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Govt rolls out red carpet for 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
- 3 industrial parks & mobility clusters planned
- Zaheerabad, Enkatala & Kodangal identified
- Ponnam invites investors to global summit
- Invest TG 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.

STUDENTS PROTEST FELLING OF TREES AT SU



Over 200 trees allegedly felled and 500 uprooted; students seek probe into environmental violations and damage to wildlife habitats

HANS NEWS SERVICE
KARIMNAGAR

STUDENTS of Satavahana University have protested against large-scale soil excavation and tree felling on the campus in the name of development works, alleging serious environmental damage.

The students recently approached District Collector Chitra Mishra, following which Forest Department officials inspected the site and reportedly found trees felled without permission.

They alleged that soil had been excavated across more than two acres to depths exceeding 10 feet, while over 200 trees were felled and nearly 500 uprooted using JCB machines.

Students also expressed concern over the disappearance of peacocks, rabbits and several bird species. They demanded an inquiry into excavation permissions, transportation of soil and timber, and possible violations of environmental laws, including the WALTA Act. They urged authorities to stop unauthorised activities, take action against those responsible and restore the campus's green cover by planting native trees.

Mahabubabad police destroy ganja worth Rs 49.84 lakh



A total of 99.688 kg of cannabis seized in 19 NDPS cases destroyed following court approval; police warn of strict action against drug offenders

HANS NEWS SERVICE
WARANGAL

MAHABUBABAD district police have destroyed 99.688 kg of dry ganja, worth approximately Rs 49.84 lakh, seized in connection with 19 cases registered under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act.

The disposal was carried out at the AWM Consulting Common Bio-Medical Waste Treatment Facility in Gopalpet village, Tallada mandal, Khammam district, following court approval and under the supervision of the district Drug Disposal Committee.

DSP (DCRB) Gandrathi Mohan and CI Upender supervised the operation along with other police personnel.

DSP Mohan said police were closely monitoring ganja cultivation, transportation, storage and sale on the directions of District SP Dr Shabarish, IPS.

He warned that strict legal action, including detention under the PD Act, would be taken against offenders.

He urged young people to shun narcotics and appealed to the public to report drug-related activities, assuring complete confidentiality for informants.

GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA
REVENUE DEPARTMENT
Office of the District Collector Adilabad

FORM - VII
(PUBLICATION OF DECLARATION)
(In accordance with Section 19(1) of the Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2013 (Central Act 30/2013) and State Rule 25(1))

District Collector's File No. G1/466/2018 Dated: 05.11.2026
R.D.O. File No. B/274/2018 Dated: 27.08.2026
Gazette No. PD.U/S-19(1) 11-A/2026 Dated: 05.11.2026

A notification for land acquisition has been issued for the total area of 62 acres and 27 guntas of land located in the following villages1. Savapur, 2. Lekarwadi, 3. Pendalwada, 4. Deepayiguda, 5. Kauta, 6. Deepayiguda, 7. Kurai, 8. Karanji, and 9. Kurai within the Bhoraj/Jainath mandal of Adilabad district. This land is being acquired for a public purpose: the construction of the Inter-State Lower Penganga Project (DI) distributary DL-17, including its minor canals1L, 14R, 15R, 31L, and 33L.

In accordance with Government Order No. 58, issued by the I&CAD (LA, R&R) Department on 25.07.2017, this project has been granted an exemption from the purview of Chapters II and III of the 'Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2013'.

Therefore, a declaration is hereby issued for the acquisition of land comprising a total extent of 62 acres and 27 guntas located in the villages of 1. Savapur, 2. Lekarwadi, 3. Pendalwada, 4. Deepayiguda, 5. Kauta, 6. Deepayiguda, 7. Kurai, 8. Karanji, and 9. Kurai, within the Bhoraj/Jainath mandal of Adilabad district. This land is required for public purposes, specifically for the construction of the Inter-State Lower Penganga Project (DI) including the DL-17 main canal and its associated minor canals (14R, 15R, 31L, and 33L).

SCHEDULE

Village: Pavapur & (8-Villages) Mandal: Dhoran / Jaisath District: Adilabad

Sl.No.	Sy.No.	Beat No.	Survey Land	Metta / Dry/ Tari	Enjoyment land	Name of Pattadar / Father's Name	Name of Cultivator (Kastudar) / Father's Name	Trees/ Borewell and Others
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Savapur Village, Bhoraj Mandal (DL-17, 11, Minor)								
1	½	1/AA3	1.14	Petta/ Metta	0.27	Rautu Avinash S/o.Ramesh	Self	No
2		1/AA2		Petta/ Metta	0.27	Rautu Ravinder S/o. Ramesh Rao	Self	〃
3	10/2	10/E	1.25	Petta/ Metta	0.18	Nakate Gulab, S/o. Maruti Nakate Ramesh S/o. Maruti	Self	〃
4		10/EE		Petta/ Metta	0.14	Nakate Daulat S/o. Udakudaj	Self	〃
5		10/U		Petta/ Metta	0.07	Nakate Nikhil, S/o. Satish	Self	〃
6		10/UU		Petta/ Metta	0.02	Nakate Nagu Bai W/o.Ramchander	Self	〃
7		10/AA		Petta/ Metta	0.24	Nakate Sonu Bai, W/o. Ambabas	Self	〃
8	12/ 1/2	12/A3.	1.18	Petta/ Metta	0.29	Boyar Shashikala, W/o. Dayakar	Self	〃
9		12/AA /4		Petta/ Metta	0.02	Savapuri Vinod S/o.Karna	Self	〃
10		12/A A2 /1/1		Petta/ Metta	0.17	Savapure Baba Rao S/o. Karna	Self	〃
11		12/ AA/1		Petta/ Metta	0.31	Marchetti Nagesh, S/o. Narsing	Self	〃
12	13/2	13/ AA/2	1.18	Petta/ Metta	0.14	Venkar Buddha Prakash S/o.Vitoba	Self	〃
13		13/ AA/3.		Petta/ Metta	0.14	Venkar Naresh S/o. Vitoba	Self	〃
14		13/ AA/1		Petta/ Metta	0.29	Venkar Lakshmi Bai W/o. Vitoba	Self	〃
15		13 /A1.		Petta/ Metta	0.01	Boyar Kavishwar S/o. Bapu Rao	Self	〃
16	14/2	14/A	1.00	Petta/ Metta	1.00	Bhagat, S/o.Chinya	Self	〃
17	18/2	18/E/2	1.35	Petta/ Metta	0.37	Boyar Rasika, W/o. Surender	Self	〃
18		18/E/1		Petta/ Metta	0.38	Boyar Anita Bai, W/o. Kavishwar	Self	〃
19	19/2	19/AA	0.19 0.07	Petta/ Metta	0.28	Rautu Srinivas, S/o.Nago Rao	Self	〃
20		19/1	1.05 1.31	Petta/ Metta	1.03	Satta Srinivas S/o. Rajanna	Self	〃
		Total			**11.02**			
2- Lekhar Wada Village - Bhoraj Mandal (DL-17, 11, Minor)								
1	60/2	60/A2	1.20	Petta/ Metta	0.15	Bingi Lasum, W/o. Chinnaji	Self	〃
2		60/A/1		Petta/ Metta	0.20	Masedu Lakshmi, W/o.Pothanna	Self	〃
3		60/EE /1/1		Petta/ Metta	0.25	Tallala Bhununna D/o.Kashanna	Self	〃
4	62/2	62/EE 3/1	1.06	Petta/ Metta	0.01	Tara Ganganna, S/o. Nadipenna	Self	〃
5		62/A /2		Petta/ Metta	0.23	Bera Dilip Kumar, S/o. Sukundi	Self	〃
6		62/E		Petta/ Metta	0.18	Arigela Radha, W/o. Bhumanna	Self	〃
7		62/A /1		Petta/ Metta	0.04	Tara Parameshwari, W/o. Venkati	Self	〃
8	63/2	63/A /1	1.01	Petta/ Metta	0.17	Sarsan Ashok Reddy S/o. LaxmmaReddy	Self	〃
9		63/A /2		Petta/ Metta	0.24	Sarsan Shailaja W/o. Deelip Reddy	Self	〃
10	64/2	64/A2	0.05	Petta/ Metta	0.05	Routh Gulab S/o. Keshav Rao	Self	〃
11	65/2	65	0.18	Petta/ Metta	0.06	Sarsan Subhash Reddy S/o. Narsing	Self	〃
12		65/A1		Petta/ Metta	0.06	Sarsan Narotham Reddy S/o. Narsing	Self	〃
13		65/A2		Petta/ Metta	0.06	Sarsan Kishan Reddy S/o. Narsing	Self	〃
14	66/2	66/E1	0.39	Petta/ Metta	0.39	Gummula Sunil S/o. S/o. Narsing Rao	Self	〃
15	67/2	67/A	1.02	Petta/ Metta	0.14	Sarsan Subhash Reddy S/o. Narsing Rao	Self	〃
16		67/A2		Petta/ Metta	0.14	Sarsan Narotham Reddy S/o. Narsing Rao	Self	〃
17				Petta/ Metta	0.14	Sarsan Kishan Reddy S/o. Narsing Rao	Self	〃
18	68/2	68/A1 /2	1.20	Petta/ Metta	0.36	Routh Parameshwar S/o. Tej Rao	Self	〃
19		68/A3		Petta/ Metta	0.15	Routh Bhagwandlu, S/o. Vittu	Self	〃
20		68/AA2		Petta/ Metta	0.05	Routh Santosh, S/o.Ramdev	Self	〃
21		68/AA1		Petta/ Metta	0.04	Routh Vijay, S/o.Ramdev	Self	〃
22	69/2	69/A1	0.07	Petta/ Metta	0.07	Shakamolla Vitoba, S/o. Dukkanna	Self	〃
23	70/2	70/A2	1.12	Petta/ Metta	0.16	Katpelli Padma Reddy, W/o. Bhuma Reddy	Self	〃
24		70/AA1		Petta/ Metta	0.36	Arigela Gajaram, S/o. Ganganna	Self	〃
25	79/2	70/AA	1.17	Petta/ Metta	0.30	Tallela Hemalatha D/o. Das	Self	〃
26		79/E1		Petta/ Metta	0.27	Allela Chandrayya S/o. Ashanna	Self	〃
27	80/2	80/E	1.17	Petta/ Metta	0.29	Arigela Bhojanna, S/o. Bhumanna	Self	〃
28		80/EE1		Petta/ Metta	0.28	Arigela Ramulu, S/o. Pothanna	Self	〃
29	81/2	81/A	0.32	Petta/ Metta	0.13	SK. Babu, S/o. Gafoor	Self	〃
30		81/AA1		Petta/ Metta	0.19	Shaik Ibrahim Tandrati Hussain	Self	〃
31	82/2	82/E2	0.32	Petta/ Metta	0.32	Chedala Srinivas, S/o.Narayana	Self	〃
			13.31		**13.31**			
3-Pendal vada Village- Bhoraj Mandal (DL-17, 11 miles)								
1	40/ 2/2	40/I	0.05	Petta/ Metta	0.05	Sama Chandrabagha, W/o. Ramesh Reddy	Self	〃
2	46/ 2	40/I	0.33	Petta/ Metta	0.33	Sama Kishta Reddy S/o. Kishtanna	Self	〃
3	47/2	47/E1	1.37	Petta/ Metta	0.20	Sama Lamha W/o. Girish Reddy	Self	No
4		47/A		Petta/ Metta	0.18	Sama Rama Reddy, S/o. Ganga Reddy	Self	〃
5		47/AA		Petta/ Metta	0.17	Podukuni Mounika Reddy, W/o. Podukuri Hari Nivas Reddy	Self	〃
6		47/E		Petta/ Metta	0.22	Sama Ashok Reddy, S/o. Dasharath Reddy	Self	〃
7	48/2	48/AA	1.17	Petta/ Metta	0.25	Beera Sudarshan Reddy,S/o. Ganga Reddy	Self	〃
8		48/A		Petta/ Metta	0.32	Beera Vandana, W/o. Prashanth	Self	〃
9	49/2	49/A	0.05	Petta/ Metta	0.05	Samirukka Reddy, S/o. Kishtanna	Self	〃
10	61/2	61/A/1	1.00	Petta/ Metta	1.00	Nagpur Vittal, S/o.Nago	Self	〃
11		61/A/2	0.37	Petta/ Metta	0.37	Nagapu Geetha, W/o. Sudarshan	Self	〃
12	71/2	71/E	1.34	Petta/ Metta	0.13	Addivar Shinit Reddy, S/o. Vishwanath	Self	〃
13		71/A		Petta/ Metta	0.23	Takkuri Ramesh, S/o.Narayana	Self	〃
14		71/A2		Petta/ Metta	0.38	Takkuri Suresh S/o. Narayana	Self	〃
15	73/2	73/A	0.31	Petta/ Metta	0.31	Pattipu Roopa W/o. Yadav	Self	〃
16	75/2	75/E	0.29	Petta/ Metta	0.15	Vangar Laxman, S/o. Pochiram (family dispute, court case)	Vangar Ashok S/o. Vangar Laxman,	〃
17				Petta/ Metta	0.14		Vangar Madhukar S/o. Laxman	〃
18	80/2	80/A	2.03	Petta/ Metta	0.02	Kyatham Ganapath Reddy, S/o. Ganga Reddy	Self	
19		80/ A1/2		Petta/ Metta	0.12	Bolli Vilas, S/o. Hanmandlu	Self	No
20		80/A2		Petta/ Metta	0.24	Vaidya Chhaya, W/o. Prabhakar	Self	No
21		80/A		Petta/ Metta	0.07	Sunkari Kontha Bai W/o. Bhumanna	Self	No
22		80/E		Petta/ Metta	0.38	Rodda Ganganna, S/o. Chinnayya	Self	No
23	83/ 2	83/ E/1	1.05	Petta/ Metta	1.05	Kethireddy Madhusudhan Reddy, S/o. Bapu Reddy	Self	No
24	84/2	84/A	1.07	Petta/ Metta	0.14	Soma Deva Reddy, S/o. Linga Reddy	Self	No
25		84/A/1		Petta/ Metta	0.14	Soma Ladi Reddy, S/o. Lasma Reddy	Self	No
26		84/E		Petta/ Metta	0.19	Jogu Anjaneyulu, S/o.Gangadarayya	Self	No
27	85/2	85/A	0.23	Petta/ Metta	0.19	Takkari Gangamma W/o.Ramesh	Self	No
28	87/2	87/A	0.34	Petta/ Metta	0.19	Vankade Arvind, S/o. Kabir	Self	No
29	88/2	88/A	0.34	Petta/ Metta	0.19	Singidi Hanmandlu, S/o. Kishtu	Self	No
30	89/2	89/E	0.36	Petta/ Metta	0.19	Borkar Jagannath, S/o. Tapu Ram	Self	No
			17.10		**17.10**		ok	
4- Deepaiguda village, Jainath Mandal (DL-17, 14R)								
1	104/1 /2	104/A2 /1	1.22	Petta/ Metta	0.041/2	SK. Ramzan, S/o. Phlak Haider	Self	No
2		104/AA		Petta/ Metta	0.381/2	Badal Venkat Reddy, S/o. Linga Reddy	Self	No
3		104/E /1		Petta/ Metta	0.13	Loka Pramod Reddy, S/o. Ram Reddy	Self	No
4	106 /2	104/E /2	1.27	Petta/ Metta	0.06	Loka Harikanth, S/o. Aa Reddy	Self	No
5		106/A /1		Petta/ Metta	0.141/2	Loka Harikanth, S/o. Asha Reddy	Self	No
6		106/A		Petta/ Metta	0.011/2	Katpelli Vaman, S/o. Rojanna	Self	No
7		106/E		Petta/ Metta	0.19	Loka Sachin Reddy, S/o.Ramchander Reddy	Self	No
8		106/ EE		Petta/ Metta	0.32	Sama Vijaya Bai, W/o.Bapu Rao	Self	No
9	107 /2	107/ AA	0.16	Petta/ Metta	0.16	Gummadi Lakshmi Bai, W/o. Bapu Rao	Self	No
10	108 /2	108/A 3	3.13	Petta/ Metta	0.291/2	Bhasa Bhumanna, S/o.Devanna	Self	No
11		108/A 2		Petta/ Metta	0.291/2	Bhasa Praveen, S/o. Bhumanna	Self	BORE WELL
12		108/ AA		Petta/ Metta	0.171/2	Pundru Sairam, S/o. Ramesh Reddy	Self	No
13		108/AA 1		Petta/ Metta	0.171/2	Pundru Susheela Bai, W/o. Bapu Rao	Self	No
14		108/U3 /1		Petta/ Metta	0.16	Pundru Sudesh Reddy, S/o. Ganga Reddy	Self	No
15		108/U2		Petta/ Metta	0.19	Elal Chandra Bai W/o.Ganga Reddy	Self	No
16		108/U		Petta/ Metta	0.04	Alluri Narayana Reddy S/o.Bheemdu	Self	No
17	109/2	109/A	0.37	Petta/ Metta	0.37	Alluri Narayana Reddy S/o. Bheemdu	Self	No
18	113/2	113/E/ 2/1	0.01/4	Petta/ Metta	0.01/4	Loka Venkat Reddy S/o. Kishta Reddy	Self	No
19	126/2	126/E	0.01	Petta/ Metta	0.01	Mara Vimala W/o. Ram Reddy	Self	No
			7.361/4		**7.361/4**	**7.361/4 (-00.02=7.36 1/4)**		
5- Kouta Village Jainadh Mandal (15R, Minor DL-7)								
1	63/2	63/A3	0.35	Petta/ Metta	0.16	Pundru Rakesh Reddy S/o. Venkat Reddy	Self	Borewell /motor
2	63/2	63/E		Petta/ Metta	0.19	Munigela Srinivas S/o. Vittal	Self	No
3	64/2	64/D1 /1	0.07	Petta/ Metta	0.07	Loka Bhaskar Reddy, S/o. Kista Reddy	Self	No
		Total	**1.02**		**1.02**			
6- Deepaiguda Village Jainadh Mandal (15R, Minor DL-7)								
1	118/2	118/2	0.39	Petta/ Metta	0.39	Sama Prathi Bai, W/o. Ganga Reddy	Self	No
2	120/2	120/A1	1.10	Petta/ Metta	0.13	Kova Mohan, S/o.Hasina	Self	No
3		120/A2		Petta/ Metta	0.10	Kova Bapu Rao, S/o. Tukaram	Self	No
4		120/A3		Petta/ Metta	0.09	Kova Istari, S/o. Tukaram	Self	No
5		120/ AA1		Petta/ Metta	0.18	Kova Kantha W/o. Omprakash	Self	No
6	121/2	21/AA	1.10	Petta/ Metta	1.05	Nalla Asha Reddy, S/o. Banganna	Self	No
7		21/AA		Petta/ Metta	1.05	Nalla Parameshwari Bai, W/o. Sudarshan	Self	No
8	123/2	21/AA	0.03	Petta/ Metta	0.03	Alshetti Swami, S/o. Dasharath	Self	No
	Total		**3.22**		**3.22**	**(3.24 (-)0.02=3.22)**		
7- Kurai Village Jainadh Mandal (DL-17,33L Minor)								
1	29/ 1/2	49/1A	1.34	Petta/ Metta	0.15	Thippireddy Shwetha, W/o. Arvind Reddy	Self	No
2		49/2A /1/1		Petta/ Metta	0.25	Thippireddy Manjula, W/o. Venkat Reddy	Self	5- Pole & Fincing Wire
3		49/B3		Petta/ Metta	0.34	L.T. Muresh Reddy, S/o.Keshav Reddy	Self	5- inch Pipes 54- Fits
4	30/2	30/A1	1.06	Petta/ Metta	0.09	Sama Venkat Reddy S/o. Kista Reddy	Self	No
5		30/1B		Petta/ Metta	0.37	Bhasa Gangamma, W/o. Bhumanna	Self	No
6	31/2/ 2	31/1/A	1.12	Petta/ Metta	0.34	Mekala Srinivas, S/o. Pedda Bhumanna	Self	No
7		31/B/1		Petta/ Metta	0.18	Chitla Bhuma Reddy, S/o. Lasma Reddy	Self	No
8	32/2	32/A/1	1.09	Petta/ Metta	0.20	Addi Venkat Reddy, S/o. Gangareddy	Self	No
9		32/A		Petta/ Metta	0.29	Mekala Venkanna, S/o.Nadipi Bhumanna	Self	No
10		33/2A/1		Petta/ Metta	0.04	Baddam Venkatamma, W/o. Potha Reddy	Self	No
11	32/2	33/1A/1	0.14	Petta/ Metta	0.10	Mekala Pedda Bhumanna S/o. Ramulu	Self	No
			5.35		**5.35**			
8- Karanji Village Jainadh Mandal (33L Minor DL 17)								
1	26/2	26/E	1.28	Petta/ Metta	1.28	LT Mushesh Reddy S/o. Keshava	Self	No
2	34/2	34	0.03	Petta/ Metta	0.03	Bhasa Narayana, S/o. Devanna	Self	〃
			1.31		**1.31**	**(1.33 (-)0.02=1.31)**	Self	〃
9- Kurai village, Jainath Mandal (33L Minor DL-17)								
1	35/ 1/2	35/B	0.16	Petta/ Metta	0.15	Chandra Bhaga Bai, S/o. Venkat Reddy	Self	〃
2		35/1A	0.16	Petta/ Metta	0.01	Gangadhar Reddy S/o. Ramreddy	Self	〃
			0.16		**0.16**			
			62.27 1/4		62.27 1/4			

Following an examination of the objections raised regarding the acquisition process under Section 15 (of Central Act 30/2013), this declaration is hereby issued. A total area of 62 acres and 27 guntas has been identified for acquisition across the following villages in the Jainath Mandal of Adilabad District: 1. Savapur, 2. Lekarwadi, 3. Pindalwada, 4. Deepaiguda, 5. Kota, 6. Deepaiguda, 7. Kurai, 8. Karandi, and 9. Kurai.In accordance with Section 16 of the Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2013, and based on requests submitted by the administrative officials under the supervision of the Project Administrator for the Inter-State Lower Penganga Project, Adilabad, a socio-economic survey has been conducted for the project-affected families whose lands have been included in the project.

It is also specified who is not eligible to receive the Rehabilitation and Resettlement (R&R) package.

The plan for the lands proposed for acquisition, as mentioned above, is available for inspection at the offices of the District Collector, Adilabad, or the Revenue Divisional Officer, Adilabad, on any working day during office hours.

Sd/-
Revenue Divisional Officer and Land Acquisition Officer, Adilabad

Sd/-
Additional Collector, Adilabad

Sd/-
District Collector, Adilabad

DIPR.RO. NO. 1124/LA/PP/ADVT/PUB/2026-27

THE GAYATRI CO-OPERATIVE URBAN BANK LTD.,
MOTHKUR BRANCH, MOTHKUR
DIST: YADADRI BHONGIR, TELANGANA STATE

POSSESSION NOTICE (RULE 8 (i))
(FOR IMMOVABLE PROPERTY)

Whereas, the undersigned being the authorized officer of The Gayatri Co-Operative Urban Bank Ltd., Mothkur Branch under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act (Act 54 of 2002), and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13 (2) of the said Act read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, The Gayatri Co-Operative Urban Bank Ltd., Mothkur Branch issued a demand notice dated 25-09-2025 calling upon the borrowers **1.** Sri Pulipalupula, S/o Mallesh, **2.** Sri Pulipalupula Bhasamma, W/o Mallesh, both are R/o H. No. 5-65/1, Bhongir Road, Mothkur town, Yadadri Bhongir District, **3.** Pulipalupula Sunil, S/o Mallesh, R/o H. No. 1-13/11, Sai Nagar Colony, Valigonda Town, Yadadri Bhongir District, **4.** Pulipalupula Lenin, S/o Mallesh, **5.** Pulipalupula Anil, S/o Mallesh, both are R/o H. No. 5-65/1, Bhongir Road, Mothkur town, Yadadri Bhongir District, **6.** Smt Danthuri Pragna, W/o Sunil Pulipalupula, R/o H. No. 1-13/11, Sai Nagar Colony, Valigonda town, Yadadri Bhongir District to repay the amounts mentioned in the notice being **1.** Rs. 6,40,580/- (Rupees Six Lakh Forty Thousand Five Hundred and Eighty Only), **2.** Rs. 4,95,953.66 (Rupees Four Lakh Ninety Five Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty Three and Sixty Six Paise Only), **3.** Rs. 6,51,768/- (Rupees Six Lakh Fifty One Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty Eight Only), **4.** Rs. 7,47,381/- (Rupees Seven Lakh Forty Seven Thousand Three Hundred and Eighty One Only), **5.** Rs. 2,05,252.70 (Rupees Two Lakh Five Thousand Two Hundred Fifty Two and Seventy Paise Only), **6.** Rs. 2,46,355/- (Rupees Two Lakh Forty Six Thousand Three Hundred and Fifty Five Only), **7.** Rs. 4,88,988.82 (Rupees Four Lakh Eighty Eight Thousand Nine Hundred Eighty Eight and Eighty Two Paise Only), Aggregate outstanding is Rs. 34,76,279.18 (Rupees Thirty Four Lakh Seventy Six Thousand Two Hundred Seventy Nine and Eighteen Paise Only) with interest thereon from 26-09-2025 and incidental expenditure, costs, etc., within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers / guarantor and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Act under section 13 (4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said Act on this 06th day of November the year 2026.

The borrowers / guarantor in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of The Gayatri Co-Operative Urban Bank Ltd., Mothkur Branch for an aggregate amount of Rs. 34,76,279.18 (Rupees Thirty Four Lakh Seventy Six Thousand Two Hundred Seventy Nine and Eighteen Paise Only) with interest thereon from 26-09-2025 and incidental expenditure, costs, etc.,

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

All that RCC Residential H. No. 5-84, RCC roof, Ground Floor plinth area of 750 SFT, First Floor Plinth area of 750 SFT, in Survey No. 608, Block No. 5, covered by an area of 183.00 Sq. Yards or 150.50 Sq. Meters, Situated at Mothkur Village & Mandal, Yadadri Bhongir District, Standing in the name of Sri Pulipalupula Mallesh, S/o Sathaiah.

BOUNDARIES

North: Mothkur to Rayagiri Road, **South:** Plot of B. Narsi Reddy.
East: Plot of Beesu Srinivas, **West:** Plot of P. Pichi Reddy.

Place: Mothkur
Date: 06-11-2026.

Sd/- Authorized Officer
The Gayatri Co-Operative Urban Bank Ltd., Mothkur Branch

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

NORTHERN POWER DISTRIBUTION COMPANY OF TELANGANA LIMITED
CORPORATE IDENTITY NUMBER: U40109TG2000SGC034119

SHORT TENDER NOTICE No. 02/2026-27 OF SE/OP/HNK

Sealed tenders are invited from TGNPDCL registered contractors of Warangal District (Erstwhile) Proposal for Renovation of Sub-Station by re-construction of damaged compound wall, Imperious coat on the control room slab, Repairs to the toilet, painting and other civil works to the 33/11KV Peddammagadda SS in Naimnagar sub-division, Construction of three (3) roomed building in 1st floor with RCC roof slab, columns and beams for section office cum control room at 33/11 KV Gopalpur SS in Naimnagar sub-division, Proposal for Construction of cable trench and spreading of 20mm metal in the switch yard at 33/11 KV KUC-SS, Construction of store room shed with pre-painted Galvalume trapezoidal profile roofing sheets at Machilibazar Section office in Hanumakonda Sub division and Proposal for Construction of two open sheds with pre-painted Galvalume MS roof sheets for stocking of material and replacing of roof sheets on meter sealing shed in District Stores, Hanumkonda of Hanumakonda circle. The details of the works and other information can be obtained from our website **www.tgnpdcl.com**

Sd/- Superintending Engineer Operation Circle, Hanumakonda

SHORT TENDER NOTICE NO-13/2026-27 OF DE/OP/BHADRACHALAM WITH SPECIFICATION NOS -01/2026-27

Sealed tenders are invited from TGNPDCL registered contractors of Bhadradri Kothagudem District for fixing of agency estimate for execution of works in Dummugudem section of Operation Division Bhadrachalam. The Details of works and other information can be obtained from our website ***www.TGNPDCL.in***

Sd/- Divisional Engineer, Operation, TGNPDCL, Bhadrachalam

DIPR R.O. No. 13514-PP/CL/ADVT/1/2026-27, Dt: 11.11.26

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WINDOWS



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.



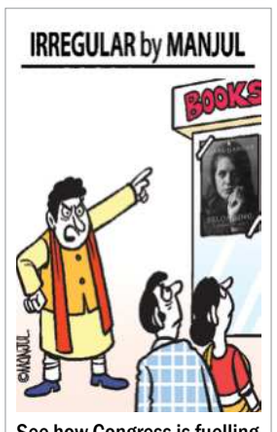
Mother Dairy, Amul hike milk prices by Rs 2-4 per litre

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 P9

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.



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

TG to replace Intermediate system with 10+2 structure

Primary (nursery to 4th grade), secondary (5th to 8th) and 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) 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, 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 amond 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. 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.

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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 the 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 will visit Andhra Pradesh and Maharashtra, but not Telangana. There are eight MLAs and eight MPs of BJP in Telangana but they are doing nothing for the state. They have become 'ashta grahalu'. Cont'd on Page 5



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 4 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 5

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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No flights will shift from Mumbai to NMIA: Fadnavis

MUMBAI: Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis has opposed the plan to move international flights from Mumbai's Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport (CSMIA) to Navi Mumbai International Airport (NMIA), saying no flights should be shifted out of Mumbai. Reports on Wednesday, November 11, said he has written to the Union Civil Aviation Minister and suggested a different way to rebuild the Mumbai airport's ageing Terminal 1. His stand comes less than a week after the Mumbai airport operator left 12 foreign airlines without slots for the summer 2027 season, a decision that would push their flights to Navi Mumbai. Terminal 1 opened in 1964 and handles about 15 million passengers a year. Under the current plan, demolition is set to begin in April 2027, with the whole terminal brought down by March 2028 and a new terminal for 20 million passengers a year built in its place.

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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NMC allocated 480 Indiramma Tower houses

MAYOR THANKS CM REVANTH REDDY AND MINISTER KOMATIREDDY





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NALGONDA

GOOD news for the people who do not have their own house as government has sanctioned 480 houses under the Indiramma Towers housing scheme to the Nalgonda Municipal Corporation. Expressing happiness, City Mayor Burri Chaitanya Srinivas Reddy welcomed the government's decision. On behalf of the people of Nalgonda, the Mayor extended special thanks to Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy and Roads and Buildings Minister Komatireddy Venkat Reddy for approving the housing units.

She said the primary objective of the Indiramma Towers scheme was to fulfill the dream of owning a house for poor and economically weaker families who do not have homes of their own. The scheme would greatly benefit eligible poor families in Nalgonda town.

The Mayor revealed that the government had fixed the construction cost of each house at Rs 8.50 lakh and approved a subsidy of Rs 5 lakh for eligible beneficiaries. She further stated that the Congress government was committed to public welfare and was working towards the overall development of Nalgonda town while ensuring that the housing dreams of underprivileged families become a reality.

Uttam: BRS exploiting farmers' concerns over water scarcity

Irrigation Minister N Uttam Kumar Reddy accuses Opposition of spreading false propaganda that Krishna and Godavari waters are being diverted to Andhra Pradesh

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KODAD / HUZURNAGAR

IRRIGATION Minister N Uttam Kumar Reddy accused BRS leaders of spreading false propaganda that Krishna and Godavari waters meant for Telangana were being diverted to Andhra Pradesh. He alleged that the opposition was exploiting farmers' concerns over possible water scarcity due to the El Niño effect for political gain.

During his visit to Suryapet district on Wednesday, the Minister inspected lift irrigation projects and the Young India Integrated Residential School construction. He claimed Telangana had utilised more Krishna and Godavari water under the Congress government than during the previous BRS regime. He said the government had paid nearly Rs. 90,000 crore to farmers through paddy procurement and introduced a Rs. 500 per quintal bonus for fine-variety paddy.



Uttam announced that the long-pending Janpahad Lift Irrigation Scheme would be commissioned by January 31, providing Krishna water to 10,000 acres across 15 villages. He directed officials to complete the pump house by December-end and the power substation by January-end, warning of strict action against delays. Six local tanks will also be filled under the project.

Considering possible water shortages during the coming Rabi season, he urged farmers to cultivate less water-intensive crops and assured adequate drinking water and food grain supplies.

VASUDHA FOUNDATION EXTENDS RS 10,000 FINANCIAL AID TO AILING WOMAN



Vasudha Foundation has extended financial assistance of Rs 10,000 to a poor woman suffering from illness to meet her medical expenses in Bhadrachalam. On Wednesday, a cheque for Rs 10,000 was handed over to her husband Madugula Satyanarayana through Bhadrachalam DSP Arun Kumar for her medical treatment.

Speed up investigation of pending cases: SP

HANS NEWS SERVICE
NARAYANPET

SP Vineeth directed police officers to expedite the investigation of pending cases and focus on effective crime prevention. He also stressed the need to strengthen the CCTV surveillance network by ensuring the installation of at least four cameras in every village.

The SP conducted a monthly crime review meeting with district police officers here on Wednesday. During the meeting, he reviewed the crime situation, pending cases,



investigation progress, court-related matters and maintenance of law and order. He issued several instructions to officers to improve policing and ensure speedy justice to victims.

Megha Reddy initiates irrigation water supply from Edula reservoir



WANAPARTHY
HANS NEWS SERVICE

BRINGING life to local tanks—MLA Tudi Megha Reddy on Wednesday initiated the supply of irrigation water from the Edula reservoir, via the D-5 canal, to tanks in Edula and Ananthapuram villages, with a promise "I will repay the debt I owe to people who voted for me."

He assured "my goal is to ensure irrigation water reaches every single acre. I will work for farmers like a dedicated head labourer; their interests are my top priority."

The MLA pledged to remain accessible to farmers at all times, stating that he would serve them like a dedicated "chief servant." He noted that while the El Niño phenomenon is causing drought-like conditions globally, no such situation exists in Telangana, specifically in the Wanaparthy region.

He took a jab at BRS leaders, remarking that they are indeed facing a "drought"—specifically, the absence of opportunities to collect commissions as they once did—which is the true reason for their current frustration. Reddy advised against spreading false propaganda that creates panic among the public by claiming a drought has arrived.

Farmers and residents expressed immense joy and gratitude to the MLA. He instructed irrigation officials to supply water to the villages through the canals. He criticised the previous administration, noting that although it boasted about 'adopting' Edula, failed to bring any significant development, save for the establishment of a single bank. Its leaders had made promises to farmers, pledging comprehensive development for villages in exchange for the reservoir, only to ultimately leave people disappointed.

He questioned why the BRS, during its tenure, failed to provide Rs. 25 lakh in compensation to farmers affected by the Edula reservoir project.

The MLA asserted if anyone wishes to file politically-motivated cases against him, they should start with him.

Market yard president Venkatesh, vice-president Satyasheela Reddy, mandal party president Sukhender Reddy, joint Gopalpeta mandal YC president Janakiramulu, spokesperson Kolla Venkatesh, sarpanch Parushuram, leaders, activists, farmers and villagers attended.

Spent Rs 1 lakh crore on development of Palamuru: Yennam

HANS NEWS SERVICE
MAHABUBNAGAR

GOVERNMENT Whip and MLA Yennam Srinivas Reddy said that the Congress government had spent Rs 1 lakh crore on various development works across the erstwhile Mahabubnagar district in the last two years.

Addressing the media at his camp office in Mahabubnagar, he alleged that the previous BRS government had neglected the development of Palamuru during its ten-year rule and failed to protect the water rights of the region.

Questioning the diversion of Jurala water towards Srisailam without



utilising it for the benefit of the local population, he demanded that the Palamuru region be given top priority in the utilisation of Krishna waters.

He reiterated that the demand of the Telangana government was for its rightful share of 558 TMC of Krishna water.

The MLA said the government was committed to providing irrigation facilities to Makthal, Narayanpet and Kodangal constituencies.

The foundation stone had been laid for the Makthal–Narayanpet–Kodangal Lift Irrigation Scheme to bring water to these drought-prone areas.

Krishna elected Munnuru Kapu Assn district president

HANS NEWS SERVICE
KHAMMAM

RJC Krishna (Gundala Krishna) has been elected president of the Khammam district committee of the Telangana Munnuru Kapu Welfare Association, while Bachu Vijay Kumar has been elected district secretary.

The new committee was elected at a meeting held at the Munnuru Kapu Boys' Hostel on Wednesday, attended by prominent community leaders and JAC representatives.

Speaking on the occasion, RJC Krishna thanked the association leaders for entrusting him with the responsibility. He said the committee would work for the welfare and overall development of the Munnuru Kapu community, focusing on education, employment and social advancement.



11.6 kg ganja seized; two held



HANS NEWS SERVICE
BHADRACHALAM

EXCISE Enforcement officials seized 11.6 kg of dry ganja during vehicle checks near a sand reach on the Kunavaram – Bhadrachalam road on Wednesday. Two persons were apprehended in connection with the seizure.

The team, led by Excise Enforcement Sub-Inspector CH Srihari Rao, intercepted a suspicious Pulsar NS 200 motorcycle during vehicle checks and recovered 11.6 kg of dry ganja from it.

The accused were identified as Kalva Venkatesh and Koduru Suresh, both residents of Bharat Nagar in Siddipet district. They were allegedly transporting the ganja from Malkangiri to Siddipet when they were intercepted.

The seized ganja, motorcycle and mobile phone were handed over to the Bhadrachalam Excise Station for further investigation.

Singireddy leads protest for KLI, Jurala water to farmers

WANAPARTHY
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FORMER minister Singireddy Niranjan Reddy, accompanied by former MLAs Ala Venkateswar Reddy and Beeram Harshavardhan Reddy, on Wednesday led a flash protest at the Irrigation CE's office, demanding water from the KLI scheme and Jurala to support farmers. A representation was submitted to Deputy CE Venkat Reddy.

Singireddy criticised the government as 'incompetent' that fails to provide water despite having the means to do so. He said in just three years, CM Revanth has turned Palamuru into a drought-stricken district. Under the Congress rule, crops are withering



and transformers are exploding.

Farmers Raghupati Reddy, Indrayya Sagar, Nagi Reddy, Edhanna, Konda Reddy and Sridhar Reddy expressed their deep anguish, highlighting the severe hardships currently faced by the farming community.

Singireddy pointed out that even though 50 tmcft is available at the Srisailam reservoir, the KLI [system remains unutilised], farmers are suffering immensely due to the incompetence of the government, which has failed to keep the Palamuru-Rangareddy Lift Irrigation Scheme pumps running continuously.

He stated that during ex-CM KCR's tenure, streams and tanks were kept overflowing even in peak summer; in contrast, the current administration's incompetence and negligence have allowed "Andhra rulers" to siphon off water. He demanded the KLI scheme pumps be operated without interruption, as not a single drop reached any village in Peddamandadi mandal.

He urged the government to support farmers who have sown dry-land crops under the KLI project by providing them water. Water should be released through the right and left canals of the Jurala project. The Palamuru-Rangareddy lift pumps must be operated to fill the Edula and Karvena reservoirs with 5 tmcft. He demanded removal of three bunds/barriers to ensure water reaches farmers.

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Tummala seeks speedy execution of irrigation projects in Khammam

Minister brings to the notice of Irrigation Minister to 15 important proposals and seeks early approvals, adequate funding and speedy execution of pending works

PV Satyanarayana
Khammam

AGRICULTURE Minister Tummala Nageswara Rao has taken a special initiative to resolve pending irrigation-related issues and expedite development projects in Khammam and Bhadradri Kothagudem districts by holding a crucial meeting with Irrigation Minister N Uttam Kumar Reddy.

During the meeting, Tummala brought 15 important proposals concerning the two districts to the attention of the Irrigation Minister and sought early approvals, adequate funding and speedy execution of pending works. The discussions covered major irrigation projects, flood protection measures, tank restoration, drinking water security and new infrastructure proposals aimed at benefiting farmers and the public.

For Bhadradri Kothagudem district, Tummala sought steps to resume the Seethamma Sagar multipurpose project, whose construction was stalled due to an NGT case.



Agriculture Minister Tummala Nageswara Rao along with Irrigation Minister N Uttam Kumar Reddy speaking in a meeting at Hyderabad on Wednesday

He informed Uttam that environmental clearance proposals had been submitted through EPTRI on November 9 on the PARIVESH portal and requested that the clearance process be expedited.

He also stressed the need to speed up the Seetharama Lift Irrigation Scheme, particularly the Julurupadu tunnel works being undertaken by HES Infra and Pump House-4 construction under Package-11.

Other proposals included approval for the Venakamma Cheruvu flood-flow canal to provide water to minor irrigation tanks in Dabbathogu and Asupaka villages, permanent restoration of the damaged Peddavagu project bund and implementation of pressurised piped irrigation networks under Packages 1, 2, 7 and 8 of the Seetharama project.

The meeting also discussed floating solar power projects with energy storage facilities on irrigation reservoirs under the PM Surya Sarovar Yojana, the Marellapadu lift irrigation scheme, increasing the storage capacity of Domalavagu tank to 0.48 TMC and permanent flood protection measures for Mallepula Vagu and development of Bethupalli tank.

Regarding Khammam constituency, Tummala sought construction of a flood protection wall along the Munneru river up to Dhamsalapuram to protect vulnerable residential areas.

He also requested permission for a guide wall near Tekulapalli bypass along the NSP right main canal. Restoration and beautification of Dhamsalapuram Pedda Cheruvu, Khanapuram Oora Cheruvu and other tanks were among the proposals.

Further, he requested Rs 8 crore for constructing a regulator near Tekulapalli to divert water into Lakkaram tank, strengthening drinking water security for Khammam city.

Responding positively, Uttam Kumar Reddy assured that the 15 proposals would be examined and necessary steps taken in coordination with the concerned departments to resolve pending issues and accelerate project implementation. Tummala emphasised that timely completion of these projects would improve irrigation facilities for farmers, strengthen drinking water resources and provide protection to people in flood-prone areas.



Rs 2 cr addl funds sought for devpt works for Muslims

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Shadnagar

MUSLIM leaders from the town have urged the state government to give greater priority to the welfare of minorities and the development of basic infrastructure in the Shadnagar constituency. They appealed to State Minister Mohammed Azharuddin to sanction an additional Rs 2 crore for development works.

The representatives met the Minister and brought several issues concerning the minority communities in the constituency to his attention.

The modernization of four Urdu Ghar-cum-Shadi Khanas in the constituency was among the key issues raised during the meeting. The leaders pointed out that poor maintenance and the need for repairs had affected the effective use of these buildings. They said that renovating and upgrading these facilities would greatly benefit minority families. They urged the government to release special funds for the renovation of the buildings and the provision of essential infrastructure.

The representatives also appealed to the minister to expedite incomplete works under the Minority Welfare department, improve educational facilities in Urdu schools, and ensure that eligible beneficiaries receive the benefits of government welfare schemes.

Later, the delegation met Telangana State Minority Finance Corporation Chairman Obedullah Khatwal and discussed the development needs of the constituency.

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."

Maulana Abul Kalam Azad's birth anniv celebrated at Nirmal Collectorate

Additional Collectors Rathod Ramesh and Venkata Madhava Rao pay floral tributes to Maulana Azad's portrait



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Khanapur

THE birth anniversary of Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, India's first Education Minister, was celebrated with enthusiasm at the Collectorate Conference Hall in Nirmal on Wednesday. Additional Collectors Rathod Ramesh and Venkata Madhava Rao participated in the programme and paid floral tributes to Azad's portrait.

Addressing the gathering, the Additional Collectors said that Azad's birth anniversary is observed as National Education Day in recognition of his invaluable contributions to the education sector. They recalled his significant role in India's freedom struggle and his services as the country's first Education Minister after Independence. They highlighted his efforts in introducing educational reforms and strengthening India's education system, describing him as a visionary leader who worked for the spread of education.

DEO Bhojanna, SC Welfare Officer Dayanand, minority community leaders, officials and staff members also attended the programme.

RESPECT. WARMTH. TOGETHERNESS.



DCC president Inagala Venkatram Reddy accorded a warm and cordial welcome to Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka Garu at his residence in Hanumakonda on Wednesday

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. Pitroda said Gandhi's events at Columbia and Chicago are the only formal engagements on the schedule.

TG to replace Intermediate system with 10+2 structure

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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 Council of Higher Education as well as the Vice-Chancellors of the universities to pay special attention to this matter.

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.

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.

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

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Is there no place for Telangana in Modi's heart? 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. When (AP Chief Minister) Chandrababu Naidu was lifting water at Pattiseema, why did Revanth Reddy not switch on the pumps at Kannepalli," he questioned. Reacting to Revanth's comment on his beard, KTR quipped: "Does anyone want to be like Revanth Reddy?"

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. There is also a history of medical breakthroughs being promised on timelines that never materialised. The 1970s 'war on cancer' is one example. Experts warn that such ambitious predictions risk raising public expectations far beyond what science can currently deliver.

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 ₹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.

PROJECTS IN NARAYANPET DISTRICT

HC tells govt to pay Rs 51.35 cr to land losers within 12 weeks

Legal correspondent
Hyderabad

LEGAL NOTES



TELANGANA High Court single bench of Justice Natcharaju Venkata Shravan Kumar on Wednesday directed the State government to clear bills worth Rs. 51.35 crore to land losers within 12 weeks. The land was acquired for various government projects in Narayanpet district. The court described the order as a final opportunity to the State. The Judge heard a batch of six contempt petitions filed by the land losers, including CC 1831/2026 and CC 3599/2026. The petitioners gave their lands for development works. They are still waiting for compensation; sought a direction to the government to pay.

Justice Kumar took strong exception to the absence of Sandeep Kumar Sultania, Principal Secretary (finance). He is the contemnor in the cases; appeared only in virtual mode and not in person. The judge said this reflected the officers' approach to court orders, especially in contempt cases; showed a casual attitude.

"Courts cannot be casual while dealing with contempt cases," the judge observed. This applied all the more to matters concerning compensation to land losers.

Sultania told the court that the State's financial position was precarious; it could not pay compensation at present. He sought six more months to pay. He informed tokens worth Rs. 40,000 crore have been issued.

The court did not accept the plea for more time; it directed the Finance Secretary to clear the bills within 12 weeks; to file a comprehensive additional affidavit giving details of payments made to land losers whose lands were acquired for various government projects. It must state the further time needed to clear the pending bills.

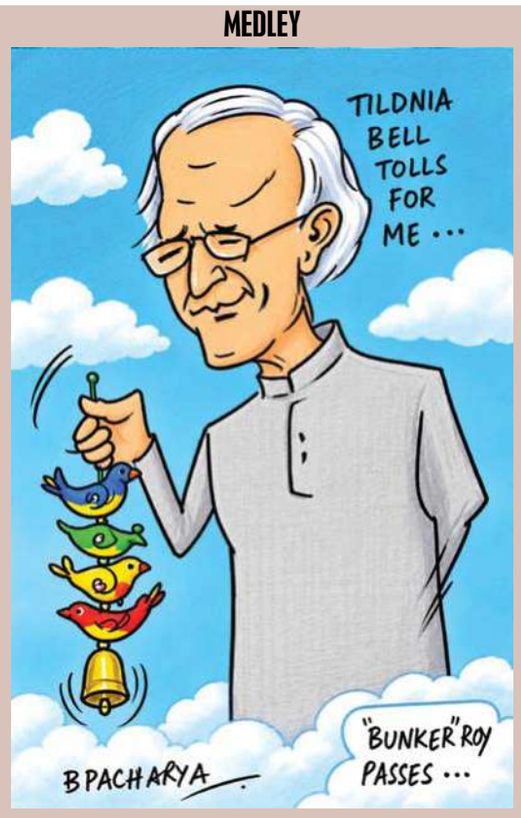
Yogi's comments on voter lists brings SIR back into spotlight

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.

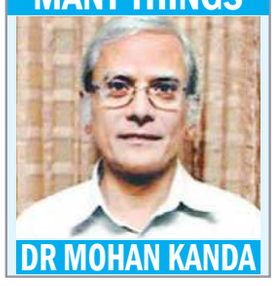
The Chief Minister's latest remarks may well be an indication that he is no longer willing to remain within the political straitjacket imposed by the party's central leadership. Whether this is a calculated attempt to assert his political autonomy or a reflection of genuine differences over the conduct 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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Eureka! Accidental discoveries shaping the world

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.

A sensational event took place in 1492, when Italian explorer Christopher Columbus set sail westward from Spain with the explicit intent of establishing a direct spice trade route to Asia. Instead of reaching the East Indies, he accidentally made landfall in the Caribbean. This monumental navigation error opened a massive geographic reality, in the shape of the discovery of the Americas, which Europeans did not know existed, forever changing the global map.

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.

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.

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.

(The writer is a former OSD to the Union Civil Aviation Minister)

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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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.

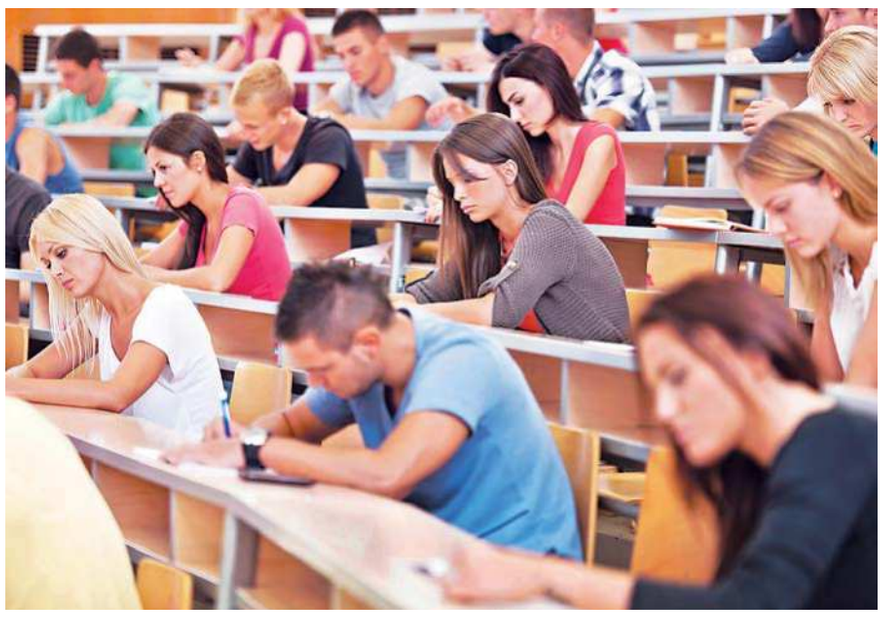
When asked what would matter most for their careers, 89% selected skills, 79% industry networks and 68% portfolios. These priorities are closely connected. Students want to develop capabilities, learn from professionals and build work that demonstrates what they can achieve. They are asking universities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





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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Solution to November 11

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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.



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Sports Nation

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 frontline 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

APARAJITA UPADHYAY
BUDAPEST

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.

CM seeks UAE, Japanese investments in food processing, critical minerals, energy sectors

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Visakhapatnam

ELABORATING on the vast investment opportunities available in Andhra Pradesh and the State's potential in food processing sector, Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu invited several industrialists and company representatives from Dubai and UAE to invest in AP, particularly in food processing.

UAE Minister of Economy and Tourism Abdulla bin Touq Al Marri, who arrived in Visakhapatnam to participate in CII Partnership Summit, met Chief Minister Naidu on the eve of CII Partnership Summit in Visakhapatnam.

During meeting, the CM explained that the State is developing Rayalaseema into a global horticulture hub with an investment of Rs 1 lakh crore. He called upon Silal, a leading UAE-based agri food company, to participate in the food cluster proposed to be established by the UAE.

Chandrababu Naidu highlighted that Andhra Pradesh offers immense opportunities for investment in agriculture, procurement of agricultural and food products, processing and exports. The proposed grounding of Dubai-based Floormaster Industries in Chittoor district also came up for discussion.

The CM urged the UAE Minister to facilitate an early decision on the proposed food cluster.

The CM also encouraged UAE companies to explore investment opportunities in various sectors, including maritime, aerospace and defence. He assured that Andhra Pradesh is ready to work closely with the UAE to strengthen bilateral economic cooperation. UAE Minister of Economy and Tourism Abdulla bin Touq Al Marri responded that the UAE is keen to invest along India's eastern coast and that Andhra Pradesh would emerge as a key destination for investments from his country.

The UAE delegation also evinced interest in importing shrimp and other aquaculture products from Andhra Pradesh.

Chief Minister Naidu was further informed that another



Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu in discussions with UAE Minister of Economy and Tourism Abdulla bin Touq Al Marri along with other UAE company officials in Visakhapatnam on Wednesday

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12 UAE-based companies were keen to invest in the proposed food cluster in the State. In a separate meeting with Japanese Ambassador Keiichi Ono, Chief Minister Naidu explored cooperation in skill development, critical minerals, steel and green energy. Japanese representatives offered to support industry-oriented training for Andhra Pradesh's youth and sought cooperation in securing rare earth mineral supplies and uninterrupted imports of semi-finished steel for processing at the ArcelorMittal Nippon Steel India plant.

In a meeting with Singapore Minister of State for Foreign Affairs and Energy, Trade and Industry Gan Siow Huang, Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu discussed advancing AP-Singapore partnership, with particular emphasis on Amaravati's integrated township development, digital governance through RTGS, institutional capacity-building, logistics and international trade.

Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu also met World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO) Director General Daren Tang to explore ways to secure international recognition for innovation, research and creativity in Andhra Pradesh and enhance awareness of Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) among startups and entrepreneurs in the State.

The discussions focused on establishing a WIPO–Andhra Pradesh Academy and conducting joint programmes to provide training on Intellectual Property Rights, patents, trademarks, industrial designs and technology protection to students, researchers, startup founders and Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs).

The CM sought WIPO's support in securing Geographical Indication (GI) tags for the State's handloom products, handicrafts and other local products. He also requested assistance in expanding markets for existing GI-tagged products and taking their quality standards and branding to the international level.

Vijaya Sai Reddy launches Parivartan Rajaniti Party

MV Syam Sundar
Vijayawada

FORMER Rajya Sabha member V Vijaya Sai Reddy on Wednesday formally announced the launch of a new political party, named Parivartan Rajaniti Party (PRP), declaring that its primary objective would be to provide an alternative to family-based politics in Andhra Pradesh.

The party's name, flag and agenda were unveiled at a programme held at A-1 Convention Centre in Vijayawada at 11.11 am. Party flag features white and saffron colours, with a Dharma Chakra at its centre. The party will be known by the acronym PRP.

Announcing the party's vision, Vijaya Sai Reddy said it would work towards ending the dominance of family-based politics in the State and provide greater opportunities for young people. He promised that 60 per cent of opportunities in the party would be given to youth and that they would be encouraged to take up leadership responsibilities.

He said development and welfare would form the core of the party's agenda, with particular emphasis on addressing public issues, education, employment, agriculture and the overall development of Andhra Pradesh. Providing free electricity to farmers, increasing water storage capacity and improving people's incomes would be among its key priorities.



V Vijaya Sai Reddy launching a new political - Parivartana Rajaniti Party - in Vijayawada on Wednesday
Photo: Ch Venkata Mastan

Stating that the party would protect the pride and self-respect of Rayalaseema while ensuring balanced development across all regions of the State, he said the PRP would strive to build a political platform focused on public welfare and good governance.

Vijaya Sai Reddy maintained that anyone doing good work should be appreciated, while those committing mistakes must be questioned with evidence, irrespective of their political position. Whether it was himself, Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu or YSRCP president Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy, wrongdoing should be questioned without bias, he said.

Questioning whether Andhra Pradesh should continue to be ruled by just two political families, he clarified that becoming Chief Minister was not his personal ambition. Instead, he said he would identify a capable young leader with the necessary talent, potential and leadership qualities and groom that person to become the Chief Minister.

The launch of PRP is expected to add a new dimension to the political landscape of Andhra Pradesh, with its proposed focus on youth leadership and an alternative to family-centric politics.

Jagan accuses Naidu of 'scam' in medical college privatisation

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Amaravati

YSR Congress Party president YS Jagan Mohan Reddy on Wednesday accused Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu of attempting to hand over government medical colleges to private players under the Public-Private Partnership (PPP) model, alleging that the move amounted to a massive scam involving public assets.

In a post on X, Jagan said his government had established 17 new medical colleges, of which five were opened and another three were made ready to commence classes.

The remaining nine could have been completed by investing Rs 1,000 crore annually, he said, questioning the need for privatisation.

Alleging irregularities in the proposed PPP arrangement, Jagan claimed that government land worth hundreds of crores was being leased for just Rs 100 per acre, while Rs 1,630 crore in public funds would be provided as Viability Gap Funding (VGF).

He also alleged that the government would bear staff salaries for two years, involving an expenditure of around Rs 120 crore per college.

He maintained that colleges were designed as teaching hospitals offering free multispecialty treatment, with half medical seats under convenor quota and remaining seats at fees substantially lower than private institutions.

They would also be linked to area hospitals, CHCs, PHCs and village clinics to strengthen healthcare delivery. Jagan further accused Naidu government of weakening public healthcare system by delaying Aarogyasri payments, allowing medicine shortages, increasing doctor vacancies, stopping Nadu-Nedu hospital works and neglecting village clinics and 108 and 104 ambulance services.

Claiming that one crore people had signed his party's petition opposing the privatisation, he demanded that the government withdraw its decision.

Jagan warned that if YSRCP returned to power, it would initiate legal action against those involved in the deal and would not hesitate to make arrests.

He said his party would continue its campaign against the privatisation of government medical colleges.

Cross-voting, invalid votes mark NDA sweep in Tirupati dist

- Cross-voting evident in Tirupati Rural, with voters favouring different parties in MPTC and ZPTC polls
- Invalid votes outnumbered victory margins in KV Puram and Renigunta ZPTC constituencies
- NDA wins 205 of 302 MPTC seats and 24 of 31 ZPTC seats

Pradeep Vennelakanti
Tirupati

A sweeping victory for the NDA alliance in Tirupati district has not told the entire electoral story.

A constituency-wise analysis of the ZPTC and MPTC results points to cross-voting, sizable NOTA support, invalid ballots exceeding victory margins in some places and a striking urban-rural divide in voter participation. Tirupati Rural mandal recorded a clear instance of cross-voting, with voters appearing to favour different parties in the MPTC and ZPTC elections. In the MPTC polls, the NDA alliance secured 30,617 votes, accounting for 50.6 percent, against 27,590 votes (45.6 percent) polled by the YSR Congress party. The alliance also won 19 MPTC seats in the mandal.



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However, the trend was reversed in the ZPTC election. YSRCP candidate Chevireddy Harshit Reddy secured 41,296 votes (49.5 percent) to defeat NDA alliance candidate Mucheli Dhanalakshmi, who polled 40,733 votes (48.8 percent), by a narrow margin of 563 votes. The contrasting outcomes suggest that a section of voters opted for different parties in the two elections.

Another notable feature was the number of votes polled for NOTA in the MPTC elections. NOTA received 4,641 votes, marginally more than the combined 4,625 votes secured by the Congress and other parties.

Invalid votes also assumed significance in some constituencies, particularly where the winning margins were narrow. In KV Puram, the TDP ZPTC candidate won by 301 votes, while 1,315 votes were declared invalid.

Similarly, in Renigunta, BJP ZPTC candidate secured victory by a margin of 337 votes, against 942 invalid votes.

Polling percentages revealed a marked difference between areas on the outskirts of Tirupati and remote rural mandals. Tirupati Rural recorded some of the lowest polling figures in the district. Avilala-2 MPTC registered just 37.3 percent polling, followed by Gandhipuram at 40.6 percent and Srinivasapuram at 41.7 percent.

In contrast, remote villages witnessed significantly higher voter participation. Graddagunta in Tada mandal recorded the highest polling percentage at 87.4 percent, followed by Sripuram in Dakkili mandal at 86.1 percent and Kasimitta in Narayanavanam mandal at 85.7 percent. At the district level, the NDA alliance secured 3,18,217 votes in the MPTC elections, accounting for 53.4 percent of the total, and won 205 seats.

The YSRCP polled 2,42,799 votes (40.7 percent) and secured 85 seats. Independents received 25,559 votes and won 12 seats.

The alliance maintained its lead in the ZPTC elections as well, securing 3,98,568 votes (52.5 percent) and winning 24 seats. The YSRCP received 3,30,864 votes (43.6 percent) and won six seats. Independents secured one seat with 17,678 votes. Other parties failed to win any seats in either election.

TMC wins National 'Super Swachh League' award

Vani Mallela
Tirupati

BRINGING major honor to Andhra Pradesh, the Tirupati Municipal Corporation has won the prestigious national-level 'Super Swachh League' award in the Swachh Survekshan 2025-26 rankings.

The award was presented by President Droupadi Murmu during a national ceremony held at Vigyan Bhawan in New Delhi on Wednesday. Minister Narayana, Chief Secretary Suresh Kumar, and Tirupati Municipal Corporation Commissioner M Jayakrishna formally received the accolade on behalf of the city administration.

This milestone marks the fourth consecutive year that Tirupati has secured a top-tier national award in the Swachh Survekshan survey, reflecting its sustained excellence in urban sanitation since 2019. Speaking on the occasion, Commissioner M Jayakrishna stated that receiving the honor from the President was a proud and memorable moment for Tirupati. He attributed the achievement to the active cooperation of local residents, the relentless hard work of sanitation workers, and the coordinated efforts of municipal staff.

He urged citizens to maintain their support to keep the temple city clean and green.



President Droupadi Murmu presenting the national 'Super Swachh League' award to Minister Narayana, Chief Secretary Suresh Kumar, and Tirupati Municipal Corporation Commissioner M Jayakrishna at Vigyan Bhawan in New Delhi on Wednesday

The national recognition acknowledged Tirupati's robust performance across multiple urban cleanliness parameters, including 100 percent door-to-door waste collection, efficient public toilet maintenance, advanced solid waste management, reduction of legacy waste at dumping yards, artistic wall beautification, waste-to-wealth conversion, and structured e-waste collection drives.

'Vigilance Awareness Week 2026' organised

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Visakhapatnam

AS part of 'Vigilance Awareness Week 2026,' the Indian Overseas Bank, Regional Office, Visakhapatnam organised a walkathon on Wednesday at VMRDA Central Park to create awareness among the public.

Speaking on the occasion, senior regional manager Ravi Kumar Gupta stressed that every citizen should strive hard for a corruption-free society.

He informed that as cyber frauds are increasing, customers should be aware of the frauds and not share OTPs or credentials with anyone.

Indian Overseas Bank has 79 branches in the Visakhapatnam region and offers all kinds of MSME and AGRI products catering to the needs of all customers, he added. The event highlighted the theme of 'probity for prosperity' and citizen engagement for a corruption-free India.

Rs 81K donated for thalassemia patients

M Srinivasa Rao
Nellore

IN a major boost to healthcare philanthropy, donors have stepped forward to support the Thalassemia care project managed by the Indian Red Cross Society (IRCS) Nellore district branch by contributing Rs 81,000 towards children's medical expenses.

During a program organized at the IRCS office on Wednesday, philanthropist Kota Surendra donated Rs 75,000, while IRCS Secretary P Mastanaiah contributed Rs 6,000 to aid the cause.

The financial assistance will be utilized to procure essential medicines and meet healthcare requirements for children suffering from Thalassemia, a condition requiring regular blood transfusions and continuous medical supervision.



Philanthropists handling over Rs 81,000 cheque to the IRCS members in a programme organised in Nellore on Wednesday

IRCS has been making sustained efforts to deliver improved medical care while mitigating the heavy financial burden placed on affected families. Expressing deep gratitude, IRCS representatives commended Kota Surendra and P. Mastanaiah for their timely generosity, emphasizing that private contributions play a vital role in securing the health and future of underprivileged children.

Man held for illegal ganja possession

TIRUPATI : IN an enforcement drive against drug trafficking, Srikalahasti Rural police arrested a man on Wednesday for possessing and illegally selling ganja near the Akkurthi railway gate in Srikalahasti mandal. Acting on the directives of Tirupati District Superintendent of Police L Subba Rayudu, special police teams have intensified district-wide raids to curb the movement, sale, and consumption of narcotic substances. Based on credible intelligence regarding illegal ganja trade, Srikalahasti Rural Circle Inspector G Ibrahim, along with police and revenue officials, conducted search operations at Akkurthi. During the operation, officers intercepted and arrested Barri Mohan Reddy, a resident of Muchuvolu village. Upon searching the suspect, police recovered approximately 1,100 grams of ganja, along with a mobile phone and a motorcycle used for transport.

Preliminary interrogation revealed that the accused sourced the contraband from a supplier identified as Seenu, based in Chatrapur town, Odisha, and was hawking it to local buyers in the district.

Union Minister dedicates Port Promenade to public

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Visakhapatnam

UNION Minister for Ports, Shipping and Waterways, Sarbananda Sonowal dedicated Port Promenade to public and inaugurated and laid foundation stones for a series of infrastructure and development projects at Visakhapatnam Port Authority (VPA) on Wednesday.

The projects included dedicating Port Promenade to public, upgrading and refurbishing existing Sewage Treatment Plant (STP) from 10 MLD to 15 MLD and operating and maintaining WQ-1 & WQ-1RE, WQ-2 & WQ-3 and EQ-3 terminals under public-private partnership (PPP) model.

The programme was attended by Visakhapatnam MP M Sribharat, Visakhapatnam; Golla Baburao, Member of Parliament (Rajya Sabha); MLAs Ch Vamsi Krishna Srinivas and P Vishnu Kumar Raju, Jasmeet Singh Bindra, Chairperson, Visakhapatnam Port Authority; Roshni A Korati, deputy chairperson, VPA; among others.

Visakhapatnam Port Authority developed Port Promenade near International Cruise Terminal as a pedestrian-friendly waterfront destination, offering citizens and visitors a unique opportunity to experience the harbour, watch ship movements and witness port operations from a safe and designated viewing area.



Union Minister Sarbananda Sonowal, MPs and MLAs and VPA officials at the launch of Port Promenade at the port in Visakhapatnam on Wednesday

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*

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

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