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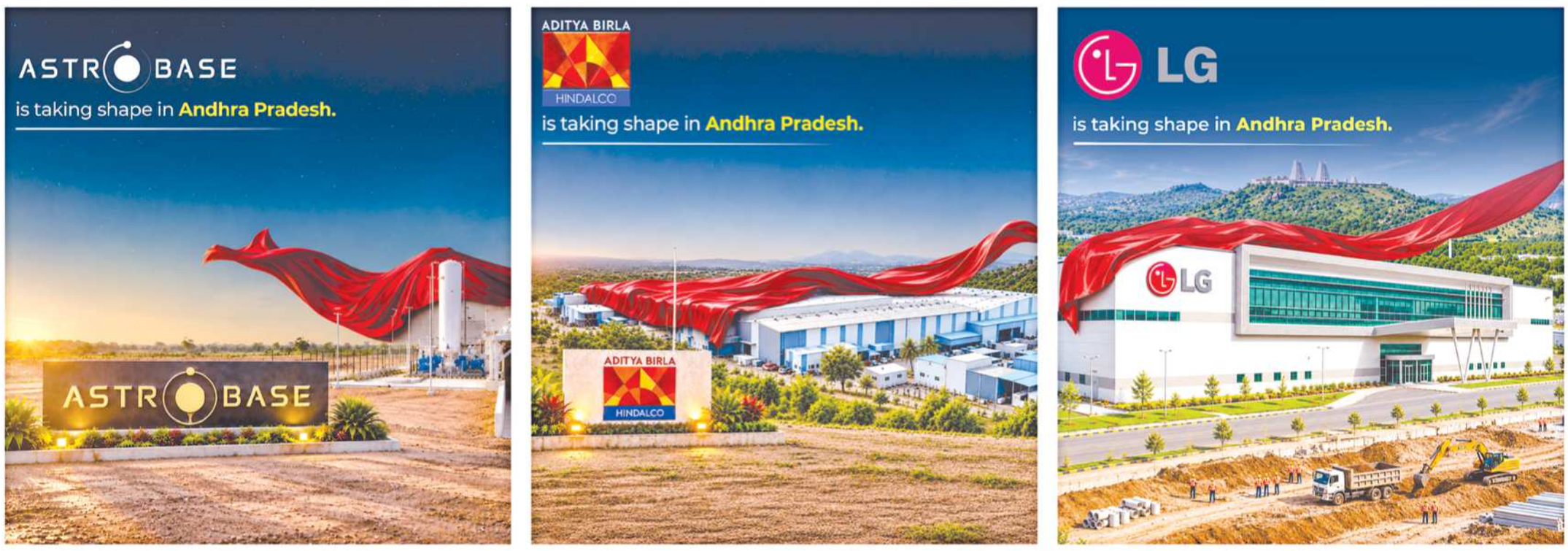
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**GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA**
**PUBLIC HEALTH AND MUNICIPAL ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT**
Date.10.11.2026

**Tender Noticea**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | NIT No and Tender Inviting dates | 06/48/SE/TUFIDC/UNIT-III/Kothur/CC Road&Drain / 3.15Cr/ 2026-27, Dt: 10.11.2026. from 13.11.2026, 10.30AM to 02.12.2026, 4.30 PM |
| 2 | Name of Work | Construction of drain & Laying of CC road near Raithuvedika to Chegur road in Kothur Municipality under TUFIDC Funds. (01Work). |
| 3 | Total value of Work | Rs.315.00 Lakhs |

Tender documents will be available in e-procurement market place in between 13.11.2026, 10.30 AM to 02.12.2026, 4.30 PM. The tender details can be seen by login into @ www.tender.telangana.gov.in.
Sd/- Superintending Engineer (PH) Unit-III, Mahabunagar @ Hyderabad
DIPR. R.O. No. : 13493-PP/CL/ADVT/2026-27 Date: 11-11-2026

**Can Fin Homes Limited**
Can Fin Homes Ltd (Sponsor: CANARA BANK) HOME LOANS • DEPOSITS Translating Dreams into Reality
Branch Office: 6-2-983, Diamond Towers, Near Metro Station Pillar No.1181, Rajbhavan Road, Khairatabad, Hyderabad-500004. Mob: 76250 79104. 040-23233385, 23231626. Email: hyderabad@canfinhomes.com. (CIN No.: L85110KA1987PLC008699)

**SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY**
APPENDIX-IV-A [see proviso to rule 9 (1)]
**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 9 (1) 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 property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the Constructive Possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of **Can Fin Homes Ltd., Nampally Branch,** will be sold by holding e-auction on **"As is where is", "As is what is",** and **"Whatever there is"** on **02.12.2026** for recovery of **Rs.37,88,395/- (Rupees Thirty Seven Lakhs Eighty Eight Thousand Three Hundred and Ninety Five Only)** due to Can Fin Homes Ltd. from **.Mr.Avunuri Venkateshwara Rao, 2.Mrs.Avunuri Divya,** Flat No.411 on H.No.13-9-109/411, Sy No.213/Part,Situated At P&T Colony, Gaddiannaram Village, Saroornagar, Hyderabad (Last Known Address of Borrowers) and as on **11.11.2026,** together with further interest and other charges thereon. The reserve price will be **Rs.24,00,000/- (Rupees Twenty Four Lakhs only) and the earnest money deposit will be Rs.2,40,000/- (Rupees Two Lakhs Forty Thousand only)**

**(Description of the immovable property)**

Residential that premises bearing Flat No.411, House on 13-9-109/411 (PTIN 1031300224) in Fourth Floor of Raghunatha Estates having plinth area of 900 Sft including 13% common area along with undivided share of land admeasuring 10 Sq.yards out of 1350 Sq.yards in the premises bearing Nos (old 9-109/A, 9-109/B & 9-109/2), Part New No.13-9-109/A, 13-109/B & 13-9-109/2 part, in Sy No.213 Part situated at P & T Colony, Gaddiannaram Village, Saroornagar Circle-5, GHMC Registration, Sub District Saroornagar and **Bounded by: Boundaries for Land: North:** Neighbour's Land, **South:** 30 Feet Road, **East:** 40 Feet Road, **West:** Owner's Land. **Boundaries of Flat No.411, in 4th Floor:** North: Open to Sky, South: Corridor and Flat No.412, East: Open to Sky, West: Flat No.410 & Open to Sky.
**Known Encumbrance if any - Nil**
The detailed terms and conditions of the sale are provided in the official website of Can Fin Homes Ltd., **(https://www.canfinhomes.com/SearchAuction.aspx).**
Link for participating in e-auction: **www.auctionbazaar.com**

**Place: Hyd - Nampally Branch** **Sd/- Authorised Officer**
**Date: 11.11.2026** **CAN FIN HOMES LIMITED**

HDB Financial Services Limited
HDB FINANCIAL SERVICES
3rd Floor, Bldg No: 306, Millenium Business Park, Opp Ramada Hotel, TTC Industrial Area, Sector - 2, Mahape, Navi Mumbai - 400705 Tel No.: +91 22 49116300

**FINAL AUCTION CUM SALE NOTICE FOR GOLD ORNAMENTS**

The borrower(s) (whose details are provided in the table herein below), in particular, and the public, in general,are hereby informed that the below mentioned accounts are overdue, and the borrowers/account holders have not responded /complied with the communication,and notice send by HDB Financial Services Limited (the "Company") requesting the borrower to clear his/her/their dues as per the documents in respect of the below mentioned loan signed/accepted by the borrower(s) (such documents, collectively "loan agreeement") and therefore defaulted in terms thereof. The Company has in excercise of its rights as a pledgee, decided to enforce the pledge and therefore hold a public auction of the gold ornaments pledged to the company as security for the loan for the purpose of selling the same and realizing/recovering the dues owned by the borrower(s) to the company. The auction will be conducted on/after **19-11-2026** at the below mentioned local branch of HDB Financial Services Limited from 11.00 am onwards on the date and branches mentioned in the below table;-

| Loan No | Customer Name | Date of Loan | Overdue Amount ₹ | Branch Name |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 71040492 | Mohammed Rafeeq Uddin | 17-09-2025 | 12273 | Hyderabad-Attapur |
| 80907413 | G Krishnaiah | 29-04-2026 | 14403 | Hyderabad-Attapur |
| 80670159 | Chittapragada Sairam Phaniharsha | 21-04-2026 | 29094 | Hyderabad-Attapur |
| 79680357 | Neelapolu Devendhar | 16-03-2026 | 59348 | Hyderabad-Srinagar Colony |
| 79595226 | S Bhadramma | 13-03-2026 | 133720 | Hyderabad-Srinagar Colony |
| 78880693 | Kathi Sai Ram | 18-02-2026 | 19254 | Hyderabad-Srinagar Colony |
| 78915042 | Anand Singh | 19-02-2026 | 40445 | Hyderabad-Abids |
| 79120476 | Seguri Nitish Kumar | 24-02-2026 | 14198 | Hyderabad-Abids |
| 79289277 | Bhagya Sri Gurrala | 02-03-2026 | 122773 | Hyderabad-As Rao Nagar |
| 79051953 | Kanakam Sharada | 22-02-2026 | 24291 | Hyderabad-Balanagar |
| 81503367 | Chevendra Prasuna | 21-05-2026 | 71598 | Hyderabad-Begumpet |
| 80708748 | Aythi Suryanarayana | 22-04-2026 | 10221 | Hyderabad-Begumpet |
| 81744222 | B Srisailam | 29-05-2026 | 26690 | Hyderabad-Dilsukhnagar |
| 81746182 | Mohammed Tabrez Azeem | 29-05-2026 | 25974 | Hyderabad-Dilsukhnagar |
| 81750033 | Sayoji Padma | 29-05-2026 | 26834 | Hyderabad-Dilsukhnagar |
| 80573992 | Pitchapathi Balayogireddy | 18-04-2026 | 47858 | Hyderabad-Dilsukhnagar |
| 79930453 | Kodenti Sujatha | 25-03-2026 | 69763 | Hyderabad-Dilsukhnagar |
| 80050475 | Meenapalli Madhavrao | 30-03-2026 | 50772 | Hyderabad-Dilsukhnagar |
| 78972227 | Govindu Swapna | 20-02-2026 | 58183 | Hyderabad-Dilsukhnagar |
| 82006136 | Gudla Rajini | 08-06-2026 | 45715 | Hyderabad-Habsiguda |
| 80712907 | Bejjanki Thirupathi | 22-04-2026 | 44583 | Hyderabad-Habsiguda |
| 80103435 | Bojja Venkatesh | 01-04-2026 | 98732 | Hyderabad-Kukatpally |
| 81936562 | Mallikarjuna Ganganaboina | 05-06-2026 | 70273 | Hyderabad-Uppal |
| 80556940 | Mote Ravi | 17-04-2026 | 169238 | Hyderabad-Uppal |
| 79186268 | M Swapna | 26-02-2026 | 22468 | Hyderabad-Uppal |
| 74083479 | Polasa Aruna | 17-11-2025 | 14803 | Hyderabad-Uppal |
| 81774004 | Mula Bharath Goud | 30-05-2026 | 30688 | Hyderabad-Vanasthalipuram |
| 81549261 | Muddagowni Muralidhar Goud | 22-05-2026 | 25276 | Hyderabad-Vanasthalipuram |
| 81876854 | Dhulam Karunakar | 03-06-2026 | 71765 | Karimnagar |
| 81859546 | Vollala Vinay | 02-06-2026 | 41361 | Karimnagar |
| 80890662 | Kampati Rajesh | 28-04-2026 | 19138 | Khammam |
| 81877620 | Gundiga Karthik | 03-06-2026 | 66055 | Nalgonda |
| 81946359 | Upputuri Vamshikumar | 05-06-2026 | 13768 | Nalgonda |
| 81929390 | Jangala Vasantha | 05-06-2026 | 23830 | Nalgonda |
| 82012445 | Mohammed Muzaferuddin Nawaz | 08-06-2026 | 37399 | Nalgonda |
| 80939681 | Bhanothu Bulli | 30-04-2026 | 18668 | Nalgonda |
| 80641858 | Burugu Sanjay | 20-04-2026 | 19350 | Nalgonda |
| 80289549 | Upputuri Vamshikumar | 08-04-2026 | 9311 | Nalgonda |
| 78777086 | Kamalla Narsimha | 16-02-2026 | 18963 | Nalgonda |
| 79386051 | Golkonda Deepak | 06-03-2026 | 4181 | Secunderabad-Raniganj |
| 82249340 | Banothu Narasimha | 24-06-2026 | 79307 | Suryapet |
| 82121590 | Dandugula Yugandhar | 15-06-2026 | 56414 | Suryapet |
| 82198333 | Brahmandlapalli Santhosh Kumar | 16-06-2026 | 99116 | Suryapet |
| 81890045 | Daravath Sudhakar | 03-06-2026 | 17403 | Suryapet |
| 82077693 | Saini Manasa | 12-06-2026 | 72525 | Suryapet |
| 81275533 | Konda Shiva Shankar | 13-05-2026 | 51329 | Suryapet |
| 81537352 | Chintala Veladri | 22-05-2026 | 79512 | Suryapet |
| 81830763 | Chavagani Saidamma | 01-06-2026 | 16657 | Suryapet |
| 81460304 | Nalavath Saidulu | 20-05-2026 | 88109 | Suryapet |
| 82051631 | Rachakonda Nagaraju | 10-06-2026 | 127778 | Suryapet |
| 81224364 | Mohammad Siddiq Ali | 11-05-2026 | 10153 | Suryapet |
| 80492671 | Dasuri Bixam | 15-04-2026 | 58231 | Suryapet |
| 80858858 | Janapati Nagaiah | 27-04-2026 | 15256 | Suryapet |
| 80474330 | Janagam Veera Chary | 15-04-2026 | 34059 | Suryapet |
| 80730861 | Kuncham Ramesh | 23-04-2026 | 15684 | Suryapet |
| 80930662 | Gugulotu Linga | 01-05-2026 | 63078 | Suryapet |
| 79883398 | Kankaraboina Varaprasad | 24-03-2026 | 10630 | Suryapet |
| 80317786 | Mucharla Naga Veni | 09-04-2026 | 26696 | Suryapet |
| 79563164 | Burgula Bhaskar | 12-03-2026 | 37630 | Suryapet |
| 80292871 | Palasa Mahesh | 08-04-2026 | 19891 | Suryapet |
| 79529531 | Banothu Showlu | 11-03-2026 | 43179 | Suryapet |
| 78197831 | Kappala Nagaraju | 04-02-2026 | 8568 | Suryapet |
| 79014470 | Mattipelly Ganesh | 21-02-2026 | 26545 | Suryapet |
| 79105543 | Lingampally Saidulu | 23-02-2026 | 39107 | Suryapet |
| 72508106 | Arpula Renuka | 17-10-2025 | 13128 | Suryapet |
| 81911047 | Kummari Babu Raju | 04-06-2026 | 46676 | Warangal |
| 81227522 | B Seshu | 11-05-2026 | 10339 | Warangal |
| 80770538 | Motla Mallikarjun | 24-04-2026 | 25510 | Warangal |
| 81123875 | Pariki Divya | 07-05-2026 | 22840 | Warangal |
| 80059778 | Poshala Abhinash | 30-03-2026 | 53408 | Warangal |
| 82265600 | Thakkallapally Srikar Rao | 19-06-2026 | 53274 | Warangal |
| 82012701 | Hanmakonda Swathi | 08-06-2026 | 8561 | Warangal |
| 81642224 | Korivi Raju | 25-05-2026 | 13775 | Warangal |
| 81276634 | Guda Krishna Reddy | 13-05-2026 | 170471 | Warangal |

The auction shall be conducted on an **"AS IS WHERE"** and **"AS IS WHAT IT"** basis and the Company is not making and shall not make any representation or warranties as regards the quality, purity, caratage, weight or valuation of the said gold ornaments. It shall be the sole and absolute responsibility of the potential purchaser to verify, examine and satisfy themselves about the quality, purity, caratage, weight or valuation of the said gold ornaments prior to placing their bid and for such purpose it shall be open to potential purchasers to examine, at their sole cost and expense, and at the address set out herein above, the gold ornaments whether with or without expert advice 45 minutes prior to the time stipulated for the conduct of the auction. All the bid shall be subjected to such minimum reserve price as the company may deem fit to fix in this regards. The auction process and sale (if any) pursuant to such auction shall be subjected to such further terms and condition as the company may at sole discretion deem fit to impose.

If the borrower(s) mentioned above pays the amount due to the Company in terms of the loan agreement in his individual loan account in full before the auction as mentioned above, the pledged ornaments securing the said loan may be withdrawn from the said auction without further notice. Please note the it is the absolute discretionary power of the undersigned authorized officer of the company, either to postpone or to cancel the auction proceeding without prior notice and without assigning any reason thereof and to reject any or all the bids or offer without assigning any reason for the same.

**Place : TELANGANA** **Authorised Officer**
**Date : 12-11-2026** **(HDB Financial Services Ltd)**

# CYBER CROOKS HAVE A FIELD DAY AMIDST FESTIVE SHOPPING FRENZY

- **TGCSB warns against rising online frauds**
- **Fake advertisements lure shoppers with huge discounts**
- **Fraudsters cheat victims through advance payments**
- **Malicious APKs target credit card users**
- **Phishing links steal sensitive banking details**
- **Scammers misuse card details for illegal transactions**
- **Citizens advised against sharing OTPs, CVVs and PINs**
- **Verify online sellers and bank offers before payment**


Representational image

Mouli Mareedu
Hyderabad

THE Telangana Cyber Security Bureau (TGCSB) on Wednesday issued an urgent public advisory warning citizens against two rapidly emerging cybercrimes — fake advertisements and credit card frauds — which have been on the rise in the State over the past few days.

TGCSB Director Shikha Goel said a recent analysis of cybercrime trends had revealed a sharp increase in complaints related to advertisement fraud (undelivered goods/services) and identity theft (unauthorised credit/debit card compromise). Fraudsters are increasingly exploiting online shopping trends, festive discounts and malicious mobile applications to cheat unsuspecting citizens.

Explaining advertisement fraud, Shikha Goel said fraudsters circulate deceptive advertisements on social media platforms such as Instagram and Facebook, messaging applications such as WhatsApp, and fake websites. These advertisements offer branded electronics, clothing, holiday packages, beauty and home services, or online courses at unrealistically low prices, with offers such as "Mega Sale – Flat 70% Off".

Once victims are lured into making advance payments through UPI, digital wallets or bank transfers, scammers send fake order confirmations and give bogus delivery delay excuses. They subsequently block the victims' phone numbers and shut down the websites without delivering the promised goods or services.

"Avoid purchasing from unknown or unverified social media sellers; never trust deals offering steep, unrealistic discounts; verify seller credentials, customer reviews and official websites before making payments; and never make advance payments to unverified accounts," the TGCSB Director advised.

In cases of identity theft, cybercriminals are increasingly targeting cardholders through phishing links and malicious Android application packages (APK files) disguised as official bank rewards, cashback offers or credit card limit enhancement schemes.

When victims click on these links or install malicious APK files, they are tricked into entering sensitive information such as card numbers, expiry dates, CVV codes, PINs and OTPs. In some cases, the malware silently intercepts SMS alerts.

Fraudsters immediately misuse the compromised credentials to make unauthorised online purchases and domestic or international transactions without the cardholders' consent.

"Never download or install APK files received through WhatsApp, SMS or unknown links; never share card numbers, CVV, OTP or PIN details with anyone; verify card upgrade or reward offers only through official bank applications or customer care; and immediately block your card and inform your bank if you receive any unauthorised transaction alert," Shikha Goel said.

## Police custody for 9 in illegal human egg collection case

Hans News Service
Hyderabad

THE court on Wednesday granted nine accused police custody for questioning for five days in connection with the human eggs (oocytes) illegal collection case. Following the court directions, Begumpet police on Thursday would take custody of nine accused from jail.

The police would interrogate the individuals to uncover the details of the network operating behind this egg procurement scam. During the custodial interrogation, the police will primarily focus on identifying key players involved and understanding how the network functions.

Specifically, they will question the suspects regarding the role of agents, connections with fertility (IVF) centres, the involvement of medical institutions, and financial transactions. During the investigation, police are aimed to determine if others are behind this operation and to ascertain exactly how the process of procuring and supplying the eggs was carried out. Meanwhile, the police are also focusing their attention on various IVF centres located within the Secunderabad and Malkajgiri areas.

**GREATER HYDERABAD MUNICIPAL CORPORATION**
**CIRCLE-17, JALPALLY**
Date: 11-11-2026

| NIT No. | Name of the Work | Estimate Amount | Last Date & Time for Receipts of Bids | Name & Address officer |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| TENDER NOTICE NIT No. 17/EEC-17/JLPY/GHMC/2026-27, Dated: 11-11-2026 | For 01 Works "Laying of Storm Water Drain RCC Pipe Line of 450mm dia NP3 from Open Nalla to H.No.12- 35/1 & bylanes & other Places at Wadi-EMustafa, Ward No. 64, Pahadishareef at Jalpally Circle-17, Shamshabad Zone, GHMC" | Rs. 42.00 Lakhs | 21-11-2026 @ 3:00 PM | Sri. K. Srinivas, Executive Engineer, Jalpally Circle. 17, GHMC |

For further details can be seen at e-procurement @ http://www.Tender.telangana.gov.in
DIPR R.O.No. 13517-PP/CL/ADVT/2026-27 Dt: 11.11.2026 Sd/- Executive Engineer Circle-17, Jalpally, GHMC

**MALKAJGIRI MUNICIPAL CORPORATION**
On the Executive Engineer, Ghatkesar Circle 06 Opp. Ghatkesar Police Station-501301 E-mail: ee.2.ghatkesar@gmail.com

**E-PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTICE**

Tender Notice No. 50/EE/Ghatkesar Circle-06/MMC/Tenders/2026-27. Dt: 12.11.2026 publishing of For 5 Works

Road Safety and Maintenance of BT Roads, CC Roads and Storm Water Drains (Catch Pit Repairs) at Various Locations in Nagaram Ward No. 05, for a Period of 5 Months in Nagaram ward No.05,in Ghatkesar Circle-6,MMC.
Road Safety and Maintenance of BT Roads, CC Roads and Storm Water Drains (Catch Pit Repairs) at Various Locations in Nagaram Ward No. 05, for a Period of 5 Months in Edulabad ward No.07,in Ghatkesar Circle-6, MMC.
Road safety maintenance work for attending BT/CC patch, Catchpit repairs works at various places in ward no. 08 Pocharam Ghatkesar Circle-06, Uppal Zone, MMC.
Road safety maintenance work for attending BT/CC patch, Catchpit repairs works at various places in ward no. 06 Ghatkesar Circle -06, Uppal Zone, MMC Ghatkesar.
Repairs of Pot Holes/Patches Using Pot-Hole Repairs Machine Jet Patches in Ghatkesar Circle-06, Uppal Zone, MMC (Reserved for waddera socieities/Individuals).
The details can be seen by logging at https://tender.telangana.gov.in/login.html.
The details of events is detailed below:

| Events | Only 5 works |
|---|---|
| Start Date | 13.11.2026 @ 04:30 PM |
| Download end Date | 17.11.2026 @ 04:30 PM |
| Last date & Time for Receipt of Bids | 17.11.2026 @ 04:30 PM |
| Price Bid Opening | 17.11.2026 @ 04:30 PM |

Address of concerned officer: Sri. K RAMESH BABU, Executive Engineer Ghatkesar Circle-06 MMC, Hyderabad.
Further details can be seen at e-procurement @ https://tender.telangana.gov.in/login.html
Sd/- Executive Engineer Ghatkesar Circle-06, MMC
DIPR R.O. No. : 13537-PP/CL/ADVT/2026-27 Dt: 11.11.2026

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**Nampally Branch**
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Email: hyderabad@canfinhomes.com CIN No.L85110KA1987PLC008699)

**POSSESSION NOTICE**
**[Rule 8 (1)] For Immovable Property**

The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of Can Fin Homes Ltd., under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 and in exercise of the powers under the said Act and Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, issued a **demand notice dated 04-09-2025** calling upon the borrowers **Mrs. Sunitha Sirolikar (Borrower), Mrs.Poornima Kondth & B.Sunil Kumar (Guarantor)** to Repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs.15,26,689/- (Rupees Fifteen Lakhs Twenty Six Thousand Six Hundred and Eighty Nine)** with further interest at contractual rates, till date of realization within 60 days from the date 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 **10th day of November year 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.
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 CFHL for an amount of **Rs.15,26,689/- (Rupees Fifteen Lakhs Twenty Six Thousand Six Hundred and Eighty Nine)** and interest thereon.

**DESCRIPTION OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY**

All that the part of house bearing No.6-1-119/13, First Floor, admeasuring 1400 Sft together with undivided share of land to an extent of 150 sq.yards, Padmarao Nagar, Secunderabad, Hyderabad and **Bounded by: Boundaries of Land:** North: Plot, South: Road, East: Road, West: Road.

**Date: 11.11.2026** **Sd/- Authorised Officer,**
**Place: Hyderabad-Nampally Branch** **Can Fin Homes Ltd**

## Cyclone over Bay may bring rains to Telangana

- **Bay low-pressure system likely to intensify**
- **Depression expected to form on Sunday**
- **Cyclone development predicted by Tuesday**
- **System may cross coast around November 19-20**
- **East Telangana may receive rains from November 21**
- **IMD predicts dry weather until November 18**
- **Night temperatures likely to remain 2-3°C below normal**


File photo

K Chandrashekar
Hyderabad

TELANGANA is expected to witness rains after November 21 due to a low pressure and depression forming in the Bay of Bengal under the influence of Cyclone Akvan.

According to weather expert T Balaji, a low pressure system will form on Friday, intensifying into a depression on Sunday, with a 100 per cent probability of developing into a cyclone by Tuesday. The cyclone is likely to cross between Nellore or Ongole and Odisha or Bengal around November 19 to 20. Outlining possible scenarios, Balaji noted a 55 per cent chance of the system moving towards Andhra Pradesh, triggering moderate to heavy rains in East Telangana between November 21 and 24 while other regions remain dry.

A 25 per cent probability towards Odisha or Bengal would keep Telangana dry while easing cold conditions after November 20. A 20 per cent chance towards Bangladesh or Myanmar would cause a severe cold wave with plunging temperatures and dry weather.

Meanwhile, the India Meteorological Department forecasted dry weather across Telangana, noting minimum temperatures will remain 2 to 3°C below normal for the next two to three days, continuing until November 18.

## Krishank hits out at govt for TIMS' delays in Hyd, Wgl

K Chandrashekar
Hyderabad

BHARAT Rashtra Samithi leaders led by Manne Krishank visited TIMS Alwal on Wednesday, questioning the prolonged delay in making public super specialty hospitals operational. Krishank recalled that in January 2025, Minister Komatireddy Venkat Reddy and Special Secretary Vikas Raj inspected the site, announcing that 90 per cent of works were completed and guaranteeing full operational readiness by August 31, 2025.

Krishank noted that on Tuesday, Minister C Damodar Raja Narsimha visited TIMS Alwal, stating that 95 per cent of work was completed and the facility would open soon. He questioned whether the Congress government managed to execute merely 5 per cent of remaining construction work over two years. Krishank questioned why Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy government fails to demonstrate the same commitment toward public hospitals envisioned by the K Chandrashekar Rao administration as it allegedly does toward private corporate hospitals linked to his family.

He highlighted that TIMS Sanath Nagar remains inaccessible to the public, the Warangal Super Specialty Hospital project faces repeated postponements, and TIMS Alwal continues to endure administrative delays. Krishank demanded that the state government immediately provide the public with a clear, definitive timeline for commissioning these vital healthcare institutions.

## Notices slapped on 125 medical shops for drug sale violations

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THE Telangana Standards Authority for Food and Essential Drugs (TG SAFE) – Drugs Wing on Wednesday served show-cause notices on 125 medical shops in Medchal and Serilingampally for violating rules and regulations. Appropriate action, including suspension of drug licences, will be initiated against the establishments concerned. TG SAFE officials said action would be taken in accordance with the provisions of the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940.

As part of an ongoing special enforcement drive in the CURE region to curb the illegal sale and diversion of habit-forming drugs, TG SAFE officials conducted raids on medical shops across the Medchal and Serilingampally zones. Similar raids were also carried out by the Drugs Wing in various districts across Telangana as part of the drive.


File photo

The raids were conducted at several retail medical shops in vulnerable areas of the CURE region, focusing on the illegal sale of habit-forming drugs, including Tramadol tablets, Alprazolam tablets, Nitrazepam tablets, codeine-containing cough syrups, Tapentadol tablets, Pregabalin-containing formulations and Zolpidem tablets.

Officials detected several violations, including the indiscriminate sale of habit-forming drugs without prescriptions from Registered Medical Practitioners; failure to maintain prescription drug registers and Schedule H1 drug registers; dispensing prescription drugs in the absence of a Registered Pharmacist; sale of medicines without issuing bills; failure to maintain or produce sales bills and produce purchase bills; irregularities in maintaining copies of sales and purchase bills; and other violations of the Drugs Rules.

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## Terror attack on CRPF checkpost in J&K's Kulgam

SRINAGAR: Two heavily armed terrorists emerged from a dense cluster of trees and opened fire at a Central Reserve Police Force post in Jammu and Kashmir's Kulgam district on Wednesday, injuring three CRPF personnel, one of them critically, officials said. The two men disappeared into the forested area after the attack that took place around 2.15 pm near Mir Bazar, about 75 km from Srinagar and just a kilometre from the strategic Jammu-Srinagar National Highway, they said. Initial reports suggested that the terrorists came on a motorcycle. However, ground verification during joint search operations by the Army and security agencies established that no two-wheeler was involved.

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## Mother Dairy, Amul hike milk prices by Rs 2-4 per litre

NEW DELHI: Leading dairy companies Amul and Mother Dairy have hiked milk prices by Rs 2-4 per litre, effective Thursday, due to higher input costs, including higher farmer procurement rates and increased fuel expenses. Gujarat Cooperative Milk Marketing Federation (GCMMF) and Mother Dairy, leading milk suppliers, last increased retail milk prices in May this year. Last month, Karnataka's popular dairy brand Nandini raised prices of its products. Full report *P8*

## Dhankhar indisposed



NEW DELHI: Former vice president Jagdeep Dhankhar was admitted to AIIMS here on Wednesday after he fell unconscious during his morning walk, sources said. Details about his health condition were not immediately available. AIIMS authorities have not issued any statement so far. The 75-year-old former Rajya Sabha chairman has been admitted to the hospital's cardio-neuro centre and is currently under the care of the department of cardiology for medical evaluation and treatment, the sources said.

IRREGULAR by MANJUL




See how Congress is fuelling inflation! Just look at the price of this book!

# TG to replace Intermediate system with 10+2 structure

### New system: Primary (nursery to 4th grade), secondary (5th to 8th) & senior secondary (9th to 12th)

Patan Afzal Babu
Hyderabad

ON the lines of the system adopted by the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE), the Telangana government is all set to introduce at the school level classes up to 12th grade (continuous 10+2) by scrapping Intermediate from the next academic year

Under the new education system, the class structure consists of primary education (nursery to 4th grade), secondary education (5th to 8th grade), and senior secondary education (9th to 12th grade).

"The main objective of the new system is that students should be groomed to attain command of language and communication skills by the time they complete the 12th grade. After the 12th grade, students should get the opportunity to choose subjects of their interest and become experts in those fields," Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy said, while declaring the launch of the new education system in the state .



Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy at a review meeting on the Education Department with senior officials in Hyderabad on Wednesday. Government Advisor K Keshava Rao and Chief Secretary Sanjay Jaju are present

At a review of the Education Department here on Wednesday, Revanth Reddy ordered the officials to make all necessary arrangements to implement the 10 + 2 education system on the lines of CBSE, effective next year. The officials briefed the Chief Minister on the readiness of the department to introduce the new education system from nursery to intermediate. The Chief Minister expressed his concern over increasing dropouts among students after 10th class, mostly girls, as well as children from Dalit, tribal, and minority communities. The dropout rates are significantly lower in institutions like Kendriya Vidyalayas, Navodaya Vidyalayas, and Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalayas, which offer continuous education up to the 12th grade.

The Chief Minister instructed the officials to study the new system, which is in place in 18 states across the country. Assuring that the employment and retirement benefits of lecturers and non-teaching staff in junior colleges would remain unaffected, the Chief Minister issued specific instructions to the officials that welfare hostels or residential schools should stop functioning in rented buildings and take necessary action to construct hostels and residential schools equipped with full-fledged facilities. The funds required for these constructions would be released, the Chief Minister said. Toilets should also be built in all schools, hostels, and residential schools, he said, while assuring that they would be provided with an adequate water supply.

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# Cabinet nod for ₹62,370-cr Rabi fertiliser subsidy

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New Delhi

- Rs 5,000-crore credit guarantee fund cleared for MUDRA
- Rs 3,230-crore approved for Yuge Yugeen Bharat Museum

THE Union Cabinet on Wednesday approved a Rs 62,370-crore fertiliser subsidy for the rabi season, alongside a Rs 5,000-crore credit guarantee fund under the MUDRA Yojana and a Rs 3,230-crore project to develop the Yuge Yugeen Bharat Museum in New Delhi.

Union Information and Broadcasting Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw announced the decisions following the Cabinet meeting, outlining measures covering agriculture, credit access and cultural infrastructure.

The Cabinet approved Rs 62,370 crore towards fertiliser subsidies for the rabi season, which runs from October to March.

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# BJP MLAs, MPs have become 'ashta grahalu': KTR

K Chandrashekar
Nirmal/Hyderabad

MAINTAINING that both the Congress and the Bharatiya Janata Party were same, Bharat Rashtra Samithi working president and former minister KT Rama Rao remarked on Wednesday that the eight BJP MLAs and MPs have become 'ashta grahalu' for the state.

For context, astrologers consider an eight-planet conjunction as leading to an intense and transformative event. Depending on the zodiacal sign and the specific planets involved, it is believed to trigger major shifts in personal fortunes, leadership, and global events.



Addressing Rythu Garjana Sabha at Nirmal, Rama Rao lashed out at both the Congress and the BJP on various issues. The BRS leader questioned whether there was a place for Telangana in the heart of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. "The drought teams visited Andhra Pradesh and Maharashtra, but not Telangana.

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# Revanth says BRS will join hands with BJP

Patan Afzal Babu
Hyderabad

TELANGANA Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy has claimed that the opposition Bharat Rashtra Samithi would join hands with the Bharatiya Janata Party and become a political ally to the saffron party in New Delhi after the next elections.

Participating in 'National Education Day' and 'Minority Welfare Day' celebrations on Wednesday, the Chief Minister said that the Congress party had the strength to take on the BJP. "The 'car' (BRS party symbol) that starts from the streets of Telangana will turn into a 'lotus' (BJP symbol) the moment it reaches Delhi," he observed. The Chief Minister criticised



the BJP for stalling the minority reservation in education and jobs. He claimed that the Congress government was providing four per cent reservation for minorities. The BJP announced at a public meeting in Chevella that it would abolish minority reservations.

"We challenged the BJP to abolish the reservation in Gujarat first. The Congress empowered the poor and the minorities with the right to vote. The BJP is trying to disenfranchise them," the Chief Minister charged.

Stating that the government had accorded top priority to the welfare of minorities, the Chief Minister said that the Metro Rail works were being taken up expeditiously in the Old City, which is called as Orginal City, and the Musi Rejuvenation Project would revive the Old City's glory. The Chief Minister highlighted the importance of creating a night economy along the Musi river. Revanth Reddy warned that that jobs in software engineering were on the decline under the impact of AI technology.

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# Hijack threat grounds Kolkata-Mumbai flight

Kolkata

A Mumbai-bound Air India flight was grounded in Kolkata on Wednesday before it could take off, after the pilot informed the Air Traffic Control (ATC) tower about a hijack threat received on a paper slip. Subsequently, all passengers were de-boarded, and the aircraft was taken to an isolation bay, the sources added.

A thorough inspection of the aircraft was being carried out by the security authorities. The threat note was found in the lavatory. Following the discovery, the flight crew alerted the ATC about it. The flight was scheduled to depart at 10.20 am, an airport official said, confirming the incident.

The note said that the plane would be hijacked at



11.10 am, Vikram Singh, the director of Kolkata's Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose International Airport, said.

Earlier, on October 23, an IndiGo flight scheduled to operate from Delhi to Chennai received a bomb threat before take-off, prompting the aircraft to return to the bay at the Indira Gandhi International Airport (IGI) in the national capital.

The threat was later declared a hoax by authorities after the airline completed the required Standard Operating Procedure (SOP).

# Stolen Olympic gold of hockey star recovered

New Delhi



EIGHT sporting medals, including a 1980 Moscow Olympic gold medal, stolen last month from the residence of former hockey player MM Somaya in east Bengaluru's New Thippasandra, have been recovered, the city police said on Wednesday, announcing the arrest of two suspects. Police have identified the two suspects as Manikya alias Manikanta, 31, and Bharat, 25. Police arrested them near Hagalahalli Cross in Ramanagara on Monday and produced them before a court on Tuesday. They have been remanded in police custody for eight days. Somaya thanked the police for recovering the medals and other belongings. "I feel like I have won the medals all over again," he said. A third person, their accomplice, is still on the run, police said. Investigators have also retrieved a traditional Kodava dagger, a camera, an Olympic kit bag and seized the two-wheeler allegedly used in the burglary.

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## Rahul Gandhi to visit US for fireside chats at Columbia varsity



NEW DELHI: Rahul Gandhi, the Leader of the Opposition in Lok Sabha, will travel to the US next week for two fireside chats, or informal conversations featuring a moderator and a guest in front of an audience, at Columbia University on November 17 and in Chicago on November 18. Continued on Page 7

# Murmu's bodyguard shot over firecracker dispute



Saurabh Tomar

NEW DELHI: A dispute over bursting firecrackers on Diwali night turned violent in Uttar Pradesh's Baghpat district, leaving a 26-year-old Army jawan serving with the elite President's Bodyguard critically injured after being shot in the head. The soldier, identified as Saurabh Tomar, is currently undergoing treatment at a private hospital in Meerut. Baghpat police said they received information about the firing around 10 pm on Sunday.

During the preliminary inquiry, police learnt that Saurabh was bursting firecrackers on the road along with his family when two neighbours, brothers Dheeraj and Monu, objected to it and got into an argument with Saurabh's brother, Vineet, 28.

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## Bhatti terms Bharat Summit as global platform; likens it to Davos

Hyderabad

DEPUTY Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka said the Bharat Summit in Hyderabad would gradually emerge as a major global platform for discussions on political, social and economic development, similar to how the Davos Summit has become synonymous with business and economic affairs.

Addressing a press conference at HICC on Wednesday, along with IT and Industries Minister D. Sridhar Babu, former External Affairs Minister Salman Khurshid, Congress Working Committee member Gurdeep Singh Sabbal, TPCC president B Mahesh Kumar Goud and MP Chamala Kiran Kumar Reddy, he said the second edition of the Bharat Summit would be held on November 13 and 14 under the leadership of Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy.

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AI TO ACHIEVE MEDICAL BREAKTHROUGH?

# *Anthropic CEO claims cancer will be history in 10 years*

### Medical experts dismiss these timelines as complete bullshit

Washington

"CANCER, Alzheimer's, heart disease, mental illness, these will be relics of the past in, I think, less than a decade," Claude maker Anthropic's CEO Dario Amodei said.

These are not obscure medical conditions, they affect millions of families, and some of them remain among medicine's toughest challenges till date.

"I think if we do this right, we can create an age of miracles where humanity is able to solve problems that have eluded us for millennia," Amodei said.

Amodei sees AI as a technology capable of dramatically accelerating biological research, drug discovery and medical breakthroughs.

Amodei isn't alone. His promise is echoed by other AI leaders including Elon Musk and Google's AI boss Demis Hassabis. Hassabis has suggested AI could



compress a decade of drug discovery into weeks, potentially bringing about the "end of disease" or curing all diseases within a decade.

Hassabis has pointed to breakthroughs like AlphaFold-which mapped over 200 million protein structures-as proof that AI can radically accelerate biological research. While AlphaFold is a genuine scientific achievement, it is not proof that AI can produce cures for cancer, Alzheimer's or other complex diseases within a decade. Musk has claimed that all of humanity will have access to the best medical care at the same level that the President of The United States gets thanks to AI advancements. But there's a catch. The people who actually develop medicines aren't necessarily buying this timeline. Jeff Leiden, executive chairman of Vertex Pharmaceuticals has dismissed these timelines as "complete BS," noting that Vertex tested roughly 50 AI companies to comb through 10,000 drug compounds and not a single one generated a working drug on its own.

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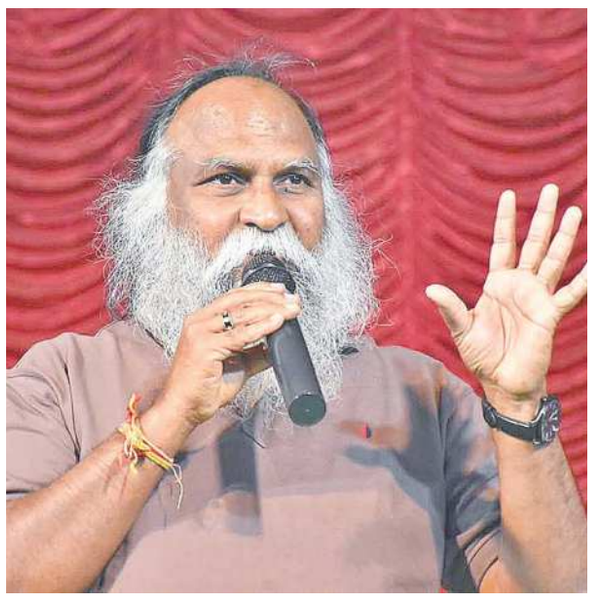
# Will make film based on Sonia Gandhi's autobiography, says Jagga Reddy

- Says Sangareddy constituency Cong leaders/workers will be producers
- A 50-member committee will be formed for the film's production
- Shooting will be inaugurated by CM Revanth Reddy, TPCC president Mahesh Kumar Goud
- Sonia studied deeply rooted political system of party
- She deserves credit for guiding Rahul and Priyanka to serve nation

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SANGAREDDY

TELANGANA PCC working president T Jagga Reddy announced that a Telugu film will be made on the life of party leader Sonia Gandhi, based on her autobiographical book "Belonging: A Journey of Love."

Speaking at a meeting of party activists here, he said that leaders and activists from the Sangareddy constituency should come forward as producers of the



project. On the occasion, constituency convener Julakanti Anjaneyulu announced a contribution of Rs 2 crore for the film's production.

Reddy suggested forming a 50-member committee to initiate the production process. He said that Gandhi Bhavan PRO Hariprasad would oversee the committee and urged party leaders to mobilise funds.

"You spend money during elections. Consider this as a similar investment. Let us pool the budget and select a good director," he told the activists.

Once preparations are complete, Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy and TPCC president B Mahesh Kumar Goud would be invited to formally launch the shooting. Copies of Sonia's book will also be distributed among partymen to help them better understand her life and contributions.

Reddy said the film would portray various phases of Sonia's life, including her role as Indira's daughter-in-law, Rajiv Gandhi's wife, and mother of Rahul and Priyanka. The movie will depict tragedies faced by the family following the assassinations of Indira and Rajiv, the challenges Sonia endured, her role in raising her children, and her subsequent political journey.

He noted that Sonia had earned a distinct place in a diverse country, comprising numerous religions, castes and languages. "The Congress political system is as deep as the ocean, and Sonia studied and understood that political structure," he remarked, describing her political career as highly successful.

Reddy stated that Sonia was never driven by an obsession with becoming PM.

Referring to the period after Rajiv's death, he said she had not aspired to the post when P V Narasimha Rao became Prime Minister.

He added that even after the UPA came to power and party leaders urged her to become PM, Sonia declined the post and instead gave the opportunity to Dr Manmohan Singh.

According to him, her decision to forgo the chance to become PM remains a historic one.

Reddy said the Employment Guarantee Scheme emerged from the ideas and vision of Sonia, Manmohan and Rahul. Many people want another Prime Minister from the Gandhi family and that Sonia's own wish is to see Rahul as Prime Minister.

# Govt will set ball rolling for Musi project works soon: CM Revanth

- Musi Phase-I works to begin soon
- No affected community will suffer loss: CM
- Nearly 50% of Hyderabad's 1,372 lakes have vanished
- Encroachments blamed for urban flooding
- CM seeks all-party support for Musi revival
- Nagarjuna donates two acres for Thammidikunta lake restoration
- Restored lake to become tourism hub
- Jammi tree to be planted for Dasara celebrations

M M FAROOQUI
HYDERABAD

CHIEF Minister A Revanth Reddy announced on Wednesday that physical works for phase one of the Musi river rejuvenation project will commence soon, assuring that no affected community will suffer any loss. Speaking after inaugurating the restored Thammidikunta lake, the Chief Minister observed that Hyderabad was historically celebrated as a city of rocks and lakes.

He expressed regret that out of 1,372 lakes that once existed in the metropolis, nearly 50 per cent have vanished due to uncontrolled encroachments. He highlighted that such illegal encroachments directly lead to severe water stagnation on city roads during heavy downpours, causing residential colonies to become dangerously waterlogged. Revanth Reddy expressed deep concern over the escalating pollution levels of the Musi river, noting that severe contamination has caused immense hardship to residents living downstream in Nalgonda district.

Outlining his administration vision to preserve nature while positioning Hyderabad as a world-class global destination, the Chief Minister reiterated that the government is actively restoring urban water bodies to ensure a clean environment. He appealed to all political parties and citizens to transcend political affiliations and extend wholehearted support to the Musi rejuvenation initiative.

The Chief Minister commended film actor Nagarjuna for extending exemplary support towards the revival of Thammidikunta lake. Revanth Reddy explained that the government successfully expanded the water body from a shrunken 14 acres to 30 acres, praising Nagarjuna for generously handing over two acres of private land to facilitate state restoration efforts. He declared that the revived lake will soon transform into a major tourism hub, shifting public focus from nearby Shilparamam.

He instructed HYDRAA officials and police personnel to implement robust security measures to guarantee visitor safety, emphasizing plans to foster a vibrant lake economy. Additionally, he announced that a sacred Jammi tree will be planted within the lake premises, establishing the venue as a permanent cultural location for traditional Dussehra celebrations.




A before-and-after aerial view displaying the transformation of Thammidikunta lake in Hyderabad, expanded from its shrunken state to nearly 30 acres under the state government's urban water body restoration efforts



Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy, actor Nagarjuna, and other dignitaries inspect display boards detailing the revival and expansion plan of Thammidikunta lake during its inaugural event


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## CHANGE OF NAME

I, **RAMALA CHANDRA SEKHAR REDDY, S/o. RAMALA VENAKATA SUBBA REDDY,** 49 Yrs, R/o.House No.5-5/15, Plot No.15, Road No.10, JK Enclave, Dammaiguda, Keesara Mandal, Medchal-Malkajgiri District, Telangana State, My son name was previously mentioned in his Certificates as **RAMALA MANI CHANDAR** (Old Name) Correct Name is **RAMALA MANI CHANDAR REDDY** (New Name) For All Records Purpose.
(TH_04980)

I, hitherto known as K VISALA LAKSHMI alias K VISHALA LAXMI alias **KUKUTLA VISHALA LAXMI** daughter of **KANDUKURI BALAIAH** wife of **KUKUTLA SANTOSH KUMAR** residing at H.No.4-7-993, Esamia Bazar, Near Koti, Po. Kachiguda, Hyderabad, Telangana-500027, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as **KUKUTLA VISHALA LAXMI.**
(TH_11551)

I, SIRAVENI SREEJA WIFE OF NO 15825849N L/NK SIRAVENI MAHESH residing at Vil- MUSKANIPET PO-MUSKANIPET Teh - ELLANTHAKUNTA DIST- RAJANNA SIRCILLA State TELANGANA PIN-505402. I have change my name **SIRAVENI SREEJA** to **THOOMULA SREEJA** vide affidavit date 09.11.2026
(TH_11534)

I, Mangala Ajay Kochar (Old Name) W/o. Ajay Kochar residing at 5-3-37/C, Jeera, Sec'bad have changed my name as **Magala Kochar** (New Name) vide affidavit No. 15AA281218
(TH_34613)

I, Manak Chand Ajay Kochar (Old Name) S/o. Dhanraj Manak Chand Kochar residing at 5-3-37/C, Jeera, Sec'bad have changed my name as **Ajay Kochar** (New Name) vide affidavit No. 15AA281219
(TH_34613)

I, Awaise W/o. Ncora Sarwar R/o. 18-11-67/A/45/26/B, Barkas Salala Chandryangutta Hyd TG 500005 Change My Name From **Awaise** To **Awaise Bin Mahmood Sarwar** For All Purposes
(TH_34613)

I, Mahmood Bin Hussain S/O Hussain Sarwar R/o. 18-11-67/A/45/26/B, Barkas Salala Chandryangutta Hyd TG 500005 Change My Name From **Mahmood Bin Hussain** To **Mahmood Bin Hussain Sarwar** For All purposes
(TH_34613)

I, Awaise S/o. Mahmood Bin Hussain Sarwar R/o.18-11-67/A/45/26/B, Barkas Salala Chandryangutta Hyd TG 500005 Change My Name From **Awaise** To **Awaise Bin Mahmood Sarwar** For All purposes
(TH_34613)

I, MOKIRALA SHRAVANA PADMINI, D/o. JAYAPAL RAO, R/o.Bungalow No. 395, Phase-3, Silver Oak Bungalows, Cherlapally, Kapra, Malkajgiri-Medchal. TS changed my name as **MOKIRALA SHRAVANA PADMINI RAO, D/o. JAYAPAL RAO**, for all purpose
(TH_34613)

I, MOLGURI SAIKUMAR, S/o. SATHYANARAYANA, R/o.1-9-17/3, St no:8, Ravindhra nagar colony, Hubsiguda, Safilguda, Hyd, TS. Have changed my name as **MOLUGURI SAI KUMAR, S/o. SATHYANARAYANA**
(TH_34613)

I, SYED HAMIDUDDIN S/o SYED HABEEB UDDIN R/o. 19-3-294/264/32/A, G.S. DARGAH, VATTEPALLY,CHARMINAR, HYD-500053, TG.shall henceforth be known as **SYED HAMEED UDDIN.**
(TH_34613)

I, NAGAPURI VENKATESHAM R/O H.NO 2-2-28/1, RAMAGUNDAM, PEDDAPALLI, TELANGANA, 505208 have changed my name as **VENKATESH NAGAPURI S/O MALLAIAH NAGAPURI.**
(TH_34613)

## CHANGE OF NAME

I, CHERUKUPALLI KATYAYANI DEVI GARIKIPATY R/o. 1-5-487/3/2, AYYAPPANAGAR CLY, OLD ALWAL, MEDCHAL, TS 500010 have changed my name as **KATYAYANI DEVI GARIKIPATY W/O. RAMAKRISHNA GARIKIPATY**
(TH_34613)

I, Altaf Melani R/o:Hno:5-9-210/211, Ashirwad, Residency, Chirag Ali lane, Hyd, TS-01 changeing my minor son name from **Ali Ahad Altaf Melani** to **ALI AHAD MELANI**
(TH_34613)

I, Vajrala Bhavya Reddy R/O Ncd Royal Pavillion A Block 1412,Mokila, Future City Rangareddy,T G. Changed my name as **RACHAMALLA BHAVYA REDDY D/o RACHAMALLA KOTI REDDY**
(TH_34613)

I, Burra Sairam Goud R/o. Plot No-30, Bharathi Nilayam, Mahanagar Estate, Jairam Nagar, Cy'bad- Medchal, TG. Changed my son name from **BURRA JOSHUVA GOUD** TO **BURRA JOSHUVA**
(TH_34613)

I, Vangala Yashoda R/O H Block 704, Aakruthi Township, N T R Statue, Boduppal, Rangareddy-500092, TS. Changed My Name As **VANGURI YASHODA D/O. Vanguri Janaki Ramulu**
(TH_34613)

I, Abdul Quddus R/o.HNo. 3-3-56, Masjid Lane, L.B Nagar, R.R Dist. In my Son's passport no. J5045321 my name is mentioned as **Abdul Khuddus** which is Changed to **Abdul Quddus**
(TH_34613)

I, Sagar Aravind R/o Flat 303, Tower -1, NCC Urban One, Near Gandipet Flyover, Narsingh, Gandipet, K V Rangareddy - 500075 has changed my name as **Arvind Sagar Gokul Sagar S/o Gokul Sagar**
(TH_34613)

I, SYED SUGRHA FATIMA (Old Name) R/O. 6-3-1102/A, AYYAPPA SWAMY TEMPLE, ERRAMANZIL SOMAJIGUDA, HYD-500082, TS changed my name as **SYEDA SUGRA FATIMA** (New Name) **W/O.MIR YASOOB HUSSAIN.** for all purposes.
(TH_34613)

I, KAISAR BEGUM (OLD NAME) R/O.1-2-48/1/74, DOMALAGUDA, HIMAYATHNAGAR, HYD-500029, TS. changed my name **PAIDIPELLI KAISER BEGUM** (NEW NAME) **W/O. PIDIPELLI SRIDHER** for all purposes.
(TH_34613)

I, RIYA SIRIN MASIH JAISWAL, R/O. B- BLOCK-3005, RAJAPUSHPA PROVINCIA, NANAKRAMGUDA SERVICE RD, NARSINGI, R.R District TS -500089. CHANGED MY NAME AS **RIYA JAISWAL, D/O. VINOD KUMAR JAISWAL**
(TH_34613)

I, NILESH KHOT (OLD NAME) R/O.FNO.402, MARUTHI HEAVENS, SHALLI GARDEN, YAPRAL, HYD, MALKAJGIRI-MEDCHAL-500087, TS, changed my name **NILESH BALASAHEB KHOT** (NEW NAME) **S/O. BALASAHEB VISHNU KHOT** for all purposes.
(TH_34613)

I, ASRA SAYEEDA (OLD NAME) R/O.9-2-84/6/A, HASMATH PET, OLD BOWENPALLY, CY'BAD-MEDCHAL-500011, TS, changed my name **SYEDA ASRA ANJUM** (NEW NAME) **W/O. SHAIK MAHMOOD** for all purposes.
(TH_34613)

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(TH_34613)

## CHANGE OF NAME

I, Service No.6944324M Rank HAV Name KAYANDE RAJESH KISAN, R/o.54 INF DOU C/O 56 APO SECUNDERABAD. I have changed my son and daughter's names from **ABHIJEET, AKANSHA** to **ABHIJEET RAJESH KAYANDE, AKANSHA RAJESH KAYANDE.**
(TH_34613)

I, ARCHANA wedded spouse of Service No. 6944324M Rank HAV Name KAYANDE RAJESH KISAN, presently Residing at 54 INF DOU C/O 56 APO SECUNDERABAD. I have changed my Name from **ARCHANA** to **ARCHANA RAJESH KAYANDE** Vide affidavit dt:10/11/2026 before **G RAMCHANDER** Advocate & Notary, Secunderabad.
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I, JADHAV ARCHANA SHAILESH wedded spouse of Service No.15824045M Rank HAV Name JADHAV SHAILESH CHANDRAKANT, R/o.AOC Records 56 APO SECUNDERABAD. I have changed my Name from **JADHAV ARCHANA SHAILESH** to **ARCHANA SHAILESH JADHAV.** Vide affidavit dt:10/11/2026 before G RAMCHANDER Advocate & Notary, Secunderabad.
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I, JADHAV CHANDRAKANT VITTHAL Father of Army Service No.15824045M Rank HAV Name JADHAV SHAILESH CHANDRAKANT, R/o.AOC Records 56 APO SECUNDERABAD. I have changed my name from **JADHAV CHANDRAKANT VITTHAL** to **CHANDRAKANT VITTHAL JADHAV.**
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I, ANTHONY RAJ, R/O.PLOT NO 67 SY NO 536 DEVARAJ NILAYAM, PRAGATHI KISTAMMA ENCLAVE, ALWAL, MALKAJGIRI-MEDCHAL-500010, T.G., CHANGED MY NAME AS **ANTHONY RAJ DEVARAJ. S/O. DEVARAJ ANTHONY.**
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I, PREETI, R/O.PLOT NO 67 SY NO 536 DEVARAJ NILAYAM, PRAGATHI KISTAMMA ENCLAVE, ALWAL, MALKAJGIRI -MEDCHAL - 500010, T.G., CHANGED MY NAME AS **PREETI PUTTUR. W/O. ANTHONY RAJ DEVARAJ.**
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I, FAHMEEDA BEGUM, SAFOORA BEGUM, W/O. Ahmed ubaid ullah Nayeem R/o. 18-2-36/1/38/12, Ghazi Millat Colony, Chandrayangutta, Pin-500005, Hyd-T.G, have changed my name as **fahmida begum** for all purpose.
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I, Chadrasapally ANUSHA, W/o. Chadarasapally Vamsi Krishna, R/o.8-3-167/R/43/G1, Rajeev Nagar, Mothi Nagar, Sanathnagar, Hyderabad, T.G.,State. Have Changed My Name As **CHADARASAPALLY ANUSHA** For All Future Purpose
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I, VARANASI VENKATA SRI SAI SUBRAHMANYA ANIRUDH, S/o.VARANASI MANOHAR, R/o.Plot No.41, Mahalakshmipuri Colony, Yapral, Sainikpuri, Medchal-Malkajgiri District-500087, TG, I have changed my name from **VARANASI VENKATA SRI SAI SUBRAHMANYA ANIRUDH** to **VARANASI SAI ANIRUDH** all purpose.
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I, ANJANI DEVI ILLANDULA, W/o.PULLURI SRINIVAS, R/o.H.No.2-23-B/330-333/407, Sudhakar Residency, Samatha Nagar, Kukatpally, Hyderabad-85, and shall hereafter be known as **PULLURI ANJANI DEVI** for all purposes.
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I, ANIL SHARMA, S/O VISHWAMITRA SHARMA R/O. M2208, APARNA SAROVAR ZENITH, Nallagandla, Lingampalli, Serilingampally R.R -500046, TG, have Changed My Name and Shall henceforth be Known as **ANIL KUMAR SHARMA** For All Purpose.
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I, **Sri S. LAKSHMI RAO, W/O. S.RAMESH RAO,** R/o.H.No. 5-44/12, Bank Colony, Dammaiguda Village, Keesara Mandal, Medchal-Malkajgiri (D) I have lost the Original link Sale Deed Document **bearing No.3357/1993,** while travelling at Jawaharnagar to Dammaiguda by bus if any one found **9032382655.**
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## CHANGE OF NAME

I **RAJPUROHITH RAM AVTAR SINGH** S/o. PARVAT SINGH aged about 27 Years, Occ: Business, R/O. H.NO.9-7-293/1, Maruthi Nagar Champapet, Saidabad, Hyderabad, 500059,Telangana, Ph:9848302759. My Actual & Correct Name **RAJPUROHITH RAM AVTAR SINGH,** But in my Passport No:L5995122 My Name is wrongly entered as Singh Ram Avtar. I declare that **RAJPUROHITH RAM AVTAR SINGH** and Singh Ram Avtar refer to one and same person, i.e., myself. I am requesting your Hon'ble Higher authorities to accept My name as **"RAJPUROHITH RAM AVTAR SINGH"**(Correct Name) in my Passport No: L5995122 for all future purposes.
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## CHANGE OF NAME

I, JANGID VIKENDRA KUMARI, D/o SURESH CHAND JANGID, aged 29 years, residing at H No PLOT NO. 69, BHOUDHA NAGAR, NEAR BANK COLONY, SUCHITRA, QUTHBULLAPUR Mandal, MEDCHAL-MALKAJGIRI District, Telangana 500055, have changed my name as **JANGID VIKENDRA VIKAS W/O JANGID VIKAS MANILAL.**
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Winners of Narayana Schools' Master Orator Contest-Season 7 pose with their trophies during the grand finale

# Narayana students hone oratory skills at Master Orator Season 7

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NARAYANA Schools organised Master Orator Contest – Season 7 under its Life Skills Programme to nurture students' public speaking, communication, critical thinking and confidence.

The competition was conducted in two categories, covering Grades 1 to 5 and Classes 6 to 9. More than 2,600 students participated in the junior category, with 84 finalists competing in the grand finale. Eighteen students were recognised, including six first-place, five second-place and seven third-place winners.

In the senior category, over 3,500 students participated in the preliminary round, from which 96 finalists representing 12 Delhi-NCR campuses qualified for the finale. A total of 34 students received recognition, including eight first-place, 12 second-place and 14 third-place winners.

Participants were assessed on content, creativity, presentation and communication skills. Topics included 'Life Without Internet', 'Importance of Arts and Music in the Curriculum', 'My Vision for a Better School' and 'Small Actions Can Create Big Changes'.

The contest provided a platform for students to express their ideas, develop confidence and strengthen their communication and interpersonal skills.

# Union Bank opens MRCET campus branch under YUVA campaign

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UNION Bank of India has opened a new branch at Malla Reddy College of Engineering and Technology (MRCET) under its YUVA Campaign to bring banking services closer to students and young people.

The branch, named 'MRCET Campus', was formally inaugurated by Chamakura Malla Reddy, Chairman of Malla Reddy Group of Institutions, as the chief guest. The initiative aims to strengthen the bank's engagement with the younger generation by providing convenient access to banking services and promoting awareness of savings, financial services and digital banking facilities.

Speaking on the occasion, dignitaries stressed the importance of financial literacy and encouraging responsible banking habits among students.

Ravindra Babu, Chief General Manager, Hyderabad Zone; MVSN Raju, DGM and Regional Head, Punjagutta; Dr Vaka Murali Mohan, Principal, MRCET; Leena Kiranmai, Branch Manager, and other bank officials attended the inaugural programme. The launch marks another step in the bank's youth-focused outreach under the YUVA Campaign.



Chamakura Malla Reddy, Chairman of Malla Reddy Group of Institutions, inaugurates the new Union Bank of India branch at Malla Reddy College of Engineering and Technology (MRCET) under the bank's YUVA Campaign, accompanied by bank officials and college dignitaries

# Union Bank marks 108th Foundation Day, unveils new banking services

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UNION Bank of India celebrated its 108th Foundation Day on Wednesday, marking over a century of banking services since its establishment on November 11, 1919.

The celebrations were held at the bank's Zonal Office in Hyderabad in the presence of Telangana Special Chief Secretaries Jayesh Ranjan and Vikas Raj, Rural Development Commissioner Divya, former RBI Deputy Governor Rajeswara Rao and RBI Regional Director Chinmay Kumar.

M Ravindra Babu, Chief General Manager and Zonal Head, Hyderabad Zone, and Sarvesh Ranjan, Chief General Manager, Reconciliation Department, Central Office, attended the event along with senior bankers, employees and customers.

As part of the celebrations, the bank announced several technology-driven products and services, including digital corporate salary accounts, vehicle loans, digital loans against PPF, UPI Global and online locker facilities.

The bank also announced the opening of 108 new branches nationwide and contributions of Rs 11.17 crore to the National Defence Fund and Rs 13.72 crore towards CSR activities.




Dignitaries and senior bank officials gather on stage during the ceremonial lamp lighting to mark the 108th Foundation Day celebrations of Union Bank of India, organized by the Zonal Office in Hyderabad.



Transport Minister Ponnam Prabhakar speaking at the first Executive Council meeting at the Secretariat on Wednesday to discuss investment opportunities in the automobile, auto-component and electric vehicle sectors

# TG govt rolls out red carpet to draw big ticket EV investments

- **Telangana woos auto and EV investors**
- **2.17 lakh EVs sold in two years**
- **Rs 2,343 crore tax exemptions granted**
- **100% road tax and registration fee waiver**
- **Three industrial parks and mobility clusters planned**
- **Zaheerabad, Enkatala and Kodangal identified**
- **Ponnam invites investors to global summit**
- **Invest Telangana Summit from December 7 to 9**

Patan Afzal Babu
Hyderabad

THE Telangana government rolled out the red carpet to the EV (Electric Vehicle) industry for more investments ahead of the Invest Telangana Global Summit -2026 scheduled to be held from December 7 to 9 at Bharat Future City in Hyderabad.

Transport Minister Ponnam Prabhakar presided over the first Executive Council meeting at the Secretariat on Wednesday. The meeting focused on the automobile, auto-component, and electric vehicle (EV) sectors, as part of the preparations for the Invest Telangana Global Summit - 2026.

The Minister invited prominent companies, industrialists, and investors from the automobile and EV sectors to participate in large numbers in the Global Summit. He highlighted that Telangana was offering a highly favourable environment for significant investments in areas such as automobile manufacturing, auto components, electric mobility, battery technology, and EV charging infrastructure. Ponnam urged companies to further expand their operations.

He stated that, with the goal of transforming Telangana into a pollution-free state, a unique Electric Vehicle (EV) policy was introduced two years ago, the first of its kind in the country. The minister noted that to encourage the purchase of electric vehicles, the government has provided a 100 per cent exemption from road tax and registration fees.

As a result of these incentives, 217,690 electric vehicles have been sold in the state over the past two years, with tax exemptions amounting to approximately Rs 2,343 crore. He emphasised that the increased adoption of electric vehicles will not only help control pollution but also contribute to environmental conservation.

The Minister announced that the government is developing three industrial parks and mobility clusters to foster the growth of the automobile and mobility sectors in Telangana.

He highlighted that there are significant opportunities for establishing industries in areas such as the National Investment and Manufacturing Zone (NIMZ) in Zaheerabad, as well as in Enkatala and Kodangal. The government was also taking proactive measures to provide essential resources within these parks, including land, laboratory facilities, infrastructure, transport connectivity, and other industrial amenities required by businesses. The government will provide full support to investors by facilitating necessary approvals, offering policy-related assistance, and developing infrastructure, it was clarified.

# Bhatti terms Bharat Summit as global platform; likens it to Davos

Venkateshwarlu Kolishetty
Hyderabad

- **Bharat Summit aims to become a global platform like Davos**
- **Over 1,000 delegates from 70 countries to attend**
- **Summit scheduled for November 13 and 14**
- **Gandhi and Nehru ideals to guide discussions**
- **Ruling and Opposition parties vital to democracy**
- **Bhatti opposes deletion of eligible voters under SIR**
- **Congress vows to protect citizens' voting rights**



Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka addressing a press conference at HICC on Wednesday. IT and Industries Minister D. Sridhar Babu, former External Affairs Minister Salman Khurshid, Congress Working Committee member Gurdeep Singh Sabbal are also seen

DEPUTY Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka said the Bharat Summit in Hyderabad would gradually emerge as a major global platform for discussions on political, social and economic development, similar to how the Davos Summit has become synonymous with business and economic affairs.

Addressing a press conference at HICC on Wednesday, along with IT and Industries Minister D. Sridhar Babu, former External Affairs Minister Salman Khurshid, Congress Working Committee member Gurdeep Singh Sabbal, TPCC president B Mahesh Kumar Goud and MP Chamala Kiran Kumar Reddy, he said the second edition of the Bharat Summit would be held on November 13 and 14 under the leadership of Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy.

More than 1,000 delegates, including elected representatives, policymakers and intellectuals from over 70 countries, have confirmed their participation.

Bhatti Vikramarka said the summit would highlight Mahatma Gandhi's philosophy of non-violence, Jawaharlal Nehru's policy of non-alignment and India's mixed economic model as guiding principles for addressing global challenges. He recalled that Nehru's non-alignment policy had earned international respect and helped India maintain its independent identity while promoting progressive development.

Emphasising democratic values, he said viewing opposition parties as enemies was contrary to the spirit of democracy. Ruling parties and opposition parties were two essential pillars of democracy, and respecting diverse opinions was vital for its survival. Attempts by governments in some countries to eliminate opposition parties and their leaders were detrimental to democratic institutions, he observed.

On the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls, the Deputy Chief Minister said protecting every citizen's right to vote was a fundamental democratic responsibility.

The Congress strongly opposed attempts to remove eligible voters under the pretext of SIR, he said.

He added that the Congress, from Rahul Gandhi to grassroots-level workers, was fighting not merely for its party members but for every citizen whose voting rights could be threatened.

# Mahesh clears air; denies buzz on rift with Chamala

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TPCC President B. Mahesh Kumar Goud has dismissed reports of differences between him and MP Chamala Kiran Kumar Reddy, Chairman of the TPCC Media Department, clarifying that the media committee list was put on hold due to a technical issue and not because of any internal disagreement.

Responding to speculation over the delay in announcing appointments to the media committee, Mahesh Kumar Goud said there were no differences between him and Chamala Kiran Kumar Reddy. He stated that he had selected Chamala for the responsibility, having full confidence in his ability to lead the party's media department effectively. He added that the committee list had been prepared collectively. Reacting to BJP Telangana president N Ramchander Rao's reported threat to prevent Rahul Gandhi from visiting Hyderabad, Mahesh Kumar Goud retorted that, by the same logic, Prime Minister Narendra Modi should be made to apologise every day.

He asserted that Rahul Gandhi's focus was on the interests of the nation and confirmed that he would participate in the upcoming Bharat Summit. He also revealed that a meeting had been arranged between Rahul Gandhi and gig workers as part of the programme.

Dismissing the BJP's allegations as politically motivated, Mahesh Kumar Goud described Rahul Gandhi as a leader, who had made significant sacrifices for the country. He recalled that Sonia Gandhi had declined to become Prime Minister in 2009 and Rahul Gandhi had also chosen not to seek the post in 2014, despite having the opportunity.

He described the Gandhi family as an important part of the country's political future, pointing out that several members of the family had sacrificed their lives for the nation. He criticised BJP leaders for making statements without understanding the country's history.

# PCC media committee list not stalled but tweaked: Chamala

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TPCC Media and Publicity Wing Chairman and MP Chamala Kiran Kumar Reddy has clarified that the appointments of media panelists, coordinators and official spokespersons have not been stalled, asserting that a revised list with additional names would be released within the next two to three days.

It may be recalled that the Telangana Congress had put on hold the appointments of 20 media panelists, coordinators and official spokespersons announced by Chamala Kiran Kumar Reddy. The development had triggered confusion and speculation within the party.

Speaking to the media on Wednesday, Chamala clarified that there were no differences between him and TPCC President B Mahesh Kumar Goud. He said the list had been prepared jointly by both of them, but its release was temporarily held up due to a minor technical issue. He asserted that the exercise had not been abandoned and that an expanded list incorporating additional names would be announced shortly.

The MP remarked that some people could not tolerate positive initiatives. Acknowledging that a few MLAs had contacted him over the appointments, he urged them not to obstruct the process of assigning responsibilities to those actively working for the party.

He observed that some MLAs appeared insecure and anxious, with a few expressing concern that the list had been finalised without their knowledge. He advised them to focus on identifying and grooming new leaders rather than raising objections to the appointments.

# Shun addictions, embrace creative hobbies: Sajjanar to cops

HYDERABAD: Hyderabad Police Commissioner VC Sajjanar on Wednesday suggested police staff to steer clear of harmful addictions and instead cultivate creative hobbies to attain mental peace. He urged police officers, who hold a position of great responsibility to serve as role models for society.

Sajjanar released a book 'Vamsadhara,' a collection of prose poems, authored by constable Narayana Rao, who serves in the Hyderabad City Police IT Cell.

Speaking on the occasion, the Police Commissioner praised constable Narayana Rao, who hails from an ordinary farming family, for his dedication in producing such an excellent book, despite the demanding and high-pressure nature of his police duties. He noted that this is a matter of pride for the City Police.

Sajjanar encouraged all personnel to make productive use of their spare time for such positive endeavors, without letting it interfere with their official responsibilities. Furthermore, he mentioned that he is considering organising special workshops to help uncover and nurture the hidden talents of police personnel.

# EAGLE Force counsels four GITAM students over drug use

- **Students and parents sensitised to health, academic and legal consequences**
- **Students pledge to stay away from drugs**

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IN a proactive initiative aimed at protecting young students from the harmful consequences of drug abuse, Telangana EAGLE Force counselled four GITAM University students, along with their parents, with a focus on helping the students recognise their mistakes, understand the consequences of drug consumption and make a positive commitment towards a healthier and responsible future.

The EAGLE Force officials said that four students, who were identified as having consumed drugs, were called to the EAGLE Force office, along with their parents. The counselling was conducted in the presence of their family members to ensure that both students and parents understood the seriousness of the issue and the importance of timely intervention.

During the session, the students were sensitised to the harmful effects of drug consumption on physical and mental health, academic performance, personal relationships and future career prospects.

They were also explained the legal consequences associated with drug-related activities and how involvement in such cases could adversely affect their education, employment opportunities and future. The students were advised to exercise self-discipline, avoid negative peer influence, choose responsible friendships and focus on their education, personal development and career goals.

The counselling had a positive impact on the students, who acknowledged their mistake and understood the seriousness of the situation. They assured the officers that they would not indulge in drug consumption in the future and would concentrate on their studies and career development. They were also cautioned against repeating such behaviour and advised that any further involvement in unlawful activities could invite appropriate legal action.

# Sonia's memoirs a 'pack of lies', alleges BJP

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TELANGANA unit of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) has dismissed former Congress president Sonia Gandhi's memoir, 'A Journey of Love', as a "pack of lies", accusing her of attempting to whitewash the historical blunders and political misdeeds of the Nehru-Gandhi family and the Congress party.

In a strongly worded statement on Wednesday, BJP State Chief Spokesperson and Media In-charge NV Subash ridiculed Sonia Gandhi's reported claim that she broke down while watching the demolition of the Babri Masjid live on television.

"One would like to know which television channel telecast the demolition live, particularly when satellite television broadcasting was not yet widely established in India," he questioned, describing her emotional recollection as little more than "crocodile tears" and an attempt to serve up sugar-coated versions of history.

Subash alleged that as the Congress rapidly lost relevance in national politics, Sonia Gandhi was now trying to rewrite history and distance herself from the controversial decisions and failures of her party and family.

Her claim that she had warned or opposed her husband Rajiv Gandhi's decision to overturn the Supreme Court verdict in the Shah Bano case, he said, raised serious questions about the credibility of her recollections.

He also questioned her silence on several controversial episodes involving the Congress, including the 1984 anti-Sikh riots and the alleged remarks by party leaders against an elected Prime Minister, Narendra Modi, and former President Pranab Mukherjee, who had himself been a senior Congress leader. Subash further asked Sonia Gandhi to clarify reports of her alleged emotional reaction during the Batla House encounter, questioning the selective nature of her recollections.

Pointing to what he described as glaring chronological inaccuracies in the memoir, Subash said it places the rise of Anna Hazare's India Against Corruption movement in 2012. In contrast, the nationwide agitation gained massive momentum and peaked in 2011. He said the discrepancy was among several other historical and chronological inconsistencies concerning important political personalities and events during Sonia Gandhi's decades in public life.

"Memoirs are expected to offer an honest account of history, not selective recollections designed to protect political legacies.

# Sonia's memoir overlooks Telangana statehood struggle: Vinod Kumar

HYDERABAD: Former MP B Vinod Kumar has expressed surprise over the omission of any reference to Telangana in the latest memoir of Congress Parliamentary Party Chairperson Sonia Gandhi, titled 'Belonging: A Journey of Love', which was recently launched.

Taking to X, Vinod Kumar said that Sonia Gandhi played a pivotal role in the political decision-making that ultimately led to the formation of Telangana. Her contribution to the statehood process has been widely acknowledged in Telangana, particularly in view of the historic struggle and the aspirations of its people.

As the then Congress President and UPA Chairperson, she recognised the deep-rooted public sentiment and the strength of a prolonged people's movement, marked by years of protests, strikes and immense sacrifices.

The Telangana statehood movement witnessed the loss of more than 1,200 students and activists, whose sacrifices remain an integral part of the history of Telangana.

However, it is surprising that this historic chapter finds no mention in her latest memoir—not even a reference to the word Telangana. The reasons behind this omission are best known to Sonia Gandhi. Nevertheless, the formation of Telangana remains a defining chapter in the political history of the country and an unforgettable milestone in the collective journey of its people.

# TGSRTC ROLLS OUT SPECIAL BUSES FOR KARTHIKA MASAM PILGRIMS

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THE Telangana State Road Transport Corporation has announced special bus services to facilitate devotees visiting prominent pilgrimage centres during the auspicious month of Karthika Masam.

The special services will operate from November 10 to December 8, enabling pilgrims to visit major temples conveniently and return to their respective hometowns. The corporation has executed region-wise arrangements to cater to the heavy rush expected throughout the festive period.

As a massive turnout of devotees is anticipated at prominent Shiva temples, TGSRTC introduced these extra operations to ensure convenient, hassle-free travel.

According to the corporation, special buses from Rangareddy Region will operate to Pancharamas, Arunachalam, Golden Temple, Kanipakam, and Srisailam. Services from Nalgonda Region will operate to Yadagirigutta, while buses from Karimnagar Region will ply to Vemulawada, Kaleshwaram, and Dharmapuri. Special bus operations are also available from Secunderabad Region to Keesaragutta.

# Four-week sanitation drive gathers pace in Hyderabd

MM Farooqui
Hyderabad

THE Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) intensified its four-week special sanitation drive across all 30 circles, with the third day's activities focused on inspection, placement and cleaning of litter bins, including the installation of red sanitary waste bins in public toilets.

On Wednesday, the third day, officials inspected 106 public places to assess the availability and requirement of litter bins. A total of 21 litter bins were placed or replaced, while 45 public toilets (PTs) were provided with red sanitary waste bins. In addition, 101 litter bins were cleaned across the GHMC limits as part of efforts to improve public hygiene and sanitation.

The third-day activities followed an intensive second day of cleaning water bodies and drainage systems. As part of the programme, GHMC cleaned 57 lakes, ponds, drains and nalas, removing approximately 43.6 metric tonnes of floating waste, silt and debris. Officials also secured 21 dumping ingress points to prevent waste from entering water bodies. One signboard was installed as part of the initiative.

On the first day, the civic body undertook a large-scale cleaning exercise targeting footpaths, road medians, crossings and roundabouts, besides removing unauthorised posters.

A total of 105 locations were cleaned, covering 40.50 km of footpaths and 43 km of medians. Around 311 unauthorised posters were removed. The drive also resulted in the lifting of 86.05 metric tonnes of municipal solid waste (MSW) and 22.76 metric tonnes of litter and debris. GHMC launched the four-week special sanitation drive on November 9 and it will continue until December 5 covering all 30 circles.

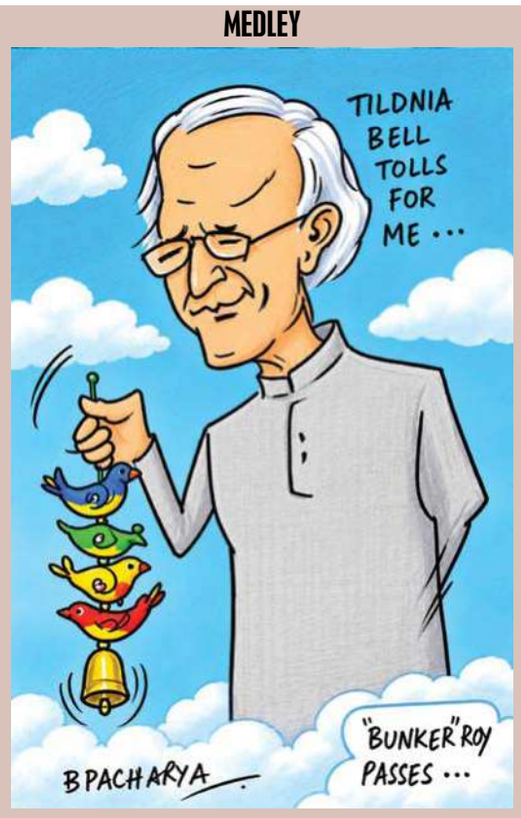
# Yogi's comments on voter lists brings SIR back into spotlight

IT may not be appropriate to say that Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath has added his voice to that of the Opposition's against the Election Commission of India's (ECI's) Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls. His complaint about the alleged deletion of 1.27 crore Hindu names from the voters' list in his state is quite distinct. The Bharatiya Janata Party (NJP) prides itself on being disciplined; under the stewardship of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah, it was almost inconceivable till recently for an incumbent BJP Chief Minister to say anything at variance with the party's stated stand. And we have here a Chief Minister from a major state almost endorsing the allegations made by all Opposition leaders. Samajwadi Party president Akhilesh Yadav has sarcastically pointed out that now both are in the same boat. It is indisputable that Yogi's assertion has hugely embarrassed the saffron party. He claimed that the number of Muslim voters increased by 1.65 per cent in the state, even though the names of 1.27 crore Hindus have been excluded from the voters' list. After his complaint, the BJP has reportedly reached out to the poll panel. Countering the SP chief's taunt, Yogi said, "Ask Akhilesh Yadav to demand the rollback of SIR now. He will not do so because the number of Muslim voters has increased by 1.65 per cent in UP after SIR. And I have spoken about the situation of Hindu voters."

Whatever spin BJP leaders may try to give to Yogi's stand, they cannot dilute the import of his remarks. The important thing here is not that the ECI's SIR has been brought under a cloud of suspicion, but that it has been done by a leader who is saffron in every possible sense of the word. This pulls the rug from under the feet of the BJP high command over the issue of the ECI's credibility. This development also underlines the sour relationship between Delhi and Lucknow. It has been an open secret in the corridors of power that Yogi is not the favourite of the Modi-Shah duo; this seems to be coming to light in public view. This will have consequences not just for the Assembly polls in Uttar Pradesh a few months down the line but also for the next general elections in 2029.

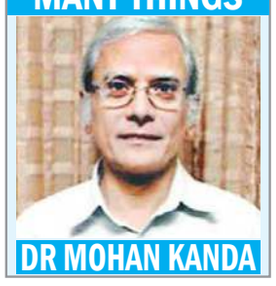
The Chief Minister's latest remarks may well be an indication that he is no longer willing to remain within the political straitjacket imposed by the party's central leadership. Whether this is a calculated attempt to assert his political autonomy or a reflection of genuine differences over the conduct of the SIR, it cannot be dismissed as an isolated episode. The BJP's central leadership faces a delicate predicament. Any attempt to rein in Yogi could deepen the perception that the party is uncomfortable with dissent within its own ranks, while allowing him a free hand could embolden other regional leaders to assert themselves. More importantly, the discord could expose fissures in the party's carefully cultivated image of organisational discipline and ideological cohesion. The party cannot allow the differences to persist. After all, a party that projects itself as a formidable electoral machine cannot afford to have its most politically consequential state become an arena for a power struggle between its central and regional leaderships.

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TALKING OF MANY THINGS



DR MOHAN KANDA

FROM lifesaving medical breakthroughs to everyday conveniences, accidental discoveries and inventions have proved that unexpected discoveries can change the world. Stories of a failed experiment, a simple mistake, or pure curiosity remind one that innovation often comes from the most surprising places. In history, such things have generally fallen into three categories. One, to succeed in finding the objective of one's search, which is, almost always, a result of determination, patience, and systematic investigation. Another is one that was chanced upon, while looking for something else, a serendipitous discovery or invention. The third, and easily the most gratifying, is the sort of thing one had originally imagined would exist, and being able to prove that it does; what generally is called a successful 'thought experiment'.

Serendipitous discoveries happen when unexpected accidents or oversights are combined with a curious, prepared mind that recognizes their value. For example, the discovery of the principle of buoyancy in 287 BCE by Greek mathematician and inventor Archimedes. While wrestling with the problem of how to determine the purity of gold, Archimedes had the sudden realization that the buoyancy of an object placed in water is equal in magnitude to the weight of the water the object displaces. According to one popular version of the legend, he made his discovery at a public bathhouse, whereupon he leapt out of his bath, exclaiming in Greek "Heurēka! Heurēka!" or "I have found it!" and ran home naked through the streets. The expression 'Eureka' has since become an adjective describing moments of discovery or epiphany. Clearly, while physics is often viewed as a structured, deliberate march of logic, it is surprisingly full of serendipity.

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In a somewhat similar manner, in 1895, German physicist Wilhelm Roentgen was experimenting with cathode ray tubes when he noticed a glowing fluorescent screen across the room. Even with the tube shielded by thick black paper, invisible rays passed through the room to light up the screen, revealing the bones inside his own hand. He realized that he had produced a ray of previously unknown 'invisible light', or that was being emitted from the tube, which could pass through the heavy paper covering the tube. Through



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further experiments, he also found that the new ray would pass through most substances casting shadows of solid objects on pieces of film. He named it X-ray, because in mathematics 'X' is used to indicate an unknown quantity. That discovery, as is well known, revolutionized medicine, physics, and science by making it possible to view the interiors of solid objects and living tissue for the first time, without surgery.

Another remarkable event in the history of scientific investigation took place in 1896, French physicist Henri Becquerel had stored uranium salts next to unexposed photographic plates inside a dark drawer. Even without sunlight exposure, the plates were fogged by penetrating radiation emitted directly by the uranium. Becquerel had discovered what would soon be called 'radioactivity', a term coined by the celebrated scientist couple Marie and Pierre Curie, who took up the work and found new radioactive elements. The discovery opened the way to nuclear physics, radiotherapy, carbon dating and nuclear energy, and to an understanding of the dangers of radiation.

Albert Einstein used the idea instead of physical laboratory equipment to reshape modern physics, unlocking the theories of special and general relativity. Einstein pictured a passenger on a moving train and an observer on a stationary platform watching two lightning bolts strike the front and back of the train simultaneously. Because the train moves toward one flash and away from the other, the two observers disagree on whether the strikes happened at the same time. Simultaneity, therefore, is a relative concept and time flows differently depending on one's motion.

Then there was the Scottish bacteriologist Alexander Fleming who, in 1928, had just returned from a vacation. While he was away, a stray mould spore had drifted into his laboratory, likely from a geology laboratory downstairs and landed on a petri dish planted with bacteria. The bacteria had grown normally everywhere on the plate except for a ring directly surrounding the blue-green mold. In that specific "zone of inhibition," the bacteria had been dissolved. Fleming realized that the mould was producing a powerful substance that actively killed the bacteria. He named this by product penicillin. The discovery of penicillin marked a profound turning point in history and paved the way for the development of additional antibiotics.

Swiss physicist Walter Jaeger, in the 1930s, was trying to invent a sensor that could detect poison gas. Instead, his device registered the smoke from his cigarette, a discovery that led to the invention of the modern smoke detector.

Another similar discovery was made in 1965, when radio astronomers Arno Penzias and Robert Wilson were troubleshooting an antenna at Bell Labs in New Jersey. They could not get rid of a persistent, low-level background 'noise' coming apparently from everywhere in the sky, which turned out to be the leftover thermal radiation from the 'Big Bang' or the Cosmic Microwave Background Radiation, a discovery dating to roughly 380,000 years after the Big Bang. The Big Bang theory is a fundamental concept in cosmology that explains the origin and evolution of the universe. It proposes that the universe began as an infinitely dense and hot point, known as a singularity, around 13.8 billion years ago, which underwent an explosive event called the Big Bang, which initiated the expansion of space, time, matter, and energy. Penzias and Wilson shared the 1978 Nobel in physics for the discovery.

The most sensational accidental discovery in the history of India is widely considered to be the Ajanta Caves. In April 1819, a British cavalry officer, John Smith, was out hunting tigers in the dense, horseshoe-shaped rocky gorges of the Waghora River near Aurangabad. Following a tiger's tracks up a steep, overgrown hillside, he cleared away thick jungle foliage and spotted the top arch of a massive, man-made cave, entering which with flaming torches, he discovered 30 rock-cut Buddhist cave temples carved directly into the basalt cliff face, the Ajanta caves.

The early 1990s saw another spectacular discovery in the shape of a drug which researchers of Pfizer were clinically testing as a potential treatment for angina or cardiovascular chest pain. While the drug failed to effectively treat angina, clinical trial participants reported a striking and consistent side effect that led to a revolution in treating erectile dysfunction. And thus, came into being the internationally popular 'wonder drug' Viagra.

Much earlier, in 1886, Dr John Pemberton, a pharmacist in Atlanta, was trying to create a remedy for headaches and exhaustion, and accidentally created a syrup, which when mixed with carbonated water, became the world-famous beverage Coca-Cola. While the formula was originally intended to be medicinal, it quickly became a popular soft drink, creating one of the most recognizable brands in the world. What had originally started off as a medicinal concoction had, in other words, finally ended up as a popular global refreshment!

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# *Debate rages over whether India's poor have become fewer*

NOMULA SRINIVAS RAO

*POVERTY is not just a lack of money; it is a lack of capability to realize one's full potential as a human being* -Amartya Sen

India's recent poverty numbers are striking. According to the World Bank's October 2026 Poverty and Equity Brief, the share of people living below the extreme poverty line of $3 a day (2021 purchasing power parity) fell from 27.1 per cent in 2011 to 2.6 per cent in 2023. Over the same period, the proportion below the lower-middle-income threshold of $ per cent a day declined from 57.7 per cent to 16.1 per cent, lifting an estimated 496 million people above that line. NITI Aayog's multidimensional poverty estimates show that roughly 248 million Indians exited multidimensional poverty between 2013–14 and 2022–23, with the headcount ratio dropping from 29.17 per cent to 11.28 per cent.

These figures represent one of the fastest declines recorded globally. They are not statistical inventions. They reflect real expansions in access to food, housing, sanitation, cooking fuel, electricity, schooling, and bank accounts, supported by both faster consumption growth and large-scale public transfers. As India pursues the Viksit Bharat goal, the numbers offer a legitimate basis for satisfaction. They do not, however, settle the harder question of whether the gains are self-sustaining.

### Welfare as consumption, not capability

A substantial share of the measured decline stems from the monetisation of public transfers. The Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana supplies free food grains to approximately 79–81 crore beneficiaries under the National Food Security Act. When the value of these grains, together with other subsidies and direct benefit transfers, is added to household consumption, many families cross the monetary poverty thresholds. The World Bank itself attributes the fall to strong consumption growth, rising employment (particularly among rural women), and expanded social transfers, including food subsidies.

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This method is standard and transparent. It also creates a structural vulnerability. Households whose "non-poor" status depends heavily on continued fiscal support face an immediate reversion risk if those supports are scaled back or if fiscal space narrows. Crossing a consumption line through transfers is not the same as possessing the independent earning capacity that keeps a household above the line when transfers change. The distinction matters for policy durability.

### Inclusion versus resilience

The same gap appears in living-standards indicators. Near-universal bank account ownership under the Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana is counted as progress in the multidimensional index. As of mid-2026, however, roughly 59 crore Jan Dhan accounts existed; about 5.72 crore held zero balances and approximately 15.37 crore (around 26 per cent) were classified as inoperative. Many function mainly as conduits for direct benefit transfers and wages from rural employment schemes rather than as vehicles for independent savings or credit.

Access has expanded. Depth of use and household buffers have not expanded at the same pace. High out-of-pocket health expenditure—still 43.4 per cent of total health expenditure in 2022–23 according to National Health Accounts—continues to erode whatever small surpluses form. A single medical episode can push a statistically non-poor household back into distress.

### Nutrition and employment quality lag behind

If extreme monetary poverty has fallen below three per cent, persistent shortfalls in nutrition and job quality require explanation. The National Family Health Survey-6 (2023–24) shows child stunting under five declining to 29.3 per cent from 35.5 per cent in NFHS-5, a genuine improvement. Child wasting, however, remains stubbornly high at around 19 per cent. Maternal anemia continues to affect most women of reproductive age. The Global Hunger Index continues to place India in the "serious" category, driven largely by these child undernutrition indicators. Free calories prevent the worst forms of starvation; they do not automatically deliver diverse micronutrient intake or address the multiple determinants of stunting and wasting.

On the labour side, employment expanded by roughly 134 million between 2017 and 2023—nearly twice the growth in the working-age population—with rural women accounting for a large share of the increase. Yet the World Bank notes that real earnings remained broadly unchanged and that much of the growth occurred in relatively low-productivity activities. Continued high demand for low-wage work under the rural employment guarantee (and its successor frameworks) signals that large numbers of workers still lack better alternatives in manufacturing or higher-value services. Geographic concentration persists: a contiguous belt from Uttar Pradesh to West Bengal accounts for a majority of those still below the $4.20 line.

### From Transfer-Dependent Reduction to Capability

Statistical poverty reduction is a necessary and measurable achievement. It is incomplete without economic resilience. Durable exits from poverty require households to generate stable incomes that do not depend primarily on the continuation of current transfer levels.

### Policy attention therefore needs to shift emphasis toward

Expanding labour-intensive manufacturing and higher-productivity services that can absorb rural labour at better wages.

Strengthening primary healthcare and nutrition interventions that reduce catastrophic out-of-pocket spending and address stunting and wasting more effectively.

Improving the quality and relevance of vocational and foundational education so that young workers can enter better jobs rather than low-productivity or public-works employment.

Data correctly records the reach of state assistance and the resulting rise in measured consumption. They do not, by themselves, establish that every household now possesses the capability to maintain an independent, stable livelihood. Until that capability is widespread, the decline in poverty remains a significant but unfinished triumph—one that still rests, for many, on the continued presence of the very supports that produced the statistical improvement.

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## LETTERS

### Vested politicians will exploit Sonia's narratives

REFLECTIONS from Dr Manmohan to Pranab Mukherjee have been included in Sonia Gandhi's book 'Belonging--A journey of love '. By all accounts, it is an eye opener and should be taken in the right perspective. Her memoir narrates the truth and includes her own experiences and viewpoints. In the meanwhile, some politicians are bound to exploit her narrations to gain political mileage for themselves.

*Dr Sunil Chopra,* Ludhiana

### Sonia and her PM aspirations

THIS refers to excerpts from Sonia Gandhi's memoir "Belonging: A Journey of Love". Sonia thought of taking Indian citizenship after the assassination of Indira Gandhi intending to enter politics. Her dislike for Hindus and Hinduism has been described by Pranab Mukherjee in his autobiography. Her justification that she was not keen on the Prime Minister's post is questionable. It is clear from A P J Abdul Kalam's account that despite Sonia demanding to become the prime minister, the request was declined on account of her being a foreign national, given that as per the Indian constitution a foreigner or her progeny is not entitled to the post.

*Sakunthala KR,* Hyderabad

### Errors one too many

The national buzz over Sonia Gandhi's memoir has barely begun, yet critics are already pointing to errors, seemingly eager to discredit the author. The memoir reportedly mixes the dates and, while referring to the death of karsevaks in the Sabarmati Express, describes Ahmedabad as the capital of Gujarat. Such errors should surely have been caught before publication. Technology may have made publishing faster, but it cannot replace editorial judgement. When I was in the publishing industry, the editors went beyond language correction. HarperCollins and the author should have exercised greater care.

*N Nagarajan,* Hyderabad-103

### The human story behind Sonia's book

SEEING the media reviews of Sonia Gandhi's book, the common man will perceive that it is the story of a young woman from Italy who arrived in India, adapted to a new culture, learned new customs, and embraced a different way of life. However, those seeking solutions to India's current challenges, new policy ideas, or a comprehensive and impartial history of modern India may find little of that in it. Ultimately, the book is less about politics and more about the human experiences that shape a person's life.

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## BENGALURU ONLINE

### Rs 38-crore makeover plan for Hampi's heritage monuments

HAMPI: The Centre has drawn up an ambitious Rs 38-crore plan to conserve and restore some of the most important monuments in Hampi, the historic capital of the Vijayanagara Empire and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The initiative will cover several structures dating back to the 14th to 16th centuries, including the Jain temples on Hemakuta Hill and the Saraswati temple complex at Singanayakanahalli.

The project is being taken up under the National Culture Fund of the Union Ministry of Culture, with financial support mobilised through Hindustan Aeronautics Limited's (HAL) corporate social responsibility funds and the Members of Parliament Local Area Development Scheme (MPLADS). Of the total allocation of Rs 38 crore, around Rs 19 crore is expected to come through MPLADS. The funding will support a comprehensive conservation programme aimed at protecting the monuments and restoring damaged structures. The Ministry will appoint a heritage conservation architect to prepare a detailed project report. The architect will assess the present condition of the monuments, identify conservation requirements and prepare technical documentation before restoration work is taken up in phases.The proposed works include comprehensive protection of the northern and southern bazaars adjoining the Virupaksha Temple. The western portion of a collapsed mandapa near the Sri Bhashyakara shrine in the Vittala Temple complex will also be reconstructed. The Jain temples on Hemakuta Hill and the Saraswati temple complex at Singanayakanahalli are among the other structures identified for renovation.

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# Sridhar Babu: Rahul needs no re-launch; scoffs at NRR jibes

- Questions BJP's objection to Rahul's invitation
- Rejects allegations of political motive
- Representatives from nearly 70 countries expected
- Summit to focus on technology & global challenges
- Gen Z issues to figure prominently
- SIR & NEET issues also likely to be discussed




Venkateshwarlu Kolishetty
Hyderabad

IT Minister D Sridhar Babu questioned Telangana BJP unit chief N Ramchandar Rao to tell what was wrong with inviting Rahul Gandhi, Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha, to the Bharat Summit, scheduled to begin in Hyderabad on November 12. He said the BJP's remark describing the invitation as an attempt to're-launch' Rahul Gandhi reflected a lack of understanding, as he was already a prominent national and international leader.

Responding to criticism over the invitation by the Telangana BJP chief, Sridhar Babu, speaking along with Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka in Hyderabad at the Bharat Summit venue HICC on Wednesday, clarified that the summit was not intended to serve any political purpose. He said discussions would focus on the fundamental challenges facing the country and explore solutions to address them. Anyone interested in sharing views on technology and contemporary issues would be welcome, he added.

Stating that the Congress and BJP followed distinctly different ideologies, Sridhar Babu said the Congress believed in progressive values and that representatives of all parties with progressive ideologies had been invited to participate in the summit.

He said representatives from nearly 70 countries were expected to attend the Bharat Summit, which was envisioned as an economic platform to discuss emerging global trends, technological developments and ways to address contemporary challenges. Issues concerning Gen Z would also figure prominently in the discussions.

Sridhar Babu said, "It is not about politics... our earnest desire is for India, through this summit, to provide solutions to the problems currently facing the world. This is serving the purpose of an Economic Summit".

The Minister further said the Centre's approach towards the Special Investment Region (SIR) would also be discussed, along with measures to address concerns surrounding it. Referring to the NEET issue, he claimed that the Centre acted only after Rahul Gandhi and Priyanka Gandhi intervened and raised the matter.

CONTEMPT CASE

# HC orders DGP to produce HYDRAA chief Ranganath

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THE Telangana High Court on Wednesday directed the Director-General of Police to ensure that HYDRAA Commissioner A V Ranganath appears before it on November 17, for allegedly violating court orders.

Justice C V Bhaskar Reddy directed the Superintendent of Police, Cyberabad, to secure the presence of the Shamshabad tahsildar on the same day.

The judge heard yet another contempt case against the commissioner. He was displeased with what he described as a casual approach to court orders. The court had earlier issued Form-1 notices to both officials, asking them to appear on November 11. Instead of appearing, they filed interim applications seeking exemption. The judge found their reasons unconvincing and passed the order for their appearance on Tuesday.

The contempt case was filed by Mohammed Tajamaluddin Moinuddin Khan of Jahnuma. He alleged that the commissioner and the tahsildar forcibly entered his land and took possession, in violation of court orders. The land measures 43,560 square yards and lies in Survey No. 626/2AA in Shamshabad. He claimed the officials demolished structures and put up fencing with a board declaring it government property. This was done, he said, without giving him any notice.

The dispute goes back to October 23, 2024. On that day, the judge heard writ 29395/2024, filed by the petitioner. He had sought a direction to the government to delete his land from the prohibited list under Section 22-A of the Registration Act, 1908. The judge had then asked him to file an application, along with documents proving his ownership, before the competent authority to seek redress.

The case was adjourned to November 17 for appearance of the commissioner and the tahsildar.

# It's anti-Bharat Summit, says NRR

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BJP Telangana State President N Ramchander Rao on Wednesday alleged that the Bharat Summit planned by Congress at HITEX in Hyderabad is an Anti-Bharat Summit run by anti-national forces. Addressing reporters alongside party leaders Kalyan Naik, Ravi Naik, Solanki Srinivas, Mutyala Tirupati Reddy, and Chakradhar Rao, he stated that while initially projected as an investment conference, recent statements by Salman Khurshid and Sam Pitroda revealed it as a conspiratorial gathering backed by foreign entities. He claimed the platform is being used to project Rahul Gandhi to delegates from 100 countries as a future Prime Minister.

Ramchander Rao alleged that behind the Progressive Alliance are dangerous forces attempting to overthrow democratic governments internationally. Citing investigative reports, he claimed 101 organisations running an Islamic and communist protest ecosystem across nine countries are behind this alliance. He stated that Rahul Gandhi holds a key role in this system, which he alleged backed violent regime-change riots in countries such as France, Nepal, Sri Lanka, and Bangladesh. He demanded financial disclosures regarding who funded those disruptions, pointing out that Sonia Gandhi met Progressive International delegations funded by anti-India entities like George Soros at 10 Janpath, alongside Mallikarjun Kharge at the AICC office.

He warned that the alliance includes representatives from 42 Islamic nations, leftist countries, and dictatorial monarchies targeting Hyderabad to incite continuous chaos until the 2029 general elections. Recalling that Rs 29 crore of public funds was previously spent on the summit, he criticized efforts to misuse state resources again. He demanded that Sonia, Rahul, and Priyanka Gandhi explain their links with the Progressive Alliance. Noting that Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy might be unaware of these international conspiracies, Ramchander Rao warned that Rahul and Priyanka Gandhi should enter Telangana only after implementing their six electoral guarantees, warning that BJP workers will protest and block them at every step if promises remain unfulfilled.

# Ponguleti unveils revised SOP with clear guidelines for land re-survey

Venkateshwarlu Kolishetty
Hyderabad



MINSTER Revenue, Housing and Information & Public Relations Minister Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy has directed District Collectors to continuously monitor the ongoing comprehensive land resurvey and take proactive measures at the field level to create awareness among farmers and resolve land-related disputes.

The minister said the government had already issued a Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for conducting the re-survey. However, while it was being implemented effectively in some areas, officials in other regions were adopting different approaches based on local conditions.

Taking into account the feedback and suggestions of field-level officials, the government would introduce necessary amendments and additions to the SOP to provide clearer guidelines and practical solutions to challenges encountered during the survey, while accommodating local circumstances.

During a video conference with District Collectors, Additional Collectors, RDOs and Survey Department officials at the Secretariat on Wednesday, the minister stressed the need for coordinated and transparent implementation of the re-survey to provide permanent solutions to land-related issues.

He instructed officials to clearly explain to farmers the procedure for submitting objections after completion of the survey. Following the issuance of notices, public announcements through traditional methods such as chatimpu must be made in villages every 15 days. Collectors should also visit the villages regularly to address farmers' concerns.

Officials were directed to inform landowners about the extent of their land recorded in revenue documents and the extent identified during the re-survey, ensuring clarity on discrepancies. The minister announced that Palair constituency would be taken up as a pilot project, covering all 141 revenue villages. Currently, two survey teams and two rovers have been allocated to each mandal. A total of 708 rovers are being used for the statewide exercise, and another 400 will be deployed within a week.

He said the government would amend and supplement the existing Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) based on feedback and suggestions from field-level officials. The revised guidelines would address practical difficulties and ensure uniform implementation while taking local conditions into account.

## TG to replace Intermediate system with 10+2 structure

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Reviewing the progress of the 'Young India Integrated Residential Schools' (YIIRS) project, Revanth Reddy ordered the engineering officials to expedite the construction work and ensure that the projects are completed as per timelines. The officials were directed to select top-tier agencies for landscaping, interior design, procurement of digital equipment, sports gear, and kitchen facilities without compromising on quality.

The Chief Minister directed officials to accelerate the process of recruitment for filling Assistant Professors, Associate Professors, and other faculty positions in universities. The Chief Minister emphasized that the regulations governing the recruitment process must be strictly followed and urged the Chairman of the Telangana State Council of Higher Education as well as the vice-chancellors of the universities to pay special attention to this matter.

## Anthropic CEO claims cancer will be history in 10 years

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Pharmaceutical leaders emphasise that speeding up initial molecule discovery does not bypass clinical trials, regulatory reviews, or biological testing in animal and human models-a phase that makes up the vast majority of the 10-to-12-year drug development pipeline.

Finding a molecule that looks promising on a computer screen is only the beginning. It still has to be tested in laboratories, animal models and eventually human clinical trials to establish whether it is safe and actually works. AI may speed up the search for potential treatments, but it cannot simply make these steps disappear.

Critics such as cognitive scientist Gary Marcus, and cardiologist and digital medicine expert Eric Topol point out that current AI models lack the deep causal and biological understanding required to reliably yield breakthrough cures, and as of 2026, no AI-designed drug has achieved full clinical adoption.

## Rahul Gandhi to visit US for fireside chats at Columbia varsity

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Indian Overseas Congress chairman Sam Pitroda said the visit is built around academic conversations and not diaspora rallies. "He is required here at Columbia University on the 17th and Chicago on 18th November," Pitroda said. "He is here for a fireside chat at Columbia University." He added that Gandhi will then travel to Chicago.

Pitroda said the first chat at Columbia will focus on the global student movement and the implications of that on overall global politics. Gandhi will be in conversation with Robert Pape, a political science professor at the University of Chicago, on international affairs and geopolitics. Pitroda called both events very important and timely.

# REVANTH SAYS BRS WILL JOIN HANDS WITH BJP

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Therefore, the government was providing avenues for skill development to create more blue collar jobs that cannot be performed by AI even in the future.

The government was prioritising the development of skills and sports. "We have already established the Young India Skills University and a Sports University," Revanth Reddy said, while appealing to Muslims to provide education to their children. " It is my responsibility to understand your challenges and resolve them," he observed. Education alone had the power to transform lives; so, children should receive education and acquire skills, he underlined.

The Chief Minister highlighted the political empowerment of Muslims through posts and felicitations of talented sportspersons. Famous cricketer Azharuddin was inducted in the state Cabinet and Shabbir Ali was appointed as an advisor. The state government has honoured minority athletes, Nikhat and Siraj, who brought prestige to the nation in sports with both cash rewards and government jobs. Parents should encourage children to excel in sports like Nikhat Zareen and Sirajuddin, he suggested.

# BJP MLAs, MPs have become 'ashta grahalu': KTR

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There are eight MLAs and eight MPs of BJP in Telangana but they are doing nothing for the state. They have become 'ashta grahalu'. They (BJP legislators) are not useful for Telangana. The BRS leader slammed the Nirmal MLA. He said, "You ensured victory of BJP MLA here. He has not even done single paisa work in the constituency. He did not talk when the BRS MLAs were arrested near the Assembly. He only supports Revanth Reddy. They are selling CCI (Cement Corporation of India) for scrap. The BJP government has not given national project status to a single project in the state. No medical colleges, no Navodaya schools to the state, whereas we made Nirmal as a district."

Questioning the rally taken out by the BJP in support of the Election Commission of India, KTR said, "When the country is protesting against ECI, why should BJP have a problem? When BJP is protesting on this, this means 'daal me kuch kala hai' (something is fishy)."

KTR called on the people to defeat and ensure political burial of the Congress party in the next elections and to re-elect KCR as the next Chief Minister of the state. KTR lashed out at Chief Minister Revanth Reddy stating that instead of addressing the hardships faced by farmers, he was suggesting that villagers should 'stage plays'. He questioned whether political gain was more important to Revanth Reddy than the lives of farmers. KTR expressed his deep concern over the severe distress faced by agricultural laborers in villages due to a lack of work. He demanded that the government provide financial assistance of Rs. 1,000 per month totalling Rs. 36,000 -covering 36 months - to every agricultural labourer who has lost their livelihood due to the drought. He further demanded the immediate release of the four pending installments of the 'Rythu Bandhu', rescheduling of bank loans taken by farmers in light of the drought and immediate completion of the remaining farm loan waiver process. KTR alleged that under Revanth Reddy's administration, the entire welfare system had been utterly destroyed.

Revanth Reddy has incurred a debt of 4.5 lakh crore rupees in just three years. "Where is all this money going, given that not a single promise has been fulfilled? We brought the Congress, a mere weed, upon ourselves, and now, misfortune has returned to our doorstep. The Congress party came to power by peddling lies and painting a rosy, illusory picture of a 'paradise' that never existed," he said.

## Stolen Olympic gold of hockey star recovered

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The suspects broke into Somaya's house in late October while the family was away in Kodagu and were unaware of the significance of the cluster of metallic prizes they picked up as they swept up cash and jewellery worth Rs 3.5 lakh.

Police said the suspects sold a gold medal and a silver medal to a firm in Rajajinagar. "This was one of the most challenging cases for us because we did not have any clues. We finally managed to detect the case and recover the stolen articles. The two accused have been involved in similar crimes earlier. We will ensure that they do not repeat such acts," police commissioner Seemant Kumar Singh said, announcing a Rs 1 lakh reward for the police.

Singh said police recovered two medals from the firm, while the other six were found at one suspect's Hoskote house.

## Murmu's bodyguard shot over firecracker dispute

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Police said the disagreement soon escalated into violence as Dheeraj allegedly pulled out a country-made pistol and opened fire. The bullet first struck a wall before hitting Saurabh in the head.

The accused also allegedly assaulted Vineet and threatened the family with dire consequences before fleeing. Family members rushed Saurabh to a hospital, where doctors performed surgery and removed the bullet.

His condition is now reported to be stable.

Police registered an FIR against Dheeraj and Monu on charges of attempt to murder. Circle Officer Anshu Jain said, "Efforts are underway to trace and arrest the accused."

## Ship carrying 6 Indian seafarers hit in Persian Gulf

NEW DELHI: An oil tanker carrying six Indian seafarers was struck by a projectile while sailing through the Persian Gulf, Union Shipping Minister Sarbananda Sonowal said on Wednesday. The Liberia-flagged VLCC MT FUJAIRAH ENERGY was hit on Tuesday while travelling from Al Ruwais to Dubai. In a post on X, Sonowal said four crew members were injured in the attack, including an Indian national who suffered minor injuries. The injured sailor has been safely taken ashore for further medical examination. The remaining 18 crew members, including the other five Indian seafarers, are safe, the minister said. "We are continuously monitoring the situation and remain in close contact with the ship management company to ensure the ongoing security, medical care and well-being of our seafarers," he added.

## Cabinet nod for ₹62,370-cr rabi fertiliser subsidy

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The approval comes against the backdrop of the government's nutrient-based subsidy (NBS) framework, under which phosphatic and potassic fertilisers are supplied to farmers at subsidised prices.

Under the scheme, the Centre fixes subsidy rates for different nutrients for each cropping season, considering prevailing domestic and international prices of fertilisers and their inputs. The subsidy is paid to manufacturers and importers to support the availability of fertilisers at affordable prices. For the preceding rabi season of 2025-26, the government had approved a subsidy requirement of approximately Rs 37,952 crore.

The Cabinet subsequently cleared about Rs 41,534 crore for the kharif 2026 season. The government's fertiliser subsidy programme covers key agricultural inputs used in cultivating crops, including wheat, pulses and oilseeds.

In another decision, the Cabinet approved a Rs 5,000-crore credit guarantee fund under the Pradhan Mantri MUDRA Yojana. Launched in April 2015, the scheme facilitates institutional credit for small businesses and microenterprises through banks, non-banking financial companies and other eligible lending institutions. The existing Credit Guarantee Fund for Micro Units, administered by the National Credit Guarantee Trustee Company, provides protection to eligible lenders against defaults on covered microenterprise loans. The government's credit guarantee mechanism is intended to support collateral-free lending to eligible small borrowers.



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# Business

"Our ambition is to double India turnover by 2030. So we are working on a detailed year-by-year plan. My priority is also to make sure that we bring in the global product lines into the store as early as possible" -Sanjay Rao, MD & CEO, Bata India

## BIZ BRIEFS

### HCLTech, PTC launches PLM

HCLTech and PTC have launched a pre-configured semiconductor Product Lifecycle Management (PLM) solution based on PTC's Windchill platform to streamline product development, improve quality and compliance, and reduce operational complexity. The solution connects people, processes and data across the semiconductor lifecycle, covering IP management, product introduction, supplier collaboration and regulatory compliance. It also integrates with existing business, manufacturing and design systems, providing end-to-end visibility and traceability to accelerate innovation and product development.

### ICICI Life's rebranding

ICICI Life Insurance Limited, has unveiled a new brand identity and tagline, 'Har Kal Aasaan'. The initiative aims to make life insurance simpler, more transparent, flexible and accessible for Indian customers. Srinivas Balasubramanian, Chief-Marketing, Digital & Bancassurance, ICICI Life, said: "The ICICI name holds an enduring place in the lives of millions of Indians, serving as a symbol of trust, strength, and financial accessibility."

### HDFC MF in pact with Network18

HDFC Mutual Fund has partnered with Network18 to launch 'Mission Wealthwise', a nationwide initiative promoting financial literacy among school students and advocating its inclusion in formal education. The programme will engage policymakers, educators, parents and industry experts. It will also conduct Investor Awareness Programmes across educational institutions. The National Centre for Financial Education (NCFE) and Central Depository Services (India) Limited (CDSL) have joined as knowledge partners.

### William Grant & Sons enters into AP

William Grant & Sons has entered Andhra Pradesh, expanding its Indian distribution footprint. The company will initially target key urban centres through retail and hospitality channels, partnering with distributors, retailers, hotels and restaurants before expanding across the state. Kartik Mohindra, MD, William Grant & Sons India, said: "Andhra Pradesh is an important addition to our India footprint and represents the next step in the continued development of our business in the country."

### New CEO at Bondbazaar

Bondbazaar, a technology-led fixed-income investment platform, announced the appointment of S. Sambath Kumar as its Chief Executive Officer (CEO). Sambath brings over 25 years of experience across financial services, business development, product strategy and distribution. S. Sambath Kumar, said: "I am delighted to join Bondbazaar at an exciting stage in its growth journey."

# Sensex, Nifty at near nine-month highs

**Sensex at level last seen on February 26; investors richer by ₹4.30 lakh crore in two days**

Mumbai

STOCK markets rose for the second straight day on Wednesday, with the benchmark Sensex rallying 772 points to hit a near nine-month high and Nifty closing above 25,250, aided by foreign fund inflows, better-than-expected Q2 results and a sustained moderation in crude oil prices. The 30-share BSE Sensex rallied 772.75 points, or 0.95 per cent, to settle at 81,879.40, a level not seen since February 26. During the day, it jumped 1,413.75 points, or 1.74 per cent, to 82,520.40.

The 50-share NSE Nifty closed 210.40 points, or 0.84 per cent, higher at 25,255.05, the highest in nearly nine months.

Among the 30 Sensex firms, Mahindra & Mahindra



jumped 5.25 per cent, InterGlobe Aviation 4.37 per cent, Trent 3.02 per cent, Tata Steel 2.22 per cent, ITC 2.15 per cent and Axis Bank 2.14 per cent. Adani Ports, Tech Mahindra, HCL Tech and ICICI Bank were among the laggards. Foreign Institutional Investors (FIIs) bought equities worth Rs 7,212.22 crore on Monday, according to exchange data. Brent crude, the global oil benchmark, was up 1.58 per cent to USD 92.94 per barrel.

The broader market uptrend remains underpinned by a favourable mix of sustained FII inflows, lower crude oil prices, a resilient rupee and encouraging corporate earnings, he said. Broader markets rallied as the BSE SmallCap Select index jumped 1.29 per cent and MidCap Select index was up 1.02 per cent. Among BSE sectoral indices, MidSmall Private Banks Quality Tilt surged 3.44 per cent, PSU PSU Bank 3.03 per cent, Telecommunication 2.41 per cent, Auto 2.05 per cent, Bankex 1.94 per cent, Private Banks index 1.43 per cent and Commodities 1.24 per cent. IT, Healthcare and Realty were the laggards. Investors' wealth climbed Rs 4.30 lakh crore to Rs 5,10,72,090.95 crore (USD 5.44 trillion) in two days. So far this month, the Sensex has surged 7,419.87 points, or 9.96 per cent, and the Nifty zoomed 2,201.95 points, or 9.55 per cent. Foreign investors turned net buyers of Indian equities in November, infusing Rs 53,739 crore so far 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.

# Qualcomm begins India job cuts, 1,000 roles at risk

**Layoffs set to hit Hyderabad, other tech centres**

New Delhi

US chipmaker Qualcomm has started laying off employees in India as part of a global workforce restructuring exercise that could affect around 1,000 employees, or nearly 5-6 per cent of its workforce in the country, according to reports.

The layoffs reportedly began at its Bengaluru operations, primarily affecting senior engineers and employees with several years of experience. The exercise is expected to extend to its engineering and research centres in Hyderabad, Delhi-NCR and Chennai.

Affected employees have reportedly been offered severance equivalent to three months' salary, with additional compensation linked to their tenure. Those signing exit documents within three days have also reportedly been offered an additional month's salary. Qualcomm




has not publicly confirmed these arrangements.

Chief executive Cristiano Amon announced a global workforce restructuring on October 20, following the company's annual performance review. Qualcomm described the exercise as performance-focused and aimed at strengthening accountability and aligning its workforce with changing business priorities.

However, the reported cuts among experienced Indian engineers have raised questions about whether the exercise also involves organisational rationalisation and cost reduction.

Employees could be assessed on individual performance ratings, team-level evaluations and senior management feedback. Radio frequency, Bluetooth, Wi-Fi and global navigation satellite system engineering teams may also face reductions, reports said.

Qualcomm's traditional smartphone business is facing pressure as the company expands into AI, automotive technologies, connected devices and data-centre semiconductors.

# Amul, Mother Dairy hike milk prices by ₹2-4 per litre

New Delhi

LEADING dairy companies Amul and Mother Dairy have hiked milk prices by Rs 2-4 per litre, effective Thursday, due to higher input costs, including higher farmer procurement rates and increased fuel expenses.

Gujarat Cooperative Milk Marketing Federation (GCMMF) and Mother Dairy, leading milk suppliers, last increased retail milk prices in May this year. Last month, Karnataka's popular dairy brand Nandini raised prices of its products.

The increase in milk prices will affect household budgets and may also result in higher food inflation. In a statement on Wednesday, the GCMMF, which sells milk under the Amul brand, said it has in-



creased the milk prices by Rs 2-4 per litre effective Thursday. The cooperative has increased prices of fresh pouch milk by 4-5 per cent in major milk-selling variants/packs across India, effective November 12, 2026.

"The price of our largest-selling Amul Taaza toned milk with 3 per cent milk fat has been increased by only Rs 2 per litre (3.3 per cent increase) and Amul Gold Milk with 6 per cent milk fat by Rs 4 per litre (5.5 per cent rise)," GCMMF said.

Mother Dairy, the largest milk supplier in Delhi-NCR, did not issue any statement, but sources said it has revised prices of its liquid milk variants by Rs 2-4 per litre, effective November 12.

The price is being hiked due to a steep rise in input costs of milk production and processing, GCMMF said.

It pointed out that there has been a significant increase in the cost of fodder (green and dry), cattle feed ingredients, milk packaging film and fuel during the year.

"In the current challenging environmental circumstances due to low and uneven rainfall in Gujarat as well as many parts of India, we are constrained to increase the consumer price of milk to pay better prices to our producers and support them in these difficult times," the cooperative said.

GCMMF said its member unions have increased farmers' procurement price by 4-5 per cent in the last one year, and a similar revision will further support farmers. For Mother Dairy, procurement prices of milk from farmers have increased, forcing the company to partly pass on the rise in input costs to consumers.

In NCR, the price of Mother Dairy's toned milk (bulk vended) increased to Rs 60 from Rs 58 per litre. Full cream milk (pouched) will now cost Rs 76 per litre compared to Rs 72. The price of toned milk (pouched) has increased to Rs 62 per litre from Rs 60 per litre. Double toned milk will cost Rs 56 per litre, up from Rs 54 per litre. Cow milk prices have been increased to Rs 65 per litre from Rs 62 per litre. Mother Dairy sells around 35 lakh litres of milk per day in the Delhi-NCR market through its own outlets, general trade and e-commerce platforms. Overall, it sells more than 50 lakh litres per day. According to the National Statistics Office (NSO), food inflation rose to 7.74 per cent in September from 5.97 per cent the previous month. Established in 1973, the GCMMF is the apex body marketing dairy products from 18 cooperatives under the Amul and Sagar brands. Amul is the world's largest farmer-owned dairy cooperative with 36 lakhs members.

# SNVA Traveltech files updated IPO papers

Hans Business
Hyderabad

SNVA Traveltech Ltd, operator of online travel platform Travomint, has filed its Updated Draft Red Herring Prospectus-I (UDRHP-I) for a proposed initial public offering comprising an offer for sale (OFS) of up to 12.75 crore equity shares.

Promoters Alok Kumar Singh and Vivek Kumar Singh will each offload up to 6.38 crore shares. The company confidentially filed its draft papers with Sebi on March 29 and received regulatory approval on August 6. Equirus Capital and Anand Rathi Advisors are the book-running lead managers.

Established in 2017, SNVA Traveltech operates an asset-light online travel agency offering flight, hotel and ancillary travel bookings through its Travomint website and mobile application. Its services include airport transfers, travel insurance, car rentals and holiday packages across domestic and international routes. As of August 31, 2026, it served customers in more than 50 countries.

The company follows a hybrid model combining digital bookings with multilingual customer support teams. Its technology platform integrates global distribution systems and travel partners through APIs, alongside internally developed customer relationship management and AI-enabled tools.

# IOB, PSB, Central Bank eye QIPs to meet Sebi norm

NEW DELHI: INDIAN Overseas Bank (IOB), Punjab & Sind Bank and Central Bank of India are working on share sales to reduce government ownership in line with Sebi's mandate, officials said. IOB has indicated a tentative timeline for its qualified institutional placement (QIP), while the other two lenders are yet to finalise theirs. IOB has approval to raise up to Rs 5,000 crore through a QIP in the current financial year and has secured almost all necessary clearances, managing director and CEO Ajay Kumar Srivastava said. The bank plans to launch the issue towards the end of the current quarter or at the start of the fourth quarter, depending on market conditions. If the full amount is raised, equity dilution would be around 6 per cent, bringing the government's stake in the Chennai-headquartered bank down to about 86 per cent from the existing 92.44 per cent, Srivastava said.

# Moody's lifts India FY27 growth forecast to 7%

New Delhi

MOODY'S Ratings on Wednesday said the Indian economy is expected to grow at 7 per cent in the current fiscal compared to 6.5 per cent pegged earlier, aided by robust consumption, improving investment dynamics and strong macroeconomic fundamentals.

In its Global Macro Out-




look 2027-28, Moody's, however, said that near-term risks to growth persist as household consumption remains vulnerable to "intensifying and broadening price pressures", with headline inflation close to the upper end of the RBI's inflation target range, while a deficient monsoon and El Nino conditions weigh on agricultural output and rural demand. Retail inflation rose to 5.54 per cent in September 2026.

"India's broad-based economic momentum and demonstrated resilience to the energy supply shock warrant upward revisions to our 2026-27 growth forecasts to 7 per cent from 6.5 per cent," it said. RBI estimates GDP growth of 7.1 per cent in the current fiscal, in line with OECD projection. The International Monetary Fund (IMF), ADB and S&P Global Ratings have projected a 7 per cent growth, while Fitch Ratings expects India's GDP to grow 6.9 per cent.

# Volatility dents equity fund inflows in October

Mumbai

EQUITY mutual fund inflows declined nearly 14 per cent to Rs 32,994 crore in October from Rs 38,306 crore in September, reflecting the impact of market volatility and correction, according to data released by the Association of Mutual Funds in India (Amfi) on Wednesday.

Despite the decline, October marked the 60th consecutive month of net inflows into equity mutual fund schemes. Their total assets under management stood at Rs 37.14 lakh crore as on October 31.

Systematic Investment Plan (SIP) contributions also eased marginally to Rs 32,160 crore from Rs 32,490 crore in September. The number of contributing SIP accounts declined to 10 crore from 10.06 crore.

Amfi chief executive Venkat Chalasani said market volatility might have affected inflows, but factors such as the improved assessment of Indian equities by foreign brokerages, lower crude oil prices and strong corporate earnings were positive for the market. He also pointed to strong bank credit growth as an indication of underlying economic strength.

Despite volatility, SIP investments in October were about 10 per cent higher than the over Rs 29,000 crore recorded in the same month last year.

Foreign institutional investors (FIIs) sold a net Rs 34,843 crore worth of Indian equities in October. However, domestic retail investors largely continued their SIP investments, reflecting confidence in India's long-term growth prospects. Meanwhile, gold and silver exchange-traded funds attracted inflows of over Rs 3,000 crore each. A total of 28 new fund offerings across categories mobilised Rs 3,829 crore during the month.

# EVs now default for government staff cars

New Delhi

THE Finance Ministry has asked all ministries and departments to make electric vehicles (EVs) their "default and preferred choice" for staff car procurement, setting a price ceiling of Rs 20 lakh per vehicle.

In an office memorandum dated November 10, the Department of Expenditure said the revised Net Dealer Price (NDP) ceiling takes into account prevailing market prices, vehicle lifecycle costs and the government's efforts to promote electric mobility and reduce dependence on fossil fuels.

The NDP ceiling for EVs has been fixed at Rs 20 lakh, double the Rs 10 lakh limit prescribed for internal combustion engine (ICE) vehicles, including petrol, diesel and hybrid cars. The earlier guidelines issued in 2022 had fixed the ceiling at Rs 6 lakh.



Going forward, ministries and departments shall ordinarily procure EVs whenever their existing ICE staff cars are condemned or replaced.

Where a department considers EV procurement or deployment impractical and proposes buying an ICE vehicle, it will have to seek relaxation from the Department of Expenditure on a case-by-case basis. Such proposals require the approval of the administrative ministry's Secretary and concurrence of the Financial Adviser.

The ministry has also reiterated the 2022 instructions mandating the hiring of EVs by government departments. Any proposal to hire ICE vehicles will similarly require specific relaxation.

The move is part of the government's broader push to accelerate electric mobility, strengthen energy security, reduce fossil fuel dependence and cut carbon emissions. It also seeks to increase institutional demand for EVs through government procurement and hiring.

# Kunal Shah charts new course for WhatsApp with AI, payments

New Delhi

WhatsApp will focus on making conversations richer, enabling users to complete everyday tasks within chats and using artificial intelligence (AI) to improve efficiency, while maintaining end-to-end encryption for personal messages and calls, its CEO Kunal Shah said on Wednesday.

Shah, who took charge of the Meta-owned messaging platform in June, said he had spent the past few months listening to users and understanding their expectations.

"What I heard is simple: help people stay close to those who matter to them, and get more done on WhatsApp. So that's what we'll build," he said in a post on X.

He said users send more than 10 billion voice messages and four billion stickers on WhatsApp every day. The platform plans to make voice notes, groups, stickers and video simpler and more expressive to strengthen personal connections.

The second priority is enabling users to complete tasks without leaving conversations. These include paying bills, borrowing money and staying connected while travelling. WhatsApp is working with financial services and telecom partners to make such transactions and services easier to access.

The third focus area is AI. Shah said the technology should help users find information, complete tasks and keep track of bookings and appointments.

WhatsApp handles more than 100 billion messages and two billion calls daily. Shah said simplicity, reliability and privacy would remain central to the platform.



Young Hans

# From academic knowledge to practical skills: What students expect from universities

Siddharth Shahani

- **Practical, job-ready skills: 89% of students identified skills as a key career priority, highlighting the need to connect classroom learning with workplace requirements.**
- **Stronger industry networks: 79% valued industry connections, including opportunities to interact with professionals and potential employers.**
- **Portfolios that demonstrate ability: 68% prioritised building portfolios that showcase their work and practical capabilities.**
- **Early industry exposure: 85% wanted industry engagement by their second year through live projects, internships and masterclasses.**
- **Mentorship and applied AI learning: Students want guidance from industry professionals and entrepreneurs, along with hands-on opportunities to understand and use AI**

A student entering university today has likely already learned a skill online, experimented with artificial intelligence (AI) or built something independently. For much of the last century, universities supplied knowledge, while degrees certified graduates' readiness for work. That relationship is changing. With knowledge more accessible and employers placing greater emphasis on practical capabilities, universities must consider what students should be able to do with what they learn.

The National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 recognised this shift, emphasising multidisciplinary study, experiential learning and stronger industry connections. However, a gap remains between these ambitions and classroom practice. Graduates may have a sound theoretical foundation but limited experience of the uncertainty, constraints and accountability of professional life. Understanding students' expectations is an important step towards addressing this gap.

To explore these expectations, we conducted a campus-wide survey of more than 2,100 students across our four schools, covering design, business, technology and law. The findings offer insights into how Generation Z views education, skills and career preparation.

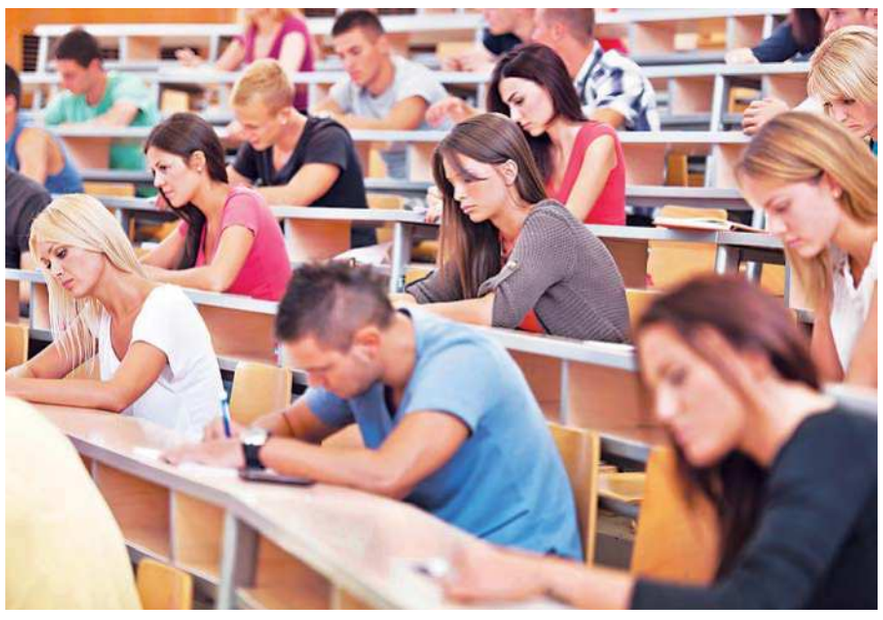
When asked what would matter most for their careers, 89% selected skills, 79% industry networks and 68% portfolios. These priorities are closely connected. Students want to develop capabilities, learn from professionals and build work that demonstrates what they can achieve. They are asking universities to make the link between education and employment more direct.

Practical problem-solving is central to this expectation. Real business challenges rarely come with clearly defined questions or single correct answers. They require students to understand constraints, collaborate and make decisions. Solving real-world business problems ranked first among the skills students considered important for their generation.



The survey found that 70% favoured industry exposure through live projects, internships and masterclasses. One student observed, "Working on industry projects has given me the confidence to apply what I learn in class to actual business problems." Studying a problem and taking responsibility for solving it are different experiences. Universities need to provide opportunities for both. Students also want this exposure early. While 44% wanted industry engagement in their first year, 85% wanted it by their second year. Introducing practical learning throughout a degree gives students time to experiment, learn from mistakes and develop judgement. It should be an integral part of education, not an activity reserved for the final year. The changing nature of work makes this approach particularly relevant to artificial intelligence. Understanding what AI can do is different from knowing when and how to use it effectively. In the survey, 92% identified live industry projects and masterclasses as the best ways to learn AI applications. The same principle applies to multidisciplinary education. Professional challenges increasingly bring together technology, business, design and human behaviour. Students need opportunities to work across disciplines while developing expertise in their chosen fields.

Mentorship is another important consideration. Among aspiring student entrepreneurs, 62% wanted industry mentorship and 61% wanted to learn from entrepreneurs, compared with 30% who prioritised funding. This indicates that students value guidance from people with practical experience as they explore their own ideas.



Implications for the university of the future

These findings have implications for how universities design programmes and engage with industry. Employers should be more than occasional visitors during placement season; they should contribute to shaping learning through projects, internships and professional engagement. Disciplinary boundaries also need to become more flexible, allowing students to understand how different fields intersect in practice.

AI literacy should extend across programmes rather than remain limited to specialist departments. Campuses should also provide students with the resources, mentorship and opportunities to develop ideas, test prototypes and explore entrepreneurship.

Their responses point to a desire for education that combines knowledge with practical experience, professional networks and opportunities to demonstrate capability.

Universities should make student feedback a regular part of academic planning and improvement. By doing so, they can build learning environments that prepare graduates not only for what they know, but for what they can do with it.

*(The author is Co-Founder & Executive President, ATLAS SkillTech University)*

**TODAY IS WORLD QUALITY DAY**

# How data and AI are reshaping quality management

Quality management is evolving beyond routine inspections, audits and compliance checklists. As industries and institutions face increasingly complex demands, the focus is shifting towards strategic quality practices that use data analysis, technology and artificial intelligence (AI) to improve decision-making and process control.



Traditionally, quality systems have focused on identifying errors, meeting prescribed standards and ensuring that processes comply with established requirements. While these practices remain important, they may not be sufficient to address emerging challenges. Organisations increasingly need systems that can identify potential problems early, understand patterns in performance and support continuous improvement.

Data-driven quality management offers an approach to achieving this shift. By collecting and analysing information from different stages of a process, organisations can identify recurring issues, measure performance and make decisions based on evidence rather than assumptions. This can help reduce inefficiencies, improve consistency and strengthen accountability.

AI and machine learning are adding another dimension to quality practices. These technologies can analyse large volumes of data, identify patterns and detect deviations that may not be immediately visible through conventional monitoring. In manufacturing, for instance, predictive analytics can help identify equipment-related risks before they lead to production interruptions. In service sectors, data analysis can help monitor performance and identify areas requiring improvement. However, adopting technology alone does not guarantee better quality outcomes. Organisations need clear quality objectives, reliable data, trained professionals and well-defined processes. Human oversight also remains essential, particularly when interpreting AI-generated insights and making decisions that affect people, safety or institutional performance.

Ultimately, quality should be treated as an ongoing organisational responsibility rather than a periodic exercise undertaken to satisfy audit requirements. Combining strategic planning, data analysis and emerging technologies can help organisations move from detecting problems to anticipating and preventing them, creating a stronger foundation for continuous improvement.

# IHM hosts culinary masterclass, students get to meet industry experts

The Institute of Hotel Management (IHM), Hyderabad, organised a culinary masterclass titled 'Power of Pecans' in association with the American Pecans Council, giving students an opportunity to interact with chefs and professionals from the hospitality and food industry.



The session brought together five culinary and nutrition experts, who demonstrated the use of pecans in sweet and savoury preparations. Students observed different cooking techniques, explored ingredient combinations and learnt about contemporary culinary practices through live demonstrations and discussions.

The masterclass featured celebrity chef and restaurateur Chef Ajay Chopra; Chef Anil Rohira, corporate pastry chef for Felchlin Switzerland and co-founder of the School for European Pastry; Dr Chef Parvinder Singh Bali, director of the School for European Pastry and Culinary Arts; and Chef Vicky Ratnani, known for his work in global cuisine. Dr Aditi Govitrikar, a medical doctor and psychologist, spoke about the nutritional properties and health aspects of pecans. The chefs shared their professional experiences, cooking methods and insights into ingredient innovation. Their demonstrations helped students understand how a single ingredient can be incorporated into different culinary preparations. The interactive format also provided opportunities for students to engage with the experts and learn about evolving trends in the food and hospitality sector.

The session offered practical exposure beyond classroom instruction, allowing students to observe professional approaches to food preparation, presentation and menu development. Interactions with industry practitioners also provided insights into the skills and creative thinking required in professional kitchens.

During the event, the institute's official newsletter, 'Referral Point', was formally unveiled by the guests. The publication will feature the institute's activities, academic initiatives and contributions to the hospitality sector.

The programme also included an introduction to Hyderabad's culinary heritage through a traditional Hyderabadi lunch. Students and guests witnessed musical performances by the institute's band, 'Flute'. Chef Ajay Chopra joined the performers in a song, while Dr Chef Parvinder Singh Bali presented a flute recital.

The event formed part of IHM Hyderabad's efforts to connect academic learning with industry practices through expert interactions and demonstrations. Such engagements provide hospitality students with opportunities to understand professional expectations, explore new techniques and gain exposure to developments in the culinary field.

# *EFLU student figures among 50 delegates for Yuva Sangam phase VII*

Hans News Service

E. MATHIVANAN, a student of the English and Foreign Languages University (EFLU), Hyderabad, represented the university and Tamil Nadu at the seventh phase of the Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat – Yuva Sangam programme held in New Delhi.

Mathivanan was selected as one of 50 delegates from more than 4,700 applicants across the country for the national youth exchange initiative. The programme aims to promote cultural integration, experiential learning and national unity by providing young people with opportunities to explore India's diversity and engage with participants from different regions.

During the programme, Mathivanan had the opportunity to interact with Vice President of India C. P. Radhakrishnan and Delhi Chief Minister Rekha Gupta.

The exchange was coordinated by the Central University of Tamil Nadu and the University of Delhi. It included visits to prominent historical and national landmarks, including Uparashtrapati Bhavan, the Red Fort, India Gate, the National War Memorial and the Dr B. R. Ambedkar National Memorial. These visits offered participants an opportunity to learn about India's history, cultural heritage and national institutions.

The programme also provided exposure to educational institutions and technological developments, while enabling delegates to interact with academics, officials and fellow participants from different parts of the country.

Reflecting on his participation, Mathivanan described meeting the Vice President and the Delhi Chief Minister as among the proudest moments of his experience. He said the interactions and exchanges with delegates from across India helped him develop a deeper appreciation of the country's cultural diversity and the importance of national integration.

EFLU Vice-Chancellor Prof. N. Nagaraju congratulated Mathivanan on his selection and participation. He commended the student for representing both the university and Tamil Nadu at the national-level programme.

The university noted that Mathivanan's participation reflected the objectives of the Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat initiative, which seeks to strengthen cultural understanding and promote the idea of unity in diversity among young people.





> We have neither discussed formally or informally the possibility of the IPL becoming a 12-team affair in 2028. It is not in our scope at this stage. We are concerned about the IPL of 2027, which is going to be the 20th edition of the IPL. So it will be a big affair
> - BCCI secretary Devajit Saikia



## Sandpapergate controversy

# Khawaja pulls out of interviews, ACA urges end to online abuse



MELBOURNE

UNDER-FIRE Usman Khawaja has withdrawn from interviews promoting his autobiography after facing criticism, while the Australian Cricketers' Association (ACA) has urged an end to the furore that has been reignited following his claims that the entire team was involved in the 2018 ball-tampering scandal.

**Under-fire Usman claimed that then captain Steve Smith, vice-captain David Warner and opener Cameron Bancroft were made scapegoats by cricket administrators despite the alleged wider knowledge within the team**

Khawaja's book, 'Sabr', has reignited the controversy surrounding the Cape Town Test against South Africa in 2018, with the former batter alleging that the entire team knew about the plan to use sandpaper to alter the condition of the ball.

He claimed that then captain Steve Smith, vice-captain David Warner and opener Cameron Bancroft were made scapegoats by cricket administrators despite the alleged wider knowledge within the team.

However, former teammate Mitchell Starc, who was part of the side, rejected Khawaja's assertions and reiterated the position he had taken in 2021 that the bowlers were not aware of the conspiracy.

The controversy escalated after Khawaja struggled to address questions about the allegations during an interview with ABC . He was pointedly asked whether the four front-line bowlers, Pat Cummins, Starc, Josh Hazlewood and Nathan Lyon, had been part of discussions around ball-tampering. Khawaja was also asked directly whether current Test captain Cummins knew in advance about the use of sandpaper. he refused to answer them, insisting that he had merely told his "truth" in the book, drawing criticism.

His publisher, Penguin, subsequently confirmed changes to his promotional schedule, though it stopped short of specifying which appearances had been cancelled or altered.

# Pandya moves to Pb for Rs 18 crore

## Arshdeep heads to MI in high-profile IPL trade

NEW DELHI

FLAMBOYANT all-rounder Hardik Pandya moved to Punjab Kings from Mumbai Indians at an increased fee of Rs 18 crore, while PBKS traded pacer Arshdeep Singh for him, completing the biggest and most high-profile exchange of players in the history of IPL.

Pandya's existing fee was Rs 16.35 crore. Arshdeep, on the other hand, moved to Mumbai at an unchanged price tag of Rs 18 crore, read a statement from the IPL.

Before this, Chennai Super Kings had acquired Sanju Samson this year for Rs 18 crore from Rajasthan Royals, who got Ravindra Jadeja for Rs 14 crore and Sam Curran for Rs 2.4 crore from CSK. Transfer Fee is a bipartite agreement between two franchises and it is independent of retention fee (the salary paid to a player by the franchise).



It was mutually decided by the two teams that Pandya's trade fee will go up by Rs 1.65 crore and as per existing rules, he would get 50 per cent of the hike. The rest would go to Mumbai Indians. Pandya's trade brings the curtain down on his second stint with MI, a franchise with which he won four IPL titles. Having first joined MI in 2015, the 33-year-old had starring roles with both bat and ball during the team's title-winning campaigns in 2015, 2017, 2019 and 2020.

After seven seasons with Mumbai, Pandya moved to Gujarat Titans (GT) at a fee of Rs 15 crore in 2022 and led the franchise to the title in its debut season. GT also reached the final in 2023. Pandya returned to MI in 2024, taking over captaincy from stalwart Rohit Sharma but the franchise's performance nose-dived and it was speculated that the injury-ravaged maverick was unhappy with how things panned out. He struggled to win over fans after taking over leadership and was incessantly booed in the first season after his return.

# Shooter Niraj secures LA Olympics quota

DOHA: India's Niraj Kumar secured a quota place for the 2028 Los Angeles Olympics after winning bronze in the men's 50m rifle 3-positions event at the ISSF World Championships here on Wednesday. It was India's second Olympic quota at the championships, following Jaypal Malviya's silver in the men's 10m air pistol event a few days ago.



Niraj shot 346.5 in the final and was in contention for silver before a costly 9.4 on his 34th shot pushed him down to third. Individual Neutral Athlete (AIN) Dmitrii Pimenov clinched gold with a world junior record score of 362.8, while Slovakia's Patrik Jany took silver.

Both also secured Olympic quota places. The other Indian in the final, Aishwary Pratap Singh Tomar, finished fifth with 323.7. India also won bronze in the team event, with Niraj, Aishwary and Akhil Sheoran combining for 1,751 in the elimination round.

They missed silver by a solitary point as Norway finished second with 1,752, while the Czech Republic took gold with 1,754.

# 'No discussion yet on increasing IPL teams'

KUSHAN SARKAR
NEW DELHI

BCCI secretary Devajit Saikia has ruled out an immediate expansion of the IPL from 10 to 12 teams, insisting that the idea has not even been "informally" discussed within the Board. While there is a lot of interest around IPL in the global cricket market, Saikia said that there is "no scope" for an expansion as of now.

"We have neither discussed formally or informally the possibility of the IPL becoming a 12-team affair in 2028. It is not in our scope at this stage," Saikia told PTI during an interaction. "We are concerned about the IPL of 2027, which is going to be the 20th edition of the IPL. So it will be a big affair. We are concerned about that and we are not considering anything beyond that," Saikia told PTI.



"Whatever news is circulating in the media, I think these are all speculative reports from some fertile minds. I have no comments to offer regarding those. There is no sanctity to those reports," he clarified.

He also said that no call has been taken on the increase of team purse from Rs 125 crore to Rs 150 crore before the 2027 mega auction.

"There is nothing of that sort regarding an increase in the salary purse.



Newly-elected FIDE president Timur Turlov

# FIDE: India will continue to host major events

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Newly-elected FIDE president Timur Turlov said India is a trusted partner of the world body of chess and will continue to host major international championships over the next four years. He also called for greater Indian influence in the Asian Chess Federation.

India has established itself as a major force in international chess, with a crop of young players, led by reigning world champion D Gukesh, alongside R Praggnanandhaa, Arjun Erigaisi and R Vaishali, making their presence felt at the highest level.

Asked whether India could expect to host more international events under his administration, Turlov responded in the affirmative. "Absolutely," Turlov said on the sidelines of the Total Chess World Championship Tour Pilot here.

# Pant, Gill in top 10 of ICC Test rankings

DUBAI: Wicket-keeper Rishabh Pant and captain Shubman Gill are the only Indians in the top 10 of the latest ICC Test batting rankings, occupying eighth and 10th positions respectively. Both Pant (713 rating points) and Gill (697) have dropped a rung in the list.



Another Indian Yashasvi Jaiswal finds himself in the 13th spot. The Test batters chart is being headed by England's Harry Brook and Joe Root, followed by Australia's Travis Head, South Africa's Temba Bavuma and Steve Smith.

Afghanistan captain Rahmat Shah has created history by becoming the first player from his country to enter the top 10 in any category of the ICC Test Player Rankings. Rahmat climbed six spots to career-best seventh on the rankings for Test batters following his innings of 173 in the opening match of Afghanistan's two-game series against Zimbabwe in Sharjah.

It was the fifth Test century of Rahmat's career and his second this year, lifting the 33-year-old above India captain Shubman Gill, South Africa opener Aiden Markram and Sri Lanka's Kamindu Mendis into the top 10 for the first time.

## Purchase of 40 villas and cottages

# Demand for ACB to register case, ED probe against IAS officer

JAIPUR

Nearly two weeks after the Rajasthan Anti-Corruption Bureau launched a preliminary enquiry into the controversial purchase of 40 villas and cottages by senior IAS officer Shikhar Agrawal and his family, activists have alleged "delay" in registering an FIR and sought a wider investigation into the transactions.

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He threatened to approach the High Court or the Supreme Court if the ACB fails to conclude the enquiry and take action in accordance with the law. "The chief minister was proactive in handing over the matter to the ACB, but the bureau has been unusually slow. Why has it not concluded the preliminary enquiry and registered an FIR?" Pathak told PTI.



Advocates Poonam Chand Bhandari and T N Sharma have also approached the Enforcement Directorate (ED), seeking an investigation into the transactions under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act. The advocates, associated with Public Against Corruption, alleged that the purchase of properties at prices substantially below their market value and their subsequent leaseback to the seller raised serious questions about the transactions.

The ACB registered the preliminary enquiry on October 30 after allegations surfaced that Shikhar Agrawal, his wife and IPS officer Prashakha Mathur and their family members purchased 40 villas and cottages for approximately Rs 6.17 crore and subsequently leased them back to the seller for an annual rent of around Rs 1.80 crore.

The controversy began following a media report about the property transactions involving Agrawal, his wife and other family members. Official sources said that the Prime Minister's Office had sought a factual report from the Rajasthan government after the allegations surfaced. The Centre also called the chief secretary to Delhi regarding the matter.



## Gang-rape survivor thrown off roof in Bihar

PATNA: A 30-year-old gang-rape survivor was allegedly thrown off the roof of a building by a neighbour in Bihar's Begusarai district, prompting police to arrest the accused on Wednesday.

The injured woman was taken to Sadar Hospital in Begusarai. Police said they arrested her neighbour, Bhongal Kumar, based on her statement. A case has been registered under the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), and an investigation is underway.

The woman's family alleged that they had been facing pressure to withdraw the gang-rape case filed in June. They claimed Tuesday's attack was part of an attempt to intimidate them into dropping the case. The woman was allegedly raped by five men on June 11 when she stepped out of her house to relieve herself. During her treatment, doctors reportedly recovered a cartridge-like object, a stone and a piece of wood from her private parts, police said. All five accused in the gang-rape case have been arrested.

# Chefs set 10 pm deadline for wedding feast in J&K

**Kashmir Waza Association president Ghulam Nabi Waza said his community has suffered in silence for too long. It takes several hours to prepare the dishes, and usually we work late into the night**

SRINAGAR: Tired of endless wait for the groom's arrival, Kashmir's traditional chefs, known as 'waza', have set a 10 pm deadline on serving wazwan at weddings. At a conference at a marriage hall in Rajouri Kadal area of the city, wazas discussed the "inhuman conditions" they are made to work under while serving the multi-dish 'wazwan' to guests at weddings and other functions. The chefs unanimously decided they will not serve food after 10 pm. Kashmir Waza Association president Ghulam Nabi Waza said his community has suffered in silence for too long. "It takes several hours to prepare the dishes, and usually we work late into the night.

Then we are expected to start serving lunch from around 1 pm till 6 pm, which is followed by dinner, which starts well into the night," Waza said. And if the chefs are cooking at the bride's home, they must wait for the groom and his entourage to arrive, which usually happens past midnight, he complained.



"There have been incidents where the maulvi left without solemnising the nikah because the groom did not turn up till 1 am. We are also humans. So we now set the 10 pm deadline," Waza said. He said going late to wedding feasts has become fashionable and appealed to the people to get rid of this bad habit.

"There are so many people attached with the wazwan, and they too have the right to dignified working hours," he added. Several chefs complained of maltreatment by their clients. "For example, we are not provided a proper place to sleep. We work long hours and need some time to rest before we prepare ourselves for the next day's gruelling routine. The hosts should take care of that aspect," said one of the chefs.

# 'Deeply aggrieved by way Nitish is mentioned in Sonia's book'

NEW DELHI/PATNA: The Janata Dal (United) on Wednesday expressed resentment over the portrayal of its president and former Bihar chief minister Nitish Kumar in Congress leader Sonia Gandhi's memoir, asserting that he was the main architect of the opposition INDIA bloc.

While JD(U) national spokesperson Rajeev Ranjan Prasad alleged that Gandhi has presented the entire episode in her book as part of a strategy to mislead people, the party's working president Sanjay Kumar Jha alleged the former Congress chief made "petty and frivolous" remarks against Kumar, which was "unexpected".



"The JD(U) is deeply aggrieved by the way Nitish Kumar has been mentioned in Sonia Gandhi's book in the context of the INDIA bloc. We believe that Nitish Kumar is the architect and driving force behind the INDIA bloc, which is currently being led by Sonia Gandhi and Rahul Gandhi," he said in a video statement.

Gandhi has written that Kumar was looking for an opportunity to exit the INDIA bloc and was under the BJP's influence. She also refers to his return to the NDA in early 2024. Prasad claimed that most regional parties were initially reluctant to include the Congress in the opposition alliance and Kumar had persuaded them to come together with the grand old party.

# 2,450 kg chicken destroyed over safety violations

PANAJI: Over 2,450 kg of chicken was destroyed by the Food and Drugs Administration (FDA) in South Goa during two inspections.

A vehicle carrying 700 kg of chicken valued at Rs 1,36,500 was intercepted by the FDA at Margao Railway Station. The chicken was transported in thermocol boxes from Delhi without the required temperature control, and remained in transit for nearly 36 hours.

A separate inspection at a cold storage unit in Verna revealed a lack of proper labelling and purchase records, leading to another 1,750 kg of chicken being destroyed.

State health minister Vishwajit Rane informed on November 11, Wednesday, that the drive was launched to prevent unsafe meat products from reaching consumers.

## 8 held after Tiger found dead in Maha reserve

GONDIA: A tiger has been found dead in Maharashtra's Nawegaon-Nagzira Tiger Reserve (NNTR) in a suspected case of electrocution.

Forest authorities have detained a farmer, whose farm is adjacent to the reserve's core boundary, and seven other persons.

The tiger, identified as T-39 and aged around 4, was found dead with burn marks, adjacent to a farm near Bodunda village in the reserve's Thadezari beat in Gondia district.

NNTR deputy field director Pritamsingh Kodape informed that the tiger is suspected to have died of electrocution.

It is suspected that the farmer laid a live wire near his field, resulting in the tiger getting caught in it.

Officials suspect that the farmer along with others moved the carcass and dumped it in the core forest area of the reserve.

Maharashtra has several tiger reserves, including Tadoba-Andhari, Melghat, Sahyadri and Nawegaon-Nagzira.



# Womenia

## Gul Panag reflects on motherhood, says she understands her mother's struggles better in her forties





Actress Gul Panag has penned a heartfelt birthday note for her mother Annie Panag. She reflected on how becoming a mother herself has helped her understand the challenges and responsibilities her own mother handled while raising two children.

Taking to Instagram, Gul shared that it was only in her forties that she began to understand how demanding motherhood could be. She also recalled how her mother managed the household, raised her and her brother, and fulfilled the responsibilities that came with being an Army officer's wife.

"Happy birthday, Mum. It's only in my forties that I've begun to understand, rather belatedly, just how challenging motherhood really is. And consequently, how extraordinarily easy my mother made it look," she wrote. Recalling her childhood, the 'Manoranjan' actress said that when her brother Sherbir was around eight years old, her mother was raising two children, managing the home and often working as a teacher to make life more comfortable for the family.

"I often find myself thinking back to when my brother @sherbirpanag was about eight, roughly the age Nihal is now. My mother was raising two children, managing a home, navigating the demands and expectations that came with being an Army officer's wife, and often working as a teacher, as so many Army wives did, to make life a little more comfortable for us," she added. The 'Dor' actress also spoke about the invisible labour involved in being a woman, pointing out that several responsibilities are often expected but rarely acknowledged. Reflecting on her own experience of motherhood, Gul said that looking at her son, Nihal, often makes her wonder how her mother managed everything so effortlessly.

"And somehow, from where we stood as children, she seemed to take it all in her stride. Of course, I now realise that what appeared effortless probably wasn't. There must have been days when she was exhausted. Days when she worried about things we knew nothing about. Days when she had to put her own needs aside because ours came first. And then there's all the invisible labour of being a woman. The things that need doing, the people who need looking after, the expectations that need meeting. So much of it simply assumed, so little of it acknowledged."

The post further read, "But that's the extraordinary thing about childhood. You rarely see the effort. You simply grow up feeling that everything is taken care of. And then, one day, you become a mother yourself. And years later, you find yourself looking at your own child, remembering yourself at that age, and thinking, how on earth did she do it? I suspect I owe my mother a rather substantial apology for all the times I took that extraordinary competence for granted. And an even bigger thank you. The older I get, the more I understand what you did for us. And what you continue to do. And how Nihal is now your favourite, and my brother and I are relegated to second place. And the more I admire you for it."

The carousel of photos featured Gul Panag's cherished memories with her mother and family.

Gul Panag's biological mother is Gurjit Kaur, while her stepmother, Annie Panag, played an important role in her upbringing and helped prepare her for the pageant world. Her parents parted ways when Gul was around four years old. (IANS)

## Cold outside, hot between the sheets

**WAYS TO TURN WINTER INTO YOUR MOST ROMANTIC SEASON**



**As winter sets in, cooler evenings and longer nights offer couples the perfect opportunity to bring back romance, intimacy and a little excitement into their relationship. From cosy bedroom moments to fun kitchen dates, here are five simple ways to make the season more special together**

Askari Jaffer

From steamy kitchen experiments to candle-lit bedroom dates, the approaching winter is the perfect excuse to turn down the temperature outside and turn up the chemistry at home. Winter has not officially arrived, but the signs are already in the air. The evenings are getting longer, the breeze is turning cooler, and even the plants seem to be preparing for a slower, more intimate season. As nature changes its rhythm, couples have the perfect opportunity to change theirs, too. After all, if the world is getting ready to cosy up, why should your relationship be left out in the cold?

Beyond warm blankets and cups of hot chocolate, winter can be an invitation to rediscover romance, experiment with shared experiences and bring a little playful mischief into everyday married life. From lingering in bed on chilly mornings to turning the kitchen into a space for culinary chemistry, here are five ways to make the coming season deliciously memorable.

**1.Bedroom Weather: Forecast Calls for Cuddles and Chemistry**

Forget the alarm clock for a morning. When the temperature dips, give yourselves permission to stay under the covers a little longer. Swap hurried goodbyes for slow conversations, forehead kisses, warm embraces and the kind of cuddling that makes getting out of bed feel entirely overrated. For couples looking to turn up the romance, dim the lights, put on a playlist that reminds you of your early dating days and let the evening unfold without a rigid plan. A little flirting, affectionate teasing and uninterrupted time together can make an ordinary night feel like a private getaway. The secret? Make intimacy about connection rather than a checklist of romantic gestures.

**2.Kitchen Chemistry: Stir, Taste and Fall in Love Again**

Who said romance belongs exclusively in the bedroom? The kitchen can be equally exciting when two people decide to get creative. Pick a recipe neither of you has tried, put on your favourite music and cook together. Think gooey chocolate brownies, cinnamon-spiced pancakes, creamy pasta or a rich, warming soup. Add a playful twist: blindfold each other for a flavour-guessing game, steal a taste from your partner's spoon or turn dessert-making into a friendly competition. The flour on the counter and the occasional kitchen mishap are part of the fun. Sometimes, the most memorable dates are the ones that leave you laughing over a slightly burnt dessert.



**3.Candlelight, Soft Fabrics and a Little Sensual Drama**

As winter approaches, transform your living space into a cosy retreat. Think warm lighting, plush cushions, soft blankets, scented candles and freshly changed bedsheets. A few thoughtful details can make home feel less like a place where you manage daily responsibilities and more like a sanctuary you share. Plan a no-phones evening, exchange relaxing massages if both of you enjoy them, or surprise your partner with a thoughtfully prepared bath or a cosy indoor picnic. Sensuality does not always need grand declarations; sometimes, it is simply the feeling of being seen, desired and cared for.

**4.Flirt Like You Have Just Met**

Marriage can make couples wonderfully familiar with each other, but familiarity should not mean that flirting disappears. This winter, bring back the butterflies. Leave a cheeky note in your partner's jacket, send a playful message during the workday or plan a surprise date without revealing the destination. Dress up for dinner at home, recreate your first date or share three things you still find irresistible about each other. Small gestures can create anticipation, and anticipation can make even a routine weekday feel special.

**5.Take the Romance Outdoors, Then Bring It Home**

Winter's pleasant evenings offer a reason to step outside together. Take a long walk, explore a neighbourhood café, visit a garden or simply watch the sunset while sharing a warm drink. Notice the changing leaves, the winter blooms and the quieter pace of the world around you. Once home, continue the date with a favourite film, a shared blanket and a conversation that goes beyond work, bills and everyday logistics. The aim is to create moments in which you are partners in life and lovers in your own little world.

**A Season for More Than Just Staying Warm**

According to Sybil Shiddell, Country Manager of Gleeden India, "Winter gives couples a wonderful opportunity to rediscover intimacy through the little things they often overlook during their busy routines. Whether it is spending a slow morning together, cooking a meal as a team or creating a more sensual atmosphere at home, these shared experiences can help couples reconnect emotionally and physically. Romance does not always need an elaborate plan; it often begins with the willingness to make time for each other, communicate openly and keep the spark alive." As the days grow cooler and the plants prepare for their seasonal transformation, relationships, too, can benefit from a little nurturing. This winter, let the blankets be warmer, the conversations longer, the kitchen more adventurous and the bedroom a little more exciting. Because while the weather may be getting colder, your relationship certainly does not have to.

## Kiara Advani hints at no more pregnancies ahead, says 'bass ho gaya ab' on Koffee With Karan

Actress Kiara Advani appeared to hint that she does not want to have any more pregnancies as she joked about her date nights with husband and actor Sidharth Malhotra on the upcoming episode of 'Koffee With Karan'.

Kiara and Sidharth are set to make their first joint television appearance together on 'Koffee With Karan Season 9'. The latest promo of the episode released by the makers, gives a glimpse of the couple's playful chemistry with host Karan Johar.

During the conversation, Karan asked the couple how they make sure their date nights do not end at dessert. Kiara, who was seen cradling her baby bump, responded with a cheeky, "Ab bass ho gaya!", leaving Sidharth and Karan in splits.

The conversation then moved towards whether the couple would like to roleplay a particular character. Sidharth responded by drawing a line between their professional and personal lives, saying, "We don't want to bring our work home and certainly not to our bedroom!"

The promo also features the couple talking about their wedding and recalling a moment when Karan hilariously threw Shahid Kapoor off the stage when he attempted to join him during a dance performance.

While making their entry on the show, Kiara was seen flaunting her baby bump for the first time on national television and ever since they announced their second pregnancy.

Talking about Kiara and Sidharth, the couple is set to embrace parenthood for the second time. They had announced their



second pregnancy a few months ago, with a social media post where they shared a picture featuring two pairs of baby shoes along with the message, "The greatest gift of our lives. Coming soon."

Kiara and Siddharth are already parents to their daughter Siara, whom they welcomed in 2025.

The couple got married in an intimate ceremony in Suryagarh, Jaisalmer, in February 2023, after dating for a few years after falling in love on the sets of the movie, Shershaah. (IANS)

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8 Impair (3)
10 Distinctive doctrines (4)
13 Poisonous alkaloid (8)
14 Ready for (5,2)
15 Tune (6)
17 Spirited (9)
21 Offer a price (3)
22 A wise bird, so we are told ! (3)
23 Comparative words (2,1)
26 Most intimate (9)
27 Assails (6)
28 Distinguished (7)
32 Papal election meeting (8)
34 Jokes (4)
35 A type of sea-eagle (3)
36 Put an end to (6)
37 Elevator innovator (4)

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1 Buffalo's lake (4)
2 Ex-India skipper Adhikari (4)
3 Wish for (4)
5 Duplicates or reproduces by asexual means ? (6)
6 Bollywood's Aishwarya __ Bachchan (3)
7 Adieu (3,3)
9 2016 Summer Olympics host (3)
11 Small firework (5)
12 Light meal (5)
15 Stubborn creature (4)
16 Very (2,2)
18 Competes (4)
19 Charged particles (4)
20 Possess, have (3)
23 In the company of; along with (5)
24 With __ __ in my heart : happily (1,4)
25 Counting frame (6)
26 Sloping type (6)
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Solution to November 11

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# Entertainment



## 'Siddhu10' IS A LOVE STORY; gets a grand launch

**Star Boy Sidhu Jonnalagadda will be seen donning a new look in his forthcoming movie 'Siddhu10'. Presented by Tabitha Sukumar the movie is a joint venture between Sukumar Writings & Bunny Vas Works. It is jointly produced by Anmol Sharma, Bunny Vas and Ashok Bandreddy. The movie is directed by Mohan B who is making his directorial debut. Nayan Sarika plays the female lead.**

**The movie was launched in Hyderabad with various pooja rituals. The camera was switched on by famed filmmaker Sukumar while producer Allu Aravind gave the first clap. The screenplay was handed over to them by producers Vishwaprasad, Bapineedu, directors Buchi Babu and Chandoo Mondeti. The movie was directed by Harish Shankar and Nandini Reddy for the first day.**

**As part of Sukumar's writing team, Mohan B has crafted a new love story which will show off a different side of Sidhu. Known for his unique presence and versatile acting skills, the actor will add a new dimension to the romantic entertainer.**

**The makers have also released a mysterious theme poster with a huge waterfall, tree, hanging umbrella and flowing clothes in red, yellow and black. The picturesque poster gives an indication that it will be a nostalgic and touching love story.**

**The movie will have its music composed by National Award winning G. V. Prakash Kumar. It is being cinematographed by Chandru Selvaraj and will have production design by Sahi Suresh. Regular shoot will commence soon.**

**This is the second time Sukumar Writings will be working with Bunny Vas Works after Idupu Kaityam, currently in pre-production.** ***- S Suhas***

## Roshan Meka's pan-India superhero film launched under Ashoka Creations

Young actor Roshan Meka will be seen in the superhero genre with his ambitious pan India action adventure film which has been officially launched with a grand ceremony. This is the third film under Ashoka Creations.

Produced by Ashok Vardhan Muppa and Sunil Balusu and presented by Muppa Venkaiah Chowdhury. The camera was switched on by Venkaiah Chowdhury and the first clap was done by actor Srikanth.

The film has been made on a grand scale. The director has spent almost 18 months on pre-production and script writing. The makers want to blend technology, visuals and an interesting story to make it stand out.

Bollywood actress Rekha Pandey is debuting in Telugu with this film. Vinay Roy will also play an important role.

The technical team comprises of Cinematographer P.G. Vinda, Music composer Gaura Hari, Production Designer Ramakrishna Sabbani and Monica Nigotre, Editor Marthand K. Venkatesh. The action sequences are being designed by Ramakrishna & international Stunt Choreographer Lee Whitaker. The shoot will begin in the first week of December. The film will have a grand pan India release.

*- P Ravi Teja*



## Tanikella Bharani, MLC Sripal Reddy applaud 'Jayannth & The Jingo Pen'



The forthcoming Telugu film Jayannth & The Jingo Pen received positive responses from prominent personalities at its grand pre-release event on the occasion of its release date on November 14 (Children's day).

Actor Tanikella Bharani said he is optimistic about the film's success. "It is a meaningful movie made for children so we should support it," he said. MLC Sripal Reddy praised the film. "It is a great initiative. We need movies that inspire children. It will help us bring out the talents in them. I request parents, teachers and students to watch this movie," he added.

Directed by Naveen Desaboyina who has won a National Award, the film is produced by Divya Praveen Bolisetty under Namo Jayam Productions.

The movie stars Master Jayannth Bolisetty along with Uha Reddy, Satyam Rajesh, Ashish Gandhi, Manasa Radhakrishnan and others. Director praised the young hero's performance.

The actors have said the film has emotional elements and a meaningful message.

"This film was made after we bought the rights for the Malayalam remake," said producer Praveen Bolisetty. The film has music by Mohith and cinematography by Andrew. It aims to provide an entertaining and inspiring movie.

- S Suhas



## 'Maya Lady' pre-release event: Rakesh Varre confident of entertaining audiences

Actor and producer Rakesh Varre is confident about his upcoming film Maya Lady providing an entertaining cinematic experience to audiences. Speaking during the pre-release event for Maya Lady in Hyderabad, Varre assured that audiences will leave theatres with a smile on their faces after watching the film with family and friends.

Produced by Rakesh under his Crazy Ants Productions banner, Maya Lady directed by Prasankar and starring Madhumita Sarcar in the leading lady role will be released globally in theatres on November 13.

Varre said that he was convinced to take on the project due to the great script and passion from the director. After producing content driven films like 'Evvarikee Cheppoddhu' and 'Peka Medalu,' the team decided to go ahead with the release despite there being a lot of competition on the same day.

Madhumita who is debuting in Telugu said that she has a versatile character to play with some intense action scenes. Prasankar said that it is a unique love story with a mix of commercial elements, whilst composer Vishal Chandrashekhar has provided some great music.

The film also sees appearances from Suresh, Madhurima and Lavanya in key roles, whilst filmmakers Sashi Kiran Tikka and Mahesh Babu P. showed their support for the team. *- S Suhas*

## 'Rangu Rangu Rangullo Pillaro' from 'Tortoise' is a high-spirited folk song



Tortoise team has released their second song 'Rangu Rangu Rangullo Pillaro', which is a vibrant folk song. The composition was done by Anup Rubens and the lyrics and vocals are done by renowned folk singer Penchal Das. The song has an upbeat tempo and great lyrics which talk about how pretty and playful the village girl is. The song mentions how pretty her bangles, nose ring, earrings, ankle bells are and the expressions on her face. Anup Rubens can be seen dancing along with Penchal Das.

Previously, the first track of the movie 'Nee Parichayam' got a positive response from music lovers.

Tortoise is an action thriller suspense and drama directed by Ritwik Kumar. Raj Tarun plays the lead role. While Amrutha Chowdary, Avasarala Srinivas and Dhanya Balakrishna play crucial roles.

The film is produced by Vijay Chowdary, Shashidhar Nalla and Ramisetti Rambabu under the banners SK Golden Arts, Prashwitha Entertainment and NVL Creations. Manasa Kumar is the co-producer. The latest folk song will add more excitement to the music and theatrical aspect of the movie. *- P Ravi Teja*

## ALIA BHATT'S fashionable outfit is a modern version of traditional ethnic wear



Alia Bhatt turned heads lately in a fabulous outfit consisting of a beautiful pista green lehenga with elaborate gold floral embellishments on the flared skirt and wide gold metallic piping. This was paired with an ivory embroidered choli and translucent cape-styled jacket. Alia completed her look with a matching net dupatta.

The actress kept her makeup simple by opting for a traditional maang tikka and round gold earrings. She also did her hair into a neat bun to complete her graceful look. Alia's fashionable outfit is a modern version of traditional ethnic wear. Currently, Alia is working professionally on Love & War and will also be seen in Tumbbad 2.

*- S Suhas*




## Vamsi Nandipati swears by entertainment value of 'Inka Em Anukoledhu!'

Producer Vamsi Nandipati feels that the upcoming Telugu movie 'Inka Em Anukoledhu!' will have wide appeal. During the song launch of Meghalu Sandramlo, he spoke highly about the story and feels the film will be entertaining. Produced jointly by Vamsi Nandipati Entertainments and ETV Win, the film will hit the theatres on December 11. The film features Akshay Lagusani and Keyuri in lead roles. Jayakrishna, Rao Ramesh, Harshavardhan, Anita Chowdary and Subbaraju are playing key roles.

The film is the directorial debut of Pranay Valluripalli and Giri Pemmasani. They have worked together for the same. Vamsi said that they have a great story to tell and the film will help them gain recognition. Sinjith who has worked with both directors for the first time as music director has scored the film.

The latest track launched has been appreciated by the team and the makers feel confident about the music. The team from ETV Win also said that the project is very special as it is the debut of two new directors and Vamsi Nandipati as a producer. The team thanked everyone who has supported the film and said they will give more updates regarding promotion. - P Ravi Teja

## Vishwadev Rachakonda excited about positive response for 'Dark Chocolate'



Actor Vishwadev Rachakonda is thrilled with positive response from the US premieres of his upcoming film 'Dark Chocolate' which he describes as a unique genre-blending cinematic experience. The film will be theatrically released globally on November 13. Vishwadev opened up during a media interaction saying that audiences and critics have loved the interesting story and acting. The film was directed by Shashank Srivastava and stars Bindu Madhavi in a leading role. It was produced by Rana Daggubati along with Spirit Media and Voltaire Productions. The film sees Vishwadev playing the role of Yagya, a filmmaker who has faced continuous hits before downfall. He decides to take charge of everything in making a film, whether it be directing, dialogues, songs or even choreography. His journey includes some strange dreams.

Vishwadev explained "It is a mix of thriller, survival story, dark comedy, musical and psycho-thriller. It is also social commentary and is divided into chapters," He added "Bindu Madhavi has done an awesome job. The early viewers are saying it is one of her best performances. Rana Daggubati has also supported this experimental narrative and new talent." Vishwadev is confident the film will provide audiences with something new and encourage filmmakers to experiment with their stories.

*- P Ravi Teja*