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21-08-2026
Total pilgrims : 78,057
Tonsures : 33,406
Hanul kamukha : 4,15 CR
Ladies shal : 4,62 Lac
Annaprasadam : 2,40 Lac
Ammi bhogal : 3,349
Present Situation on 22-08-2026:
Waiting Compartments...31

Approx. Darsan Time for Sarvadarshanam (with out SSD Tokens) : 12 H.

Short Takes

5 killed, several injured as bus ploughs into crowd in Bihar

Patna (TSIT) At least five people were killed and several others were injured, including one critically, when a bus ploughed into a crowd attending a cultural programme in Bihar's West Champaran district, police said on Saturday. The incident took place around 10.45 pm on Friday along the Lauriya Marg in Parau Tola under the jurisdiction of Lauriya police station. "While trying to avert a head-on collision with a truck, the bus ploughed through a crowd attending a cultural event on the roadside, killing five men and injuring several others," Narkatiyaganj Sub-divisional Police Officer (SDPO) Ajay Prakash Singh told.

iPhone EMI dispute ends in tragedy as family of three dies in Maharashtra

A family dispute over a mobile phone ended in tragedy in Maharashtra's Chhatrapati Sambhajnagar on Friday, with a 48-year-old man, his wife and their teenage son dying after a sequence of fatal falls from a hilltop, police said. The deceased were identified as Murlidhar Chandgude (48), his wife Sangita and their 19-year-old son Kunal, residents of Zalta Phata in the city. According to police, the incident began around 10 am in the Tisgaon area, under the jurisdiction of Waluj MIDC police station, after Kunal, upset over an argument with his parents concerning his demand for a new mobile phone, went up the hill, reports.

30 children fall ill after mid-day meal in Indore school

Indore (TSIT): More than 30 children fell ill after consuming the mid-day meal at a government school in Sinhana village under Dharampur area of Sanwer in Madhya Pradesh's Indore district on Saturday, officials said. The students were served kadhi-chaal under the mid-day meal scheme. Soon after consuming the food, several children complained of stomach pain, dizziness, headache, vomiting and fever. According to preliminary information, 19 children have been admitted to Aurobindo Hospital in Indore.

CM Revanth holds talks with Cambridge University Representatives



HYDERABAD (TSIT): Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy held discussions with representatives and academics of Cambridge University in London on Saturday to explore collaborations aimed at strengthening Hyderabad as a global education and knowledge hub.

Leading the Telangana Rising delegation, the Chief Minister, along with IT and Industries Minister D. Sridhar Babu and senior officials, highlighted opportunities for international educational institutions to establish partnerships in Hyderabad.

Professor Jaideep Prabhu and

Professor Venkata Suresh Gandikota of Cambridge Judge Business School expressed interest in exploring collaboration with Telangana. Both sides agreed to work towards a framework for cooperation focusing on educational programmes, research, innovation, entrepreneurship and startup development.

The initiative is part of the Telangana government's efforts to partner with globally reputed universities and bring international-level education and research opportunities to Hyderabad.

Cross-FIRs after attack on CJP team amid Jaipur govt school visit

Jaipur (TSIT): Amid a row over an alleged attack on members of the Cockroach Janta Party (CJP) during a visit to a government school in Jaipur, the outfit and local villagers have lodged FIRs against each other, accusing one another of assault and creating a ruckus. The CJP team on Friday reached Rampura Kanwarapura village to inspect the condition of a government school when a confrontation broke out between its members and local residents, whom the CJP has accused of being "BJP goons".



CJP vs villagers: Rajasthan school shifted within 24 hours in Jaipur

Jaipur (TSIT): A day after a dispute between the Cockroach Janata Party (CJP) and villagers of Rampura over an inspection of a government school in Jaipur escalated into allegations of assault, intimidation and a law-and-order breakdown, the government school was shifted to a building about 50 metres away, within 24 hours of Friday's clash.

After the confrontation, CJP founder and convenor Abhijeet Dipke had warned of an escalation stating that he would sit on a dharna in Jaipur if steps weren't taken within 48 hours to improve



the condition of the school. The Rampura government school was shifted to a house in the village on Saturday morning. More than 16 children were present at the new location along with two teachers.

Centre forms panel for 'permanent political solution' to Gorkha issue

Siliguri (WB) (TSIT)

The Centre on Saturday constituted a committee to draft an agreement and finalise modalities for a "permanent political solution" within the constitutional framework to the Gorkha identity issue in the Darjeeling hills and adjoining areas, officials said following a key tripartite meeting involving Union Home Minister Amit Shah, Gorkha leaders and the West Bengal government. The development comes amid the longstanding demand for greater political recogni-



tion, autonomy and protection of the distinct linguistic, cultural and ethnic identity of the region's predominantly Gorkha population. "All issues relating to the hill population of West Bengal were discussed in detail. Their demands pertaining to a distinct identity, a

permanent political solution and recognition under the Constitution of India were taken up. The Union Home Minister promised a permanent political solution soon under the umbrella of the Constitution," a statement issued by the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) said. ShoppingFor Authentic South Asian Apparel "To finalise modalities, it was decided to form a committee under Shri Pankaj Kumar Singh, former deputy national security advisor and current interlocutor.



Oil regulator clears 1,800-km LPG pipeline network worth Rs 7,000 crore

New Delhi (TSIT): The Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board (PNGRB) has authorised the development of nearly 1,800 km of LPG pipeline infrastructure involving an estimated investment of about Rs 7,000 crore across six states to boost India's energy infrastructure and LPG supply chain resilience.

The projects -- spanning Telangana, Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Karnataka and Goa -- are aimed at strengthening the country's LPG transportation network and enhancing long-term energy security. India meets a sig-

nificant portion of its LPG demand through imports at coastal locations, necessitating transport of the fuel across the country. In addition, the newly approved pipelines are expected to improve the efficiency and reliability of LPG movement to inland markets.

The authorised pipeline projects include the 556-km Cherlapally (Telangana)-Nagpur (Maharashtra) pipeline, the 611-km Jhansi (Uttar Pradesh)-Sitarganj (Uttarakhand) pipeline and the 633-km Shikrapur (Maharashtra)-Goa and

North Andhra to be developed as Industrial Corridor

Anakapalli to emerge as a hub for industries and investments, says CM Naidu

Visakhapatnam. (TIST): Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu has said that North Andhra will be developed as an industrial corridor and Anakapalli district will be transformed into a leading industrial and knowledge economy hub in Andhra Pradesh. Addressing the Swarna Andhra-Swachha Andhra programme at Alamanda Koduru on Saturday, the Chief Minister said major investments were coming to Anakapalli in steel, data centres, pharmaceuticals and aluminium. A 10,000-acre industrial township would be developed and a skill centre established to provide industry-oriented training to local youth.

Naidu criticised the misinformation over data centres and said the projects would require around 3.5 TMC of water. He announced that Godavari water from Polavaram would be brought to Anakapalli through the Polavaram Left Canal in the first week of next month. NTR Reservoir works would be taken up at a cost of Rs.29 crore, he said. The Chief Minister stressed that development should go hand in hand with environmental



protection. He called upon people to make every village a zero-waste village under the "Mana Ooru-Mana Badhyata" initiative.

The State had disposed of 143 lakh metric tonnes of waste during the last two years, he said. Referring to recruitment examinations, Naidu alleged irregularities in the previous Group-I evaluation process and said those responsible would face legal

action. He also said the government was working to reduce economic inequalities, strengthen government schools and improve the incomes and living standards of the poor. Ministers Vangalapudi Anitha, P. Narayana and Kollu Ravindra, MPs C.M. Ramesh and Chintakayala Vijay, MLA Bandaru Satyanarayana Murthy and officials attended the programme.

Hubballi (Karnataka) pipeline.

Moreover, the projects have been authorised for development by GAIL (India) Ltd.

Upon completion, the PNGRB-authorised common-carrier LPG pipeline network in the country will expand from around 7,700 km to about 9,500 km, marking an increase of nearly 23.5 per cent.

The approvals build on the earlier authorisation of the Kandla-Gorakhpur LPG Pipeline, which at around 2,757 km is the country's longest LPG pipeline. According to PNGRB, pipeline transportation is glob-

ally regarded as the safest, most economical and environmentally sustainable mode of LPG transport. The new projects are expected to substantially reduce the movement of LPG tank trucks on roads, resulting in improved road safety, lower logistics costs, reduced traffic congestion and a significant decline in carbon emissions through a shift from road-based transportation to pipelines. The regulator also noted that it has been pursuing the objective of eliminating the primary movement of LPG by road to bottling plants.

CM Revanth Visits Ambedkar House in London



Hyderabad TSIT: Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, accompanied by IT and Industries Minister D. Sridhar Babu, visited the historic Dr B.R. Ambedkar House at 10 King Henry's Road, Primrose Hill, London, paying tribute to the architect of the Indian Constitution and his enduring ideals of equality and social justice.

The house, where Babasaheb Dr B.R. Ambedkar lived during 1921-22 while pursuing his studies in London, has since been transformed into a museum commemorating his life, work and philosophy. Describing the visit as deeply inspiring, Revanth

Reddy wrote in the visitors' diary: "Visiting Dr Ambedkar House is like a pilgrimage. The inspiration is for a lifetime. I feel renewed dedication for social justice."

The Ambedkar House Museum showcases Babasaheb's commitment to constitutionalism, equality, a casteless society, freedom from oppression and the supremacy of social justice. During the hour-long tour, Santosh Dass MBE, Chair of the Anti Caste Discrimination Alliance (ACDA), who played a key role in establishing the Ambedkar Museum, explained various facets of Dr Ambedkar's life and his years in the United Kingdom.

After completing the tour, Revanth Reddy described the visit as one of the great moments of his life. "It has been one of life's great moments to be able to see and touch a personal aspect of one of the greatest Indians ever born," the Chief Minister said.

Police-Judiciary Coordination Key for Speedy Justice: Officials



NALGONDA (TSIT): Principal District Judge P. Vasanth stressed the importance of coordination and cooperation between the judiciary and police departments to ensure speedy delivery of justice in various cases.

Speaking at a coordination meeting, the District Judge appreciated the efforts of Nalgonda police led by SP Sharath Chandra Pawar for efficiently solving the recent murder case of Principal Rupa Reddy and arresting the accused.

District Collector B. Chandrasekhar highlighted the need for better coordination among police, judicial and revenue departments for the quick resolution of criminal

cases, under-trial cases and Non-Bailable Warrant (NBW) cases. He assured full support from the district administration to strengthen the justice delivery system.

SP Sharath Chandra Pawar said technology-based solutions such as e-evidence, digital FIR processing and e-summons would help improve investigation and case disposal. He stressed the importance of inter-departmental coordination. Additional Judge K. Kavitha said such meetings help address practical challenges and urged officials to focus on the speedy disposal of pending NBW cases through effective identification, verification, execution and review processes.

Plant Distribution Drive Held at Himayath Sagar Eco Park

HYDERABAD, August 21: A plant distribution programme was organised at Himayath Sagar Eco Park by the Urban Forestry Wing of HMDA as part of Vanamahotsavam celebrations. Fruit-bearing, flowering and ornamental saplings were distributed to local residents and visitors to encourage plantation and enhance green cover in and around Hyderabad. The programme was attended by HMDA Urban Forestry officials, Forest Range Officers, Forest Section Officers, municipal representatives and local residents. Officials urged citizens to plant the saplings at suitable locations and ensure regular care and protection. The initiative aims to strengthen community participation in urban greening, environmental conservation and preservation of the city's green spaces.



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Please take the summons in the above O.A.No.370 of 2026 filed by the Applicant for Recovery of money of Rs. 39,00,545.87 Ps against you. The Hon'ble Tribunal ordered summons to you by way of paper publication in TELUGU Daily Newspaper Local Edition and English local newspaper posted the matter to 12-08-2026
In accordance with sub-section (4) of section 19 of the Act, you, the defendants are directed as under:
i) To show cause within thirty days of the service of summons as to why relief prayed for should not be granted;
ii) To disclose particulars of properties or assets other than properties and assets specified by the applicant under serial number 3A of the Original application;
iii) You are restrained from dealing with or disposing of secured assets or such other pending hearing and disposal of the application for attachment of properties;
iv) You shall not transfer by way of sale, lease or otherwise, except in the ordinary course of his business any of assets over which security interest in created and/or other assets and properties specified or disclosed under serial number 3A of the original application without the prior approval of the Tribunal;
v) You shall be liable to account for the sale proceeds realized by sale of secured assets of other assets and properties in the ordinary course of business and deposit such sale proceeds in the account maintained with the bank or financial institutions holding security interest over such assets.
You are hereby required to show cause on 22-09-2026 at 10.30 a.m at Debts Recovery Tribunal-II, 1st floor, Triveni complex, Abids, Hyderabad - 500001, in person or by an Advocate duly instructed as to why the relief prayed for should not be granted.
Take notice that in case of default the Application will be heard and determined in your absence. Given under my hand and seal of this Tribunal on this day of 16th August 2026.
(By order of the Court)
Debts Recovery Tribunal - II Hyderabad.

Invest in Telangana, Uttam Tells Global Business Leaders

Hyderabad TSIT:: Irrigation, Food and Civil Supplies Minister Capt. N.Uttam Kumar Reddy on Saturday invited global business and industry leaders to make Telangana their preferred investment destination, highlighting the State's skilled workforce, world-class infrastructure, innovation ecosystem and investor-friendly administration.

Delivering the keynote address at the Global Business Excellence and Leadership Conclave-2026 at ITC Kohenur in Hyderabad, Uttam said Telangana wanted global companies not only to invest but also to innovate, develop solutions and serve international markets from the State.

"Come to Telangana, invest in Telangana and innovate in Telangana. Let us develop solu-



tions for the world here and take them to global markets," he said. Uttam said the State government, under Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, was pursuing

the Telangana Rising-2047 vision with an ambitious target of making Telangana a \$1-trillion economy by 2034 and a \$3-trillion economy by 2047. The State's official investment portal also identifies these targets and the CURE, PURE and RARE economic regions as central to its long-term growth strategy.

The Minister said Telangana's GSDP was estimated at around 17.82 lakh crore in 2025-26, adding that the State's economic growth reflected its strong fundamentals and expanding investment opportunities.

He said the government was adopting the CURE-PURE-RARE development model to ensure that growth was not concentrated only in Hyderabad. CURE would focus on technology, inno-

vation and high-value services; PURE on manufacturing, logistics and infrastructure; and RARE on agriculture, food systems and rural prosperity.

"Development should not stop at Hyderabad. It should reach every district, every town and every village and bring a visible change in the lives of Telangana families," Uttam said.

Highlighting Hyderabad's established strengths in IT, artificial intelligence, pharmaceuticals, biotechnology, life sciences and Global Capability Centres, Uttam said Telangana also offered significant opportunities in semiconductors, data centres, cybersecurity, aerospace and defence, electric mobility, clean energy and advanced manufacturing.

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Where as, the undersigned being the authorised officer of Shiram Finance Limited, (Shriram City Union Finance Limited, amalgamated with Shiram Transport Finance Company Limited, subsequently Shiram Transport Company Limited name Changed as Shiram Finance Limited, by its Incorporation Certificate dt.13-11-2022) a corporate body registered and incorporated as a company under the Indian companies Act 1956, is doing Non-Banking financial activities, having its Registered Office: Sri Towers, Plot No.14A, South Phase, Industrial Estate, Guindy, Chennai - 600 032 and having its administrative office at 6th Floor (level 2), Building No.Q2, Aurum Q Parc, Gen 4/1, TTC, Thane Belapur Road, Ghanoli, Navi Mumbai-400710, under the provisions of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (said Act) and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 (said Rules) issued demand notices to the Borrowers details of which are mentioned in the table below to repay the amount mentioned in the said demand notices.
The Borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken Symbolic Possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with rule 8 of the said Rules, on this 22.08.2026

Borrower Name and Address	Amount due as per Demand Notice
1) Sanganonipally Srikanth Reddy, S/O Sanganonipally Beemreddy, Age: 26 Years, Occ: Self Employee, R/O: H No 3-138, Kumarwada (Street), Marikal (V&M), Narayanpet (Di), Pin Code: 509351, Ph No: 7671987174, 2) Sanganonipally Beem Reddy, S/O: Sanganonipally Kistareddy, Age: 58 Years, Occ: Self Employee, R/O: H No 3-138, Kumarwada (Street), Marikal(V&M), Narayanpet(Di), Pincode: 509351, Ph No: 7993039695, 3) G. Ramulu, S/O, G. Narasimulu, Age: 28 Years, Occ: Self Employee, R/O: H No: 3-186, Ashok Nagar (Street), Marikal(V&M), Narayanpet (Di), Pin Code:509351,Borrowers/Co-borrower /Guarantors/Legal heirs	Rs. 20,302,77/- (Rupees Twenty Lakhs Thirty Thousand Two Hundred Seventy Seven Rupees Only)

Description of Property: NARAPTF2207270007- ESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY
Property on the name of Sanganonipally Srikanth Reddy, Registration District Narayanpet, Sub-District Narayanpet, Marikal Mandal, Marikal Gram Panchayat, Marikal Grama Kantha Within Area H.No. 8-71 (Vise Assessment No: 1130) & H.No. 8-72 (Vise Assessment No: 1131), Area As Per Attached Plan: 106.66 Sq.M. Equal To 89.19 Sq.M. House Built Ground Floor R.C.C Roof Area 964.0 Sq.M. Feet And Bounded As Follows: Towards East: Sanganonipally Ramakrishna Reddy's House. Towards West: Sanganonipally Mohan Reddy's House. Towards North: Akula Anand's House. Towards South: C.C. Road.
This notice is also hereby to caution the general public at large that the authorized officer of SFL is in the lawful Symbolic Possession of the immovable property mentioned herein above and the Borrowers or any person shall not after receipt of this notice transfer by way of sale, lease or otherwise deal with/ alienate any of the above mentioned secured assets referred to in this notice, without prior written consent of SFL.
Place: MARIKAL
Date: 22.08.2026
Sd/- Authorised Officer
Shriram Finance Limited

RS. 500 BONUS PER QUINTAL FOR FINE PADDY FARMERS; NAMES TO BE REGISTERED

Narayanpet, August 22, 2026 (TSIT): The District Agriculture Officer, Narayanpet, has informed farmers in the district that the Telangana government has issued orders for the cultivation of seven fine varieties of paddy during the Kharif 2026 season. The government will procure paddy of these fine varieties through its procurement centres at the Minimum Support Price (MSP), along with a bonus of 500 per quintal.

Farmers who have cultivated the varieties BPT 5204, RNR 15048, KNM 1638, KNM 7715, Jaisirram, HMT Sona and WGL 44 should visit the shop from which they purchased the seeds and get their names registered. Farmers who have cultivated paddy using their own seeds should submit a certification document to the concerned Agricultural Extension Officer (AEO). The District Agriculture Officer stated that the government would not be able to procure the paddy of farmers who have not got their names registered.

SIDDIPET POLICE DESTROY 240 MODIFIED SILENCERS



SIDDIPET (TSIT): Siddipet Police have intensified action against vehicles fitted with modified and high-noise silencers that cause noise pollution and inconvenience to the public, especially children, women, elderly persons and patients.

As part of a special drive launched on the directions of Police Commissioner Rashmi Perumal, IPS, police identified and removed 240 modified silencers from vehicles across Siddipet town. Cases were registered against violators, and vehicles were released only after replacing the modified silencers with company-approved ones.

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APPENDIX- IV-A [See proviso to rule 8 (6)] SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES
E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002
NOTICE is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable properties mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Can Fin Homes Ltd., **Sangareddy Branch**, will be sold by holding e-auction on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on 09-09-2026 for recovery of amount mentioned hereafter due to Can Fin Homes Ltd. from respective Borrowers and Guarantors as on the respective dates, together with further interest and other charges thereon.

Sl. No.	Name of the Borrowers and Guarantors	liabilities as on 16-06-2026	Reserve Price	Earnest Money Deposit	Type of Possession	Description of the property
1	Chakali Ramesh S/o Chakali Anjalai (Borrower) Chakali Shyamala W/o Ramesh (Co Borrower) 1-29 Nalthur Village, Jinnaram Mandal, Sangareddy, Telangana-502319	Rs. 20,27,688/- (Twenty lakhs twenty seven thousand six hundred and eighty eight only)	Rs. 26,50,000/- (Rupees twenty six lakhs fifty thousand only)	Rs. 2,65,000/- (Rupees Two lakhs sixty five thousand only)	Physical	All that the residential H.no-in sy.no-235/1, situated at Nalthur Village,Jinnaram Mandal,Sangareddy Boundries North - House of Ganesh South - Open place of Vendor East- H.no of Ramesh West- G.P Road Raju Encumbrance:-Nil
2	Maluri Sumathi W/o Malusuri Ravi .Borrower Malusuri Ravi S/o Late Gopal Rao.... Co-Borrower Plot No.12, Sy.No.253, 15,Aditya Royal Park,Near Sivayalam, Kompally,KV Ranga reddy Telangana500014	Rs.38,99,000/- (Rupees Thirty Eight lakhs Ninety nine thousand only)	Rs. 29,00,000/- (Rupees twenty Nine Lakhs only)	Rs. 2,90,000/- (Rupees Two lakhs Ninety thousand only)	Physical	All that the Residential house flat no-503 on fifth floor vishwanath elite on plot no.246,situated at block no.03, sir ram nagar colony,urumala enclave, gajularam nagar village, Quthbullapur, mandal & GHMC,Medchal - malkajgiri district,Telangana state, North - Staircase, Corridor & Lift, East-Flat No. 502 & Plot No 247, South - Open to Sky & Plot No.267, West-Open to Sky & Plot No.245. Encumbrance:-Nil
3	Golla Narsinga Rao (Borrower) S/o Golla Mallaiah 2) Mr Golla Vennel W/o. Golla Narsinga Rao (Co Borrower) both are H no 2-91, Nalthur, Jinnaram, Patancheru Mandal Sangareddy-502319,	(Rs.20,65,199 /- (Rupees twenty lakhs Sixty five thousand One hundred and ninety nine only)	Rs. 13,00,000/- (Rupees thirteen lakhs only)	Rs. 1,30,000/- (Rupees one lakh thirty thousand only)	Physical	All that the residential H.no-2-91,Assessment no.2113 with admeasuring to area of 85 sq yards ,Nalthur Village,Jinnaram Villag,Sangareddy Boundaries North- House of Golla Shankaraiha South - G.P Road East - G.P Road West- House of Golla Shankaraiha Encumbrance:-Nil
4	Goudi Veena W/o Goudi Rajesh (Borrower) H.no-1-58/136/P/2 ,Rajiv Nagar colony,Beside Ramki Towers ,Gachibowli,K.V Rangareddy - 500032	Rs. 39,55,611/- (Rupees Thirty nine lakhs Fifty five Thousand six hundred and Eleven rupees only)	Rs. 31,50,000/- (Rupees thirty one Lakhs fifty thousand only)	Rs. 3,15,000/- (Rupees Three lakhs fifty thousand only)	Physical	All that the Residential fall no.302,third floor having built up areas 1100 sq.ft(including common area and one area parking along with an undivided share of land of 31.00 sq yards(out of 268 ,Sq.yards) on plot no.189,in sy.no./200/AA,AAEE.Situated at malthri nagar colony, of the indresham village & G.p patancheru mandal ,Sangareddy district Boundries North - open to sky South - Lift, Staircase & corridor &flat no.301 East-open to sky West - open to sky.
5	Dappu Aruna W/o Dappu Ramesh (Borrower) and Dappu Ramesh S/o. Dappu Durgaiah H.no-1-92,Nalthur Village,Madaram,Sangareddy-502319	Rs. 23,65,102/- (Twenty three Lakhs Sixty five thousand One Hundred and Two rupees only)	Rs. 19,00,000/- (Rupees Nineteen lakhs only)	Rs. 1,90,000/- (Rupees One lakh Ninety thousand only)	Physical	All that the House Bearing Plot no.14,Sy.No.237/IA Nalthur Village,Madram MandalSanga reddy dt-502 319 admeasuring 96.85Syds (Pirthi area 850 sq) Bounded by north: G P Road, South:Road, East: Plot.No.15, West: Plot.no.13, Encumbrances is NIL.
6	1.Bonthalakoti Vasudeva Rao s/o Bonthalakoti sanyasi (Borrower) and B2.Bonthalakoti satyavathi W/o Bonthalakoti vasudeva Rao (Co-Borrower) House No.3-273 Gowtham Nagar patancheru Sangareddy 502319	Rs. 38,27,582/- (Thirty Eight Lakhs Twenty seven thousand Five hundred and Eighty two only)	Rs. 23,00,000/- (Rupees Twenty three lakhs only)	Rs. 2,30,000/- (Rupees Two lakhs thirty thousand only)	Physical	All that the Flat no.201 sai nilayam plot no.308 & 379 S.yno. 148/AAA.E.R K Nagar Colony, Indresham patancheru Sangareddy 502319 boundaries North: Corridor, South: Open to Sky, East: Open to Sky, West: Open to Sky. Encumbrances is NIL.

The detailed terms and conditions of the sale are provided in the official website of Can Fin Homes Ltd., (<https://www.canfinhomes.com/SearchAuction.aspx>). Link for participating in e-auction : www.auctionbazaar.com

Date : 22-08-2026
Place: Sanga Reddy

Sd/- Authorised Officer,
Can Fin Homes Ltd

CMC Collects 2.4 Tonnes of Divine Waste from 17 Temples

Hyderabad TSIT: Cyberabad Municipal Corporation (CMC) conducted a Divine Waste Collection Drive across 17 temples on Saturday, collecting 2,425.85 kg of religious and associated materials for systematic segregation, recycling and responsible disposal.

Held from 8 am to 11 am under the theme “Respect for Faith – Responsibility Towards the Environment,” the initiative provided citizens with a dedicated mechanism to respectfully hand over idols and other religious materials while ensuring environmental-



ly responsible processing. CMC received 922 online registrations during the drive. Materials were weighed at collection points and details recorded, while manual records were also maintained for verification. E-certificates will subsequently be issued to participants based on registration and collection details. The materials collected included idols, metal articles, Plaster of Paris (PoP) items, plastics, wooden frames, glass items and books.

After collection, an Udvasana Pooja was performed before the materials were dismantled and segregated according to their composition. The segregated material will be sent for recycling and further processing to facilitate recovery and reuse.

New Civil Judge Court Building Inaugurated

BELLAMPALLI: A new Civil Judge Court building was inaugurated in Bellampalli of Mancherial district on Saturday by Telangana High Court Judge Nagesh Bheemapaka and District Principal Judge A. Veeraiah.

Justice Nagesh Bheemapaka said the new facility would improve access to justice for people



in the region. He urged advocates and judiciary

members to work together to ensure fair legal assistance for all. Responding to advocates’ demand for a Sub-Court in Bellampalli, the High Court Judge assured that he would take up the matter with higher judicial authorities. He also advised youth to stay away from addictions and focus on a constructive future.

Secretariat Solar Parking by December Minister Komatireddy

Hyderabad TSIT: Roads & Buildings and Cinematography Minister Komatireddy Venkat Reddy on Saturday directed officials to complete the solar car parking facility at the Telangana State Secretariat by December 2026 and accelerate major road and bridge projects across the State.

Reviewing the Roads & Buildings Department at the Secretariat, the Minister examined the progress and designs of the proposed solar parking facility. He instructed officials to develop parking on the north, south and west sides without affecting the Secretariat's elevation or architectural appearance.



As decided earlier in the presence of Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, the facility will have two rows of solar-panel parking on the northern side, three rows on the southern side and one row on the western side.

The project, estimated to cost Rs. 26.81 crore, is expected to generate

around 90,000 units of electricity for the Secretariat and reduce its monthly electricity bill by about 16 per cent.

Komatireddy also reviewed works under the Central Road and Infrastructure Fund (CRIF), Setu Bandhan scheme and Road Over Bridge (ROB) projects,

directing officials to ensure their timely completion.

He said 316 road works covering 3,918 km, with an estimated cost of Rs. 5,159 crore, had been sanctioned so far. Several projects were nearing completion, while some were ready for inauguration. He appreciated officials for the progress achieved during 2025-26, when works covering 422.36 km at a cost of Rs. 868 crore were taken up.

The Minister expressed satisfaction over the progress of the Rs. 76-crore Narketpally bridge project under the Setu Bandhan scheme and asked officials to further speed up the work in coordination with the local MLA.

GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA									
FORM - VI									
(PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION)									
(See Sub-rule (1) of rule-19 and Section-11(1) of the Act-30/2013)									
Special Deputy Collector (LA) R&R Irrigation Projects SRLIP, Unit-I, Palvancha Rc. No. C/111/2024							Dated :: 30-07-2026		
District Collector, Bhadradi Kothagudem Prog. No.G/2323/2026							Dated :: 31-07-2026		
District Gazette, Bhadradi Kothagudem No : B3 /56/2026							Dated :: 01-08-2026		
Whereas it appears to the District Collector, Bhadradi, Kothagudem District that a total of Ac.24.08 gts Acres land is required in the Maddukuru Village of Chandrugonda Mandal , Bhadradi Kothagudem District for public purpose, namely acquisition of land for Excavation of 13R Distributory, Package No.2 in Maddukuru Village of Chandrugonda Mandal under Sita Rama Lift Irrigation Project.									
The families are likely to be displace due to the land acquisition is nil. The Additional Collector (Rev), Bhadradi Kothagudem is appointed as Administrator for the purpose of Rehabilitation and Resettlement of the affected families. Therefore it is notified that for the above said project in the Maddukuru Village of Chandrugonda Mandal , Bhadradi Kothagudem District a piece of land measuring, more or less Ac. 24.08 gts Acres of standard measurement, whose detail description is as follows, is under acquisition.									
Schedule									
Village:: Maddukuru, Mandal :: Chandrugonda									
District :: Bhadradi Kothagudem									
Sl.No.	Sy.No. As per Sub Division	As per Pahan	Type of Land	Type of Land	Area under Acquisition in Hcs (Sq)	Name and Address of Interested person		Trees & Structures	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7		9	
1.	7/2		Patta	Dry	0-03	Nallamothu Dinesh S/o Jagadish	Nallamothu Dinesh S/o Jagadish	Palm oil Trees-04	
2.	7/2	13/	Patta	Dry	0-20	Nallamothu. Ramarao S/o Appaiah	Doddapani Ravi S/o Roshaiiah	Mango-45, Teak Trees-35& Palm Oil-12	
3.	7/2	16/	Patta	Dry	0-04	Machineni Ramakrishna S/o Laxmaiah	Machineni Ramakrishna S/o Laxmaiah	Mango-05, Neem Trees-02	
4.	8/2	7	Patta	Dry	0-08 ½	Nallamothu Dinesh S/o Jagadish	Nallamothu Dinesh S/o Jagadish	Palm oil Trees-12	
5.	9/2	7	Patta	Dry	0-03	Nallamothu Dinesh S/o Jagadish	Nallamothu Dinesh S/o Jagadish	Palm oil Trees-05	
6.	10/2	11/	Patta	Dry	0-01	Nallamothu Dinesh S/o Jagadish	Nallamothu Dinesh S/o Jagadish	Nil	
7.	11/2	11/	Patta	Dry	0-03	Nallamothu Dinesh S/o Jagadish	Donka	Nil	
8.	11/3	18/	Patta	Dry	0-29	Nallamothu Dinesh S/o Jagadish	Nallamothu Dinesh S/o Jagadish	Palm oil Trees-30	
9.	13/2	18/	Patta	Dry	0-0 1/2	Nallamothu Dinesh S/o Jagadish	Nallamothu Dinesh S/o Jagadish	Palm oil Tree-01	
10.	13/3	18/	Patta	Dry	0-02	Nallamothu Dinesh S/o Jagadish	Nallamothu Dinesh S/o Jagadish	-	
11.	13/3	13/	Patta	Dry	0-03	Nallamothu. Ramarao S/o Appaiah	Doddapani Ravi S/o Roshaiiah	Taku-05 Mango-05	
12.	15/2	13/	Patta	Dry	0-16	Nallamothu. Ramarao S/o Appaiah	Doddapani Ravi S/o Roshaiiah	Palm oil Trees-12	
13.	15/2	16/	Patta	Dry	0-05 ½	Machineni Ramakrishna S/o Laxmaiah	Machineni Ramakrishna S/o Laxmaiah	Mango Trees-05 & Neem-02	
14.	15/2	58/	Patta	Dry	0-18	Ponnaganti VenkataLaxmi W/o Murali Krishna	Ponnaganti VenkataLaxmi W/o Murali Krishna	Eucalyptus	
15.	16/2	16/	Patta	Dry	0-01	Machineni Ramakrishna S/o Laxmaiah	Machineni Ramakrishna S/o Laxmaiah	Mango-01 & Neem-02	
16.	16/2	58/	Patta	Dry	0-06 ½	Ponnaganti VenkataLaxmi W/o Murali Krishna	Ponnaganti VenkataLaxmi W/o Murali Krishna	Eucalyptus	
17.	16/2	17/	Patta	Dry	0-01	Vellamki Narayana S/o Mallaiiah	Vellamki Sitharamulu S/o Narayana		
18.	17/2	58/	Patta	Dry	0.02 ½	Ponnaganti VenkataLaxmi W/o Murali Krishna	Ponnaganti VenkataLaxmi W/o Murali Krishna	Eucalyptus	
19.	17/2	17/	Patta	Dry	1.12 ½	Vellamki Narayana S/o Mallaiiah	Vellamki Sitharamulu S/o Narayana	Vacant	
20.	17/2	139/	Patta	Dry	0.12 ½	Nallamothu Anjaneya Prasad S/o Appaiah	Nallamothu Anjaneyulu S/o Appaiah	Mango Trees -42	
21.	18/2	139/	Patta	Dry	0-06 ½	Nallamothu Anjaneya Prasad S/o Appaiah	Nallamothu Anjaneyulu S/o Appaiah	Nil	
22.	18/2	92/	Patta	Dry	0-14 ½	Eluri Hanrikishna S/o Ramarao	Eluri Hanrikishna S/o Ramarao	Palm oil Trees-20	
23.	139/	139/	Banc harai	Dry	0-20	Govt Land	Daravath Srinu S/o Ramulu	Nil	
24.	139/	139/	Assign nment	Dry	0-03	Padham Laxmaiah S/o Eedappa	DONKA	Nil	
25.	139/	139/	Assign nment	Dry	0-0 1/2	Padham Laxmaiah S/o Eedappa	Padham Laxmaiah S/o Eedappa	Nil	
26.	139/	139/	Banc harai	Dry	0-33 ½	Govt land	Burgu Srinu S/o Rajaiiah	Eucalyptus	
27.	139/	139/	Banc harai	Dry	0-0 1/2	Govt land	Mumini Venkanna S/o Laxminarsu	Toddy Trees	
28.	139/	39/	Assign nment	Dry	0-29 ½	Burgu Seetharamulu S/o Narsimhulu	Burgu Seetharamulu S/o Narsimham	Toddy Trees	
29.	139/	139/	Assign nment	Dry	0-29 ½	Burgu Venkaiah S/o Narsimham	Burgu Venkaiah S/o Narsimham		
30.	139/	139/	Assign nment	Dry	0-15 ½	Paddam.Nagaiah S/o Gopaiah	Paddam.Nagaiah S/o Gopaiah	Eucalyptus	
31.	139/	139/	Assign nment	Dry	0-02	Paddam Laxmaiah S/o Eedappa	Padham Laxmaiah S/o Eedappa	Eucalyptus	
32.	139/	139/	Assign nment	Dry	0-02 ½	Kaka Laxmi W/o Venkaiah	Kaka Laxmi Venkaiah	Eucalyptus	
33.	139/	139/	Banc harai	Dry	0-04	Govt land	Padham Thiruppa thamma W/o Ramulu	Eucalyptus	

34.	139/ 1/3	139/ 1/3	Banc harai	Dry		Govt land	Padham Adhamma W/o Ramulu		
35.	139/ 1/3	139/ 1/3	Assign nment	Dry	0-10	Savalam Muthaiah S/o Borappa	Savalam Muthaiah S/o Borappa	Eucalyptus	
36.	139/ 1/3	139/ 1/3	Banc harai	Dry	0-05 ½	Govt land	Padham Rajamma W/o Nagulu	Eucalyptus	
37.	139/ 1/3	139/ 1/3	Banc harai	Dry	0-1/2	Govt land	Kodem Venkatamma W/o Ramulu		
38.	139/ 1/4	139/ 1/4	Banc harai	Dry	0-0 1/2	Govt land	Kaka Devendhar kumar S/o Gopulu	Eucalyptus	
39.	139/ 1/4	139/ 1/4	Banc harai	Dry	0-04	Govt land	Padham Rajamma W/o Nagulu	Eucalyptus	
40.	139/ 1/4	139/ 1/4	Banc harai	Dry	0-1/2	Govt land	Kodem venkatamma W/o Ramulu		
41.	139/ 1/4	139/ 1/4	Assign nment	Dry	0-12 ½	Kaka Laxmi W/o Venkaiah	Kaka Laxmi W/o Venkaiah	Eucalyptus	
42.	139/ 1/4	139/ 1/4	Banc harai	Dry	0-06 ½	Govt land	Saapavathi Ramulu S/o Bicha	Eucalyptus	
43.	139/ 1/4	139/ 1/4	Banc harai	Dry	0-10	Govt land	Padham Pothaiah S/o Nagulu	Eucalyptus	
44.	139/ 1/4	139/ 1/4	Banc harai	Dry	0-15	Govt land	Padham Narasimha S/o Narasimhulu	Eucalyptus	
45.	139/ 1/4	139/ 1/4	Banc harai	Dry	0-1/2	Govt land	Padham Ravi S/o Narasimhulu	Eucalyptus	
46.	139/ 1/4	139/ 1/4	Banc harai	Dry	0-0 1/2	Govt land	Padham Narendra S/o Madhavarao	Eucalyptus	
47.	139/ 1/4	139/ 1/4	Banc harai	Dry	0-27 ½	Govt land	Padham Krishna S/o Muthyulu	Eucalyptus	
48.	139/ 1/4	139/ 1/4	Assign nment	Dry	0-26 ½	Paddam Raghavulu S/o Laxmaiah	Paddam Raghavulu S/o Laxmaiah	Eucalyptus	
49.	234/ 2	234/ 2	Patta	Dry	0-01 ½	Machineni Suresh S/o Venkaiah and Machineni Venkatanarsamma W/o Venkaiah	Machineni Suresh S/o Venkaiah and Machineni Venkatanarsamma W/o Venkaiah	Palm oil Trees-02	
50.	232/ 2	229/ 2	Patta	Dry	0-04 ½	Lakkineni Bhavyasri W/o Tejkan	Road		
51.	232/ 2	229/ 2	Patta	Dry	0-35	Lakkineni Bhavyasri W/o Tejkan	Akkineni Bhavyasri W/o Tejkan	Mango Trees-24	
52.	232/ 2	232/ 2	Patta	Dry	0-35	Nallamothu Rakesh Chowdary S/o Nageshwararao	Nallamothu Rakesh Chowdary S/o Nageshwararao	Palm oil Trees-40, Borewell-01	
53.	232/ 2	232/ 2	Patta	Dry	0-26	Punem Veeralaxmi W/o Sumankumar	Chatta Vijayalaxmi W/o Yellaiah	Mango-07, Taddy-07	
54.	232/ 2	232/ 2	Patta	Dry	0-09	Punem Veeralaxmi W/o Sumankumar	Paddam Pothamma W/o Sambaiah	Mango Trees-01	
55.	232/ 2	232/ 2	Patta	Dry	0-03	Punem Veeralaxmi W/o Sumankumar	Kalam Jayalaxmi W/o Krishna	Eucalyptus	
56.	232/ 2	254/ 2	Patta	Dry	0-01 ½	Paddam. Rajamma W/o Nagulu	Paddam Pothaiah S/o Nagulu	Eucalyptus	
57.	233/ 2	234/ 2	Patta	Dry	0-03	Machineni Suresh S/o Venkaiah	Machineni Suresh S/o Venkaiah	Palm oil Trees	
58.	233/ 2	234/ 2	Patta	Dry	0-03	Machineni venkatanarsamma W/o Venkaiah	Machineni venkatanarsamma W/o Venkaiah	Nil	
59.	234/ 2	234/ 2	Patta	Dry	1-37	Machineni venkatanarsamma W/o Venkaiah	Machineni Suresh S/o Venkaiah	Palm oil-30, Mango-27, Teak Trees-22	
60.	234/ 2	234/ 2	Patta	Dry		Machineni venkatanarsamma W/o Venkaiah	Machineni venkatanarsamma W/o Venkaiah		
61.	234/ 2	234/ 2	Patta	Dry	0-01	Machineni Suresh S/o Venkaiah	Road		
62.	234/ 2	234/ 2	Patta	Dry	0-01 ½	Machineni Suresh S/o Venkaiah	Machineni Suresh S/o Venkaiah	Palm oil Trees-02	
63.	234/ 2	234/ 2	Patta	Dry		Machineni venkatanarsamma W/o Venkaiah	Machineni venkatanarsamma W/o Venkaiah		
64.	234/ 2	234/ 2	Patta	Dry	0-00 ½	Lakkineni Bhavyasri W/o Tejkan	Akkineni Bhavyasri W/o Tejkan	Mango Trees-01	
65.	239/ 2	239/ 2	Patta	Dry	0-14	Nallamothu Purushothamrao S/o Anantharamaiah	Nallamothu Purushothamrao S/o Anantharamaiah	Mango Trees-10	
66.	239/ 2	232/ 2	Patta	Dry	0-22	Punem Veeralaxmi W/o Sumankumar	Punem Veeralaxmi W/o Sumankumar	Palm oil Trees-30	
67.	239/ 2	232/ 2	Patta	Dry	0-02 ½	Punem Veeralaxmi W/o Sumankumar	Road	--	
68.	247/ 2	247/ 2	Patta	Dry	0-06	Barapati Srinivasarao S/o Ramulu	Barapati Srinivasarao S/o Ramulu	Eucalyptus	
69.	247/ 2	247/ 2	Patta	Dry	0-08	Manne. Laxminarayana S/o Sathyanarayana	Manne Laxminarayana S/o Appaiah	Eucalyptus	
70.	239/ 2	239/ 2	Patta	Dry	0-14	Nallamothu Satyanarayana S/o Nagaiah	Nallamothu Satyanarayana S/o Nagaiah	Eucalyptus	
71.	239/ 2	239/ 2	Patta	Dry	0-29 ½	Vallabani Swarnalatha W/o Venkateshwar Rao	Vallabani Swarnalatha W/o Venkateshwar Rao	Palm oil Trees-42	
72.	239/ 2	239/ 2	Patta	Dry	0-10	Nallamothu Purushothamrao S/o Anantharamaiah	Nallamothu Purushothamrao S/o Anantharamaiah	Eucalyptus	
73.	241/ 2	139/ 2	Patta	Dry	0-0 1/2	Nallamothu Anjaneya Prasad S/o Appaiah	Nallamothu Anjaneyulu S/o Appaiah	Nil	
74.	241/ 2	92/ 2	Patta	Dry	0-14 ½	Eluri Hanrikishna S/o Ramarao	Eluri Hanrikishna S/o Ramarao	Palm oil Trees-25	
75.	241/ 2	248/ 2	Patta	Dry	0-10	Eluri Jaggaiah S/o Papaiah	Eluri Jaggaiah S/o Papaiah	Eucalyptus	
76.	241/ 2	92/ 2	Patta	Dry	0-09	Eluri Hanrikishna S/o Ramarao	Eluri Hanrikishna S/o Ramarao	Palm oil Trees-15 Taddy-01	
77.	241/ 2	244/ 2	Patta	Dry	0-02 ½	Thanner Baswamma W/o Rangaiah	Thanner Baswamma W/o Rangaiah	Eucalyptus	
78.	248/ 2	248/ 2	Patta	Dry	0-02	Eluri Jaggaiah S/o Papaiah	Eluri Jaggaiah S/o Papaiah	Eucalyptus	

This notification is made under the provisions of Section – 11(1) of the Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2013 (Act no. 30/2013), to all whom it may concern. A plan of the land may be inspected in the office of the District Collector, Bhadradi, Kothagudem District / LAO and Special Deputy Collector (LA) R&R Irrigation Projects Sita Rama Lift Irrigation Project, Palvancha on any working day during the working hours.

The Government of Telangana / Collector-cum-Appropriate Government is pleased to authorize Officer Special Deputy Collector (LA), Sita Rama Lift Irrigation Project, Palvancha and his staff (Survey Team) to enter upon and survey land, Take levels of any land, dig or bore into the sub-soil & do all other acts required for the proper execution of their work as provided and specified in section- 12 of the said Act.

Under section 11(4) of the Act, no person shall make any transaction or cause any transaction of land i.e., sale/purchase, etc., or create any encumbrances on such land from the date of publication of such notification without prior approval of the Collector.

Objections to the acquisition, if any, may be filed by the person interested within 60 (Sixty) days from the date of publication of this notification as provided under section 15 of the act before District Collector, BhadradiKothagudem District and LAO and Special Deputy Collector (LA) R&R Irrigation Projects Sita Rama Lift Irrigation Project, Unit-I Palvancha.

Sd/- M.V. Ravindranath Special Deputy Collector (LA) R&R Irrigation Project, Sitar Rama Lift Irrigation Project, Unit-I, Palvancha

Sd/- D. Venugopal Additional Collector (Rev.), Bhadradi Kothagudem Dist.

Sd/- Ankit, I.A.S. Collector & District Magistrate, Bhadradi Kothagudem Dist.

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Honda, Sarvejana Foundation and Cyberabad Police Launch “Ideal Town on Road Safety – Hyderabad”



Hyderabad: Honda Motorcycle & Scooter India Pvt. Ltd., in collaboration with Sarvejana Foundation and with the support of Cyberabad Police, launched the “Ideal Town on Road Safety – Hyderabad” initiative on Saturday at the Cyberabad Police Commissionerate, Gachibowli.

The initiative brings together industry, law enforcement and civil society to promote safer roads, responsible road-user behaviour and greater road safety awareness across Hyderabad. The launch was attended by Dr. M. Ramesh, IPS, Commissioner of Police, Cyberabad, and Mr. Sunpreet Singh, IPS, Joint Commissioner of Police – Traffic, Cyberabad.

Representing Honda Motorcycle & Scooter India Pvt. Ltd., Mr. Prabhu Nagaraj, Operating Head – Corporate Affairs, participated in the programme.

Sarvejana Foundation was represented by Dr. A. V. Gurava Reddy, Chairman; Dr. B. Janardhan Reddy, CEO; and Mr. Praveen Kumar Vanamoji, Chief Operating Officer (COO). The programme included the formal launch of the initiative, addresses by the partner organisations, a Road Safety Pledge, and felicitation of key stakeholders. The “Ideal Town on Road Safety – Hyderabad” initiative aims to encourage safer and more responsible road-user behaviour, strengthen road safety awareness, and build a sustained culture of road safety through collaboration among government, industry and civil society. Through this partnership, Honda Motorcycle & Scooter India Pvt. Ltd., Sarvejana Foundation and Cyberabad Police reaffirm their shared commitment towards making roads safer and promoting responsible road-use practices across the city.

Puvvada Targets Congress Government Over Land Issues

KHAMMAM: Former minister Puvvada Ajay Kumar alleged that the Congress government was attempting to grab public properties and encourage land encroachments in the name of Bhu Bharati. Addressing a

Rahul ends over six-hour dharna after FIR in pellet injury case

New Delhi, Aug 22: Congress leader and Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi ended his over-six-hour dharna outside the Parliament Street police station in New Delhi on Friday after the Delhi Police registered an FIR on the complaint of a young protester who suffered pellet injuries during a July 20 demonstration.

Gandhi had staged the sit-in along with 19-year-old Sahil Lochab, demanding that police register an FIR over the injuries allegedly caused by pellet firing during the 'Sansad Chalo' protest organised by the Cockroach Janta Party (CJP) at Jantar Mantar.

Lochab, a resident of Najafgarh, had alleged that he was hit by several metal pellets during the protest and suffered serious injuries to his right eye, resulting in loss of vision.

He had been seeking registration of an FIR for nearly a month. Gandhi arrived at the Parliament Street police station with Lochab and sought to meet senior police officials. After the meeting, he alleged that the police had refused to register the complaint.

"Sahil wants to file FIR for justice, but that is not being allowed," Gandhi said before sitting on the dharna.

Gandhi maintained that he would not leave the spot until an FIR was registered. Congress leaders, including Priyanka Gandhi Vadra, also joined the protest. The extended sit-in drew a significant police presence, including deployment of the Rapid Action Force to maintain law and order. The Delhi Police eventually registered the FIR against unknown persons on Lochab's



complaint. The case was registered under Section 118 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), relating to voluntarily causing hurt or grievous hurt

by dangerous weapons or means, and Section 25, concerning acts endangering life or personal safety.

The FIR came after more than six hours of Gandhi's protest. Reacting to the development, Gandhi described the registration of the case as the "first step towards justice".

"There are pellets in his body and he cannot even see as he has suffered injuries in his eye. This is injustice with this youngster. For almost a month, he has been calling for the registration of an FIR and moving from one police station to another," Gandhi said.

According to Lochab's complaint, he was injured during the July 20 protest at Jantar Mantar. The demonstration had been held over alleged irregularities in examinations, including the NEET paper leak and issues concerning recruitment examinations.

Lochab and his lawyers had reportedly submitted a written complaint to the Delhi Police on August 14 but alleged that they were not given an investigating-officer number or acknowledgement.

ThePrint, citing the FIR,

reported that the case was registered against an unnamed person in connection with the pellet injuries. The report also said Lochab had submitted hospital records describing injuries caused by small metallic pellets and indicating an extremely low chance of recovering vision in the affected eye.

The episode triggered a political confrontation between the Congress and the Delhi Police, with Gandhi questioning why an FIR had not been registered earlier. Senior Congress leader P Chidambaram criticised the delay, saying it had taken 30 days and a seven-hour protest by the Leader of the Opposition before the FIR was registered. He argued that FIRs should be registered promptly when complaints are made.

Sridhar Varma Assumes Charge as Chairman of SVBC



Tirupati, Saturday: B. Sridhar Varma formally assumed charge as the Chairman of the Sri Venkateswara Bhakti Channel (SVBC), administered by the Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD), on Saturday.

The traditional charge-taking ceremony was held at the Chairman's Chamber in the SVBC office located at Alipiri, Tirupati. The event took place in the presence of the sons of former Chief Minister N.T. Rama Rao — Nandamuri Ramakrishna and Nandamuri Mohana Krishna — along with other family members, accompanied by Vedic chanting.

TTD Vedic scholars and priests from the Tatayyagunta Gangamma Temple, Tirupati, offered Vedic blessings and felicitated the new Chairman.

SVBC CEO and TTD Joint Executive Officer Dr. A. Sharath honoured him with a shawl and presented a bouquet, extending his congratulations.

Several public representatives and dignitaries attended the occasion in large numbers and conveyed their best wishes. Among them were Palamaner MLA N. Amarnath Reddy, Tirupati MLA Arani Srinivasulu, Chadrugiri MLA Pulivarthi Nani, MLC Bhumireddy Ramgopal Reddy, Telangana RERA Chairman K.S. Srinivasaraju, SAAP Chairman A. Ravi Naidu, TUDA Chairman C. Divakar Reddy, Yadava Corporation Chairman Narasimha Yadav, along with other public representatives, prominent citizens, and local residents.

Citizens' Participation Key to Clean Andhra: MP, MLA

Chittoor : Every citizen in society must take responsibility for the dream of Swarna Andhra – Swachha Andhra envisioned by Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu to become a reality, said Chittoor Member of Parliament Daggumalla Prasad Rao and Puthalapattu MLA Muralimohan. The Swarna Andhra – Swachha Andhra programme was held at the MPDO office in Yadamarri mandal of Puthalapattu constituency. Chittoor MP Daggumalla Prasad Rao and Puthalapattu MLA Muralimohan attended as chief guests.

Earlier, upon their arrival in Yadamarri, the MP and MLA were given a warm welcome by the Kootami (alliance) leaders and workers of Yadamarri mandal.

Speaking at the meeting held as part of the



Swarna Andhra – Swachha Andhra Divas programme, which is customarily organised on every third Saturday, the MP and MLA said that Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu is working with the goal of building a Navya Andhra. They noted that he is toiling day and night for a clean, healthy and green Andhra.

They stated that the 'Swarna Andhra – Swachha Andhra' programme was launched with the lofty ideal of enhancing sanitation standards in every village and town, improving waste management to protect public health, and

achieving comprehensive development. They added that the programme is progressing successfully across the state. The main objectives of the programme, they said, are door-to-door garbage collection, scientific waste management, completely curbing the use of plastic to protect the environment, and creating awareness so that every citizen adopts cleanliness as a personal responsibility.

At the same time, they advised reducing mobile phone usage and paving the way for a bright future for children. The MP and MLA assured the people of Yadamarri mandal that they are committed to the

development of Puthalapattu constituency as well as Yadamarri mandal.

Later, they flagged off and inaugurated 25 e-autos purchased with 78.5 lakh from MP funds and handed them over to the panchayat representatives of Yadamarri mandal. The e-autos were distributed by Chittoor MP Daggumalla Prasad Rao and Puthalapattu MLA Muralimohan. The programme was attended by Yadamarri mandal president Morarji Yadav, Single Window Chairman Chitra, former General Secretary Kodanda Yadav, District Party Official Representative Hemagiri, District Telugu Yuvaatha Official Representative Amaranatha Naidu, TDP District Secretary Dharani, TDP leaders Bajilingam and Vinayakam, government officials, Kootami leaders and workers.

Indian Railways Runs First Double-Stack Long-Haul Container Train from JNPT



MUMBAI: Indian Railways achieved a major operational milestone by successfully operating its first double-stack long-haul container train from Jawaharlal Nehru Port Trust (JNPT) to CONCOR's GCT terminal at Varnama in Vadodara Division on August 21, 2026.

The train carried 360 TEUs of containers over approximately 422 km. The formation comprised two double-stack rakes, carrying 1,817 tonnes and 2,105 tonnes respectively.

The long-haul operation is expected to improve freight efficiency by reducing

terminal congestion, transit time and the requirement for locomotives and container flat wagons. Carrying larger volumes in a single movement will also enable better utilisation of railway route capacity and facilitate faster evacuation of containers from ports.

The electrically hauled service also supports Indian Railways' focus on sustainable freight transportation by reducing dependence on diesel-powered road transport, road congestion, fuel consumption and carbon emissions.

Teja Sajja, Meenakshi Chaudhary Inaugurate Vaarahi Showroom



HYDERABAD (TSIT) : Actor Teja Sajja and actress Meenakshi Chaudhary inaugurated Vaarahi Silks 6.0 and Vaarahi Silver Jewellery 2.0 at Vanasthalipuram Cross Roads on Saturday. Led by Directors Manideep Yechuri and Dr. Spandana, Vaarahi has expanded its network with its sixth silks showroom, following stores at Jubilee Hills, Kukatpally, Patny, Nellore and Vijayawada. The new showroom offers Kanchipuram silks, Banarasi, bridal, wedding, festive and contemporary sarees. The showroom also features premium 92.5 purity silver jewellery and collections crafted with 24K gold plating, including traditional and contemporary designs. As part of the launch offers, customers can avail of a flat 15% discount on the entire silks collection, along with complimentary gold and silver coins on eligible purchases. Special discounts and offers on silver jewellery are also available. The launch offers are valid from August 22 to 31, 2026.



Padma Shri awardee Dr. Susheelamma participated as a chief guest in a program organized by the Athmashree Kannada Samskruthika Pratisthana at Bengaluru's Town Hall and honored Social Worker S.Kannan with the 'Nobel Kannadiga International Award'..

Boy Recovers from Severe Kidney Injury After Snakebite

Kurnool, August 22, 2026: An eight-year-old boy from Sanjamala village in Kurnool district, who developed severe acute kidney injury following a snakebite, has recovered after timely intensive care, haemodialysis and close monitoring at KIMS Cuddles, Kurnool.

The child, identified as Rithik, was bitten by a snake on his left leg while playing in the premises of his house. A tight tourniquet was applied around the affected limb for few hours, following which he was also given local traditional treatment. Over the next 24 hours, his urine output declined significantly and he developed swelling of the



body and rapid breathing. He was subsequently brought to KIMS Cuddles, Kurnool, where he was evaluated and admitted to the Paediatric Intensive Care Unit (PICU).

According to Dr. P. V. Ravi Kiran, Consultant Paediatric Intensivist, the child was found to have severe acute kidney injury, with serum creatinine at 7.5 mg/dL and blood urea at 170 mg/dL. His blood pressure was also significantly elevated. "Given the severity of the kidney injury and the marked reduction in urine output, the child required close monitoring and intensive management in the PICU. Haemodialysis was initiated

and continued for few days, along with appropriate management of his blood pressure and other supportive measures. With timely intervention, his urine output gradually improved and kidney function subsequently returned towards normal," said Dr. Ravi Kiran. The child responded well to treatment, with gradual improvement in urine production and renal function. After his condition stabilised, he was found to be clinically well and was discharged from the hospital. Dr. Ravi Kiran said that snakebite can cause serious systemic complications and may affect organs beyond the site of the bite. In children, reduced urine output.

Apollo Hospitals Honours Hand Surgery Survivors

HYDERABAD: Apollo Hospitals, Hyderabad, marked World Hand Surgery Day by honouring survivors who regained movement and independence after severe hand and upper-limb injuries through advanced reconstructive and microsurgical procedures.

The programme at Apollo Hospitals, Jubilee Hills, brought together survivors, clinicians and healthcare professionals. DCP Traffic, Future City, Shri Shivam Upadhyaya, attended as chief guest and felicitated the survivors for their courage and resilience. Dr. Gopinath Bandari, Consultant Hand, Wrist & Microsurgeon, said timely intervention is critical in severe hand injuries and amputations, with the objective of restoring movement, sensation and function. Dr



Bandi Sahithya, Consultant Hand, Wrist & Microsurgeon, highlighted the precision and teamwork required for microsurgical replantation.

Apollo Hospitals, Telugu States, CEO Mr. Tejesvi Rao Veerapalli said advanced technology, specialised expertise and multidisciplinary care can help

restore independence, confidence and quality of life. The event highlighted the importance of rapid transportation and immediate referral to specialised centres following severe hand and limb injuries. Apollo Hospitals continues to focus on limb salvage, functional restoration and advanced microsurgical care.

Kanipakam Brahmotsavams Arrangements Reviewed



CHITTOOR: A review meeting on arrangements for the 2026 annual Brahmotsavams of Swayambhu Sri Varasiddhi Vinayaka Swamy Devasthanam at Kanipakam was held at the temple on Saturday.

The meeting was chaired by Puthalapattu MLA Dr. Kalikiri Muralimohan, District Collector Sumit Kumar, Superintendent of Police Tushar Dudi, Devasthanam Chairman

Mani Naidu and Executive Officer Penchala Kishore, along with officials from various departments.

The MLA directed officials to ensure convenient darshan for devotees and install CCTV cameras covering all areas of the temple premises. He urged all departments to coordinate effectively for the smooth conduct of the festival.

Collector Sumit Kumar instructed officials to focus on sanitation, drinking

water, queue management and other essential facilities. SP Tushar Dudi said adequate security arrangements would be made to ensure the Brahmotsavams are conducted peacefully and successfully.

Officials from the Revenue, Police, Roads and Buildings, Medical and Health, Panchayat Raj, Electricity, Fire Services and other departments participated in the meeting.

EDITORIAL

Mecca Pact: India's Gulf Advantage Runs Deeper Than Any New Military Agreement

The much-publicised Mecca Joint Defence Agreement between Saudi Arabia, Turkey and Pakistan has understandably attracted attention in diplomatic and strategic circles. It is being presented by some as a significant new security alignment in the Middle East and even compared with a regional version of NATO. For India, however, there is little reason to overreact or alter the fundamentals of its foreign policy because of this arrangement. The agreement says that an armed attack against one will be regarded as an attack against all. But merely importing a principle associated with NATO does not, by itself, make this agreement strategically meaningful. The three countries do not share a common border, have different strategic calculations and more importantly, the agreement does not clearly define its purpose, its applicability or the circumstances in which the three countries would actually act together. Saudi Arabia and Pakistan already had a bilateral defence understanding, while Turkey has its own regional ambitions.

LARGER STRATEGIC PURPOSE

The more important question is why this alliance has been created now and whose larger strategic interests it serves. Pakistan appears to have pursued the agreement not merely for its own immediate survival but as part of a longer-term strategy to regain relevance in the Muslim world and secure economic and diplomatic support. For Pakistan's military establishment, it also provides an opportunity to project a narrative that the country's army has acquired a stronger regional role. The fact that US President Donald Trump has appreciated the arrangement is significant. It indicates that Washington sees value in bringing Pakistan, Saudi Arabia and Turkey into a framework that serves wider American strategic interests. In the longer term, such an arrangement could provide the US with another instrument through which Pakistan can become useful in future regional contingencies. So, the deeper strategic purpose may be less about creating an independent military alliance and more about creating a framework that can serve others interests in the Middle East, particularly in relation to Iran. By bringing three predominantly Muslim countries together and presenting the arrangement in the language of collective defence, the pact could contribute to the continuing fragmentation and consolidation of the Muslim world into competing camps. This is especially significant because Iran remains the major regional power that any future Middle East security architecture will have to balance. The pact should therefore not be seen simply as a Saudi-Turkey-Pakistan initiative. Its longer-term implications need to be viewed in the context of the interests of the US and other Western countries and their future engagement with the region. Pakistan's Ambition And Its Limitations Pakistan cannot afford to carry such a strategic burden for long. Its own economic condition remains fragile, while its army has to deal with enormous internal security challenges. A substantial proportion of Pakistan's population is Shia, while the country itself has historically struggled with sectarian and ethnic divisions.

Punjab saw another bandh this week. Roads blocked, slogans raised, the same old demand repeated once again: Release the Sikh prisoners, or Bandi Singhs. Markets stayed shut, buses stayed off the road, but the day passed off peacefully, with no untoward incident reported anywhere in the state. This has been going on for more than a decade now. Every few months, some party or the other picks up this issue, makes a big statement, holds a rally, writes a letter to Delhi. Then things go quiet again, until the next round. The truth is simple, even if nobody wants to say it out loud - every major party in Punjab has used this issue. Not one of them has actually closed the file when it had the power to do so.

When this campaign started in 2013, the list of Sikh prisoners being demanded free ran to 119 names. More than a decade of releases, deaths and legal action later, that number has come down to around 21. The list has shrunk mostly on its own, case by case, not because any single government sat down and resolved it.

■ THE AKALI DAL: A DECADE IN POWER, NO RESULT

The Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) ruled Punjab for 10 years, from 2007 to 2017, and was allied with the BJP at the Centre for most of that time. If any party had the means to push this through, it was the SAD. Though Punjab's former chief Minister Parkash Singh Badal wrote to several governments in 2014 seeking the release of 13 prisoners, formed a high-level committee in 2015, and Punjab also moved the Supreme Court. Waryam Singh's release was subsequently cleared. The issue only returned to SAD's



speeches after it lost badly in the 2022 election. When the SAD had the chair, the file gathered dust. When it lost the chair, the file reopened as a slogan.

■ THE BJP: A NOTIFICATION, HALF-DELIVERED

In 2019, the Centre government issued a formal notification, reportedly, for the release of eight Sikh prisoners, timed with Guru Nanak Dev Ji's 550th birth anniversary. Three of the eight were reportedly already out; three others were subsequently released, while Bhullar and Gurdeep Singh Khera remained unresolved. That is six years of a decision sitting half-done. The BJP points out, fairly, that most of these convictions happened under Congress rule but that does not explain why its own notification has still not been fully carried out. Congress: Loud in Opposition, Quiet in

Government The Indian National Congress ruled Punjab from 2017 to 2022 and did little concrete on this at the state level. Out of power now, leaders like Gurkirat Singh Kotli and Charanjit Singh Channi back the release at rallies. The twist: Kotli is Beant Singh's own grandson, while another Congress MP and Beant Singh grandson, Ravneet Singh Bittu, has publicly opposed releasing the men who killed his grandfather. Congress does not even speak with one voice inside its own family.

■ AAP: FROM SILENCE TO A SUDDEN PUSH

The AAP has governed Punjab since 2022 and stayed largely non-committal for three years. That changed this August, when Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann personally sought parole for Jagtar Singh Hawara from the Punjab Governor Gulab Chand Kataria. With the 2027 elec-

tion approaching and the Panthic vote up for grabs, a government finding sudden urgency now is hard to read as anything but timing, even the BJP's own Punjab unit has called it out as such.

■ PANTHIC PARTIES: CONSISTENT, BUT NOT FREE OF POLITICS EITHER

The hardline Panthic groups that never held power have their own story. Simranjit Singh Mann's SAD (Amritsar) has raised this demand for decades and backed this week's bandh; Simranjit Singh Mann was detained during the Independence Day march. But a party that has never won power in Punjab can never be tested on whether it would actually deliver, forty years of demanding from the sidelines is not the same as holding the file.

Akali Dal (Punarb Surjit), the newest entrant, broke away only last year under Giani

Harpreet Singh, a former Akal Takht Jathedar now in full-time politics. Backing this bandh was one of his first moves as party chief, a fast way for a brand-new outfit to earn trust in a crowded field. The starkest case is that of Akali Dal (Waris Punjab De), around jailed MP Amritpal Singh. It has widened the definition itself, folding Amritpal's own 2023 arrest under the National Security Act in with 1980s-90s insurgency convictions but his NSA detention is legally different from the cases of prisoners serving sentences after conviction.

Of the 21, Who Actually Moves Votes and Where Not all 21 names carry equal weight, and their pull is not spread evenly across Punjab either. Balwant Singh Rajoana carries the heaviest symbolic charge. Sentenced to death in 2007 for the Beant Singh killing, his hanging has never been carried out. He

belongs to Rajoana Kalan village in Ludhiana district, and the 2012 bandh over his proposed execution had an impact across Punjab, including Amritsar, Jalandhar, Ludhiana, Tarn Taran, Bathinda, Ropar and Patiala - not simply a Ludhiana-Moga-Muktsar phenomenon. For a headline Panthic audience, his name still carries the most weight, especially in this region.

Jagtar Singh Hawara is the face of the present round, simply because he is the one Mann personally pursued this August. The movement's operational centre right now sits at the Qaumi Insaaf Morcha's permanent protest camp on the Chandigarh-Mohali border, which has become the physical headquarters of the whole campaign. Devinderpal Singh Bhullar is the case most known outside Punjab, since his conviction was for the 1993 Delhi bomb blast, giving it national reach for years. Delhi's Sentence Review Board considered his case in December 2025 and the rejection was formally communicated in February 2026. The clearest proof of how far this sympathy travels came from the 2024 Lok Sabha election, and it too has a geography. Amritpal Singh, contested from jail, won Khadoor Sahib - a Majha-belt seat around Tarn Taran and Amritsar - by nearly 1.97 lakh votes, the biggest margin in Punjab that year. Sarabjit Singh Khalsa won Faridkot, in the Malwa region, by about 70,000. Both victories demonstrated the continuing electoral space for Panthic, anti-establishment politics outside Punjab's traditional parties. But it would be wrong to attribute those victories solely to the Bandi Singhs issue.

DRONE WARFARE AND INDIA'S preparation for the future battlefield

— Dr. Priyanka Saurabh

The first flight of the indigenously developed Divyastra Mk3 is a positive step, as the Indian Army increasingly relies on UAS technology in warfare. Today's warfare is undergoing a fundamental shift: battles are no longer measured solely by the number of tanks, fighter jets, missiles, and troops. UAS are increasingly becoming the preferred tool for surveillance, targeting, precision strikes, and electronic warfare. Therefore, the successful flight of the indigenous Divyastra Mk3 jet in August 2026 is not only a technological breakthrough, but also a sign of India's efforts to adapt to a more networked, technology-driven, and independent battlefield. Drone warfare uses unmanned aerial systems to gather intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance (ISR), locate targets, conduct precision strikes, electronic warfare, and provide communications support. Recent wars have demonstrated that the use of drones can revolutionize the way wars are fought and economic operations. Drones also have the potential to transform the nature and economics of military operations, as evidenced by recent wars. The Russia-Ukraine war demonstrated the threat posed by relatively inexpensive drones to expensive tanks, artillery, warships, and other conventional military equipment. When it comes to military superiority, it's no longer just about possessing expensive platforms, but about the ability to deploy large numbers of inexpen-

sive, flexible, and intelligent systems. The benefits of using drones are vast, and one of the most significant is that they save human lives in dangerous operations. ISR drones can be used to reconnaissance enemy territory, keeping pilots and soldiers safe from danger. They can provide commanders with real-time information about enemy locations, troop numbers, and battlefield conditions. This leads to a better understanding of the situation and allows for quicker, more informed decisions. This is a highly valuable strategic capability for a country like India, where borders are complex, mountainous terrain exists, and operational conditions vary. Loiter munitions are revolutionizing warfare by eliminating the need for a sensor-to-shooter approach. Using conventional weapons, it can take considerable time to locate a target, transmit information about it, select the appropriate weapon, and launch an attack. Loiter munitions can search for, identify, and engage a target in a much shorter timeframe. This is particularly useful for time-sensitive targets and for mobile enemy troops. Thus, the Divyastra Mk3 is a significant development in building India's indigenous precision-strike capability and reducing the time from target detection to attack. Drones are also impacting the economics of war. Low-cost unmanned platforms can damage or destroy assets costing many times more. This poses a serious challenge to conventional armies. Commercially available technologies were rapidly put to military use during

the Russia-Ukraine war, as evidenced by the use of first-person view (FPV) drones. However, small drones carrying cameras and explosives can target vulnerable points in tanks and other armored vehicles at a much lower cost than precision-guided weapons. Therefore, the ability to adapt civilian technology to military needs and rapidly develop new ideas will become even more important in the future context of warfare. The second major change is drone swarms. Large numbers of coordinated drones can overload or "overwhelm" conventional air defense systems. Conventional air defense missiles are very effective at shooting down a single aircraft or missile, but it is not economically viable to shoot down a hundred or more cheap drones with expensive missiles. Defenders will face significant cost challenges in the event of a large-scale drone attack. This means that the battlefield of the future may become a struggle between drone fleets and multi-layered anti-drone (CD) capabilities capable of detecting, pursuing, and neutralizing multiple threats simultaneously. The impact of artificial intelligence (AI) is expected to accelerate this transformation. AI has the potential to improve navigation, object recognition, and target identification, as well as coordinate between multiple unmanned systems. This increased independence can help drones operate in the event of communications failures due to electronic warfare. However, AI-powered autonomy also raises significant ethical,

legal, and accountability questions. Responsibility for the consequences of an autonomous system's misdirection of targets is sometimes unclear. Therefore, military effectiveness must be evaluated within the context of meaningful human control, the rules of war must be transparent, and standards of accountability must be clear. India has begun taking significant steps toward developing drone warfare capabilities. The Divyastra Mk3 enhances indigenous precision strike capabilities and is a result of the growing focus on indigenous unmanned systems. This is particularly important for indigenous propulsion, as reliance on imported engines and key components could lead to strategic vulnerabilities in times of conflict. Therefore, the development of jet engines by DG Propulsion is crucial to reducing dependence on foreign technologies and achieving technological self-reliance. The reorganization of the Indian Army also indicates that the military is beginning to understand the importance of drones in future warfare. The Ashwini drone platoon and Divyastra battery are steps aimed at better integrating unmanned systems into battle formations. Indigenous precision-guided weapons like DRDO's ULPGM-V3 could further enhance the combat capabilities of UAV platforms. Meanwhile, the development of indigenously developed strike drones is contributing to the expansion of unmanned capabilities. Progress made so far indicates that India is moving towards the planned use of drones on the battlefield.

When Algo Decides What You See, Journalism Must Show What Matters

There has never been a time when audiences had more information. There has perhaps never been a time when it was harder to know what matters. That paradox is journalism's defining challenge today. The digital world once rewarded going looking for information. Now information looks for us. Instagram, Facebook, X, YouTube and Google Discover have grown remarkably good at predicting what makes us stop, click, watch, scroll. Feeds are not collections of content anymore. They are hyper-optimised, personalised silos. Two people can open the same app at the same moment and see entirely different realities. The algorithm asks one question. What will this person engage with next? Journalism must ask another. What matters to the country at large? Reuters Institute's Digital News Report 2026 marks the tipping point. Social and video networks have overtaken news websites and apps as the primary source of news. For many, news now begins in a feed. That feed is not shaped by an editor's judgment of what matters to the public. It is shaped by a machine's prediction of what will hold an individual's attention. That changes not just what we show audiences. It changes how we present it. For decades, editorial selection was journalism's core function. Finite airtime forced choices. This belongs on prime time. This needs investigation. This does not deserve attention. The internet promised to erase those constraints. Infinite space, nothing left out. But abundance created its own prob-

lem. When everything can be published, who decides what matters? AI is about to make that abundance extreme. Harvard's Nieman Lab 2026 predictions put it starkly. The real threat is not shrinking attention spans. It is attention spread thin across a surplus of AI-generated media. When content is infinite, attention becomes the scarce resource. That changes journalism's value. Newsrooms once worried about producing enough content for the internet. The next decade is about the opposite. Helping audiences navigate a world that produces more content than anyone can consume. The internet does not need another million pieces of content. It needs better filters for reality. This is why journalism matters more as algorithms grow stronger. Algorithms predict relevance. Journalism must establish significance. An algorithm can learn that outrage beats nuance, that controversy outperforms complexity. That does not make controversy more important. It simply makes it more engaging. That is the line between attention optimisation and editorial judgment. Audiences feel the strain. Reuters Institute research shows growing fatigue with the volume and negativity of news, even as television, digital video, social platforms and connected TV blur into one screen. TV news must reinvent itself. The screen is now wherever the audience is. The competition is no longer other news networks. It is everything fighting for a screen: creators, influencers, memes, short-form video, and now AI content. Journalism must be compelling without

turning sensational. Sharp without turning shallow. Simple without turning simplistic. Above all, it must be respectful of audiences' attention. Here lies the opportunity. News networks have long answered declining attention with more. More stories, more alerts, more coverage. But the answer to an internet drowning in information cannot be more information. It has to be signal. The new screen does not imitate the infinite scroll. It is its antidote. Here is what happened. Here is why it matters. Here is what you need to understand. And in an age of AI-generated abundance, here is what we have already filtered out, so you do not have to. That last function is the new value proposition. In a world where algorithms are built to hold attention, telling audiences what does not deserve theirs now matters as much as telling them what does. This is also why AI makes original journalism more valuable, not less. AI can summarise, rewrite, translate, generate, personalise. It cannot answer journalism's central question. What is worth knowing? That takes judgment. Reporting from the ground. An understanding of history and context. The instinct to spot when a small development is actually a big story. The courage to resist the pull of the immediate and the viral. It also takes trust. When we retired the 24x7 suffix, we made a wager. The consumers no longer defines their experience by device. They define it by provenance, by who they trust to tell them what matters. That trust travels with across a television bulletin, a podcast, an app, a

reel. It is one identity, the same promise on every screen. And it matters more, not less, as distribution fragments. The harder the question "who do I trust to tell me what actually matters," the more valuable a coherent, trusted brand becomes. This also demands a different relationship with audiences, not just a different filter. INMA's emerging 'Audience 3.0' argues publishers must stop renting distribution from algorithms and build direct relationships instead, through products and communities. That is not just a business strategy. It is an editorial one. The answer is not to abandon platforms. That is where audiences are. The answer is to be excellent there, while giving audiences reasons to seek us out directly. The anxiety of the information age has flipped. We once worried people lacked information. Now they have too much. Trusted filters matter more than gatekeepers ever did. Journalism does not need to shout louder than the internet. It needs to make it quieter: clutter replaced by clarity, outrage by understanding. The question "what will I watch next" replaced by "what should I know." Algorithms are extraordinarily good at deciding what we want. Journalism must be extraordinarily good at deciding what we ought to know. That is the edge worth building: better use of the attention audiences give us. This is what new brand statement is built to answer. Not a slogan, but a discipline. A promise that when the algorithm decides what audiences see, will decide what they need to know. When it really matters.



Net-Zero Villages to Promote Sustainable Communities

CM CHANDRABABU NAIDU INSPECTS NET-ZERO INITIATIVES AT ALAVARAM KODURU

Visakhapatnam (TSIT): Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu said the State government was promoting the Net-Zero Villages programme with the aim of turning villages into clean, healthy and environmentally sustainable communities. He said environmental protection should begin at the household level and gradually extend to neighbourhoods and villages.

During his visit to Alavaram Koduru in Madugula Assembly constituency as part of the Swarna Andhra-Swachha Andhra programme on Saturday, the Chief Minister inspected various net-zero initiatives. District Collector Vijaya Krishnan explained the measures being implemented, including rooftop solar power, cleaner cooking practices, conversion of wet waste into organic manure and scientific wastewater management. Mr. Naidu visited the residence of J. Maheswara Rao, where he observed household-level composting. Wet waste generated



in the kitchen was collected and converted into organic manure through composting pits. The residents explained that the practice helped reduce waste management costs and also provided useful manure.

The Chief Minister also inspected an in-situ wastewater management system that diverts household wastewater into designated pits instead of allowing it to flow onto roads. The system helps prevent water stagnation, control mosquitoes and flies and reduce the risk of

water-borne diseases. He also examined the use of an induction stove as an alternative cooking method to reduce dependence on LPG. A 3-kW rooftop solar power system installed at the house was also inspected. The beneficiaries explained that solar power could be used to operate the induction stove, helping reduce household energy expenses. The Chief Minister appreciated the family for adopting environmentally friendly practices and also took a selfie with the beneficiaries.

TDP Workers Are the Party's Backbone, Says Nara Lokesh

CHALLENGES JAGAN AGAIN OVER DSC, URGES CADRE TO PREPARE FOR LOCAL BODY ELECTIONS



Visakhapatnam (TSIT) TDP national general secretary and Minister Nara Lokesh has said party workers are the backbone of the Telugu Desam Party and assured that those who work hard for the party would be given due recognition and responsibilities. Addressing a TDP workers' meeting in Vizianagaram on Saturday, he called upon the cadre to strengthen the party at the grassroots and prepare for the upcoming local body elections. Lokesh said the TDP had spent Rs.160 crore for the welfare of its workers, making it the only party to have taken such a major initiative. He said steps were also being taken to legally resolve cases registered against party workers during the previous government, while pending issues relating to bills should be brought to the party's notice.

He said the coalition government was committed to the development of North Andhra, with proj-

ects such as the Visakhapatnam Steel Plant, South Coast Railway Zone and Bhogapuram International Airport expected to boost the region. Efforts were also being made to attract major companies and create employment opportunities for youth, he said. Lokesh urged party workers to counter what he termed misinformation against industrial and investment projects in North Andhra. He said the cadre should explain the government's development and welfare programmes to the public and maintain close contact with people.

Lokesh once again challenged former Chief Minister Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy to a public debate on the DSC recruitment process. "You fix the time and date. I am ready for the discussion," he said. He claimed that the coalition government had transparently filled 16,000 teacher posts through DSC and rejected allegations of irreg-

ularities. He alleged that the previous government had failed to conduct a DSC examination during its five-year tenure. Lokesh said the newly introduced 'My TDP' app would connect party workers from booth level to the national leadership. He asked workers to actively participate in the "Intintiki TDP" programme and personally interact with people to understand and resolve their problems. He also called upon the cadre to work in coordination with alliance partners and ensure better results in the forthcoming local body elections. He said party workers should avoid arrogance in power and remember that people were the ultimate decision-makers. MP Kalashetti Appala Naidu, MLAs Aditi Gajapathi Raju and Arimilli Radhakrishna, TDP Politburo member Sridevi, Vizianagaram Parliament party president Kimidi Nagarjuna, constituency observers, leaders and party workers attended the meeting.



SRI BANDI SATYA NARAYANA, A DEVOTEE FROM HYDERABAD, ON SATURDAY DONATED RS. 10 LAKHS TO THE TTD SRI VENKATESWARA ANNA PRASADAM TRUST. IN THIS CONNECTION, THE DONOR HANDED OVER THE DONATION CHEQUE TO TTD CHAIRMAN SRI B.R. NAIDU.

Andhra Pradesh

Indian Navy Receives 'Mangrol' Anti-Submarine Warfare Vessel



Visakhapatnam (TSIT). The Indian Navy on Thursday received 'Mangrol', the third Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Craft (ASW-SWC) built by Cochin Shipyard Limited in Kochi. With more than 80 per cent indigenous content, the vessel is designed for underwater surveillance, detection and engagement of submarines in coastal waters. It can also undertake low-intensity maritime operations and mine detection and clearance missions. The vessel is equipped with advanced torpedoes, anti-submarine rockets, mod-

ern radar and sonar systems. It is powered by a

water-jet propulsion system, enabling it to operate

effectively in shallow coastal waters. 'Mangrol'

has been named after the coastal town and small port of Mangrol in Junagadh district of Gujarat, a prominent centre of the marine fishing industry. The name also carries forward the legacy of INS Mangrol, a minesweeper that served in the Indian Navy until 2004. The induction of Mangrol marks another milestone in India's growing indigenous warship-building capabilities and reflects the country's progress towards self-reliance in defence production under the Atmanirbhar Bharat initiative.

Rs.10,200 Crore Drinking Water Projects for Municipalities



Visakhapatnam (TSIT) The State government is giving priority to providing basic infrastructure in all 123 municipalities across Andhra Pradesh, including roads, protected drinking water, drainage, street lighting and underground drainage systems, said Municipal Administration and Urban Development Minister P. Narayana. Speaking at a review meeting held at the VMRDA office on Saturday along with Yelamanchili MLA Sundarapu Vijay Kumar and Nellimarla MLA Lokam Naga Madhavi, the Minister said Rs.10,200 crore was being spent under AMRUT and other schemes to strengthen drinking water pipelines across the State. The government aims to

provide protected drinking water to every household, he said.

He said the Centre and State governments were also taking up underground drainage works worth Rs.4,200 crore under the Urban Challenge Fund. Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu had sanctioned Rs.5,500 crore for construction and repairs of roads in municipalities, he added. The Minister directed officials to complete the ongoing infrastructure works within a year. For municipalities under the VMRDA jurisdiction, Rs.269 crore had been allocated for UGD and drainage works—Rs.24 crore for Yelamanchili, Rs.24 crore for Nellimarla, Rs.27 crore for Narsipatnam and

Rs.194 crore for Vizianagaram. An additional Rs.139 crore would also be sanctioned for road works in these municipalities, he said. The Minister said UGD and drinking water pipeline works were currently in progress and road works would be taken up after their completion. He also stressed the need to convert waste into wealth and improve sanitation systems in urban areas. MLAs Sundarapu Vijay Kumar and Lokam Naga Madhavi thanked the government for allocating funds for infrastructure development in their constituencies.

They said road, drainage and drinking water works would significantly improve living conditions in Yelamanchili and Nellimarla. Earlier, officials reviewed the progress of ongoing and proposed development works in Narsipatnam, Vizianagaram, Nellimarla and Yelamanchili municipalities, with particular focus on roads, drainage, drinking water, street lighting and waste management.

61st All India Railway Ball Badminton Championship Concludes



Visakhapatnam (TSIT) The three-day 61st All India Railway Ball Badminton Championship concluded at the Railway Ball Badminton Courts in Visakhapatnam on Saturday, with Southern Railway emerging champions after defeating South Coast Railway 2-0 in the final. South Coast Railway finished as runners-up, while Integral Coach Factory, Chennai, secured third place. Organised by the South Coast Railway Sports Association from August 20 to 22, the championship featured eight teams representing different railway zones. The final between Southern Railway and South Coast Railway witnessed intense competition, with players from both sides displaying skill, determination and team spirit. South Coast Railway General Manager Sandeep Mathur attended the valedictory function as chief guest and presented the championship and

runners-up trophies along with other awards. K. Selvan was selected as the Star Player, while Southern Railway's Rajesh was adjudged the Best Player. Speaking on the occasion, Sandeep Mathur congratulated all the participating teams and players and said South Coast Railway offered excellent opportunities and sports infrastructure for athletes. He said such competitions help promote discipline, teamwork, fitness and camaraderie among railway employees. Visakhapatnam Division DRM and Sports Association Divisional President Lalit Bohra congratulated Southern Railway on its victory and appreciated the organisers, officials, coaches and support staff for successfully conducting the championship. Dr. Pudi Hariprasad, President, South Coast Railway Sports Association, Sports Officer M. Harmath and other officials were present.

BRICS Youth Ministers' Meeting Concludes in Visakhapatnam

JOINT STATEMENT ADOPTED TO STRENGTHEN YOUTH COOPERATION AND PARTICIPATION IN DEVELOPMENT

Visakhapatnam (TSIT) The BRICS Youth Ministers' Meeting, organised by the Department of Youth Affairs, Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, concluded in Visakhapatnam on Saturday with the adoption of a Joint Statement aimed at strengthening youth cooperation and promoting meaningful participation of young people in development. Union Minister for Youth Affairs and Sports Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya and Minister of State Raksha Nikhil Khadse led the Indian delegation. The meeting brought together Ministers, youth representatives, policymakers and senior officials from BRICS member and partner countries.

The discussions built on the outcomes of the BRICS Youth Summit and BRICS Youth Council Meeting held in Gandhinagar on August 19 and 20. The Joint Statement focused on education and skills,



youth entrepreneurship, science and innovation, health and sports, environmental sustainability, volunteering, youth exchanges and social inclusion. Dr. Mandaviya said young people should be treated not merely as beneficiaries but as active partners in shaping the future. He highlighted India's ini-

tiative to create 100,000 young leaders and said the MY Bharat platform had over 25 million registered youth participating in volunteering, learning, leadership and civic engagement.

As part of the meeting, delegates participated in the 'Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam' plantation drive, with each

delegate planting a sapling in honour of their mother. The delegates also visited the historic Thotlakonda Buddhist Monastery, providing them an opportunity to experience India's cultural and civilisational heritage. On the sidelines of the meeting, Dr. Mandaviya held bilateral discussions with his counterparts from South Africa and the UAE on strengthening cooperation in youth affairs and sports, particularly in skill development, entrepreneurship, digital engagement, exchange programmes and capacity building. The successful conclusion of the meeting and adoption of the Joint Statement marked an important step towards deeper youth cooperation among BRICS countries under India's 2026 BRICS Chairship, with the broader theme of "Building for Resilience, Innovation, Cooperation and Sustainability."

Honda, Sarvejana Foundation and Cyberabad Police Launch "Ideal Town on Road Safety – Hyderabad"

Hyderabad: Honda Motorcycle & Scooter India Pvt. Ltd., in collaboration with Sarvejana Foundation and with the support of Cyberabad Police, launched the "Ideal Town on Road Safety – Hyderabad" initiative on Saturday at the Cyberabad Police Commissionerate, Gachibowli. The initiative brings together industry, law enforcement and civil society to promote safer roads, responsible road-user behaviour and greater road safety awareness across Hyderabad. The launch was attended by Dr. M. Ramesh, IPS, Commissioner of Police, Cyberabad, and Mr. Sunpreet Singh, IPS, Joint Commissioner of Police – Traffic, Cyberabad. Representing Honda



Motorcycle & Scooter India Pvt. Ltd., Mr. Prabhu Nagaraj, Operating Head – Corporate Affairs, participated in the programme. Sarvejana Foundation was repre-

sented by Dr. A. V. Gurava Reddy, Chairman; Dr. B. Janardhan Reddy, CEO; and Mr. Praveen Kumar Vanamoju, Chief Operating Officer (COO). The programme included the

formal launch of the initiative, addresses by the partner organisations, a Road Safety Pledge, and felicitation of key stakeholders. The "Ideal Town on Road Safety – Hyderabad" initiative aims to encourage safer and more responsible road-user behaviour, strengthen road safety awareness, and build a sustained culture of road safety through collaboration among government, industry and civil society. Through this partnership, Honda Motorcycle & Scooter India Pvt. Ltd., Sarvejana Foundation and Cyberabad Police reaffirm their shared commitment towards making roads safer and promoting responsible road-use practices across the city.

Tamil Nadu issues work orders for 1.28 lakh gold rings to babies born in government hospitals

CHENNAI: The Tamil Nadu government has issued work orders for nearly 1.28 lakh gold rings, costing approximately Rs 220 crore, to two jewellery retail chains under the 'Maternal uncle gold ring scheme' for newborns, a poll promise made by TVK, an official said on Saturday (August 22). Over one lakh gold rings are required to implement the scheme for four months and the welfare initiative is set to be launched on September 15, marking the birth anniversary of Dravidian icon CN Annadurai.Children born in government hospitals from June 22, the birthday of Chief Minister C Joseph Vijay, will benefit under this scheme.

According to a ballpark estimate, Rs 220 crore would be the cost of the 1,28,499 rings (22-carat) weighing approximately 128.5 kg and the Tamil Nadu government has made a budgetary provision of Rs 755.83 crore for the supply of a total of 4,41,667 rings (for one year).

Though the final cost for the initial batch of rings may dynamically vary, the state government has undertaken to pay for the gold at the prevailing market rates.Joyalukkas' 70 percent share will work out to 89,949 rings while Kalyan Jewellers' 30 percent share will comprise 38,550 rings.According to sources at



today's market rate in Tamil Nadu, a gold ring under this scheme will cost the government approximately Rs 14,850 per gram.The Tamil Nadu Medical Services Corporation (TNMSC) has issued the work orders to Joyalukkas and Kalyan Jewellers on 70:30 ratio to supply 1,28,499 gold rings required for the beneficiaries from June to September, the government said late on Friday.

The scheme, announced by Chief Minister C Joseph Vijay in the run-up to the April Assembly election, will cover the children born in state-run hospitals to encourage deliveries in government medical facilities."Following the government order to supply 4,41,667 gold rings weighing one gram each, 11 companies participated in the tender on July 14 by the Tamil Nadu Medical Services Corporation and submitted their price details through the TN Tenders portal," a government press release said.Joyalukas submitted the lowest price of Rs 0.01 excluding the price of one gram of gold.

Tiruttani Murugan temple's 11-day offering crosses Rs 1 crore in money, 293 grams of gold

CHENNAI: The Arulmigu Subrahmanya Swamy temple in Tiruttani recorded a massive surge in devotional offerings, collecting over Rs 1 crore in cash and substantial quantities of precious metals during the recent 11-day Aadi festival.

The temple received a total of Rs 1,05,54,389 in cash, 293 grams of gold, and 7,153 grams of silver through the shrine's donation boxes. The Aadi Krithigai and float festival were the primary drivers, an official said. The unprecedented rise in collections is attributed to a heavy influx of thousands of pilgrims arriving from various districts across Tamil Nadu and neighbouring states. The footfall spiked dramatically due to the auspicious



Aadi Krithigai festival - a revered annual event dedicated to Lord Murugan and the Theppa Thiruvizha (float festival). The festival is observed when the Krithika star aligns with the Tamil month of Aadi (mid-July to mid-August).

According to Hindu tradition, the day honours the divine origin of Lord Murugan, who was nurtured by the six

Krithika maidens upon his birth.

Devotees believe that worshipping at hill shrines like Tiruttani during this period amplifies spiritual benefits, drawing vast crowds seeking blessings for courage and prosperity.

Located around 93 km from Chennai in Tiruvallur district, the Tiruttani temple serves as a major pilgrimage destination in the state, frequently visited by pilgrims travelling towards Tirupati. This ancient temple is the 5th abode of Lord Muruga.

The counting process was carried out under strict supervision by officials from the Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments (HR&CE) Department, temple administrators, and security staff.



Department of Artificial Intelligence, Information Technology and Digital Services – ICT Academy signed MoUs with Global Technology and Corporate (CSR) Organisations to enhance Artificial Intelligence skills in Tamil Nadu

Cauvery inflow rises at Hogenakkal as Karnataka releases 4.95 TMC to Tamil Nadu

CHENNAI: The inflow of water into the River Cauvery at Hogenakkal has increased to 12,000 cusecs on Saturday, August 22, following continuous water releases from Karnataka's Kabini and Krishnarajasagar (KRS) dams, according to a Daily Thanthi report. In the last nine days alone, around 4.95 TMC of water has been released from the Kabini Dam to Tamil Nadu.

The KRS Dam, situated across the River Cauvery near Kannambadi in Srirangapatna taluk of Mandya district, had a water level of 108.95 feet as of 8 pm on Friday. The dam has a maximum capacity of 124.80 feet.Water was flowing into the KRS Dam at 1,551 cusecs, while 2,000 cusecs was being released from the dam into the River Cauvery.

Meanwhile, the Kabini Dam, located across the Kapila River near Beechanahalli village in H D Kote taluk of Mysuru district, has also been releasing water to Tamil Nadu.



As of 8 am on Friday, the water level in the Kabini Dam stood at 2,275.56 feet against its maximum elevation capacity of 2,284 feet. The water level was 2,282 feet on August 13.

Following an order from the Cauvery Water Management Authority to release water to Tamil Nadu, water was continuously released from the Kabini Dam for nine days, from August 13 to Friday. During this period, around 4.95 TMC of water was released into the River Cauvery for Tamil Nadu from the dam.

continuous release has resulted in the water level in the Kabini Dam falling by around 7 feet over the last nine days. The dam has a total storage capacity of 19.52 TMC and held around 14.57 TMC of water as of Friday. At 8 am on Friday, the inflow into the Kabini Dam stood at 7,184 cusecs, while 12,940 cusecs was being released into the River Cauvery.Together, the KRS and Kabini dams were releasing a total of 14,940 cusecs of water into the River Cauvery for Tamil Nadu.

Lorry catches fire near Tiruttani; driver's quick action saves cargo worth lakhs

CHENNAI: A major accident was avoided near Tiruttani after a lorry driver noticed a fire had broken out in his vehicle's engine area, prompting him to take quick action, according to a Daily Thanthi report.

What happened?

The driver was driving along the national highway near Tiruttani when suddenly smoke rose from the engine bay of the lorry, which eventually erupted into flames. A strong wind caused the fire to spread to the rest of the vehicle and the cargo compartment at the back.As soon as he realised the flames were spreading, he immediately stopped the vehicle on the side of the road.The driver understood that if the fire spread to the other parts, the entire vehicle would be completely destroyed, and the danger would be greater if the fire spread to the rear end of the vehicle, where the

cargo was loaded. He acted bravely and detached the cabin and engine section from the cargo section at the rear. By doing so, he saved cargo worth several lakhs of rupees and a large part of the vehicle from being completely destroyed by the fire.

Driver lauded by the public and officials

The fire department rushed to the scene after receiving information and extinguished the fire in the engine compartment, preventing it from spreading further.The driver's actions were praised by the public and officials for his ability to not panic and act tactfully in a critical moment, preventing a major accident without any loss of life.

Police investigation

The police have registered a case regarding the fire and launched a probe to investigate whether the accident was caused by the truck's electrical system.

Scientists Sequence Arabica Genome, Opening Doors to Climate-Resilient Coffee

The work makes it possible to tell the story of the fusion of genomes that gave rise to the world's most consumed species, as well as identifying genes responsible for resistance to rust and other diseases.Coffee is one of the world's most traded commodities, and Coffea arabica is the most widely consumed of the 130 or so species that exist. It is the result of the fusion of two other species: Coffea canephora (known in Brazil as Conilon or Robusta coffee) and Coffea eugenioides. In the last decade, almost every major commodity in the world has had a reference genome sequenced, but coffee has only recently joined the list.

The reference genome is essential for developing varieties that are better adapted to climate change and resistant to disease. By sequencing the reference genome of Arabica coffee in an unprecedented endeavor, a consortium of scientists was able to select genes that may be responsible (candidate genes) for coffee's resistance to rust and other diseases. At the same time, they identified the expression of some genes related to the aroma of Arabica. The Power of Genomic Knowledge "With the knowledge of the genome, it is possible to obtain information that allows us to go in two directions: the development of varieties by directing crossbreeding, in other words, as a reference to guide us in future crossbreeding that produces new varieties; and more direct interventions, such as modifying a gene specifically," summarizes Douglas Domingues, currently a researcher at the Plant Genomics and Transcriptomics Group of the Luiz de Queiroz School of Agriculture at the University of São Paulo (ESALQ-USP), in Brazil, and one of the authors of the paper (developed when he was still working at the Rio Claro campus of the São Paulo State University).

According to him, there was a bit of a race to sequence the genome. "The price of sequencing has come down a lot, and coffee was one of the few commodities that hadn't had its reference genome sequenced. There



were other groups trying, and there was a paper published just before ours. But most of them used the standard strategy: choosing an interesting plant for cultivation and sequencing its genome," he reports.

Unique Approach to Sequencing

The group to which Domingues belongs has sequenced a plant that is not interesting from an agronomic point of view but has a lot to offer from a genetic point of view. "The advantage of our reference genome is that it's derived from a 'dihaploid' individual. This results in a homogeneous reference genome that will be a superior standard for future research," explains Patrick Descombes, coordinator of the work and senior expert in genomics at the Nestlé Institute of Food Safety & Analytical Sciences. He explains that Arabica coffee is a tetraploid: it has two genomes in one because it is the fusion of two other species.

By sequencing a dihaploid derived from Arabica coffee compared to a common tetraploid variety, scientists get a clearer and more simplified view of the genome. This makes it possible to identify variations between similar genes with greater precision, facilitating the use of molecular information for improvement studies.

In this study, the group was able to determine more precisely when this fusion took place: no more than 600,000 years ago, C. canephora and C. eugenioides fused to form this tetraploid hybrid, which continued its evolutionary path. "We came to this conclusion using DNA information from Arabica, Robusta and Eugenioides: we were able to make a more accurate inference because previously this interval was dated at between 50,000 and 1 million years. We reduced that window to 350,000 to 600,000 years," reports Domingues.The article, published recently in Nature Genetics, was the result of a consortium of scientists from more than ten countries, including Brazil, which participated with more than one institution. In Domingues' case, his participation was partially funded by FAPESP through a Young Researcher project and a postdoctoral fellowship awarded to Suzana Tiemi Ivamoto-Suzuki, also an author of the article. "We used the reference sequence to understand the diversity that exists in wild Arabica coffees, from the African region of origin, and compare this with the Arabica coffees that are cultivated today," says the ESALQ-USP scientist, explaining that the group resequenced Arabica coffee

varieties planted in different parts of the world, as well as wild specimens collected in the forests of Ethiopia, and managed to understand the difference between the wild and cultivated ones.

To gain a genomic perspective on the evolutionary history of Arabica, the consortium sequenced 46 accessions, including three Robusta, two Eugenioides and 41 Arabica. The latter included an 18th-century type specimen (the physical specimen designated by the author of the taxon at the time of the description as the material on which it was based), 12 cultivars with different breeding histories, the Timor hybrid (a spontaneous cross of Arabica with the pest-resistant C. canephora Robusta variety) and five of its backcrosses with Arabica and 17 wild accessions plus three wild/cultivated ones collected from the east and west sides of the Great Rift Valley in Ethiopia. "We used the latest genomic technologies, i.e. long reads from the high-fidelity PacBio system [for gene sequencing] and Illumina [an integrated system for analyzing genetic variation and biological function], to generate the chromosome assembly. This combination resulted in a chromosome-level assembly of the highest quality and integrity," says Descombes. According to the ESALQ-USP professor, among the cultivated species, something very important for breeding was the introduction of genes for resistance to coffee leaf rust. "In the 1930s, Brazil played an important role in this regard. And the IAC [Agronomic Institute of Campinas, also in the state of São Paulo] is a pioneering center for studies and breeding. IAC researchers provided us with plants that predate the institution's breeding program, which dates back to the 1930s. Disease-oriented breeding emerged between the 1960s and 1970s, and the main work was to cross a rust-resistant Arabica plant, the so-called Timor hybrid, with plants grown in various countries so that the new varieties would be resistant.

A Lunar Orbit That's Just Right for Humanity's First Space Station Around the Moon

A unique halo orbit is the road less traveled around the Moon. As NASA prepares for humanity's long-term return to the lunar surface through the Artemis missions, the agency is introducing novel concepts – backed up by science and decades of experience in human spaceflight – to blaze new trails on and around the Moon.

An international collaboration, Gateway is a human-tended, small station that will orbit the Moon. The lunar outpost is specially designed to enable deep space exploration with many capabilities for maintaining a sustained presence in space and conducting research in a deep space environment. Features like a human habitat, multiple docking ports for a variety of spacecraft, including Orion, and the ability to host experiments that will study space weather will all help contribute to future exploration efforts. Similarly, Gateway's unique near-rectilinear halo orbit, or NRHO, was specifically chosen to help ensure the success of future Artemis missions. There is no shortage of options for how a spacecraft could orbit the Moon, but two in particular – low lunar orbit and distant retrograde orbit – are helpful for understanding why NRHO is the right fit for Gateway.

A spacecraft in low lunar orbit follows a circular or elliptical path very close to the lunar surface, completing an orbit every two hours. Transit between Gateway and the lunar surface would be quite simple in a low lunar orbit given their proximity, but because of the Moon's gravity, more propellant is required to maintain the orbit. Therefore, low lunar orbit is not very efficient for Gateway's planned



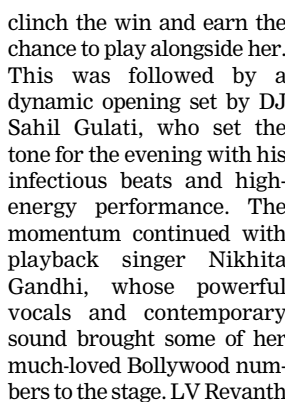
long-term presence at the Moon – at least 15 years. Meanwhile, a distant retrograde orbit provides a large, circular, and stable (or more fuel-efficient) orbit that circles the Moon every two weeks. However, what Gateway would gain in a stable orbit, it would lose in easy access to the Moon: the distant orbit would make it harder to get to the lunar surface. A third option, NRHO, is just right for Gateway, marrying the upsides of low lunar orbit (surface access) with the benefits of distant retrograde orbit (fuel efficiency). Hanging almost like a necklace from the Moon, NRHO is a one-week orbit that is balanced between the Earth's and Moon's gravity. This orbit will periodically bring Gateway close enough to the lunar surface to provide simple access to the Moon's South Pole where astronauts will test capabilities for living on other planetary bodies, including Mars. NRHO can also provide astronauts and their spacecraft with access to other landing sites around the Moon in addition to the South Pole. The benefits of NRHO don't end with surface access and fuel efficiency.

Sugar has turned into one of the costlier items on the kitchen shelf in recent weeks, with both retail and wholesale prices climbing sharply amid tightening domestic supplies. How Much Have Prices Risen? Retail sugar prices in India have gone up 20% over the past year, touching Rs 55.7 per kg as of Aug. 20, compared to Rs 46.3 per kg a year earlier, according to Department of Consumer Affairs data. The increase has been especially steep in recent weeks, prices stood at Rs 48.2 per kg just a month ago and Rs 50.9 per kg a week ago, pointing to a sharp acceleration rather than a gradual climb. The wholesale market has moved even faster. In Kolhapur, one of the country's key sugar trading hubs, spot prices jumped 30% in a single month, rising from Rs 4,400 to Rs 5,750 per quintal between July 22 and Aug. 20, per NCDEX data. What's Driving The Shortage? The price surge has been linked largely to expectations of



Sugar To Curb Record Prices Shrinking Stockpiles? India's sugar stocks, the buffer that protects consumers from supply shocks, have been declining steadily over the past five years. Closing stocks stood at 95-96 lakh metric tonnes in 2021-22 and 2022-23, before falling to 84 lakh metric tonnes in 2023-24 and 60 lakh metric tonnes in 2024-25. Stocks are now projected to drop further to 43 lakh metric tonnes by the end of September this year, the lowest level in five years, according to data from the US Department of Agriculture's Foreign Agriculture Service and ratings agency ICRA.

Hyderabad, 22nd August 2026: Celebrating its philosophy of 'Living It Large', Seagram's Royal Stag brought the much anticipated fourth and final edition to Royal Stag BoomBox to Gachibowli Stadium, Hyderabad. Building on the success of previous editions, Season 4 brought together the best of music, gaming, art and culture in one immersive experience, culminating in a high-energy finale that brought thousands of fans together for an unforgettable celebration of sound, spectacle and the unmistakable spirit of Generation Large. Gachibowli Stadium transformed into a multisensory playground, featuring vibrant installations, immersive art displays, curated food experiences and interactive zones that went far beyond just music. The evening began with an electrifying face-off between gaming sensation Payal Dhare and a fan, who battled through a series of gaming rounds to



followed with an energetic performance, showcasing his versatility and connecting with the audience through a dynamic mix of his popular tracks. The night reached its peak with global hip-hop icon French Montana, who took over the stage with his signature sound and international anthems, turning the stadium into a roaring celebration. Bringing together diverse sounds and experi-

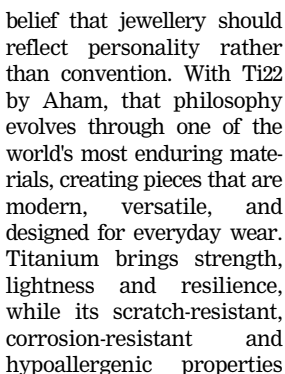
ences, the Hyderabad finale perfectly captured the spirit of Royal Stag BoomBox and gave Generation Large a spectacular closing chapter to Season 4. Royal Stag Boombox has evolved into far more than a music festival, it's a cultural platform that captures the pulse of contemporary India and the unmistakable energy of Generation Large," said Debasree Dasgupta, Chief Marketing Officer, Pernod

Ricard India. "Music and live experiences are powerful engines of connection; they create shared moments and enable true conviviality. With Season 4, we're taking that experience to the next level, blending the soul of Bollywood with the raw, pulsating beats of Hip-Hop, and expanding into gaming, art and immersive cultural expressions. This isn't just entertainment. It's a bold expression of what it means to Live It Large - creating experiences that feel relevant, dynamic and deeply resonant with today's youth across the country." Bollywood Popstar Nikhita Gandhi added, "What makes Royal Stag BoomBox stand out is the way it blends different genres and languages so seamlessly. Performing in Hyderabad was extra special because I got to connect with my Telugu fans and listeners as well! The audience's energy and the immersive setup made it a complete experience, not just a concert."

The process to get Aadhaar biometrics updated for children aged 5 to 17 years remains free until Sept. 30. The Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI), which oversees Aadhaar related initiatives, is urging parents and guardians to ensure that children complete their Mandatory Biometric Update (MBU) on time. "Complete Mandatory Biometric Updates of children when they reach the age of 5 and 15, this will help them verify their identity during admissions, examinations, and scholarship applications. It is free of cost till 30th September. Don't miss this chance, visit your nearest Aadhaar Centre to update MBU now!" Aadhaar posted across its social media profiles. As per the rules, children are required to mandatorily update their biometrics in Aadhaar once they turn 5 and then again at 15. This ensures that their Aadhaar

details remain accurate and their identity can be verified smoothly. The unique 12-digit "Aadhaar" identity numbers are issued to all Indian residents for verification purposes for different government policies. For students, Aadhaar is typically used in school admissions, examinations, scholarship applications and access to government schemes. The mandatory biometric update for children can be done free of cost at Aadhaar centres across India until Sept. 30. After the deadline, authorities may decide whether to extend the free update facility and charges could apply if the waiver is not continued. So far, the Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) has completed around 2 crore biometric updates for schoolchildren across the country. The special drive, launched in September last year, has also reached more than 1.56 lakh schools.

Mumbai, August 2026: Senco Gold & Diamonds today announced actor Harshvardhan Rane as the face of Ti22 by Aham, its latest titanium, gold and diamond collection under its dedicated men's jewellery brand, Aham. Reflecting the evolving expression of modern masculinity, Ti22 by Aham brings together the strength and lightness of titanium with the timeless appeal of gold and diamonds. With Harshvardhan Rane at the heart of the campaign, the collection embodies a new generation of men who embrace individuality, authenticity and quiet confidence, staying true to the philosophy "Be Bold. Be Strong." Ti22 by Aham was launched in Mumbai today at One8 Commune, Juhu. Harshvardhan Rane was present at the launch sporting the collection, wearing the striking titanium bracelet and pendant. Looking sharp and dapper, he carried the new range with effortless style, perfectly embodying the collection's bold, contemporary aesthetic. For Senco Gold & Diamonds, Aham represents a contemporary vision for men's jewellery, one where thoughtful design meets self-expression. Derived from the Sanskrit word for self or inner identity, Aham is built around the



make it a skin-friendly choice for everyday wear. Gold and diamonds add a timeless dimension to the collection, bringing together material innovation with enduring *karigari*. Built around clean silhouettes, purposeful detailing and resilient craftsmanship, the collection balances material innovation with understated design. The Ti22 by Aham collection includes a wide range of men's chains.

pendants, ear studs, bracelets, kadas and rings, crafted in Titanium with Gold and Diamonds. The result is jewellery that moves effortlessly between work, travel and everyday moments while reflecting more personal expression of modern masculinity. It is jewellery for men who understand that confidence isn't performative, it's lived. Ti22 by Aham is designed for those who choose to be bold in their individuality and strong in their sense of self. Leading this new chapter is Harshvardhan Rane, whose public persona mirrors the philosophy behind Aham. The "Be Bold. Be Strong" campaign reflects his approach to life and craft. Known for his disciplined approach to life and craft, his understated style is shaped less by trends than by intention. He represents a generation of men who value authenticity over excess, making him a natural ambassador for Ti22 by Aham, a collection that celebrates individuality, resilience and quiet confidence. Speaking about his association with Aham Titanium by Senco and the Ti22 Collection, Harshvardhan Rane said, "For me, strength has never been about being the loudest or trying to prove something to everyone around you.

India's mergers & acquisitions market is entering an interesting phase. While select billion-dollar transactions make the headlines, the next wave of consolidation is likely to be driven by hundreds of mid-market deals happening across sectors. Over the last quarter, deal volumes have remained strong while average deal size has reduced, given the paucity of blockbuster deals. Only two billion-dollar deals were recorded in Q1 FY27 totalling \$4.1 billion, whereas Q4 FY26 saw over seven billion-dollar deals. So, there is more deal activity now, but in terms of volume. As global and Indian markets navigate the unstable geopolitics, structural shifts, supply chain disruptions, energy crisis and many other challenges, a pause to the momentum of large-scale cross-border deals was expected. Further, subdued capital markets have made big exits

comparatively difficult. However, mid-market deals are being fuelled by their own logical drivers, and in some cases, the factors limiting the bigger deals are igniting the mid-market deal activity. As some large initial public offerings get delayed, businesses are looking for alternative ways to fund growth and operations while they wait for a more favourable public-market window. This is creating demand for smaller private credit and pre-IPO rounds. As a recent example, Veritas Finance is exploring a private transaction as its IPO plans were delayed. Domestic Consolidation India continues to be at the cusp of a "decadal opportunity", driven by the focus on high-end domestic manufacturing and the desire to be more self-reliant across energy, defence, space, semiconductor, high-end electronics, deep tech, digital, AI transformation and more.

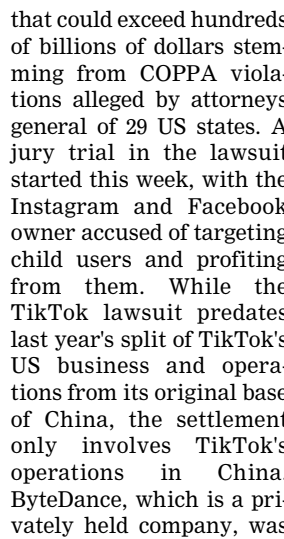
On August 21, 19-year-old Kunal Chandgude climbed Khavda Hill on the outskirts of Chhatrapati Sambhajanagar after an argument with his father over the EMI on an iPhone he could not afford to keep paying off. Hours later, he fell from the edge. His father Murlidhar, who had rushed forward to pull him back, fell with him. His mother Sangita, watching, jumped moments after. All three died at the spot. A similar dispute played out in Hyderabad in May, when a 42-year-old woman died after a fight with her husband over an iPhone purchase turned fatal. Two isolated tragedies, unconnected on the surface. But both sit on top of a pattern that shows up clearly in the Reserve Bank of India's own numbers: a generation of borrowers taking on debt to fund purchases that outstrip what they earn, at a pace even the regulator is struggling to stay ahead of. iPhone As Status Symbol Apple does not publish India-specific affordability data, but the financing industry does. Nearly 42% of all smartphones sold in India this year will be bought on



regular salaried employee in India earned about Rs 20,700 a month in 2023-24, according to the Periodic Labour Force Survey. Fewer than one in a hundred Indian workers earns Rs 1 lakh a month or more, based on an analysis of income tax filings against labour force data. A Rs 75,000 iPhone, on that arithmetic, is priced for an earning bracket of most of the country will never enter. Apple's Indian business has never had a better run regardless. The company shipped close to 14 million iPhones in the country in 2025, taking a record 9% share of smartphone shipments, up from 7% the year before. Smartphones priced above Rs 30,000 grew 15%

year on year, their highest share of shipments on record. Financing is doing much of the work behind that growth. What The RBI Is Watching Household debt in India stood at 41.3% of GDP at the end of March 2025, according to the RBI's Financial Stability Report released in December that year, already above the five-year average of 38.3%. Six months later, the June 2026 edition of the same report put the figure at 45.5% of GDP, as of September 2025. That is a jump of nearly four percentage points across two consecutive half-yearly assessments. The composition matters more than the headline number. Non-housing retail loans, personal loans, credit cards and consumer durable loans among them, now make up 58.4% of total household debt, up from around 50% as recently as 2019-20. Housing loans, the kind that build an asset, account for just 26.3%. India is borrowing more than ever, and increasingly, to consume rather than to build. Gold loans have grown fastest of all.

TikTok has agreed to pay \$2400M (\$293m) to the US to settle a lawsuit alleging it violated children's privacy, marking one of the largest ever settlements over the issue. The deal stems from a 2020 lawsuit by the Department of Justice under former President Joe Biden alleging TikTok and its parent company ByteDance collected "vast amounts of data" on millions of users under the age of 13. DoJ also was against the Children's Online Privacy Protection Act (COPPA), a federal law enacted in 2000 that is the same law that dozens of US states are now suing Meta over. "Children and parents are better protected today than they were when this case began," Assistant Attorney General Brett Shumate said. Other companies to have paid penalties to the US government for COPPA violations include Google's YouTube which in 2019 paid \$170m and Epic Games, which in 2022 paid \$275m. Meta is also now facing penalties



most recently valued by investors at \$550bn. Under the terms of the deal, TikTok and ByteDance will immediately pay the DOJ \$300m. It will pay another \$100m when the government vacates a 2019 consent decree with the Federal Trade Commission. As part of the agreement, the predecessor to ByteDance Musical.ly, was required to pay a \$5.7m fine for COPPA violations and ensure it sought parental consent for any user aged under 13. The justice department did not detail on Friday any

action against TikTok beyond the fine. But the department noted that since it sued the platform, TikTok has "undergone significant changes," including to its ownership, privacy practices and platform controls for young users. When the lawsuit was filed, attorneys for the US said there were more than 170 million teenagers using TikTok and that the app was "directed to children." Yet, it did not effectively gauge the age of users or get parental consent for use from those under age. In 2024, former President Biden pushed for TikTok to be either banned, or have the company divest its US operations. President Donald Trump went on to support divestment of the app, which occurred last year. Its US operations are now 81% owned by a consortium of investors, while ByteDance maintains a 19% stake. A representative of TikTok did not respond to the BBC for comment.

SWORD ATTACK AT SWEDISH SCHOOL



One person has been killed in a sword attack at a high school in central Sweden, authorities have said. Police were called to the Brinell School in Fagersta shortly after 14:00 local time (13:00 BST) on Friday, where officers arrested an 18-year-old man. In an update on Friday, police said officers fired at the suspect before arresting and detaining him. He has not been named. Two teenage boys were seriously injured in the attack. Another person had minor injuries. Eight other schools in the area were placed under lockdown measures - which have now been lifted - while a state of high alert was declared in the Västmanland region following the attack. Sweden's public broadcaster reported that the suspect was wearing a helmet. Local media also said he was a former student. Police said officers were now working to establish possible motives, adding that there was currently no danger to the public. In a post on X, Sweden's Prime Minister Ulf Kristersson described the attack as a "serious incident," and said "we do not

know what lies behind the act, but we know that police are working very intensively". Sweden's King Carl XVI Gustaf said he received the news "with dismay and sadness". In a statement, he said: "My thoughts are with those directly affected, as well as their families and loved ones." Students at Brinell School had only just returned to the classroom following the summer break, with the new term beginning either on Monday or Wednesday this week, depending on the academic year. The school has just under 500 students on its roster, according to SVT, and is located 170km (105 miles) north-west of the capital, Stockholm. Sweden has experienced a number of attacks on educational institutions in recent years. The country experienced its worst-ever mass shooting in 2025, where 11 people, including the gunman, died at an adult education centre in Örebro. This led to the government tightening the country's gun laws after it was found that the suspect legally owned four rifles, three of which were found in the school where attack took place.



■ Israel re-establishes closed West Bank settlement, defying growing international protests

Canada says it will match US tariffs 'dollar for dollar' as trade talks break down

A fresh wave of US tariffs on a wide array of Canadian goods came into effect on Saturday after a last-minute breakdown in trade talks. Announcing the suspension of negotiations shortly before the Friday night deadline, Canadian Prime Minister Mark Carney said he would impose reciprocal tariffs on US goods "dollar for dollar". Carney said "last-minute changes in the US proposed terms were unfair, uneconomic, and called into question the reliability of any deal". Trade negotiators had been engaged in intense talks since July, after President Donald Trump threatened to impose a 50% levy on nearly \$20bn (C\$28bn; £14bn) of Canadian imports by 19 August. Trump had temporarily paused those tariffs earlier in the week, saying the



two sides were close to signing a trade deal that was "very good" for both countries. But minutes before the deadline for a deal, Carney said that while "important progress" had been made in the talks it was "not enough to meet our objectives for Canadians". "As a result, this evening, I have decided to suspend trade negotiations with the US and have directed negotiators to return to Ottawa," he said.

"Last-minute changes in the US proposed terms were unfair, uneconomic, and called into question the reliability of any deal." After Carney's announcement US trade representative Jamieson Greer said in a statement: "Tonight, Canada declined to finalise the trade deal under the terms agreed earlier this week. "Despite the US offer to Canada to receive the best treatment of any

major exporter to our market, new demands and walk backs of other commitments by Canada have upended the careful balance reached in the past days." The breakdown in talks marks a significant shift in tone from earlier in the week, when both US and Canadian officials sounded optimistic that a trade deal beneficial for both countries was within reach. Negotiators were reportedly discussing a deal that would reduce US tariffs on Canadian steel and aluminium from 50% to 25%, and on Canadian autos from 25% to 15%. In exchange, Carney had asked Canadian provinces to restore US alcohol to store shelves. The breakdown of the talks puts the US-Canada relationship in uncharted territory, and will be a major test for Carney's premiership.

CARNEY FACES CRUCIAL TEST AFTER WALKING AWAY FROM TRUMP'S DEAL



The United States and Canada have entered into uncharted territory. The longtime allies and economic partners, who have enjoyed free trade for decades, are now in an escalating trade war with no clear off ramp. And for Prime Minister Mark Carney, the late night decision to suspend talks with President Donald Trump and to retaliate instead of agreeing to a deal that seemed in reach, will be a significant political test. He is one of the first world leaders to walk away from the negotiating table with the White House - and the outcome will be closely watched. Both sides have have blamed last-minute changes for torpedoing the tentative deal. Carney's decision will also challenge the appetite among Canadians to accept some economic pain as Ottawa pushes for more US concessions. After rejecting Trump's high pressure tactics, and in choosing to hit back against the latest duties, Carney will need to convince Canadians that the economic pain is worth the cost of standing up to the Trump administration in search of a better agreement in the long run. There is no doubt this will cause pain on both sides of the border, with business facing more pressure from US duties and Canadian counter-tariffs. Canada sends about 70% of its exports to the US, and the country is the top trading partner for a number of US states, with Michigan, Kentucky, Indiana and Ohio among the most exposed.

Carney came to power with a call for "elbows up" - an ice-hockey term for an aggressive approach - vowing to fight for Canada in the face of a Trump administration keen to exert economic pressure for its America First agenda. Many Canadians have told pollsters that they are willing to fight. A recent survey by Abacus Data suggested that around 36% of Canadians would support retaliating to US tariffs, while a Leger poll indicated that 56% of Canadians want the federal government to take a hard line and make no more concessions. Canadians frustrated with the US tariffs have already chosen to avoid travelling there. The boycott has meant a loss of about C\$3.3bn (\$2.35bn; £1.75bn) in travel revenue for the US last year. A decision by most provinces to remove US alcohol from store shelves has hammered that sector. Based on US government trade data, US wine exports to Canada fell 78% year over year, a \$357m loss in export value. The US distillers association reported similar numbers - saying provincial bans have caused exports of American spirits to drop by more than 70%. The ban quickly became a point of frustration for the Trump administration. Canada's prime minister will also need to convince the provinces who have been less affected by the US trade dispute so far that walking away is a risk worth taking. He will be meeting them on Saturday to brief them on the current state of affairs.

Rescuers dig through Ukraine mall wreckage as Zelensky condemns 'despicable' Russian strike

Rescuers in Ukraine are continuing their search for survivors in the wreckage of a big shopping centre hit by Russia on Friday. Sixteen people were killed and 130 injured when two drones hit the busy centre in Kryvyi Rih in quick succession in what is known as a double-tap strike. Four people are still missing. The search and rescue operation could last for another two days. President Volodymyr Zelensky condemned the "cynical and despicable" attack in which the second drone targeted emergency workers. The sides exchanged more fire overnight, with Ukrainian attacks said to have killed at least four people in Russia, including two children, and three people reported dead by Kyiv as a result of Russian strikes. The death toll from Friday's attack reached 16 after another body was retrieved from the rubble overnight, said Dnipropetrovsk regional head Oleksandr Hanzha. "We're doing everything possible to speed up... the search and rescue operation," he told Ukrainian TV on Saturday



morning. He added that the work could continue for another two days because of the sheer scale of devastation and constant threats of more Russian attacks. Rescue teams from seven other Ukrainian regions were urgently deployed on Friday evening to help search for survivors. The huge fire covering an area of some 79,000 sq m has been extinguished. In an update later on Saturday, Hanzha said that 52 injured people, including 14 children, were still in city hospitals. Dozens of people had already undergone surgery, said Kryvyi Rih's military chief Oleksandr Vilkul. A

day of mourning is being observed across the Dnipropetrovsk region. Dramatic footage verified by the BBC showed the second drone hitting the already burning shopping centre in Zelensky's hometown. Russia's military has not commented. Vilkul said the drones had been flying at "extremely low altitudes" and described the attackers as "animals". Officials have not commented on why Ukraine's air defence units - which the military says are 90% successful at intercepting drones - failed to stop Friday's attacks on the shopping centre. Ukraine's intercept

tion rate of ballistic missiles, however, is much lower - at about 40%, the defence ministry reported in June. Kyiv has repeatedly said it is running low on US-made Patriot missiles - the most effective weapon against the ballistics. The attack in Kryvyi Rih came a day after 17 people were killed and more than 40 injured in a major Russian missile and drone attack on Ukraine's capital Kyiv. Zelensky said there had been "missile and drone strikes throughout the evening and night" across Ukraine, with residential buildings and civilian infrastructure damaged. He said one person was killed and another injured after ballistic missile strikes damaged railway infrastructure in the capital Kyiv, while three people were injured by a "brutal" drone strike on a city minibus in the southern city of Zaporizhzhia. Two people were killed in a separate Russian attack in the Kyiv region, Ukraine's state emergencies service DSNS said. Meanwhile, Russia's defence ministry said it downed a total of 457 Ukrainian drones overnight.

Father leaves 7-year-old son alone on Mount Fuji to continue hike



A father has been reprimanded by police after leaving his son on Japan's highest mountain for several hours with just a soft drink and snack. The seven-year-old was spotted sitting on a bench on Mount Fuji in foggy and rainy conditions, at a point situated at over 2,000m (6,500ft). His father, 48, reportedly told him to "wait here" after the boy complained he was tired - and continued the climb with his elder son. Staff at a mountain hut found the child near the sixth station of a hiking route towards the summit and alerted police. His father was tracked down between the route's seventh and eighth stations - said to be a three-

hour hike away. The boy was found on his own at 07:30 local time on Thursday (22:30 GMT). Officers castigated his father when he returned from the higher station and reunited with his son, who is said to have been "tired and fussy" after eight hours of waiting. "Even if it means having to give up on climbing the mountain together, leaving a child behind is unacceptable," one told him, according to Japan Today. He is said to have apologised for the "rash" decision. The family was reported to have been on the Fujinomiya route, which starts from the fifth station on the mountain, a spot which is accessible by public transport.



Fourteen killed in strike on Myanmar monastery

Lindsay Clancy suffering 'command hallucination' when she killed children, court hears

Lindsay Clancy, the Massachusetts mum who has been charged with murdering her three children, was suffering from a "command hallucination" at the time, a forensic psychiatrist has told the jury in her trial. The defence, which rested its case on Friday, does not dispute that Clancy carried out the killings but say she has pleaded not guilty to murder charges because she was experiencing postpartum psychosis. Forensic psychiatrist Phillip Resnick, the defence's final witness, testified about the effects of postpartum psychosis. Prosecutors, meanwhile, alleged she made a calculated decision to intentionally kill her children - Cora, five, Dawson, three, and Callan, who was eight months. "My



opinion is that Ms Clancy was, due to her mental disease, unable to conform her conduct to the requirements of the law on the day that she took the lives of her children," Resnick told jurors. "It was a matter where she was just following the command rather than being able to make any decision to do it or not." The forensic psychiatrist said that in his opin-

ion on the day Clancy killed her children she experienced "not only a command hallucination" but also "a delusion of influence". Resnick evaluated Clancy after the killings and reviewed her medical records. Clancy lacked control and was likely unable to tell the difference between right and wrong on that January 2023 day, he told

the jury on Friday. "In her mind, she believed that she would be doing her children a favour by having them go to heaven with her rather than remain on earth without her doing the mothering," Resnick testified. The case is expected to go to the jury early next week following nearly a month of witness testimony. Earlier this week, Clancy's mother and former mother-in-law testified about how Clancy's mental health deteriorated after the birth of her youngest son. "She was begging for help," Clancy's former mother-in-law, Susan Clancy, said of a woman she described as a "very nurturing, very loving" mother. Clancy has been charged with three counts of first-degree murder.

Mitchell Starc's Adorable Interview With Wife Alyssa Healy After Demolishing Bangladesh Leaves Fans In Splits

After a humiliating defeat in the first Test, Australia bounced back emphatically on Day 1 of the second Test as Bangladesh were bundled out for just 64 in their first innings in Mackay. The chief architect of Australia's dominance was pacer Mitchell Starc, who wasted no time in making an impact and completed his five-wicket haul within the first seven overs. After lunch, he struck again to finish with impressive figures of 6/12. During the lunch break, Starc had another reason to celebrate. His wife and former Australia captain Alyssa Healy interviewed him on the field, leading to a heart-warming and hilarious exchange. The video of their adorable interaction quickly went viral on social media, leaving fans thoroughly entertained. "Yeah, who would have thought they'd stitch this one up? I paid for dinner last night. Does that



mean it's now your turn?" Healy asked. "You're paid the bigger bucks than I am," Starc replied. Healy then asked about Australia's decision to bowl first. "You said it before, you've played here more than the rest of us, but, yeah, I mean, we clearly weren't at our best last week," Starc said. "To get first use of that wicket, a lot of the Queenslanders here have said it's a lot like the Gabba. So, yeah, to make first use of that in the first session, you can't be too unhappy. Six in the first ses-

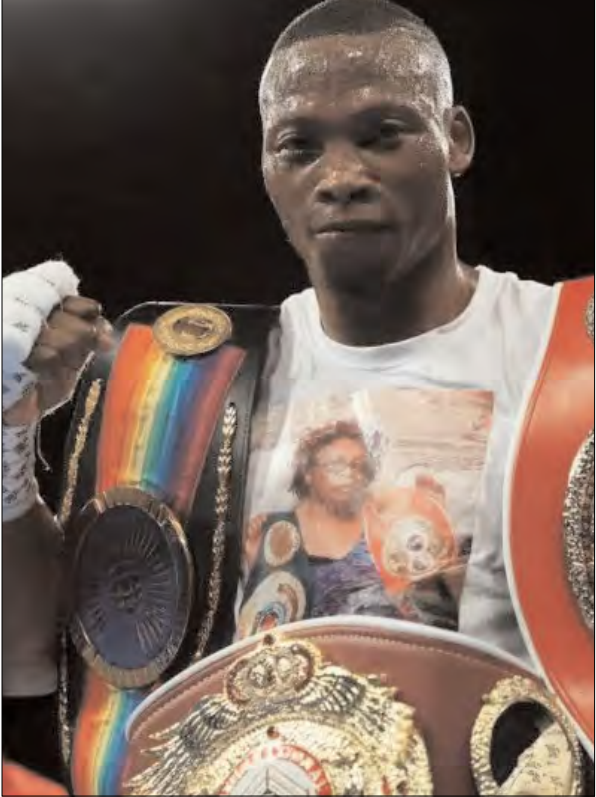
sion, can't beat that. Obviously a little bit of anger. It's worked well so far, hopefully we can keep it up," he added. Meanwhile, Starc etched his name in the history books as the Australia pacer became the leading wicket-taker in World Test Championship (WTC) history, producing a sensational spell against Bangladesh. The veteran pacer's stunning spell saw him overtake Australia teammate Pat Cummins to become the highest wicket-taker in WTC history.

TWO-TIME WORLD CHAMPION TETE SHOT DEAD OUTSIDE HOME

Two-time world champion Zolani Tete has been shot dead outside his home in South Africa. The 38-year-old was killed in what has been described as an ambush in Mdantsane, Eastern Cape on Friday. Officials said Tete was in his car waiting for the gate to his house to open when two armed suspects in balaclavas emerged from a vehicle and fired "multiple shots" at him and a 27-year-old female passenger, who remains in hospital. South Africa's minister of sport, arts and culture, Gayton McKenzie, said: "South Africa has lost one of the finest fighters it has ever produced." The two suspects fled the scene and a major investigation has been launched, McKenzie added. Tete held the WBO bantamweight title from 2017 to 2019, as well as the IBF super-flyweight title in 2014. Tete beat Liverpool's Paul Butler in 2015 in one of the eight times he

fought in the United Kingdom. He also holds a Guinness World Record for the fastest knockout in a title fight, ending his match with Siboniso Gonya inside 11 seconds in 2017. Tete last fought in July 2022, beating Briton Jason Cunningham by knockout. In London, but it was later ruled a no-contest after he failed a drugs test. He tested positive for anabolic steroid stanozolol and was given a four-year ban by the UK Anti-Doping Agency. His ban ended on 29 July, 2026 and after his death, manager Mla Tengimfene confirmed he had been training for a comeback fight. Tete had 29 wins in 34 fights, with four losses and one no-contest. Japanese fighter Naoya Inoue said Tete was a "wonderful boxer". "I hope the world is peaceful. And please, rest in peace," he said. John Riel Casimero, who took the WBO bantamweight belt from Tete

in November 2019, said he was "shocked" and "heartbroken" over his death. "We shared the canvas and pushed each other to be our absolute best inside the squared ring. A true warrior and champion. Rest in peace, champ. Prayers with your family and loved ones," he said. Tete's manager Mlandeli Tengimfene confirmed the fighter had been preparing for a return to the ring on 29 November. "Zolani is gone at a time we thought he was going to resuscitate his career," he told the South African Broadcasting Corporation. "The news is devastating, I must say." Sanctioning body the WBO said it mourned the passing of its former champion. "We extend our deepest condolences to his family, friends, loved ones and the entire South African boxing community during this incredibly difficult time," a social media post said. "Rest in peace, champion."



Treesa Jolly-Gayatri Gopichand Lose Semi-Final, Clinch Maiden BWF World Championships Bronze

Treesa Jolly and Gayatri Gopichand's extraordinary run ended with a fighting three-game loss to world No. 1 and defending champions Liu Sheng Shu and Tan Ning in the women's doubles semi-finals at the BWF World Championships in New Delhi on Saturday, as the Indian pair signed off with a maiden bronze medal. The unseeded Indians produced a sensational start to pocket the opening game but could not sustain the pressure against the mighty Chinese pair, going down 21-18, 13-21, 8-21 in an hour and 11 minutes. India last won a BWF World Championships medal in women's doubles in 2011, when Jwala Gutta and Ashwini Ponnappa claimed bronze in London. The Indian pair didn't have a favourable head-to-head record against



the Chinese, having lost six times with just one to show in seven meetings so far. However, Treesa and Gayatri raced to a 7-2 lead to put the Chinese pair under early pressure. Liu and Tan quickly fought their way back with a

series of sharp rallies. Six straight points from the Chinese pair turned the match around as they moved ahead. The Chinese made effective use of angled returns, forcing the Indians into errors, with several shots

finding the net. A nine-point run took Liu and Tan to an 11-7 lead at the interval. The rallies were generally short, averaging around 15 shots, but the Indians began to regain their rhythm after the resumption. Treesa ended the

Chinese run with a well-executed point. Another attack at the front court forced the Chinese long, before a 31-shot rally brought the Indians level at 12-12. A fabulous exchange followed, ending with a cross-court winner from Treesa as India moved ahead. The Indians' attack was becoming sharper. Gayatri, however, was punished for a short lift as the Chinese regained the advantage at 15-13. Treesa then produced a superb return of serve to leave the Chinese pair stretched, cutting the deficit to 14-16. A fired-up Treesa followed it with a jump smash and another aggressive play at the front court as India drew level again. The Chinese responded with relentless attacking play and moved to 18-16, but the Indians won a video referral to make it 17-18.

Brazil Unfazed By 'Boycott' Calls, Determined To Play Against India: Sources

Seeing the Brazil national football team and their star players line up against the Blue Tigers on home soil is undoubtedly a dream come true for thousands of passionate football fans across India. Opportunities to face five-time World Cup winners do not come around often for Indian football. However, a section of the domestic football spectrum, led by former national team captain Bhaichung Bhutia, is calling for a 'boycott' of the fixture, arguing that the considerable funds allocated for the high-profile exhibition match would be better invested in long-term grassroots and sporting infrastructure projects. When NDTV contacted sources close to the Brazilian Football Confederation (CBF), they confirmed that the governing body remains entirely unconcerned by the



growing chatter in India and is not altering its plans for the October friendly. A delegation from the CBF inspected the playing surface at Kolkata's Vivekananda Yuba Bharati Krirangan on Thursday. While subsequent reports suggested that the grass density on the pitch was low and required immediate work to prevent potential injury risks to players, sources clarified to NDTV that the feedback was merely a routine precautionary

measure that had been blown out of proportion. The condition of the field, sources confirmed, will have no impact whatsoever on the schedule of the match. The Brazilian federation also denied being affected by the calls for a boycott, suggesting that such reactions appear to be driven by local politics. Addressing India's decision to pull out of the inaugural FIFA-ASEAN Cup in order to accommodate the marquee friendly against Brazil.

George Russell Roars To Sprint Pole At Dutch GP, Championship Leader Kimi Antonelli P5

Mercedes driver George Russell clinched pole position for Saturday's sprint race at the Dutch Grand Prix, setting the fastest qualifying lap time ahead of current world champion Lando Norris. Ferrari's Charles Leclerc will be third on the grid ahead of Oscar Piastri in the second McLaren. Back for the first race after the traditional month-long summer break, Russell set a time of one minute and 11.567 seconds, 0.041 seconds faster than Leclerc, ahead of what looks like being a knife-edge battle all weekend between the top teams. "The lap felt really good, to be honest. It all came together nicely," said Russell.



Updated WTC Points Table: Pakistan Hit Rock Bottom After Crushing Loss Against England

Pakistan slumped to an innings and 103-run loss against England in the first Test match at Headingley on Friday. It was a crushing loss for the Salman Agha-led side and as a result, they found themselves at the bottom of the ICC World Test Championship (WTC) 2025-27 standings. Pakistan have lost 5 out of their 7 matches till now and with a PCT of 19.05, they fell behind West Indies in the points table. England, on the other hand, are seventh with a PCT of 29.76. Australia remained top of the WTC table after winning seven of their nine Tests followed by South Africa and New Zealand. India, who recently defeated Sri Lanka in the first Test match, are fifth in the table with a PCT of 53.33. Coming to the match, England launched their



post-Bazball era with an innings and 103-run thrashing of Pakistan in the first Test at Headingley on Friday. Pakistan, who had been 51-2 in their second innings, lost four wickets for 25 runs on the way to being dismissed for just 135. England pacemen Josh Tongue and

Ollie Robinson, who took all 10 wickets between them in Pakistan's meagre first innings 171, once again did plenty of damage after express quick Jofra Archer removed both openers.

Usain Bolt Among Registered Players To Play For Manchester-Based Football Side

Legendary athlete and multi-time Olympic and World champion Usain Bolt could be stepping onto a football field, as he was listed as one of the registered players for Wythenshawe Vets FC, an over-35s team based in Manchester, England. Bolt was seen among the registered players on the Football Association's website on Friday. The club has attracted several high-profile players who have sought to pursue the sport after their professional retirement in recent years, including former England striker Emile Heskey, ex-Manchester

United captain Antonio Valencia, and Premier League champions Joleon Lescott and Danny Drinkwater, all of whom are set to play for the veterans' side this season, as per Olympics.com. While the team is yet to confirm Bolt as a player for this season, the move seems possible for the 40-year-old athlete and 100m world record holder, who turned his attention to professional football after retiring from athletics following the 2017 World Athletics Championships. Having scored two goals during a friendly for

Australian A-League side Central Coast Mariners in 2018, Bolt went on to sign a deal with the club before leaving eight weeks later and retiring from football in early 2019. Former sprint star Usain Bolt appears set to turn out for a Sunday league team in Manchester. The eight-time Olympic champion, who still holds the world records for the 100 metres and 200m, appears on the squad list for Wythenshawe FC Veterans over-35s on the Football Association Full-Time website. The team play in the Cheshire Veterans League

and feature a squad full of former top-level professionals. Managed by former Manchester City and Republic of Ireland midfielder Stephen Ireland, the line-up includes Danny Drinkwater, Antonio Valencia, Joleon Lescott, Emile Heskey, Marc Albrighton and Papiss Cisse. Bolt, 40, is a huge football fan and, after retiring following the World Championships in 2017, he attempted a professional career in the sport, briefly playing for Australian side Central Coast Mariners.



"Building Momentum": Neeraj Chopra After Season-Best 88.05 Metre Throw At Lausanne Diamond League



Olympic champion Neeraj Chopra said he is "building momentum" to get back to his "best" after finishing second at the Lausanne Diamond League with a season-best throw of 88.05 metres. Taking to social media platform X, Neeraj wrote, "88.05. Building momentum to get back to my best again." Chopra finished second at the Lausanne Diamond League with a season-best throw of 88.05m, missing out on the top spot by just nine cen-

timetres. Sri Lanka's Rumesh Tharanga Pathirage continued his impressive 2026 campaign, winning the event with an 88.14m effort. The result extended Chopra's wait for a victory, with his last win coming at the Neeraj Chopra Classic in Bengaluru in July 2025. However, his return to the 88m range will be a major positive, particularly after a difficult start to the season. Before Lausanne, Chopra had competed in just two events in 2026.

CHIRANJEEVI’S ‘KAAKA’ TITLE GLIMPSE UNLEASHES MASS APPEAL

Megastar Chiranjeevi’s much-awaited collaboration with director Bobby Kolli has finally offered a glimpse into its world, and the title glimpse of *#Mega158* / *#ChiruBobby2* has arrived as a powerful showcase of style, action and raw mass appeal. The film, produced by Venkat K Narayana under the KVN Productions banner, has been generating considerable anticipation ever since its announcement, and the most stylish title glimpse that is all guns blazing has now taken those expectations several notches higher.

The glimpse opens with Chiranjeevi entering the aqua industry as K Satyam, Supervisor, greeting everyone and assuring the Chennai team on phone call that the load will arrive on time. He denies Sunil’s leave request, saying their target is the festival. When Getup Srinu tells him about the scooter keys given by daughter, Chiranjeevi asks him to throw them. The keys accidentally fall into the water, but a dog brings a remote, which he uses to retrieve them with a magnet. Interestingly, guns emerge along with the keys. Chiranjeevi is then revealed as a middle-aged man wearing glasses, followed by the title reveal Kaaka. A flashback then introduces a young, stylish Chiranjeevi in a powerful gun-firing sequence.

The title Kaaka sounds powerful, while the title glimpse immediately grabs



attention with striking visuals and a distinctive setting. Bobby Kolli has yet again demonstrated his understanding of how to present Chiranjeevi in a way that connects strongly with fans and the masses. The contrasting presentation of the two versions, combined with the powerful visuals, music and action, makes the glimpse highly engaging. Chiranjeevi once

again proves why his screen presence remains one of the biggest strengths of Telugu cinema. Bobby presents the Megastar in two distinct looks, with the middle-class avatar bringing a grounded charm and the younger version radiating attitude and energy. The gun-firing sequence, supported by his body language and effortless swag, creates a terrific mass moment,

with the final shot leaving a particularly strong impact. Cinematographer Vijay Karthik Kannan enhances the glimpse with his dynamic visual language. In the initial portions, the camera almost travels alongside Chiranjeevi’s character, creating an immersive feel, before shifting into high-energy frames and mass elevations as the glimpse progresses. S Thaman’s background score further amplifies the intensity, while the remix of the iconic “Gang Gang” from Gang Leader adds an extra layer of nostalgia and swagger. If the title glimpse is any indication, Kaaka has already set the expectations high for what promises to be a grand and entertaining Chiranjeevi starrer.

Anaswara Rajan is part of the cast in a pivotal role, while the film boasts a strong technical team comprising production designer Avinash Kolla, editor Antony L Ruben and writers Kona Venkat, K Chakravarthy Reddy, Hari Mohana Krishna and Vineeth Potluri, with dialogues by Bhanu-Nandu. The title glimpse has therefore achieved its primary purpose. It has introduced the film’s world, while giving audiences a clear taste of its scale, mood and protagonist. More importantly, it suggests that Bobby Kolli is attempting to give Chiranjeevi a characterisation that wasn’t seen before.

The film is scheduled for a grand worldwide release during the Sankranti season on January 13, 2027.

Romanchakam” to Be a Complete Entertainer to Watch with Friends and Family, Says Producer Pranay Reddy Vanga at Press Meet

The Film is Set for a Worldwide Grand Theatrical Release on September 3 Presented by blockbuster director Sandeep Reddy Vanga and produced under the Bhadrakali Pictures banner, “Romanchakam” stars Sumanth Prabhas and Ananthika Sanilkumar in the lead roles. The film is produced by Pranay Reddy Vanga and directed by debutant filmmaker Venugopal Reddy. Promising to be an interesting and youthful entertainer blending love, humour and suspense, “Romanchakam” is gearing



up for a worldwide grand theatrical release on September 3. Suniel Narang of Asian Cinemas is releasing the film across Andhra Pradesh, Telangana and Karnataka. The film’s press meet was held in Hyderabad today.

KRITHI SHETTY TURNS HEADS IN DESIGNER OUTFIT



Krithi Shetty is currently having a major style moment, and her latest look proves she is not holding back on the designer front. The actress, who is part of the upcoming Anil Ravipudi directorial, was spotted in a chic Louis Vuitton ensemble, a powder blue corset top paired with the brand’s iconic grey monogram mini skirt. She completed the look with white LV sneakers and carried a mini Louis Vuitton trunk-style bag on her shoulder, leaving

no doubt about her love for the French luxury label. Krithi kept her hair loose in soft waves and opted for minimal, dewy makeup, letting the outfit do all the talking. The Louis Vuitton shopping bags visible in the frame hint that this may just be a fresh haul, and fans are already loving her fun, playful mirror-selfie energy. With her upcoming project generating buzz, Krithi seems to be having as much fun off-screen as she gears up for what’s next on it.

Rakul Preet Nails Every Single Look On the Cover



Rakul Preet Singh has proved once again why she is called the Queen of Style, gracing the cover of HT City Showstoppers’ August 2026 edition in a jaw-dropping ivory lace gown with an oversized bow-shaped cape sleeve, paired with statement drop earrings and a sleek bun. While several new-gen and popular heroines have struggled to crack big magazine covers, Rakul continues to own this space effortlessly, proving her fashion game is a league of its own. The photoshoot also saw her serve multiple looks, a sage green fringe

and sequin gown with puffed sleeves and a thigh-high slit, a fiery red one-shoulder gown with floral embroidery and a bold thigh slit, a silver-blue crystal-embellished halter gown, and a chic all-black winter look with emerald green stockings and a cream handbag. Each outfit showed off a different side of her style range, from glamorous and bold to classy and edgy. Rakul is set to appear in Nitesh Tiwari’s ambitious two-part epic Ramayana, where she takes on the complex mythological role of Surpanakha.

VISHWAMBHARA OST: THUNDEROUS SPIRITUAL CHANTS!

While the brand-new Vishwambhara poster establishes the visual mood, the newly released OST gives that world a voice of its own. The makers chose Megastar Chiranjeevi’s birthday to present the thunderous musical score composed by Gowra Hari.

The track is built around scale and atmosphere. Deep, resonant chants create an unmistakable spiritual presence, while pounding drums and sweeping brass arrangements steadily increase the intensity. What begins as a restrained and brooding composition eventually erupts into a peak, making the music feel tailor-made for a pivotal spiritual moment. Gowra Hari, who has earned recognition through projects including Hanu-Man and Mirai, brings a distinctly cinematic approach to the OST. The composition reinforces the sense of mythology, mystery and power associated with the film. That same mood dominates the birthday poster. Chiranjeevi is presented in an uncompromising avatar, with a beard, fierce expression and sharply focused eyes.



“Husharu Pittalu Has Once Again Proved That Content Is King”: Producer Venkat Yadav at the Thanks Meet



Husharu Pittalu’ is a youthful entertainer starring Anshu and Vasavi Ganeshan in the lead roles. Presented by Padma Amma and BVG Studios, the film is produced by Venkat Yadav under the Rudra Kranthi Pictures banner and directed by Bikshu. The film was released by prominent production houses Asian Suresh Films.

Released on August 15, the movie opened to an unexpected response and received excellent word-of-mouth, resulting in houseful collections and emerging as a blockbuster success. The film collected a gross of ₹5.27 crore in its first week and successfully entered its second week. A thanks meet was organized by the team to celebrate the success.

AP GREEN Chairman & MLC Nagababu Celebrates Megastar Chiranjeevi’s Birthday with Green Initiative in Kokapet



On the occasion of Megastar Chiranjeevi’s birthday on August 22, actor, producer, Member of the Andhra Pradesh Legislative Council (MLC), and Chairman of the AP GREEN Executive Committee, Konidela Nagendra Babu, marked the celebration with an eco-conscious initiative by planting saplings in an open area at Kokapet, Hyderabad. Among the plants introduced was

a Kadamba Vruksham (Kadambavasin tree), sourced directly from the renowned nurseries of Kadiyam. Highlighting the ecological benefits of the species, Nagababu noted that the 1.5 to 2-year-old sapling features lush green foliage, provides cooling shade capable of reducing ambient heat by 10 to 15 degrees, and bears distinctive spherical blooms. Sharing his thoughts on celebrating milestones through nature, Nagababu stated: “Planting trees on the occasion of Annayya’s birthday felt truly happy and meaningful. Instead of celebrating with something temporary, planting a tree is a beautiful way to create something that grows, gives life, and benefits everyone for years to come. I believe everyone should plant a tree on the occasion of their loved ones’ birthdays. It’s a small gesture today that leaves a lasting gift for tomorrow. Happy Birthday, Annayya! May your legacy continue to grow and inspire, just like these trees. Nagababu further highlighted that this gesture is part of an ongoing family initiative. He has personally planted over 120 trees dedicated to his family members including Pawan Kalyan, Ram Charan, Varun Tej, Sai Dharam Tej, Vaishnav Tej, and Niharika. Underscoring his commitment to environmental preservation, he urged citizens and fans to adopt the practice of planting a tree on the birthdays of loved ones to create a greener, lasting future.

NISHANTH DOTI, SUMAIRA STUDIOS' EMOTIONAL DRAMA SAHAA (LIFE OF SANJU) THEATRICAL RELEASE ON SEPTEMBER 4



Sahaa (Life of Sanju), the emotional drama, directed by Nishanth Doti, is in full

swing with its promotional campaign. Starring Shiva Kumar Kasaram and Swetha Lakshman in

the lead roles, the film promises to take audiences through a heartfelt journey of love, relationships, memories and the emotional challenges of life. Produced by Teja Velpucharla under the Sumaira Studios banner, Sahaa has already generated interest with its earlier musical and promotional material.

Sahaa has now locked September 4 as its worldwide theatrical release date. The release-date poster strengthens the film’s romantic mood. Set against the backdrop of a public transport journey, Shiva Kumar Kasaram and Swetha Lakshman are seen sharing a warm and effortless moment, reflecting the film’s youthful love journey. The visual presentation hints at a story rooted in simple relationships and genuine emotions.