerate personal attacks or derogatory comments concerning the private lives of leaders belonging to either the alliance or the YSRCP.

Its IT wing, ITDP, warned that disciplinary action would be taken if such remarks were found to have been made through social media accounts affiliated with it. It also clarified that it would not be responsible for personal opinions expressed by individuals.

Pawan Kalyan and Anna Lezhneva announced their decision on Monday night through a joint statement, saying they had chosen to separate by mutual understanding and respect after sharing a significant part of their lives. They said that although their marriage had come to an end, they would remain good friends and devoted parents, with their children's happiness and well-being remaining their priority.

The couple did not disclose the reasons for their decision and appealed to the public and well-wishers to respect their privacy during this personal transition. The statement was circulated in their names, though the announcement was not carried on Pawan Kalyan's official social media handle or the Jana Sena Party's official account.

The separation marks the end of Pawan Kalyan's third marriage. He was earlier married to Nandini and later to actress Renu Desai, with whom he has children. Speculation about differences between Pawan Kalyan and Lezhneva had surfaced earlier, partly because of her absence from some family gatherings, although she had accompanied him at public events.

Farmers can now schedule paddy sales through APAIMS farmer app

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THE state government introduced a new paddy procurement scheduling facility in the APAIMS farmer mobile app, enabling farmers to schedule the sale of their produce directly through their mobile phones during the Kharif 2026 season.

The facility is available to all farmers registered for the current Kharif season. The Government has made the Farmer ID (Rythu Vishesha Sankhya) mandatory for paddy procurement this season, according to Agriculture Director Dr. Manazir Jeelani Samoon.

Under the earlier system, farmers had to approach Rythu Seva Kendras, submit details of cultivation, expected yield and sales, and obtain procurement slots in advance. With the new facility, farmers can schedule their paddy sales from anywhere without visiting offices or waiting in queues. They can select procurement centres under the jurisdiction of the Rythu Seva Kendra concerned with their cultivated land.

He said that farmers can schedule the sale of their entire produce or sell it in installments according to their convenience. After scheduling, the Agriculture Department will verify the details through APAIMS and forward them to the civil supplies department.

The Minimum Support Price has been fixed at Rs 2,461 per quintal for Grade-A paddy and Rs 2,441 for common varieties.

The guidelines were issued through GO No 15 dated October 9, 2026. Field-level officers have been instructed to create awareness through posters, video tutorials and publicity campaigns.

Pawan salutes forest martyrs, calls for their welfare

- They Dy CM and forest minister pays tribute to fallen forest personnel on Forest Martyrs Day
- Hails their sacrifice in protecting forests, wildlife and natural heritage

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DEPUTY Chief Minister and minister for forests and environment Pawan Kalyan on Tuesday paid tributes to forest personnel who made the supreme sacrifice in the line of duty while protecting forests, wildlife and natural heritage.

"The forests we protect today are the legacy we leave for generations tomorrow. Those who gave their lives defending them have secured a legacy that time can never erase," he said in a post on social media posted by the Deputy CMO on the occasion of State Forest Martyrs Day.

"On State Forest Martyrs Day, I pay my deepest tributes to the brave forest personnel of Andhra Pradesh who made the supreme sacrifice in the line of duty while safeguarding our forests, wildlife and natural heritage. Their courage in the face of danger, dedication to duty and selfless commitment to protecting nature remind us that conservation is not just a responsibility, but a service to humanity and future generations," he said.

"I also salute every forest officer and frontline personnel who continue to serve in challenging and vulnerable conditions. Their safety, welfare and dignity must remain our collective priority. Their lives were dedicated to protecting nature. Their sacrifice will forever inspire our commitment to preserve it," Pawan Kalyan added.

The state forest department observes the Forest Martyrs Day on November 10 every year in remembrance of P Srinivas, a Karnataka cadre IFS officer hailing from Rajahmundry, who was killed by sandalwood smuggler Veerappan in Namadalli forest range in Chamrajnagar district of Karnataka in 1991.

National Forest Martyrs Day is observed annually on September 11 to honour forest guards, rangers and officers who lost their lives protecting forests, wildlife and natural resources.

The day coincides with the historic Khejarli Massacre of 1730, where 363 members of the Bishnoi community sacrificed their lives to protect the Kejarli trees in Marwar Kingdom.

RTC trains 125 depot managers to prevent revenue losses

- Four-batch programme focuses on financial discipline and transparency
- JMD stresses accountability, plugging revenue leakages and effective depot management

DASARI SRINIVASA RAO
VIJAYAWADA



APSRTC JMD M Siva Prasad, executive directors K S Brahmananda Reddy and G V Ravi Varma, during a special training programme for depot managers at the APSRTC head office in Vijayawada on Tuesday

THE Andhra Pradesh State Road Transport Corporation (APSRTC) has launched a special training programme for 125 depot managers across the State to prevent technical irregularities, financial discrepancies and revenue losses and strengthen administrative efficiency.

The special training programme is being conducted in four batches from November 10 to 20.

The first batch, comprising 30 depot managers from various regions, commenced its two-day training at the APSRTC Head Office in Vijayawada on Tuesday. The subsequent batches will have 27, 34 and 34 participants, taking the total number of trainees to 125.

The programme is being jointly organised by the APSRTC Transport Academy and the corporation's head office under the supervision of Transport Academy principal Pani Chakra Teja.

APSRTC joint managing director M Siva Prasad, executive director (administration) K S Brahmananda Reddy and executive director (engineering) G V Ravi Varma, along with other senior officials, attended the inaugural session and guided the participants. Addressing the depot managers, Siva Prasad stressed that safeguarding the Corporation's revenue, ensuring transparency and maintaining accountability should be the top priorities of every depot manager. He called for special attention to identifying technology-related irregularities, plugging revenue leakages, regularly reviewing records and financial transactions, and improving coordination among departments.

The training covers key aspects of personnel management, accounts, mechanical operations, commercial and logistics activities, operations and information technology. Senior officials and subject experts are explaining inspection procedures, record maintenance, financial transactions, identification of deficiencies and preventive measures, with a focus on practical depot-level management. Brahmananda Reddy said the initiative was aimed at strengthening financial discipline, curbing technical irregularities and equipping depot managers with the knowledge and skills required for effective management.

BJP gears up for panchayat polls

DASARI SRINIVASA RAO
VIJAYAWADA



BJP state president P V N Madhav and other party leaders felicitating newly-elected representatives in the municipal corporations, mandal parishad and zilla parishad elections in Vijayawada on Tuesday

UNION minister Bhupathiraju Srinivasa Varma called upon BJP leaders and cadres to work towards securing party representation in every mandal and village in the forthcoming gram panchayat elections, stressing the need to strengthen the organisation at the grassroots level.

Addressing a state-level panchayat election preparatory meeting at IV Palace in Vijayawada on Tuesday, he said the party's objective was to create opportunities for ordinary workers to emerge as sarpanches, MPTC and ZPTC members, councillors and corporators. He urged party leaders to ensure that at least one or two BJP-supported candidates were elected as ward members in every village. He also called for a review of the experiences in the recent local body elections and better coordination among NDA partners.

Minister for health, medical and family welfare Y Satya Kumar Yadav asked BJP leaders and workers to begin preparations for the panchayat elections immediately. As the State has thousands of gram panchayats, he said NDA partners should coordinate at the local level and work out mutually acceptable strategies. He called upon district presidents, district in-charges and elected ZPTC and MPTC members to play an active role in strengthening the party and implementing the election strategy.

BJP state president P V N Madhav said the NDA's performance in the recent local body elections reflected the impact of coordination among alliance partners. He said the BJP had contested 33 ZPTC seats and won around 23, while nearly 355 party representatives had been elected across the state. Describing the results as a significant step in the party's expansion, he urged cadres to ensure BJP representation in every village, although panchayat elections are not fought on party symbols.

BJP national vice-president and Rajamahendravaram MP Daggubati Purandeswari said the party's growth from two MPs to the world's largest political party was the result of the dedication and sacrifices of thousands of workers. She urged elected representatives not to forget the cadres who worked for their victory and to remain accessible to them.

The meeting reviewed the BJP's performance in the recent local body elections and discussed strategies for the forthcoming panchayat polls, coordination among NDA partners, expansion of the party at the village level and publicising Central government schemes.

Party general secretary (organisation) for the Telugu states Madhukar offered guidance on strengthening the party organisation. MLC Somu Veerraju, MLAs Ch Adinarayana Reddy and Ramakrishna Reddy, MLC Potula Sunitha, State general secretaries Nagothu Ramesh Naidu, S Dayakar Reddy, Saligrama Lakshmi Prasanna and Matta Prasad, besides State and district leaders and newly elected representatives, participated in the meeting.

SANJAY SUSPENSION EXTENDED TILL END OF TRIAL OR RETIREMENT

AMARAVATI: The state government on Tuesday extended the suspension of IPS officer N Sanjay until the conclusion of criminal proceedings against him or his retirement next year, whichever comes first.

Sanjay, a 1996-batch IPS officer, was placed under suspension in December 2024 over charges of misappropriation and misuse of public funds in the development, maintenance and work of the AGNI (Automated Governance & NoC Integration) NoC web portal while working as the Director General of Andhra Pradesh State Disaster Response and Fire Services. Likewise, he is also accused of "misappropriation of funds" allotted for training police personnel to create awareness among SCs and STs about the rights of victims and provisions of the Prevention of Atrocities (POA) Act, 1989, while working as additional director general of police in the CID.

Cancer drug price cut: AP cracks down on overcharging

- Cancer medicine prices cut by up to 96% across India.
- Health minister orders strict checks on stocks, pricing and billing
- Hospitals, pharmacies warned against hoarding and overpricing

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HEALTH minister Y Satya Kumar Yadav directed officials to ensure that patients in Andhra Pradesh fully benefit from the Centre's decision to reduce the prices of cancer medicines. He ordered continuous monitoring of drug availability and prices, along with intensified inspections of hospitals and medical stores.

The Centre has reduced the prices of 1,364 cancer medicines across the country with effect from Monday. Prices of 671 brands have come down by more than 50 per cent, with the maximum reduction in MRP reaching 96.45 per cent.

Reviewing the implementation measures with health secretary G Veer Pandian, Drugs Control Administration director general Arun Babu and other officials on Tuesday, the minister said even medicines bearing old printed prices must be sold at the revised lower rates. He warned against overpricing, artificial shortages and excessive stocking.

The minister directed cancer hospitals to maintain adequate stocks of prescribed medicines, ensuring that at least one company's product for every drug is available at the reduced price. He also advised patients to purchase medicines according to their immediate requirements rather than hoarding them, which could affect availability for others.

Officials clarified that medicines bearing old MRPs need not be returned to manufacturers or relabelled. However, they must be sold at whichever is lower — the revised price or the price printed on the pack. Hospitals must display manufacturers' revised price lists (Form V) at their pharmacies and on websites and issue bills mentioning the brand, batch number, MRP and amount collected.

Drug inspectors have been instructed to inspect all cancer hospitals and treatment centres in their jurisdictions within seven days. They must verify stock availability, display of revised price lists and bills issued since November 9. Supply agents and super stockists will also be inspected. Complaints about medicine shortages must be addressed within 24 hours by tracing available stocks through district supplier networks. Officials have been asked to initiate legal action against those charging excess prices, withholding medicines or violating regulations. Patients and hospitals can lodge complaints through the Drugs Control Administration's WhatsApp number 8632330909 or email dca-grams@ap.gov.in. The NPPA toll-free number is 1800-111-255.



I wanted to make a big score. I had promised someone to make a big score today and thankfully I made it. And that person is my dad (Virender Sehwag). I told my dad I will get a big hundred. I have a legacy to live up to as he only likes big hundreds. I started off and decided to play long and bat for 40 odd overs. There were challenges on the wicket. I didn't get bothered about the dot balls, as I knew I would catch up.

-- Aaryavir Sehwag, India U-19 cricket opener

Sports Nation

U19 Asia Cup

Sehwag junior's 160 carnage powers India to semifinals

70-run win over UAE sees India finish second in Group A behind Pakistan

AL AMERAT: Aaryavir Sehwag, son of India icon Virender Sehwag, scored a masterful 160 from 168 balls to help India U19 beat UAE U19 by 70 runs in the U19 Asia Cup at the Al Amerat Cricket Ground (Ministry Turf 2) here on Tuesday.

The victory also helped India U19 confirm their place in the U19 Asia Cup semifinal as they have finished their Group A in second place behind Pakistan U19, who had edged past the Indian side earlier in the league stage.

India have two wins in three matches as they had earlier defeated the Nepal U19 side too. In the semifinal, the eight-time U19 champions India will be up against 2017 winner Afghanistan U19 on Thursday.

Coming to the match, the Indian U19 side made a strong total of 309/7 in 50 overs. Opener Aaryavir scored 160 with 17 fours and seven sixes to hold the team's innings together. No.3 VK Vineeth was the only other player with a notable score as he made 67 from 69 balls. The junior Sehwag and Vineeth put up a 193-run partnership for the third wicket and put India U19 on the door of a strong total.



The Indian side lost its way a bit in the death overs as, from 255/1 in 44.1 overs, they slipped to 299/7 in 49.1 overs and ended up making 309/7. For UAE, medium-pace bowler Naseem Khan was the pick of the bowler for having taken 4-48 in his 10 overs.

Coming into the chase, India kept a lid on the UAE side with regular wickets. Right-arm fast bowler Ishan Sood stood out with 4-37 in his seven overs, while all of the other six bowlers also took a wicket each to bowl UAE for 239.

No.4 Ahmed Khudadad was the only saving grace for the UAE side as he made a run-a-ball 74 and did the damage control. Captain and opener Ayaan Misbah (27) and other opener Zainullah Rehmani (16) got starts but could not capitalise, as did Yayin Rai, who scored 29 but fell to Yashbardhan Chauhan.

While the wickets were falling, Khudadad held one end up to put up a lone fight, and despite Noorullah Ayobi coming with a 25-ball 39-run cameo, UAE were considerably short in the end.

While India U19 will meet Afghanistan U19 in the second semifinal, defending champions Pakistan U19 will lock horns against Bangladesh U19 in the first semifinal, which is also scheduled to take place on Thursday.

BRIEF SCORES:

India U19 309/7 in 50 overs (Aaryavir Sehwag 160, VK Vineeth 67; Naseem Khan 4-48, Noorullah Ayobi 1-59) beat UAE U19 239/10 (Ahmed Khudadad 74, Noorullah Ayobi 39; Ishan Sood 4-37, Aryan Savsani 1-21) by 70 runs.

India-NZ third ODI called off due to rain

HAMILTON: Rain played spoilsport as the third ODI between New Zealand and India at Seddon Park here on Tuesday was called off. India lead the five-match series 2-0 as the two teams head to Tauranga for the final two games, scheduled for November 13 and 15.

India skipper Shubman Gill won the toss for the third time in a row and opted to bowl, fielding an unchanged side from the previous two games. However, just as the covers were coming off for a 40-overs-a-side contest, the heavens opened up once again.

With at least 70 minutes remaining before the local cut-off time of 7:50 pm for a 20-overs-a-side game, the two umpires decided to call off the match.

The weather forecast for this game had always been gloomy, with a 90 per cent chance of rain predicted throughout the day.

This was supposed to be the last game of the series for skipper Shubman Gill and senior wicketkeeper KL Rahul before they link up with the Test squad in Wellington. They will be accompanied by Kuldeep Yadav, Anshul Kamboj and Mohammed Siraj.

Shreyas Iyer will lead the side in the last two matches in Gill's absence, with Ruturaj Gaikwad and Ishan Kishan set to earn places in the playing XI.

ISSF World C'ship 2026

India win women's 25m pistol team gold

Men's 50m rifle 3P team bags bronze

DOHA: Esha Singh, Manu Bhaker and Divya Thadigol Subbaraju won the women's 25m pistol team gold at the ISSF World Championship 2026 in Doha, giving India their second gold of the championship.

The Indian trio finished with a combined score of 1761-68x, ahead of the Republic of Korea (1748-66x) in silver and Vietnam (1745-54x) in bronze.

Esha top-scored for India with 590-25x, followed by Manu with 587-24x and Divya with 584-19x.

Esha and Manu also qualified for the individual final, where Manu finished fourth with 27 hits, just short of the podium, while Esha ended eighth with 11 hits.

Earlier in the day, the men's 50m Rifle 3 Positions team of Aishwary Pratap Singh Tomar, Akhil Sheoran and Niraj Kumar claimed bronze with a combined score of 1751-91x. Czechia won gold with 1754-92x, while Norway took silver with 1752-81x. Aishwary led with 587-33x, followed by Niraj (582-31x) and Akhil (582-27x).

Earlier, Jaypal Malviya produced a composure-laden performance under pressure to clinch a silver medal in the men's 10m air pistol at the International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) World Championship Rifle / Pistol / Shotgun on Thursday. The Indian women's



10m air pistol squad clinched the team silver medal.

The trio of double Olympic medallist Manu Bhaker, Suruchi Inder Singh and Sainyam combined for an aggregate total of 1738 with 61 inner 10s. Manu led the Indian challenge with a qualification total of 583-21x, which included a perfect 100 in her fourth series.

Suruchi contributed a steady 580-24x, while junior world champion Sainyam added 575-16x to seal the second step of the podium. China took the women's team gold medal with 1745-65x, while the Republic of Korea claimed bronze with 1729-49x.

In the men's team competition, India finished seventh with a combined aggregate of 1730-58x. Jaypal led the team with his qualification mark of 585-23x (97, 99, 97, 99, 97, 96), which had earned him third place heading into the individual final.

India will be in action again on November 11, with the final of the men's 50m Rifle 3 Positions event.



Mohammad Rehman Ali



Mohd Rehan Khan

Karimnagar boys selected for international tournament in Malaysia

HYDERABAD: Bringing pride and recognition to Telangana State, two young hockey players from Karimnagar district, Mohammad Rehman Ali and Mohd Rehan Khan, have been selected to represent Telangana in the prestigious 49th Pesta USM International Indoor Hockey Invitational Tournament, scheduled to be held at Penang, Malaysia, from November 13 to 15, 2026.

The duo are the only two boys from Telangana selected for this international tournament, marking a significant achievement for Karimnagar district and the state.

Their selection comes following their impressive participation in the Senior Indoor Hockey Nationals held in Ahmedabad, Gujarat, in June 2026. Based on their performance and talent at the national-level championship, both players earned the opportunity to participate in the international tournament in Malaysia.

The tournament will feature six-a-side indoor hockey, a fast-paced and exciting format of the game that demands exceptional speed, skill, coordination and teamwork.

Rainbow Children's Hospital hosts Hyd Cluster-Level Sports C'ship



Arun Kumar HR Manager presenting Carrom singles winner trophy with Rs 5,000 Amazon voucher to MD Faiyazuddin Ghazi of Rainbow Children's Heart Institute (RCHI) who defeated Khan of Rainbow Vikrampuri branch in the finals. The two-day championship featured eight hospitals across the Hyderabad cluster, with Bilal and Amer of RCHI winning Carrom Doubles and Guruprashanth of RCHI securing the Chess Championship title.



Phoenix Invitational 2026 in Vooty

Baisoya eyes revenge against Bhullar

HYDERABAD: Sachin Baisoya will get an immediate opportunity to avenge his recent play-off defeat to Gaganjeet Bhullar when the Phoenix Invitational 2026 begins at Vooty Golf County on Wednesday.

The two last clashed at the Green Fuels Maritime Invitational in Visakhapatnam, where Bhullar edged Baisoya in a play-off after the latter produced a stunning seven-under round on a rain-shortened final day to erase a six-shot deficit. Bhullar eventually clinched victory with a 40-foot putt on the extra hole.

The much-anticipated 'Rematch at Vooty' promises another exciting contest. Bhullar, an 11-time Asian Tour winner, has claimed six IGPL titles, including three this season. His recent victories at the Krishna Invitational in Hyderabad and the Vizag event make him a strong contender. Baisoya will lead Phoenix Hyderabad Firebirds alongside Ranjit Singh, Raghav Chugh and Arjun Bhati. The team will compete in the main event as well as the innovative X-Golf competition. Speaking at the media interaction, IGPL CEO Uttam Singh Mundy said 10 events, including six international stops, had been completed in an exciting 2026 season. He highlighted the league's commitment to equal prize money for men and women, grassroots development and plans for two centres of excellence in India.

Baisoya said his team was confident following its victory at HGA Hyderabad two weeks ago. He also welcomed X-Golf as an exciting format capable of making golf more engaging and accessible.

Shutdown in Kargil against holding LAHDC polls in winter

KARGIL/JAMMU: Kargil region in Ladakh on Tuesday observed a complete shutdown, demanding that the Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Council (LAHDC) elections proposed during winter be deferred and the recently concluded delimitation exercise reviewed.



Shops and business establishments remained closed, while traffic remained thin on roads across Kargil. Security was strengthened with additional deployment of police personnel in various areas as a precautionary measure.

Representatives of various political and religious organisations, trade bodies and civil society groups under the banner of Kargil Democratic Alliance (KDA) on Monday announced the shutdown and a candlelight "Save Democracy" march against the proposed timing of the hill council elections, alleged delimitation irregularities and the "erosion of democratic rights" in the Union territory.

Ladakh Lok Sabha member Mohmad Haneefa on Saturday wrote a letter to Lieutenant Governor Vinai Kumar Saxena on the matter.

Haneefa said Ladakh's unique geographical and weather conditions, particularly in Kargil and Leh districts, posed serious challenges to voters during winter.

He pointed out that heavy snowfall, sub-zero temperatures, closure of key roads and frequent disruptions in transport and communication could make it difficult for residents of remote and far-flung areas to reach polling stations.

The MP said thousands of residents, including senior citizens, traders, businesspersons and students, traditionally migrate to warmer regions during winter, while many students remain outside Ladakh for higher education and competitive examinations.

Holding elections during this period, without addressing these circumstances, could deprive a significant section of eligible voters of an opportunity to exercise their democratic rights, he said.

Haneefa also highlighted logistical challenges in remote areas such as Drass, Zanskar and Changthang, stressing that electoral planning must account for Ladakh's vast distances, scattered settlements and limited winter connectivity.

Expressing concern over the limited time available for revision of electoral rolls, he said sufficient opportunity must be provided to eligible citizens to register and verify their particulars.

The MP urged the LG to defer the elections until winter-related difficulties subside, ensure a comprehensive and transparent revision of electoral rolls and consult elected representatives, political parties and other stakeholders before finalising the election schedule.

The KDA also announced a candlelight march under the banner of 'Save Democracy' in the evening, alleging erosion of democratic rights and irregularities in the delimitation of constituencies.

Cop suspended over 'derogatory' remarks against WB CM

KOLKATA: A Kolkata Police inspector has been suspended for allegedly making derogatory remarks against West Bengal Chief Minister Suvendu Adhikari and the state government on social media, according to an order issued by the city police commissioner.



Inspector Ekhlaque Ahmed, who was in charge of the outpost at the Medical College, Kolkata, under the Central Division, was recently transferred to the first battalion of the city armed police.

He was placed under suspension with effect from November 9, the order said.

The suspension order, issued by Police Commissioner Ajay Kumar Nand, said his alleged remarks on a social media platform, indicating derogatory views about the West Bengal government, were "prejudicial in the interest of public service".

It also stated that his continuance in office pending an inquiry into his conduct was not considered appropriate. During the suspension, Ahmed will receive half of his basic pay along with other admissible benefits as subsistence allowance, the order stated.

He has also been directed to immediately deposit his government-issued kits with the reserve officer of the Central Division, it added.

"The matter is being examined, and an inquiry into his conduct is underway," a senior Kolkata Police officer said.

Muslim siblings light funeral pyre of Hindu woman



CHITHRAGIRI (KERALAM): Transcending religious boundaries, two Muslim siblings have performed the last rites of an 85-year-old Hindu woman they had cared for and loved as their mother for nearly five decades in this hill district of Keralam. Razak and Sulaiman stepped forward to perform the funeral rituals in accordance with Hindu customs when Kalyani Amma, who had no children or other relatives, passed away at Chithragiri in Muppainad panchayat, family sources said on Tuesday.

The two siblings and their family had shared a close bond with Kalyani Amma, who had been their neighbour for nearly 50 years. They looked after her, taking care of her daily needs, arranging medicines and accompanying her to hospitals whenever necessary. She was also part of their family celebrations, and the affection between them grew over the years.

Kalyani Amma had expressed her wish that Razak and Sulaiman, whom she considered her own sons, should perform her last rites after her death, they said.



CISF jawan alleges assault, court orders FIR against 4

BHADOHI (UP): A Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) jawan was allegedly assaulted, stripped and filmed by four people here, and was subsequently arrested in a molestation case after being kept at a police station for nearly 24 hours, according to a court petition.

The court has now ordered the registration of an FIR against the four accused, following which police registered a case against them under various provisions of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) and the IT Act, officials said on Tuesday.

Additional Superintendent of Police (ASP) Shubham Agrawal said the incident allegedly took place on August 12 in Sardar Bahuta village under the Suriyawan police station area.

CISF Constable Ajay Yadav (34), in a petition filed before the Civil Judge (Senior Division) court on August 19, alleged that he was returning home from the market on his motorcycle when Dhirendra Yadav (26), Virendra Yadav (23), Aman Yadav (20) and Sarita Yadav (37), all residents of the same village, intercepted him and vandalised his motorcycle.

The petition alleged that the accused abused and brutally assaulted him. He was left bleeding from the nose and due to the blood entering his respiratory tract, he had difficulty breathing. He also sustained a serious head injury and continued to experience dizziness, it said.

HHRC flags security lapses over Faridabad arms theft

CHANDIGARH: The Haryana Human Rights Commission (HHRC) has taken serious note of the theft of 32 licensed firearms from the storeroom of Sector 8 Police Station, Faridabad, and directed a review of security arrangements in the storerooms of all police stations across the state. In an order dated November 2, HHRC member Deep Bhatia directed the Haryana director general of police to review the safe custody of firearms, access to police storerooms and supervisory mechanisms in the wake of the theft. The matter was brought before the commission through a complaint filed on July 16 by an advocate and resident of Panchkula. The complaint stated that the owners of 32 licensed firearms had



deposited their weapons at the police station in compliance with the law, entrusting them to the police for safe custody. However, the theft of the firearms from the storeroom indicated a serious failure in security arrangements on the part of the police. Highlighting the human rights implications of the incident, the complainant submitted that if the stolen firearms were used in criminal activities, their legitimate owners could face fear, mental distress and unnecessary legal complications, despite having complied with the law.

UP cop attempts suicide over seized firecrackers

WhatsApp status note accuses SHO, BJP MLA of harassment

MAHARAJGANJ (UP): A 33-year-old Uttar Pradesh Police head constable allegedly attempted suicide by consuming a poisonous substance following a dispute with his seniors over seized firecrackers on Diwali night, police said.

Head constable Vishal Singh, posted at the Nichlaul police station, was found unconscious on the police station premises late on Sunday night.

He was initially taken to a government hospital and later shifted to a private hospital here. His condition is said to be improving.

Before the incident, Singh had shared a note as his WhatsApp status, accusing Station House Officer (SHO) Yogendra Rai and other personnel of harassing him over the seized firecrackers, police said on Monday.

In the note, Singh alleged that around 40 per cent of the seized firecrackers had been taken away and some of the remaining stock was handed over to an accused, identified as Kausman Ali, allegedly under pressure from the SHO.

He further claimed that



he was humiliated by being accused of stealing the firecrackers.

In his note, the head constable named Rai, constables Manish Singh and Anand Singh, BJP MLA Premsagar Patel, Vishal Yadav, Bholu Yadav and Alok Sharma, accusing them of harassment.

Singh also claimed that a policeman, Vishal Sharma, had recorded a video of the alleged distribution of firecrackers on his mobile phone, police said.



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Business

"The earnings profile of sugar mills is undergoing a structural shift. Higher sugar prices will not fully compensate for the loss of higher-margin ethanol volumes and rising cane costs. As dependence on sugar and extra neutral alcohol (ENA) sales increases, operating margins are expected to decline by 140-160 basis points to around 6 per cent this fiscal."

-Anuj Sethi, Senior Director, Crisil Ratings

BIZ BRIEFS

Shyam Metalics' festive celebrations

Shyam Metalics hosted 'Alokmoy Kolkata', a four-day festive celebration at Acropolis Mall from November 6-9, featuring cultural activities, creative installations showcasing its products and community competitions. Actor Mithun Chakraborty attended the finale, felicitating competition winners. Nirmal Uday, COO, ShyamMetalics, said: " Through Alokmoy Kolkata, we wanted to celebrate this very spirit and create an experience where people were not merely spectators but an integral part of the festivities."

Ujjivan introduces banking on WhatsApp

Ujjivan Small Finance Bank (Ujjivan SFB) launched an industry-first facility enabling eligible customers to open savings accounts directly through WhatsApp Banking at 900 208 2121, without downloading a separate banking application. Carol Furtado, Interim CEO, Ujjivan SFB, said: "Innovation is most meaningful when it makes banking simpler and more accessible for customers. Ujjivan's WhatsApp Banking journey gives the customers the ability to access the bank on a platform that already is part of their daily lives."

Travel deals on Amazon Pay

Amazon Pay is bringing back its 'Impossible Travel Deals' sale from November 12 to 26, offering discounts of up to 30% on domestic and international flights and 65% on hotel bookings.

Girish Krishnan, Director-Payments Experience, Amazon Pay, said: "Indian families are travelling more than ever, and with Impossible Travel Deals 2026, we want to make those trips more affordable. Whether it's a weekend in Goa or a flight to Dubai, customers can book with significant savings on flights and hotels."

TCS clocks milestone

Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) has completed 50 Tech Days across 50 academic institutions in 27 cities, engaging over 23,000 students and 912 faculty members through masterclasses, hackathons and practical AI projects to strengthen industry-academia collaboration. Sudeep Kunnumal, Chief Human Resources Officer, TCS, said: "The skills that will define the future are evolving rapidly, and preparing young talent for this change requires industry and academia to work more closely than ever."

L&T bags Noida Metro order

Larsen & Toubro's (L&T) Heavy Civil Infrastructure business has secured a significant order from Noida Metro Rail Corporation for the Aqua Line Extension Project. The contract involves part design and construction of a 15.1-km elevated viaduct connecting Botanical Garden to Noida Sector-142 and Depot Station to Boraki. The project also includes 10 elevated metro stations, along with architectural finishes.

AI sell-off abroad sends FPIs rushing back to Indian equities

FEARS OVER US DATA CENTRE SPENDING TRIGGER AI SELL-OFF IN THE US, SOUTH KOREA, TAIWAN AND JAPAN, MAKING INDIA AN ATTRACTIVE DESTINATION

New Delhi

FOREIGN investors turned net buyers of Indian equities in November, infusing Rs 53,739 crore in the first nine days after two consecutive months of outflows, driven by the AI-led sell-off in global markets, strong domestic earnings growth and attractive large-cap valuations.

The latest investment follows net outflows of Rs 34,843 crore in October and Rs 35,861 crore in September, according to data available with the depositories.

"The sudden change in FPI stance was triggered by the AI sell-off in the US and other AI markets like South Korea, Taiwan and Japan.

"This sell-off, in turn, was triggered by fears surrounding data centre spending in the US. The Democrats, who won both chambers of Congress, are opposed to indiscriminate data centre spending. They will demand guardrails for AI," said V K



Vijayakumar, Chief Investment Strategist at Geojit Investments. The AI-led sell-off has made India, widely regarded as a non-AI trade, an attractive destination for Foreign Portfolio Investors (FPIs). Besides, the country's impressive earnings growth and attractive valuations of large-cap stocks have further strengthened its appeal, he added.

According to depository data, FPIs made a net investment of Rs 53,739 crore in Indian equities during November 2-9. This includes a total of six trading days. With this, cumulative FPI outflows from Indian equities in 2026 stood at Rs 2.41 lakh crore. Sector-wise, FPIs turned major buyers in index heavyweights, especially in financial services, information technology, automobiles and telecom. In the debt segment, foreign investors invested Rs 7,759 crore through the Fully Accessible Route (FAR), while withdrawing Rs 591 crore through the Voluntary Retention Route (VRR) and Rs 270 crore through the general route.

Mahindra sees staying power in renewed FPI interest in India

NEW DELHI: Mahindra Group Chairman Anand Mahindra on Tuesday said India is not just a refuge from the AI hype but rather has "a compelling AI opportunity of its own".

In a post on X, Mahindra cited the nation's software talent, systems integration expertise and enormous domestic market for AI use cases, to make his point: "surely India has a promising hand to play?" "Perhaps India isn't just a refuge from the AI hype. It may have a compelling AI opportunity of its own," he wrote. And if so, he argued, the renewed interest in Indian equities "may have more staying power than we think". In his post, Mahindra said he had earlier flagged the irony of India returning to favour with global investors partly because it was seen as being outside the supposedly overheated AI trade. "But perhaps there's another way to look at it," he said. He pointed out that Stanford now ranks India third in global AI vibrancy. Mahindra acknowledged that India does not make the most advanced chips or lead the race in foundational large language models. He recalled an analogy he had used in the annual report of Tech Mahindra, the IT services company of the Mahindra Group.



Olectra's Q2 EBITDA rises 18% to ₹110 cr; deliveries cross 4,750

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Hyderabad

Olectra Greentech Limited reported an 18 per cent increase in earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortisation (EBITDA) to Rs109.89 crore for the second quarter of FY27, supported by higher revenue and improved operating performance.

The company's revenue rose 5 per cent to Rs687.01 crore in the quarter ended September 2026, compared with Rs656.62 crore in the corresponding period last year. Profit after tax increased 5 per cent to Rs52.12 crore from Rs49.43 crore, while profit before tax grew 6 per cent to Rs72.74 crore.

The company delivered 401 electric vehicles during the quarter, against 375 in Q2 FY26, registering a growth of 7 per cent. Deliveries during the first half of FY27 stood at 759 vehicles. The company's cumulative electric vehicle deliveries have crossed 4,750, with its buses operating across 55 cities and covering more than 750 million green kilometres. Its order book stands at over 8,000 electric buses.

Managing Director Mahesh Babu said the quarterly performance reflected growth in revenue, vehicle deliveries and profitability, with the increase in EBITDA highlighting the company's focus on operational efficiency.

The company is preparing to introduce its next-generation electric buses in the fourth quarter of the current financial year. The new models are being developed with an emphasis on localisation and are intended for domestic and international markets, he said. Olectra's earnings per share increased to Rs6.45 in Q2 FY27 from Rs6.04 in the year-earlier period. The company said it would focus on executing its existing orders, improving operational efficiency and expanding its capabilities as demand for electric public transportation grows.

Cognizant puts 25,000 people on Claude to take AI from pilot to production

New Delhi

COGNIZANT on Tuesday announced the formation of the 'Claude Frontier Capability Group', with more than 25,000 professionals focused on delivering Claude for clients. The group is focused on execution excellence, transformation and client success, with the scale to take AI from pilot to production across enterprises' core operations, the Nasdaq-listed IT company said. Enterprises have access to frontier AI capability, but continue to face challenges in delivering value to business.

Cognizant has built Claude skills throughout its workforce, with more than 44,000 associates in business units and corporate functions already trained or certified on Claude, referring to the AI assistant built by Anthropic.

"Cognizant's new Claude Frontier Capability Group



brings more than 25,000 professionals together in a dedicated global Claude delivery organisation," the release said, adding that it will drive Claude-powered systems inside client businesses.

The company is also introducing a managed services model for Claude. Under the model, Cognizant manages the operation of Claude-powered systems in production on clients' behalf, so they can focus on the business results it makes possible.

The managed services model supports the operation of Claude in production for clients, combining dedicated talent, licensed access to Claude and Cognizant's own IP, including its AI Delivery Operating System. The model gives clients more predictable AI spend and runs every engagement within enterprise-grade security and governance controls, customised to each client's connectivity, architecture and risk requirements.

Both initiatives draw on Cognizant's Frontier workforce model, through which it is developing Frontier Certified Engineers and Frontier Business Operators credentialed directly by frontier-model companies.

Ravi Kumar S, CEO of Cognizant, said clients want a partner who will take responsibility for delivery once AI is running inside their business. "We are putting more than 25,000 of our people on Claude and taking on the job of running it for clients through managed services. That is a significant bet on Claude, and on what enterprises can achieve with it in their core operations," he said. Every enterprise is racing to bring AI into its organisation, but the people with the skills to make it work inside a real business have become the hardest talent to find, Paul Smith, Chief Commercial Officer, Anthropic said.

"Cognizant is working to address that gap, committing more than 25,000 people to help their customers put Claude to work across their businesses," Smith noted.

Anthropic eyes $1.3 trn valuation as IPO nears

NEW YORK: Artificial intelligence giant Anthropic is looking for an approximately USD 1.3 trillion valuation in an initial public offering despite new questions about the massive amounts of money flowing into the sector. The company behind the Claude chatbot said in a regulatory filing on Tuesday that it will sell 825 million shares priced between USD 70 and USD 78 a share. That would give Anthropic the ability to raise more than USD 61 billion, if the IPO is priced at the midpoint. The San Francisco company is anticipated to make its Wall Street debut this month. Anthropic could wind up being the biggest initial public offering of stock ever, possibly eclipsing the record USD 86 billion raised by SpaceX in its IPO in June. An Anthropic IPO would also put the company ahead of OpenAI in going public, setting the stage for a pair of blockbuster stock debuts by rival AI developers.

ICICI Life unveils new index fund

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Hyderabad

ICICI Life Insurance has launched the ICICI Life BSE 500 Momentum Quality 50 Index Fund, a new equity investment option available with most of their unit-linked insurance plans (ULIPs). The fund is designed to help investors generate superior long-term returns by investing in a diversified portfolio of 50 stocks from the BSE 500 that score well on a combination of two factors - Momentum and Quality. It offers investors an opportunity to invest in companies with strong financials and positive share price trends. Manish Kumar, Chief Investment Officer, ICICI Life Insurance, said: "ICICI Life BSE 500 Momentum Quality 50 Index Fund offers investors an effective way to build long-term wealth by tracking companies with high-quality businesses, strong earnings visibility and steady share-price momentum. Importantly, investors will get exposure to a portfolio of companies with healthy financials which is determined based on metrics/ratios such as Return on Equity, Debt to Equity and Earnings per Share and whose stock price has seen a good growth over the past 12 months."

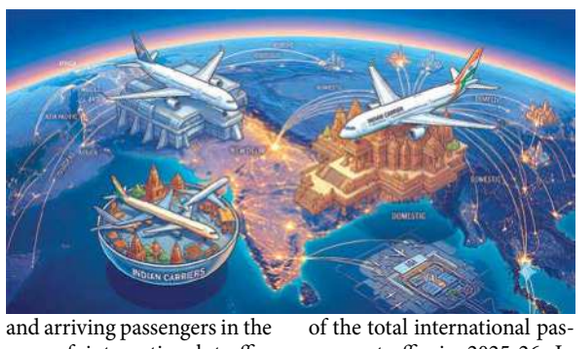
Overseas travel outpaces domestic flying as Indian airlines lose share

New Delhi

INDIA'S international air passenger traffic rose a little over 6 per cent to 78.7 million even as the share of Indian carriers in the overseas traffic declined to 44.4 per cent in the year ended March 2026, according to official data.

As per the Handbook on Civil Aviation Statistics for 2025-26 released by the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA), a total of 2,218 aircraft were registered with the regulator as on March 31 this year. While scheduled airlines had 985 planes, the non-scheduled operators had 425 aircraft during the given period. The rest were with governments, private entities and training schools.

In 2025-26, the total air passenger traffic increased 2.7 per cent to 246.1 million compared to the year-ago period when it stood at 239.7 million. Out of the total, domestic air traffic climbed 1.1 per cent to 167.4 million, while international air traffic rose 6.1 per cent to 78.7 million on an annual basis. The figures include departing



and arriving passengers in the case of international traffic. "The domestic passenger traffic registered a compound annual growth rate (CAGR) of 7.0 per cent during the period 2015-16 to 2025-26 while the international passenger traffic grew at 4.6 per cent (CAGR) during the same period," the report said. On the international traffic front, the market share of Indian carriers was 44.4 per cent while that of foreign airlines stood at 55.6 per cent in 2025-26. Indian airlines' market share of international traffic declined from 45.7 per cent in 2024-25. Out of a total 90 scheduled international operators in India, the top 10 operators accounted for nearly 65 per cent and the top 15 operators accounted for 73.1 per cent of the total international passenger traffic in 2025-26. In terms of outbound international passenger traffic in the last financial year, the report said 51.5 per cent was to Africa and Middle East, 30.4 per cent to Asia Pacific and 13.6 per cent to Europe, the report said. The report showed that demand was higher than the available capacity in the last financial year. "In the year 2025-26, ASK and RPK in the domestic market registered a positive growth compared to the previous year. "During the year from 2015-16 to 2025-26, the capacity (ASK) in the domestic market grew at a rate of 7.0 per cent (CAGR) while the demand (RPK) grew at 7.3 per cent (CAGR) during the same period," it said.

SoftBank posts $7.1-bn loss amid valuation concerns

NEW DELHI: Japanese investment giant SoftBank Group has reported its first quarterly net loss in nearly two years as falling valuations of key technology holdings and growing concerns over artificial intelligence (AI) investments weighed on its financial performance.

The company posted a net loss of 1.12 trillion yen ($7.1 billion) in the second quarter of its financial year, reversing a profit recorded in the corresponding period a year earlier. The performance was significantly below market expectations with analysts polled by the company estimating an average profit of 129 billion yen. Declines in the share prices of semiconductor companies Arm Holdings and Intel, along with South Korean e-commerce major Coupang, contributed to the deterioration in SoftBank's financial performance. Its Vision Fund division -- which manages investments in hundreds of technology startups -- also reported a loss of 81.6 billion yen. SoftBank has increasingly emerged as an indicator of investor sentiment towards OpenAI and the broader AI industry, given its substantial exposure to the sector.

Nvidia slips into bear market, wipes out $1.57 trillion in value

New Delhi

US chipmaker Nvidia has lost around $1.57 trillion in market capitalisation after its shares plunged more than 26 per cent from their 52-week high with entering bear-market territory amid investor concerns over artificial intelligence (AI) spending and growing scrutiny surrounding its Chief Executive Officer Jensen Huang.

The company's market capitalisation stood at $4.31 trillion at the close of trading on November 9, down from approximately $5.88 trillion when its shares touched a 52-week high of $243.37, according to a report.

Moreover, the estimated erosion in market value is larger than the entire market capitalisation of electric vehicle manufacturer Tesla, which stands at around $1.49 trillion.

Nvidia shares closed at $178.67 on November 9, a decline of around 26.6 per



cent from their 52-week peak. The stock has also witnessed sustained selling pressure, falling 14 per cent over the past week and 22 per cent over the last 30 days.

It has declined 18 per cent over three months and 17 per cent over six months.

The sharp correction comes ahead of the company's quarterly earnings announcement scheduled for November 17 with investors closely monitoring the sustainability of global AI infrastructure spending and demand for advanced semiconductor chips.

Adding to the company's challenges, recent developments involving Huang have brought the chipmaker's leadership under increased scrutiny. As per reports, Huang had engaged crisis communications firm Heller Inc. as early as October 2025, months before publicly acknowledging an extramarital relationship with a former executive of Singapore-based data centre company Megaspeed.

The communications firm was also brought into Nvidia's media response process following questions raised over the company's chip sales and possible diversion of advanced semiconductors to Chinese entities in violation of US export restrictions, they added.

Moreover, Megaspeed had reportedly acquired nearly $2 billion worth of Nvidia chips, the report said.

In a statement released on Sunday, Jensen Huang acknowledged having an affair with a former Megaspeed executive, without naming the woman. He also apologised to his family and Nvidia employees.



Entertainment

Ram Charan, Nagarjuna predict blockbuster for Aneesh with 'Itlu Arjuna'

Mega Power Star Ram Charan and King Nagarjuna are confident and happy about the film 'Itlu Arjuna' which is being presented by Nagarjuna. They applauded the work done by newbie Aneesh in the grand music concert of the film which will be released globally on November 13.

Ram Charan was impressed by the sincerity and acting done by Aneesh. He compared his debut challenging role with his performance in Rangasthalam. He wished that the film has more success. He also complimented the director Mahesh Uppala, producer Venky Kudumula and music composer S. Thaman. Nagarjuna said he got surprised with Aneesh's performance. He appreciated the expressions and his silent strength. He also highlighted the great chemistry between Aneesh and Anaswara Rajan.



Akhil Akkineni too complimented the film for its marketability, acting and music.

The film produced under What Next Entertainment is the debut direction and production of Mahesh Uppala. The film has some chart buster songs and positive response in the promotions. It has created lot of expectations.

-S Suhas

Mouli promises a fun-filled entertainer with 'DNK'

Actor Mouli Tanuj Prashanth assures that the upcoming film DNK directed by debutant Sreenu Kambala and produced under Mythri Movie Makers will be a wholesome entertainer with crimes, comedy, twists and music. The film is set for a theatrical release on November 13.

"It's a pure entertainer. People can watch this film with their families. The promo material is getting a good response and the promos tour in Andhra Pradesh is going well. The trailer has been released by Ravi Teja," Mouli said at the media interaction.



The film revolves around a young man who gets tempted towards easy money by gambling and faces debt due to his decisions. The film tells us about the unexpected circumstances and troubles he faces after committing a theft to get out of the debt.

"We have veteran comedian Ali playing an important role in the film. The scenes I have with him are amazing and it was a fun experience." The film has music by Sinjith. The songs and BGM add more value to the film. The lead actor says he had danced in a song even though he has no experience. He thanks the choreographer Sandeep Master.

"I was involved in the production only to know how it is done and the real aspects. But I am interested in directing films in the future. It is a big responsibility and you need experience."

Entertaining, surprising twists and family friendly, DNK is all set for its theatrical run.

-P Ravi Teja

Arjun Sarja's powerful look as Viraavi in 'Polimera 3' raises expectations



The makers of Polimera 3 have released some interesting poster of Viraavi where Action King Arjun Sarja has been seen as a powerful warrior. The poster has been released on Diwali and has raised more anticipation about the upcoming supernatural thriller film.

Directed by Dr. Anil Vishwanath, it takes the franchise to a bigger cinematic universe involving elements of spirituality, black magic and supernatural. Starting with some mysterious visuals of temples, Lord Vishnu, Lord Shiva the poster moves to the divine look of Anantha Padmanabha Swamy. Later in the poster Satyam Rajesh is seen as Komaraiah doing black magic. Finally Arjun Sarja makes a stunning entrance.His strong screen presence, wielding of sword and intense look are the main highlights of the poster. The cinematography, background music and production values are also strong. Produced by Vamsi Nandipati and Bharath Narang, the film stars Kamakshi Bhaskarla, Getup Srinu, Baladitya and Rakendu Mouli. After the success of the first two parts, Polimera 3 is set to hit the theatres in a big way in Telugu, Tamil, Kannada and Malayalam.

-S Suhas



Sumaya Reddy comes with second production; title to be out soon

Sumaya Reddy announces her second production under her Production House Suma Chitra Arts. The makers have released a special Diwali poster announcing the release of the movie title shortly.

The pre look poster has actress Sumaya Reddy in a regal look with money and gold bundles in her hands. She looks gorgeous in this poster which has made people curious. The visuals suggest this could be a period drama. She will also play the role of producer and heroine.

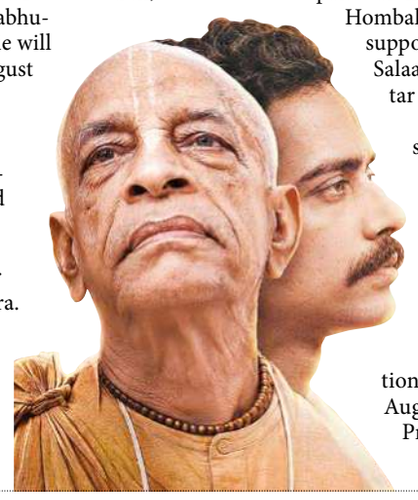
Sumaya made her acting debut with Dear Uma and has received attention for her work as an actress, producer and writer. She is looking forward to continue her journey in Telugu cinema with this project. The makers are expected to announce the title and other details shortly. The poster has created some anticipation.

-P Ravi Teja

Hombale Films announces AI-based animated film 'Sharanagathi'

Hombale Films is taking cinematic storytelling to new heights with Sharanagathi – The Life of a Surrendered Soul, the inspiring story of ISKCON Founder-Acharya Srila Prabhupada. This AI driven movie will be released globally in August 2027. This movie has been made in association with Transcendental Films and Dive Deep AI Studio. It's directed, written and produced by Gaura Shakti Das. It is produced by Rajesh Singh and Lohith Rao. The Visual Director of the movie is Sridhar Shikaripura.

This motion capture uses a combination of AI and computer vision technology to take real-life motions, expressions and gestures and create lifelike 3D animations. This will give more realism and emotion to the characters in this movie. The film follows Srila Prabhupada's journey to the United States of America in 1965 aged 69 to spread Krishna Consciousness and the teachings of the Bhagavad Gita. Srila Prabhupada's life is one of devotion, perseverance and selfless service.



Hombale Films are known for supporting films like KGF, Salaar, Kantara and Mahavatar Narasimha.

They continue to tell stories grounded in culture through innovative filmmaking.

This film will be presented and distributed globally by Hombale Films and will be blessed by several spiritual institutions. It will be released in August 2027 which is Srila Prabhupada's Vyasa Puja.

-P Ravi Teja



RV Film House debut venture 'Kokkoroko' gets wrapped

The team behind the debut venture of RV Film House, 'Kokkoroko' has successfully wrapped up the shoot of the film. They have also shared a special wrap poster. Along with this, they have also shared a cute love teaser of the lead pair, Seenu and Parvathi.

In the teaser, Parvathi can be seen waiting for Seenu to gift her flowers picked from a pond. With natural acting, amazing chemistry and beautiful visuals the teaser makes one curious to know more about the love story of this film. The film is a 5 character anthology directed by debutante Srinivas Vasanthala. The story and screenplay of the film has been written by filmmaker Ramesh Varma.

The film has been produced by Rekha Varma and Kurapati Sireesha along with Neelladri Production as a co-producer. The dialogues of the film have been written by playback singer GV Sagar. The cinematography has been done by Akash R. Joshi. The music of the film has been composed by London based musician Sankeerthan. The film has been edited by Prawin Pudi.

-S Suhas

Vishwadev Rachakonda calls 'Dark Chocolate' a memorable big-screen experience



Actor Vishwadev Rachakonda is confident that his upcoming film "Dark Chocolate" will provide the audience with a unique and memorable experience.

The film promises a unique approach as the cast and crew have worked hard to ensure that it stands out from the rest. He spoke about this at the curtain raiser for the film. The film, presented by Rana Daggubati, Spirit Media and Waltair Productions, stars Vishwadev Rachakonda and Bindu Madhavi. It was also directed by first-time director Shashank Srivastava and will hit theatres globally on the 13th of November. The film will get its US launch thee days prior. "We did something special. We put in a lot of effort and believe in this film. I'm confident that the story has everything. People who have seen it so far have said it was a memorable experience and they want to watch it again," Vishwadev said.

"It's a unique idea. We want people to give US honest feedback. We hope that the film gets a great reception from Telugu audiences," Bindu Madhavi added.

Shashank thanked the cast and crew, especially praising the lead actors. He also thanked music composer Vivek Sagar for providing a great soundtrack.

A few filmmakers in attendance loved how the film was told in an unorthodox way and felt the cast and crew were confident. The film has received positive reactions from the teaser and is now ready for its theatrical run.

-S Suhas