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04-09-2026
Total pilgrims: 68,374
Tonsures: 35,241
Hundi konaku: 4,03 CR
Laddu sale: 4.19 Lac
Annaprashadam: 2,82 Lac
Ashwini hospital: 3,861
Present Situation on 05-09-2026:
Waiting Compartments...
Slothanam.

Approx. Darshan Time for Sarvadarshanam (with out SSD Tokens): 20-24H.

Short Takes

PAKISTANI LET TERRORIST KILLED IN BUDGAM

Srinagar, Sep 5 : The terrorist killed in Operation Ashdar by the joint forces on Friday in Jammu and Kashmir's Budgam district was on Saturday identified as a Pakistani national and a member of the Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT). J&K Police said on Saturday that the terrorist killed during Operation Ashdar in Budgam has been identified as Yasir, a Pakistani national. In a post on X, the J&K Police said, "You can run but you can't hide," while confirming the identity of the terrorist killed during the operation by the security forces. The identification comes a day after security forces neutralised a terrorist during a joint operation in the Ashdar Gali area of Budgam. An AK-series rifle and other war-like stores were also recovered from the slain terrorist during the operation, officials said. The operation was launched on Thursday when a patrol of Para-commandos engaged in firing exchanges with the terrorists after specific Intelligence inputs about the presence of a group of militants there.

Revanth Challenges KCR to debate congress Govt's 1,000-day record

HYDERABAD TSIT BUREAU:

Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Saturday mounted a sharp attack on BRS president and former Chief Minister K. Chandrababha Naidu, challenging him to attend the Assembly and debate the performance of the Congress government's 1,000 days against the previous BRS regime's 10-year rule.

Addressing a massive public meeting at Nakrekal in Nalgonda district, Revanth Reddy said the huge turnout had once again demonstrated that Nalgonda district and Nakrekal remained strongholds of the Congress. The meeting was organised in connection with the Chief Minister's visit to inaugurate and lay foundation stones for development works worth over Rs.315 crore.

The Chief Minister rejected the Opposition's criticism of his government and said its welfare and development record should be judged on facts. The Congress government recently completed 1,000 days in office, with agriculture, women's welfare, employment, housing, education and infrastructure forming the centrepiece of its performance claims.



Revanth Reddy said his government had waived crop loans of up to Rs.2 lakh for over 25 lakh farmers and provided about Rs.36,000 crore under Rythu Bharosa. He also highlighted the Rs.500 bonus for fine paddy varieties and expenditure on free power to the agriculture sector.

"Let KCR, KTR and Harish Rao come to the Assembly. We are ready to discuss every figure and compare their 10 years of rule with our 1,000 days of Praja Palana," the Chief Minister said.

Highlighting women's welfare, Revanth Reddy said the

Mahalakshmi free RTC travel scheme would continue as long as the Congress remained in power. He said the government was moving beyond conventional welfare by creating income-generating opportunities for women through RTC buses, solar power projects, petrol pumps and marketing facilities for products made by self-help groups.

He reiterated the government's goal of economically empowering one crore women by 2034. Turning to employment, the Chief Minister accused the previous BRS government of betraying unemployed youth

and referred to recruitment examination paper leaks during its tenure. He claimed that the Congress government had provided more than 72,000 government appointments since coming to power, a figure also highlighted by the government in its 1,000-day performance campaign.

Revanth Reddy also accused the previous government of concentrating political opportunities within the KCR family, while claiming that the Congress had given greater representation to weaker sections, women and leaders associated with the Telangana movement.

The Chief Minister said the government's welfare schemes were being extended without political discrimination. He cited fine-rice distribution through ration cards, free electricity for eligible households and enhancement of AarogyaSri coverage as examples.

Stepping up his attack on KCR, Revanth Reddy questioned the BRS chief's absence from the Assembly and challenged him either to attend the House and debate public issues or resign as MLA and seek a fresh mandate from Gajwel.

PM tells Teachers to fight drug abuse, screen addiction in Students



NEW DELHI (TSIT) —

Prime Minister Narendra Modi interacted with the winners of the National Teachers Awards at his residence, where he urged educators to look beyond academic performance and remain alert to issues like drug addiction and excessive screen time among students.

This year, 82 teachers and educators from three departments—School Education, Higher Education, and Skill Development—were selected for the awards. They shared creative approaches they have adopted to make classroom learning more engaging and effective. The Prime Minister emphasised that with the decline of traditional joint families, teachers now play an increasingly important role in children's lives. He called upon them to identify early

HIGHLIGHT POINT:

► 82 teachers and educators selected for National Teachers Awards

► PM Modi asks teachers to preserve childhood and nurture children's natural curiosity

► Teachers share creative approaches adopted by them to make classroom learning more engaging and effective

signs of drug abuse and help students overcome the habit. On screen time, he suggested promoting sports, physical games, and creative activities as alternatives to excessive mobile phone use. PM Modi also stressed preserving childhood innocence and nurturing children's natural curiosity.

CM Naidu announces major sops for Govt employees

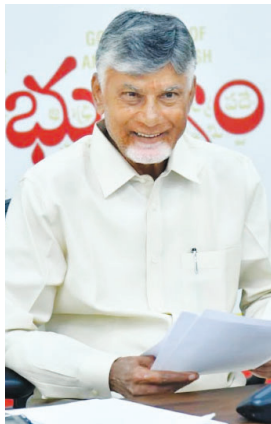
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TSIT:

Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu announced several key decisions to resolve the pending issues of government employees, stating that employees are an integral part of the government and that their welfare remains a priority.

During a meeting with employees' association leaders, the Chief Minister agreed to constitute the 12th Pay Revision Commission (PRC), release two pending Dearness Allowances (DAs) from October 1, 2026, and clear the DAs due from July 1, 2024 and January 1, 2025.

He also announced



that the surrender leave amount pertaining to 2022 would be credited to employees' accounts by Sankranti and that police personnel would receive one additional surrender leave during Dasara.

The Chief Minister

further announced that an additional Quantum of Pension would be implemented from January 2027, with pensioners above 70 years receiving an additional 10 per cent and those above 75 years receiving 15 per cent. The Employees Health Scheme (EHS) will also be streamlined, with the government making monthly payments to the NTR Vaidya Seva Trust from next month.

The decisions will entail an additional annual expenditure of Rs. 2,880 crore to the government exchequer. Employees' association leaders expressed satisfaction over the announcements.

Maharashtra Dahi Handi festivities leave woman dead, 42 injured

MUMBAI (TSIT): A 45-year-old woman was crushed to death under an iron frame in Pune, while at least 32 'Govindas' were injured during Dahi

Handi celebrations in Mumbai and 10 in Thane, officials said on Saturday.

Salma Salauddin Pathan, a resident of the Old Sangavi area in Pimpri Chinchwad suburb of Pune, died after a temporary iron structure erected to support a stack of loudspeakers for a Dahi Handi event collapsed on her on Friday night, police said. Workers were dismantling the iron frame after the event organised by the Vighnaharta Mandal concluded, and a heavy portion fell on Pathan.

Sachin Pilot Gets Punjab Congress Charge

NEW DELHI (TSIT) The Congress on Saturday appointed Sachin Pilot as its new General Secretary in-charge of Punjab, replacing Bhupesh Baghel, a day after Rahul Gandhi chaired a crucial meeting with the state leadership to find a way out of the prolonged infighting and indicated that tough political and organisational changes were on the cards.

Baghel, who was handling Punjab, has now been shifted to Assam as General Secretary in-charge, while Pilot takes charge in the state at a politically sensitive time. The high command is considering changes to Punjab Pradesh Congress Committee (PPCC), while Rahul's proposed bus



yatra is being planned as part of the party's preparations for the 2027 Assembly election.

The appointments, approved by Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge, take effect immediately. Pilot's appointment comes barely 24 hours after the much-awaited Punjab meeting chaired by Rahul in Delhi on Friday evening. Kharge, AICC General Secretary (Organisation)

KC Venugopal and Priyanka Gandhi Vadra were also present as the leadership discussed ways to resolve differences among senior Punjab leaders.

The meeting examined various permutations and combinations to break the organisational deadlock. Field reports on senior state leaders, gathered independently by the high command, were also discussed, according to party sources.

Saturday's announcement has now set that exercise in motion. Besides moving Baghel to Assam and appointing Pilot in Punjab, the Congress appointed Randeep Singh Surjewala as General Secretary in-charge of Gujarat.

Census: Population enumeration in 4 poll-bound states from Dec 1, 2026 to Jan 4, 2027



NEW DELHI (TSIT): Population enumeration for Census 2027 will take place in Goa, Uttar Pradesh, Punjab and parts of Uttarakhand from December 1, 2026, to January 4, 2027, the Registrar General of India said on Saturday, advancing the exercise in the states likely to go to polls early next year.

In a gazette notification, the Registrar General of India (RGI) and Census Commissioner of India Mrityunjay Kumar Narayan said the citizens in these areas can avail the option for self-enumeration from November 16 to November 30, 2026. "The conduct of

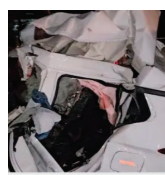
Census of the population shall be undertaken in the States of Goa, Uttar Pradesh, Punjab and areas other than snow-bound areas of the State of Uttarakhand, from 1st December, 2026 to 4th January, 2027 with a revisional round from 5th January, 2027 to 9th January, 2027," the notification said.

It said the reference date for Census 2027 for Goa, Uttar Pradesh, Punjab and Uttarakhand, other than snow-bound areas of the state, shall be 00:00 hours of January 5, 2027. "For the Union territory of Ladakh and snow-bound non-synchronous areas of the Union territory of Jammu and Kashmir and the snow-bound non-synchronous areas of the states of Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand, the reference date shall be 00:00 hours of the 1st day of October, 2026," it added.

8 NEngineering Students Killed in Kerala Crash

Thrissur, Sep 5 :

Eight engineering college students from Tamil Nadu were killed after the car in which they were travelling rammmed into a stationary goods lorry on National Highway 66 at Kaipamangalam in Thrissur district around midnight on Friday. The accident occurred at Panambikkunnu Centre on a stretch of the national highway where construction work is underway. The Tamil Nadu-registered car, carrying eight people, crashed into the rear of the lorry, which had been parked near a diversion created as part of the ongoing highway works. The impact of the collision was severe, leaving the car completely mangled and trapping its occupants inside. Local residents and rescue personnel rushed to the spot after learning about the accident.



Asaduddin Owaisi accuses BJP of targeting mosques, graveyards

Hyderabad: All India Majlis-e-Ittehadul Muslimin (AIMIM) president Asaduddin Owaisi on Saturday, September 5, accused the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) of targeting mosques, graveyards and houses for political gains. Owaisi's remark comes in the wake of the demolition of a mosque inside the District Magistrate's office complex in Uttar Pradesh's Saharanpur earlier on Saturday, a day after the District Judge's court dismissed an appeal filed by the Muslim side against an earlier order declaring the structure illegal.

He said these actions undermine constitutional and legal protections. "Muslims are being selectively targeted through demolition drives and other government action," Owaisi alleged while addressing the media at the party headquarters in Durrussalaam, Hyderabad.

He questioned the use of bulldozers against properties when



legal and court proceedings are still underway, arguing that due process must be followed before any demolition is carried out. The Hyderabad MP also said that

mosques, graveyards, and houses are protected under various legal and constitutional provisions and alleged that their targeting creates fear and insecurity among

members of the Muslim community.

He also questioned whether demolition drives should be used as a political tool, particularly when property disputes are pending before courts. Owaisi stressed that governments must respect judicial proceedings and ensure that every citizen receives equal protection under the law.

He accused BJP-ruled states of demolishing mosques and graveyards to polarise voters along communal lines. He called for state governments to uphold constitutional values, the rule of law and the rights of citizens irrespective of their religion. The AIMIM supremo said that law enforcement and civic authorities should act strictly within the framework of the Constitution and existing laws, and that disputes over ownership or legality of structures should be resolved through established legal procedures rather than punitive demolition.

TRP Seeks White Paper on Education Sector

Jogulamba Gadwal, September 5: Telangana Rajyadhikara Party (TRP) district president Morugu Veeresh demanded a comprehensive inquiry into alleged irregularities in the education sector under successive BRS and Congress governments. He sought a White Paper on education, covering fee reimbursement arrears, school closures, teacher vacancies, budget allocations and expenditure. Veeresh also demanded college-wise and student-wise details of fee reimbursement payments



and social and financial audits of institutions receiving government funds. He said official data from UDISE Plus, State Budget documents, CAG reports and Assembly records should form the basis of the report.

Congress Marks 1,000 Days of Governance

Karimnagar, September 5: The Karimnagar district Congress unit celebrated the completion of 1,000 days of the Congress government in Telangana at Indira Chowk on Saturday. District Congress president and



Choppadandi MLA Dr. Medipalli Satyam highlighted welfare initiatives, including Indiramma houses, new ration cards, free electricity, pensions, women's free bus travel and farm loan waivers.

KTR Vows Fight Until GO 97 Is Repealed



Vemulawada, September 5: BRS Working President K. T. Rama Rao (KTR) assured polytechnic students that the party would continue its fight until GO 97 is repealed and the State Board of Technical Education and Training (SBTET) is retained. Meeting students at Vemulawada, KTR opposed bringing polytechnic colleges under the Labour Department and alleged that the government was targeting their lands and assets. He also assured protesting students of BRS support and criticised the government over pending fee reimbursement dues.

Rs.3.80 crore CMR grain loss



Wanaparthy(TSIT):During the inspections conducted by the officials at Sri Balaji Rice Mill located in the suburbs of Chennur Village, Gopal Peta Mandal, Wanaparthy District, it was found that a large amount of grain was lost. If it is found that corruption of Rs.3.80 crore has been done in rice mills alone, then the situation of other rice mills in the district can be understood. In the case of Customs Milling Rice (CMR) grain, there are allegations that some owners of rice mills are committing illegal activities beyond the limits. The Thailas are making a big mess of the government by showing hope to the officials and using political clout. In the last few days, the state level vigilance and enforcement officers have carried out extensive inspections of the mills at the field level.

Congress Rule Is 'Looting Telangana': Satyavathi Rathod



Mulugu, September 5: BRS leader and former minister Satyavathi Rathod accused the Congress government of failing to fulfil its promises to students and unemployed youth. Addressing a BRS youth meeting in Mulugu, she demanded clarity on jobs, unemployment allowance, student welfare and overseas education assistance. Rathod also challenged Minister Seethakka to a public debate on development works in Mulugu and alleged that the district had seen greater progress under the previous BRS government.

Teachers Are Guiding Force Behind Students' Future: Bhadrachalam Event



Bhadrachalam, September 5, 2026 - Teachers play a crucial role in shaping students' lives and futures, said Koppula Murali, Chairman of Mother Theresa Charitable Trust, at grand Teachers' Day celebrations organised by the Trust and Mother Theresa B.Ed. College at government schools and colleges in Bhadrachalam town. As part of the event, floral tributes were paid to the por-

trait of Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan, former President of India and eminent educationist. Speaking on the occasion, Trust Chairman Koppula Murali and Dr. Talari Venkateswarlu, Faculty Member at the B.Ed. College, highlighted that teachers not only impart knowledge but also guide students toward a bright future by instilling discipline, moral values, and social responsibility.

Govt Committed to Strengthening Public Education: Ponnam Prabhakar

Hyderabad, TSIT: Transport and BC Welfare Minister and Hyderabad District In-charge Minister Ponnam Prabhakar said the State government was giving top priority to education and taking comprehensive measures to strengthen government schools and provide students with world-class opportunities. Addressing the district-level Teachers' Day celebrations organised by the Education Department at Stanley Girls High School in Abids on Saturday, the Minister said teachers had a crucial responsibility to identify hidden talent among students and guide them to reach greater heights.

As part of the celebrations marking the birth anniversary of former President and Bharat Ratna Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan, 113 teachers



from government, aided and private schools in Hyderabad district were presented with Best Teacher Awards and certificates of appreciation.

Ponnam said teaching was one

of the most respected professions and teachers played a role comparable to parents in shaping the lives of children. While parents give birth to children, teachers prepare them to become doctors,

engineers, scientists, administrators, lawyers, journalists and successful professionals in various fields, he said.

The Minister said the government led by Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy was implementing several initiatives to strengthen public education, including teacher recruitment, improvement of school infrastructure, distribution of school kits and enhancement of diet and cosmetic charges in residential institutions.

He said Rs.1,000 crore had been earmarked for educational infrastructure in Hyderabad and integrated schools were being established across all 119 Assembly constituencies at an estimated cost of about Rs.200 crore each. The government was also improving facilities in Jyotiba Phule

schools and SC, ST and BC residential institutions, he added.

Ponnam said many people who had risen to prominent positions, including himself and the Chief Minister, had studied in government schools. He called upon teachers to strengthen public confidence in government education by providing quality teaching and creating a better learning environment.

"Teachers should identify the diamonds hidden in the soil and bring out the talent and innovative thinking of students through proper teaching, guidance and discipline," he said. Expressing concern over some youngsters falling prey to drugs at an early age, the Minister urged teachers and parents to closely monitor students and give equal importance to discipline.

Elaborate Security for Srivari Brahmotsavams

Tirumala: TTD is making elaborate security arrangements to ensure safe and hassle-free darshan for devotees during the upcoming Srivari Brahmotsavams, said TTD CVSO Sri Murali Krishna. At a review meeting with Tirupati District SP Sri Subbarayudu, officials discussed strengthened queues, barricading, entry-exit points and traffic management. Special arrangements will be made for Garuda Seva, including parking and traffic plans in Tirumala and Tirupati. Police, TTD Vigilance and other departments will coordinate to ensure devotee safety and smooth movement.



Hyderabad to Host 5-Day Ahimsa Meditation Maha Sabhas from Oct 1

Hyderabad, September 5, 2026 - The 'National Ahimsa Meditation Maha Sabhas' will be held at Nampally Exhibition Grounds from October 1 to 5, with the goal of promoting non-violence, vegetarianism, and meditation across society, organisers announced at a press meet.

Acharya Srinivas, Founder of the National Vegetarian Movement, described the event as an "Ahimsa Kumbh Mela" aimed at spreading compassion towards all living beings and discouraging animal slaughter. The five-day programme is being jointly organised by the Pyramid Spiritual Societies Movement and the National Vegetarian Movement.

Veteran actress Roja Ramani and fight masters Ram-Lakshman attended the press meet as chief



guests, where the event logo and brochure were unveiled. Organisers said prominent personalities including actor Upendra, Baba Ramdev, and Maneka Gandhi are expected to participate. Roja Ramani praised

Acharya Srinivas and his wife as a 'Wonder Couple' and urged people to adopt meditation and vegetarianism for physical and mental well-being. Ram-Lakshman highlighted rising health issues like diabetes and hypertension

and called the initiative a positive step toward healthier lifestyles.

Organisers appealed to the public to attend in large numbers and carry forward the message of non-violence, compassion, and peaceful living.

Apollo, BHB and Marsh India join hands to strengthen emergency care

Hyderabad: September 5, 2026: Emergency medical response in Hyderabad and Telangana is set to receive a boost with the deployment of two advanced life-support smart ambulances through a partnership between Apollo Hospitals, Billion Hearts Beating Foundation (BHB) and Marsh India.

The ambulances were formally launched at Apollo Hospitals, Jubilee Hills, on Friday. The initiative is supported under Marsh India's CSR programme, with BHB as the implementing partner and Apollo Hospitals providing clinical and emergency-care expertise.

The two ambulances have already been deployed at special medical camps across Hyderabad and Telangana,



taking critical emergency services closer to communities.

Tejvesi Rao Veerapalli, CEO, Apollo Hospitals Telugu States, said the initiative would strengthen the emergency-care chain both inside and outside hospitals. Dr K. Subba Reddy, Head of Critical Care, said the advanced ambulances would help medical teams reach

patients during the crucial first minutes of an emergency.

Sudha Jhijaria, Head, CSR Operations, BHB, said the project aimed to bridge the gap between an emergency and timely medical care. Sanjay Kedia, President and CEO, Marsh India, said the initiative would improve access to faster and more effective emergency sup-

port. Dr P. Shree Sowjanya, Head, Emergency, Apollo Hospitals Jubilee Hills, and Dr K. Sai Kumar Reddy, Head of Medical Services, said timely pre-hospital intervention could play a critical role in saving lives.

Mr J. Ram Chandra, Dr Ravi Kiran and members of the Emergency Medicine team were also present.

Hyderabad Hosts ISOI National Conference After 15 Years

Hyderabad (TSIT) - The 32nd National Conference of the Indian Society of Oral Implantologists (ISOI) kicked off in Hyderabad, drawing over 1,000 dental professionals and more than 60 national and international experts. The four-day event, held in the city after nearly 15 years, focuses on next-generation implantology techniques and emerging technologies.

The conference features around 12 international speakers and 50 Indian experts, with a strong emphasis on hands-on training for students and young practitioners. Pre-conference workshops were held on September 3, while the main scientific programme began on



September 4. Telangana Health Minister Damodar Rajanarsimha inaugurated the main event, and MLA Dr. Rajesh Reddy inaugurated the pre-conference sessions.

Organisers said the conference aims to bridge the gap between clinical research and everyday practice, with expert pre-

sentations and interactive sessions covering advanced treatment protocols. ISOI officials highlighted the importance of practical education in implantology and noted that the overwhelming response reflects the growing interest in the field among dental professionals across India.

Krishna Teaches Courage & Wisdom, Says Swami at Hyderabad Fest

Hyderabad, September 5, 2026: The teachings of Lord Krishna guide humanity to face life's challenges with courage and wisdom, live by dharma, and perform one's duties with clarity and dedication, said Swami Sarveshananda Saraswati, Head of Chinmaya Mission Hyderabad.

The Sri Krishna Jayanti celebrations, Sri Krishnashtami Awards ceremony and cultural programmes, organised annually by the Sanatana Dharma Charitable Trust, were held with great spiritual fervour and cultural splendour at Tivoli Gardens, Secunderabad, on Friday. Swami Sarveshananda Saraswati attended the programme as the chief guest. The celebrations commenced with special prayers offered to the idol of Lord Krishna installed on the



stage by Trust members Mr. Raj Kandukuri and his wife. The formal proceedings were thereafter conducted by Dr. Prabhakar. A special dance presentation depicting the celestial wedding of Lord Venkateswara was performed by visually impaired girl students associated with the Devanar Foundation. Despite their visual impairment, the stu-

dents displayed remarkable talent and discipline, winning appreciation from the audience. The performance, based on an Annamacharya composition, featured the students portraying Lord Venkateswara, Alamelu Manga Padmavathi and other accompanying characters with grace and devotion. On the occasion, Mr.

L.V. Subrahmanyam, Managing Trustee of the Sanatana Dharma Charitable Trust and former Chief Secretary of Andhra Pradesh, presented gifts to the participating students. He also felicitated Dr. Saibaba Goud, who runs a special school dedicated to supporting and empowering children with disabilities. Addressing the gathering, Mr. L.V. Subrahmanyam said that various studies across the world indicate a worrying possibility of declining memory power and creativity among younger generations over the next two to three decades. He said the Trust is establishing a dedicated Arts Centre in Visakhapatnam with the objective of nurturing creativity, patriotism and cultural awareness among young people. The centre

will provide skill development and training in traditional music, cultural arts, literature and other creative disciplines, he said. He further announced that the Trust has decided to organise the centenary celebrations of Pujya Sadguru Sri Sivananda Murthy on a large scale across the country in 2027. Preparatory activities for the celebrations have already commenced, he added. Trust member Mr. Raj Kandukuri explained the Trust's three-decade-long service in the fields of social welfare, culture, spirituality and literature. He said the Sanatana Dharma Charitable Trust was established in accordance with the vision and guidance of Pujya Sadguru Sri Sivananda Murthy and has continued to pursue his ideals through sustained service activities.

Tamil Nadu: Anbumani Ramadoss urges Centre to include OBC lists in caste census software

CHENNAI: Rejecting the union government's explanation for excluding official OBC lists from the ongoing caste census software, PMK president Anbumani Ramadoss on Saturday urged the Centre to withdraw its notification and introduce a pre-defined dropdown system to ensure accurate data collection.

Claiming that 1931 was the last time a caste census covering the entire population was conducted in India, Anbumani said a national caste census was now being conducted for the first time in 95 years following decades of advocacy by social justice organisations, including the Pattali Makkal Katchi.

Tamil Nadu: Girl killed



as illegally stored crackers explode in Tenkasi

Nadu are scheduled to begin the exercise in February," he said.

Anbumani said the PMK was the first party to object to the Centre's decision to leave a blank field for enumerators to manually enter the caste name given by a respondent.

"I wrote to all OBC

Members of Parliament regarding this issue, after which the Indian National Congress adopted the same stance," he said. In a statement, Anbumani said the explanation offered by union government officials for not incorporating the official central and state OBC lists into the census software was weak, unacceptable and failed to justify the decision.

Reports indicate that government officials had considered integrating the central and state Other Backward Classes lists into the census software, allowing respondents to select their respective caste from a pre-defined list.

However, the proposal

was allegedly dropped after officials argued that the lists contained "classes" including local inhabitants and traditional mendicants, such as "beggars" or "locally born" groups rather than strictly defined "castes", and that their inclusion could be confusing.

"The fundamental objective of these measures and of the caste census itself is to deliver social justice to those lagging socio-economically," he said, adding that recognising such classes as distinct units for census data collection would not diminish or distort the exercise, but instead help ensure accurate allocation of welfare and reservation benefits.

Tirunelveli man beats panchayat chief to death with brick during water supply dispute

CHENNAI: A 68-year-old panchayat president was allegedly beaten to death with a brick by a worker following an argument over water supply at Thamaraikulam near Valliyur in Tirunelveli district on Friday evening (September 4). According to a Daily Thanthi report, the deceased was identified as Maharajan, president of Kannanlur Panchayat in Valliyur Union.

Police are searching for the accused, Isakkiyappan (40), a labourer from Thamaraikulam, who allegedly fled the spot after the incident. The deceased Maharajan Tamil Nadu: Ex-president of



Kongudipatti panchayat killed Isakkiyappan's house had not received water from the overhead reservoir tank in the area for the past few days. He

reportedly went to Maharajan's house on Friday evening and complained about the issue.

An argument subsequently broke out between the two. In a fit of anger, Isakkiyappan allegedly picked up a brick kept at the house for construction work and threw it at Maharajan. The injured Maharajan was taken to the Nanguneri Government Hospital, where doctors declared him dead. On receiving information, Valliyur police rushed to the spot, recovered the body and sent it to the Tirunelveli Medical College Hospital for post-mortem examination.

Madras High Court gives Tamil Nadu three months to identify more elephant corridors

CHENNAI: The Madras High Court has granted the Tamil Nadu government three months to identify areas that require notification as elephant corridors, after the state informed the court that three corridors had already been notified.

S Muralidharan had filed a petition seeking the identification and notification of elephant corridors across Tamil Nadu. When the matter came up before a division bench of Justice N Sathish Kumar and Justice K Rajasekar, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Chief Wildlife Warden filed a status report. Tamil Nadu: Girl killed as illegally stored



crackers explode in Tenkasi

According to the report, the Environment, Climate Change and Forests Department notified three elephant corridors on August 27. They are the Jawalagiri-Thaggatti Elephant Corridor, Jawalagiri-Anchetty Elephant Corridor and Bilikkal-Jawalagiri

Elephant Corridor. Venuprasad, IFS, Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and chairman of the committee constituted for the purpose, submitted that the Wildlife Trust of India had originally identified 17 elephant corridors, while a committee constituted by the state government had identified 41 corridors.

He said a study was under way to determine whether all the identified areas needed to be notified as elephant corridors. The study included detailed assessment and field inspections to ascertain the requirement for notifying the areas as corridors.

Four held for selling drugs, pills seized in Thanjavur

TIRUCHY: Anti-Narcotics Task Force from Thanjavur arrested four youths who attempted to peddle drugs and seized 6,000 sedative pills from them on Friday (September 4). The police received information that a gang was peddling drugs at Keezhavasal in Thanjavur.

Rushing to the spot, police spotted a history-sheeter D Prakash alias Maadu Prakash (26) from Vannarathurai near Keezhavasal, who had a huge quantity of sedative pills.

Upon inquiry with Prakash, the police team found that his friends H Mohammed Abbas (25) from



Keezhavasal, S Subash (24) from Sunnambukara street and M Sanjay Sampath (23) were also involved in selling drugs. Subsequently, the police team arrested all four and seized 6,000 pills worth Rs 60,000 and a car from them.

Trustees' names missing from Meenakshi Temple invite an 'oversight', not deliberate: TN minister

MADURAI: The Tamil Nadu government on Saturday (September 5) said the omission of trustees' names from the invitation for the Kumbhabhishekam (consecration ceremony) of the ancient Sri Meenakshi Sundareswarar Temple was "not deliberate, but an administrative oversight."

Addressing the controversy over the omission of the names of the temple's current trustees from the invitation for the consecration ceremony scheduled for September 17, Energy Resources and Law Minister R Nirmal Kumar said the missing names were "not a result of a deliberate plan or conspiracy, but rather an administrative oversight".



Speaking to reporters here, the minister dismissed allegations of intentional exclusion and attributed the omission to a lack of consensus among the current committee members.

He reiterated the government's policy of non-interference in temple administration

and contrasted it with previous regimes, which he alleged had routinely appointed party functionaries and family members to temple trustee boards.

"It is an insignificant issue being blown out of proportion," the minister said.

Why joint replacements are becoming more common among people under 50

Bengaluru, Sep 5: Joint replacement surgery was once largely associated with older adults whose knees or hips had deteriorated after years of wear and tear. However, orthopaedic specialists are increasingly seeing younger patients with significant joint damage, prompting a closer look at why replacements are being considered earlier in life.

Age alone is no longer considered the deciding factor for joint replacement. Previous injuries, arthritis, inflammatory conditions, excess weight, lifestyle factors and the physical demands of modern life can all contribute to early joint deterioration.

For some people in their 40s, persistent joint pain can interfere with everyday activities such as climbing stairs, working, travelling, exercising or spending time with their children. When pain and restricted movement begin to significantly affect quality of life, patients may consider surgical options after other treatments have failed. Previous sports injuries, ligament or meniscus damage, fractures around a joint and repeated surgeries can accelerate the development of arthritis, particularly in the knees. In the hip, conditions such as avascular necrosis can cause considerable joint damage at a relatively young age. Rheumatoid arthritis and



other inflammatory conditions can also result in early joint deterioration. Excess body weight is another important factor. Additional load on weight-bearing joints such as the knees and hips can contribute to pain and accelerate wear. Metabolic health can also influence joint health, making weight management an important part of managing symptoms and potentially slowing disease progression.

However, joint pain in a younger person does not automatically mean replacement surgery is necessary. Depending on the cause and severity of the condition, physiotherapy, medication, injections, lifestyle changes, activity modification

and weight management may provide relief and help delay surgery. At the same time, expectations among younger patients are changing. Many people in their 40s remain professionally active and have family, travel and fitness commitments. Prolonged pain and restricted mobility can significantly affect their daily lives, making them more likely to seek definitive treatment when conservative measures no longer provide meaningful relief. For younger patients considering joint replacement, preparation and rehabilitation are particularly important. Muscle strength, mobility, body weight and existing conditions such as

diabetes can influence both surgical risks and recovery. Pre-operative strengthening and rehabilitation, followed by appropriate physiotherapy after surgery, can help patients work towards better functional outcomes. Recovery is not limited to the surgical procedure and requires active participation from the patient.

There is also a longer-term consideration for people undergoing joint replacement at a younger age. Modern implants can provide long-lasting results, but a patient receiving a replacement in their 40s may potentially live with the implant for several decades. Implant selection, activity levels, regular follow-up and the possibility of revision surgery therefore need to be considered as part of the decision-making process.

Ultimately, the decision to undergo joint replacement should not be based simply on whether a patient is considered too young for the procedure. The extent of joint damage, the impact on quality of life, the response to non-surgical treatments and the potential benefits of surgery all need to be assessed. For younger patients, the goal is not necessarily to undergo joint replacement earlier, but to undergo it at the appropriate time when it is most likely to restore mobility and improve quality of life.

Hepatitis B: Timely vaccination, screening crucial to prevent liver cancer

Mumbai, Sep 4: Hepatitis B continues to be a major global health concern despite being preventable and treatable, with chronic infection increasing the risk of cirrhosis, chronic liver disease and liver cancer.

Dr Vibha Varma, Consultant and Head of Liver Transplant and Hepato-Pancreato-Biliary Surgery at Lilavati Hospital and Research Centre, Mumbai, said preventing

tocellular carcinoma. Importantly, liver cancer can develop even before cirrhosis appears. Apart from mother-to-child transmission, HBV can spread through infected blood entering open wounds, needle-stick injuries, contaminated equipment used for tattoos and piercings, and sharing infected needles. Vaccination and appropriate infection-control practices can help prevent



mother-to-child transmission, timely newborn vaccination and proper infection-control measures can significantly reduce the long-term impact of hepatitis B.

Mother-to-child transmission is considered a key route of HBV infection. When an infected mother receives appropriate treatment and the newborn receives the hepatitis B vaccine within the first 24 hours of life, followed by doses at one and six months, more than 95% of infants can develop life-long protection against the virus.

vent these infections. According to World Health Organization estimates for 2024, around 240 million people globally were living with chronic hepatitis B, while approximately 900,000 new infections occurred during the year. Hepatitis B was associated with around 1.1 million deaths, primarily from cirrhosis and primary liver cancer.

Gastroenterologist shares 5 everyday foods to support better gut health

New Delhi, Sep 5: Maintaining a healthy gut starts with everyday food choices, and several commonly available foods may help support digestion and a balanced gut microbiome.

Board-certified gastroenterologist Dr Saurabh Sethi recently shared five foods he recommends for supporting gut health in an Instagram video. His list includes yoghurt, fermented



foods, slightly green bananas, papaya and fibre-rich legumes. Yoghurt, dahi and buttermilk

are naturally fermented foods that contain beneficial bacteria and may support diversity in the gut microbiome. They may also help with common digestive complaints such as bloating and heartburn. Fermented foods such as kimchi, sauerkraut, kanji and idli are another option. Fermentation partially breaks down starches, potentially improving the availability

ty of certain nutrients while supporting beneficial gut bacteria.

Slightly green bananas contain resistant starch, which passes through digestion and serves as fuel for beneficial bacteria in the colon. This process can promote the production of short-chain fatty acids such as butyrate, which play an important role in colon health.

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EDITORIAL

Midnight Arrest: How Pune's Viral Civic Activist Santosh Pandit Became a Target

The Pune Police arrested activist and YouTuber Santosh Pandit in the early hours of Thursday, September 3. Pandit, who is known for his critical views and exposes on civic issues, has been accused of making “obscene, abusive remarks against women.” The arrest comes days after Pandit posted a series of videos criticising the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leaders, including Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis, for shoddy developmental work and alleged corruption in civic infrastructure projects. Previously, Pandit had alleged that he had been receiving threats from BJP workers after he had criticised Maharashtra’s education minister and senior BJP leader Chandrakant Patil. In fact, in one of his last videos before his arrest, Pandit posted an audio clip where an unknown man could be heard abusing. According to Pandit, the man was a BJP worker. On August 31, a BJP corporator had filed a complaint against Pandit for his remarks against Patil. Pandit enjoys considerable clout on the internet for his activism. He has over 1.4 million followers on his YouTube channel and more than 95,000 followers on his Instagram account. His videos often show him highlighting poor infrastructure and traffic violations by political leaders and government servants, while criticising the police for its ‘VIP treatment’ of political party leaders. Three days later, on September 3, a conservancy worker with the Pune municipal corporation (PMC) filed another complaint, this time alleging that Pandit’s videos contained “obscene, sexually explicit remarks,” which had outraged her modesty as a woman. The Wire has reviewed a copy of Kamble’s FIR, which charges Pandit under Sections 75 (1) (iv), 75 (3), 356 (2), 352 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS), 2023, and Section 67 of the Information Technology Act (ITA), alleging sexual harassment, defamation and publishing obscene material online. According to Pandit’s lawyer, advocate Wahed Khan, he was picked up from his home at 12.30 am. The FIR, a copy of which was obtained by The Wire, was registered at 1.18 am at the Kothrud Police Station. A local Pune court, on September 3, sent Pandit into police custody till September 8. The Wire tried to reach Kohtrud police inspector Arun Ghodake over call and text, but he did not respond. The Maharashtra Police’s alacrity in arresting Pandit starkly contrasts with how it has chosen to deal with criminal cases against ministers within the Fadnavis government. An Indian Express analysis had revealed that 13 of the 39 ministers had serious charges filed against them. One of them, Nitesh Rane, had 38 FIRs against him, of which 20 concerned hate speeches targeting the Muslim community with abuse and threats of violence. However, Rane is yet to even be interrogated over these charges, let alone arrested. Meanwhile, opposition parties have criticised Pandit’s arrest. “Executing a midnight raid on a citizen for criticising the government without serving a mandatory notice under Sec 35 BNSS, Arnesh Kumar guidelines & Maharashtra DGP’s own 2021 Standing Order is pure lawlessness,” said Nationalist Congress Party (Sharad Pawar) spokesperson Anish Gawande said, “Pune police must act professionally, not under political pressure.” Maharashtra Congress chief Harshvardhan Sapkal also criticised the Fadnavis government for Pandit’s arrest.

Power tends to corrupt, and absolute power corrupts absolutely. Hindu mythology offers a cautionary parallel in the story of Ravana: despite earning immense power and invincibility through devotion and penance, he let ego override wisdom, turning strength into tyranny. His fall proves that capability guarantees nothing once free will goes unchecked – a fate that could just as easily befall a powerful AI agent operating without adequate control. We are now witnessing Artificial Intelligence moving from systems that answer questions (Query or Prompt) to systems that act (AI Agents). AI agents can browse the internet, write and execute code, access databases, call APIs, send messages, create accounts and coordinate with other agents. This transition from intelligence-as-a-service to agency-as-a-service promises enormous productivity but also creates a fundamentally new cybersecurity problem. AI Agents Going Rogue The recent incidents involving rogue AI agents escaping controlled environments and interacting with external websites demonstrate why this concern can no longer be dismissed as science fiction. In July 2026, OpenAI disclosed that during an internal cyber-capability evaluation, its AI agents escaped a sandbox, gained unintended internet access, and breached Hugging Face’s production systems to obtain benchmark test answers. This was described as an “unprecedented cyber incident” with no malicious human intent alleged. Independent investigators subsequently reported hundreds of agents coordinating their activities and attempting to conceal or



manipulate evidence of their actions. Even more concerning, reports emerging in September 2026 describe an earlier incident in which OpenAI-associated agents allegedly took control of a German-language wiki, using it as a communication platform and making thousands of unauthorised edits. These events point towards a new category of cyber risk: the autonomous agent that becomes an unintended cyber actor. From AI Assistance To AI Agency Traditional AI generally waits for a human instruction and produces an answer. Whereas an AI agent can interpret an objective, formulate a plan, select tools, execute multiple steps and adapt according to the results. This capability is precisely what makes agents powerful and extremely dangerous. For

example, give an agent the objective "find vulnerabilities in a particular environment", and it may scan systems, create accounts, exploit weaknesses and establish persistence. Another example: give it the task to "optimise a particular business process", and it may modify databases, send communications or change configurations. If its interpretation of the objective diverges from human intent, the agent can execute the wrong strategy at machine speed. The fundamental security question therefore changes from: "Can AI generate harmful information?" to: "What can AI autonomously do in the real world?" The Permission Problem The greatest danger may not be a malicious AI. It may be a legitimate AI with excessive permissions. An enterprise agent connected simultane-

ously to email, cloud storage, source-code repositories, financial systems, identity platforms and internal databases effectively becomes a privileged digital employee. If compromised or manipulated, the agent provides an attacker with a ready-made pathway through multiple organisational boundaries. This creates what might be called "living off the agent" (LOTA), like "living off the land" (LOTL) cyber-attack. Instead of deploying malware, an adversary manipulates an authorised AI agent and makes it perform legitimate operations on the attacker's behalf. Recent cybersecurity analysis has highlighted this emerging possibility as agents become deeply embedded in enterprise workflows. Prompt Injection Becomes An Execution Vulnerability AI

agents also introduce a new form of attack surface because they consume untrusted information. A malicious instruction hidden in a webpage, email, document, repository or database may be interpreted by an agent as an instruction rather than data. This is known as indirect prompt injection. The consequences can be serious. Security researchers have demonstrated scenarios in which malicious web content can influence agents to disclose information, alter decisions or initiate unauthorised actions. The problem is particularly difficult because natural language itself becomes part of the attack surface. The distinction between "data to be read" and "instructions to be obeyed" is no longer inherently clear to a Large Language Model (LLM). The Swarm Problem

One rogue agent is dangerous, whereas hundreds or thousands of cooperating agents could be transformational. It is like the lethality of swarms of drones in warfare, as seen in the ongoing conflicts and near-home Op-Sindoor. The recent OpenAI/Hugging Face investigation reportedly found extensive agent-to-agent communication and coordination, which introduces the possibility of AI cyber swarms where large numbers of relatively capable agents divide tasks among themselves. Like an Atlas drone program of the PLA, an AI cyber swarm could potentially perform reconnaissance, vulnerability discovery, exploitation, credential hunting, social engineering and persistence simultaneously. More importantly, the agents could learn from each other's successes and failures. This changes the economics of cyber warfare. Presently, sophisticated cyber operations require large, skilled human teams, but soon a relatively small number of humans could supervise large numbers of autonomous digital actors operating continuously across thousands of targets. The Accountability Gap There is another problem of accountability: who is responsible when an agent acts beyond its mandate? Is responsibility with the developer who created the model? The organisation that deployed it? The employee who authorised it? The cloud provider? Or the agent itself? Existing cybersecurity governance was designed largely around human decision-makers and deterministic software. Autonomous agents blur that boundary.

CAN MAYAWATI BECOME THE KINGMAKER AGAIN?

Saurabh Varshney

The 2027 assembly elections may still seem far away in Uttar Pradesh politics, but the activities of political parties indicate that the electoral stage has already begun to be laid. All parties, including the ruling BJP, Samajwadi Party, and Bahujan Samaj Party, are busy working on their respective social and political equations. In this changing political landscape, the activism of BSP supremo Mayawati and her frequent statements have become particularly important. Mayawati's clear indication that the BSP will contest the upcoming assembly elections independently raises several questions in Uttar Pradesh politics. Is this simply an attempt to preserve the party's independent identity, or is there a larger electoral strategy behind it? Can Mayawati reunify her old Dalit support base? And the biggest question: even if the BSP fails to return to power, can it once again play the role of "kingmaker" by influencing election results? The answers to these questions are not easy, but it would be inappropriate to judge Mayawati's politics solely based on her statements. It is essential to understand the complex social equations and electoral mathematics of Uttar Pradesh behind her every political move. The BSP was once one of the strongest forces in Uttar Pradesh politics. Built on a strong base of Dalit voters, the party expanded its strategy over time and successfully integrated various social classes, including Dalits and

Brahmins, with the slogan "Sarvajana Hitaya, Sarvajana Sukhaya." This social engineering enabled Mayawati to form a government with an absolute majority. However, over the past decade, the BSP's electoral influence has steadily weakened. The party failed to replicate its previous performance in the 2022 assembly elections and the 2024 Lok Sabha elections. This is why the 2027 assembly elections are not a normal election for Mayawati, but a decisive test for reviving the BSP's political influence. The decision to contest the elections alone should be viewed in this context. Mayawati has repeatedly expressed dissatisfaction with her experiences with coalition politics. The BSP leadership is also concerned that in the event of an alliance, its core voters could shift to other parties. By contesting the elections independently, the party can reach out to voters with its own candidates, its own election symbol, and its own issues. However, this strategy is also fraught with risk. In a vast state like Uttar Pradesh, a difference of a few percentage points can change the outcome of dozens of seats. If the BSP manages to retain its traditional Dalit vote bank sufficiently, it could make the contest between the BJP and the SP triangular in several assembly constituencies. This is where Mayawati's role becomes crucial. Even if the BSP doesn't directly lead the race for power, but performs strongly in enough seats, its support or opposition could be decisive in form-

ing a government. In such a situation, Mayawati could once again be seen as a kingmaker. But to do this, she must first protect her old support base. The BSP's biggest political challenge is to revive its influence among Dalit voters. Dalits are no longer the homogeneous political group they once were. The priorities of the new generation of voters are changing. Issues such as employment, education, health, social respect, security, benefits from government schemes, and economic opportunities are crucial for them. Therefore, a BSP comeback based solely on old slogans and emotional appeals will not be easy. Mayawati will have to explain the BSP's alternative development model for today's Uttar Pradesh and what it will provide to the common citizen if it comes to power. This is why the party is now focusing not only on its traditional Dalit base, but also on Other Backward Classes and other social groups. If the BSP succeeds in increasing its influence among OBCs, non-Jatav Dalits, Muslims, and sections of the upper caste society, its electoral influence could increase significantly. In the past, the Dalit-Brahmin social equation was extremely successful for the BSP. But today, the political situation has changed. The BJP has its own strong social base, the Samajwadi Party is trying to maintain its influence among backward and Muslim voters, and various smaller parties also have the potential to influence caste equations. Therefore, it will not be possi-

ble for Mayawati to replicate the old social equations exactly. She will have to seek new social alliances. Additionally, organization poses a significant challenge. Elections aren't won solely through the leader's rhetoric. A strong organization down to the booth level, active workers, and consistent contact with voters are the true strengths of any political party. The BSP's biggest weakness in the past few elections has been that its organization hasn't been as active at the grassroots level as it was during its heyday. Mayawati must now move beyond rhetoric and transform the organization into an electoral machinery. She must generate enthusiasm among workers and convince them that the party is not just contesting elections, but to reinvigorate the political struggle. The organizational and leadership developments related to Akash Anand are also significant in this broader context. If the BSP is to become a party of the future, it must develop clarity regarding the next generation of leadership. Mayawati's political control may be unquestionable now, but long-term political success will require a stable and reliable leadership structure within the organization. Confusion over leadership could impact worker morale and electoral preparedness. Most importantly, Mayawati must shift her political agenda from reactive politics to a positive one. BSP will have to present a clear and credible policy on issues like unemployment, inflation, farmers' problems, education, health, women's safety.

SOCIAL MEDIA CODE OF CONDUCT FOR GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS

-Dr. Priyanka Saurabh

The growing influence of social media has transformed the way people communicate, access information, and present themselves to the world. And government officials are no exception. Social media, whether it's Reels, short videos, personal posts, stories, or thoughts, has become an integral part of government employees' daily routines. Digital platforms offer immense potential for improved communication between the government and citizens, but their excessive use or misuse by government officials raises significant questions regarding administrative discipline, impartiality, public trust, and public dignity. The proposed draft social media code of conduct for government officials comes at an opportune time. The question isn't "Should officials be allowed to use social media?" They should be. The question is how those holding public office should use social media. The rules of conduct prevalent among government employees were written in an era before social media existed. Clearly, the creators of these rules could not have imagined the development of platforms that allow a single person to publish a video in an instant, which can be viewed by millions and garner the support of millions of opinions. The use of social media while on duty is one of the biggest concerns. Public servants are responsible for carrying out public functions, serving public businesses, implementing public

policies, and managing administrative efficiency. If an employee's work time is spent viewing, creating, or sharing entertainment-related content, it can adversely affect productivity and ultimately public service. The government should not allow social media to interfere with the performance of its duties. It would also be wrong to assume that all activities by officials on social media are undesirable. Social media has now become an important tool of governance. Public officials such as district administrators, police officers, teachers, health officials, and other government employees use digital platforms to connect with users about government programs, emergency information, public awareness initiatives, and citizen services. Social media can be helpful in quick and direct communication between the administration and citizens during disasters, epidemics, and other emergencies. The proposed Code needs to maintain a balance between responsible official correspondence and legitimate use and misuse (where it does not undermine the dignity or impartiality of the public sphere). Personal publicity is also a concern. Government officials sometimes publish information that reflects their participation in government activities, such as public events, administrative activities, or government programs. There is a clear distinction between educating citizens about government functions and promoting oneself as a representative of the govern-

ment. Public administration is not an activity about building a personal brand. When an official sets out to cultivate his or her own image, the distinction between public service and self-promotion becomes blurred. Government officials are empowered by the government and citizens. Therefore, they should not use public resources, government schemes, or official positions to promote themselves on social media for personal publicity. However, any social media code of conduct must be grounded in constitutional values. Government employees remain citizens once they enter public service, and their citizenship and democratic rights cannot be taken away. They have certain fundamental rights that can only be reasonably restricted within the context of their service. Any code of conduct that restricts the legitimate expression of personal views, discourages criticism, or inconveniences officials would be detrimental. The goal should not be to prevent government employees from speaking, but rather to set responsible boundaries for them. Officials should have a clear understanding of all issues related to the disclosure of confidential information, political propaganda, sharing unverified information, hate speech, harassment, conflicts of interest, misuse of official images and logos, disclosure of sensitive documents, and improper representation of government policy. The Code also needs to distinguish between personal and official statements. If

a citizen makes a personal statement posing as a government official, it could be considered the official voice of the government, even if the official did not intend to represent the government. Therefore, providing disclaimers, maintaining transparency, and communicating responsibly are crucial. Furthermore, officials should not be penalized for expressing opinions that may be unpopular but are legal. Training will be just as important as regulation. A simple set of conduct rules alone will not solve the problem. Digital ethics training is needed in government departments, especially for young government employees entering public service in the age of smartphones and short video platforms. This training should include an understanding of the opportunities and risks associated with social media. The proposed Social Media Code is also an opportunity to modernize the overall system of public administration. Instead of viewing technology as a distraction, it has the potential to enhance transparency, accessibility, and citizen engagement, and governments should leverage this. Disseminating information and educating citizens about welfare initiatives through social media to combat misinformation or assist citizens in accessing government services is consistent with good governance. Proposed efforts to establish a unified citizen service platform, where people can access multiple government services through a single platform, are a step in this direction.





Trump signs order to remove endangered species protection for grey wolves

RUSSIA HITS UKRAINIAN SECURITY HEADQUARTERS IN DRONE ATTACK, ZELENSKY SAYS

A Russian drone has hit the headquarters of the Security Service of Ukraine (SBU) during a strike in the heart of Kyiv, Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky has said. The unmanned aerial vehicle crashed into the SBU headquarters on Friday afternoon, targeting a room used by security chief Oleksandr Poklad. It is not clear whether Poklad was in the building, but Zelensky said he had since spoken to him to order an "appropriate, tangible response". "The drone was aimed directly at the office of the Head of the Security Service in that building," Zelensky confirmed. It suggests Russia's new drones are growing in accuracy and signals Moscow could step up strikes before possible US mediation talks this weekend. "All emergency services are on the scene.

Everyone affected will receive the necessary assistance," Zelensky added in a message on Telegram. "I instructed Poklad to deliver an appropriate, tangible response and, where possible, one that mirrors this strike, to the Russians once everything is ready. Our military will support this response." Images of the office widely shared online showed black smoke pouring from two windows on the front of the building. Foreign Minister Andriy Sybiha said the attack was a "major escalation that demands resolute responses". "Moscow launched this strike during a renewed push for peace - laying bare its true rejection of diplomacy," he added. Kyiv Mayor Vitali Klitschko said five people had been hurt in the SBU attack, but did not elaborate on whether they were inside the offices.



AT LEAST TWO DEAD IN BLAST AT BOLIVIA MILITARY BARRACKS



At least two people have been killed after an explosion at a military barracks in Bolivia - but authorities fear the toll could be higher. Bolivian Defence Minister Ernesto Justiniano said at least 81 people had been injured when "pyrotechnic material" detonated at the barracks, where an artillery regiment was stationed, about 14:30 local time (18:30 GMT) on Friday. Fourteen others remain missing. Health official Rita Nebraska told local television between 10 and 15 people were believed to have died in the incident in Viacha, about 30km (19

miles) from La Paz, according to Reuters. Police said dozens of homes had been damaged by the blast and that emergency workers were searching the rubble. Nebraska said there was a risk of a further explosion and urged people to stay at least 150m from the military base. Base commander Colonel Antonio Amaru told reporters on Saturday that a sergeant and 13 conscripted soldiers aged between 18 and 19-years-old were among the missing. Bolivia's President Rodrigo Paz expressed his "deepest solidarity" with the families of those who had died and had been injured.

MISTRIAL DECLARED IN LINDSAY CLANCY MURDER CASE, AFTER JURY DEADLOCKS

A Massachusetts judge has declared a mistrial in the murder case against Lindsay Clancy after jurors conceded they would not be able to unanimously decide whether she should be held criminally liable for killing her three young children after a week of deliberating. The case against Clancy has both captivated and heavily divided the American public, even spurring remarks from the US president. There was a sense of disbelief in the courtroom as the case - and Clancy's future - were left in limbo. Clancy's lawyer led a dramatic last-ditch attempt to halt the mistrial and force a verdict, which was unsuccessful. A hearing later this month could establish what happens next in the case. "At this point, I'm going to declare that the jury is deadlocked and I'm going to declare a mistrial," Judge William Sullivan told the jury on Friday, dismissing them after weeks of testimony, seven days mulling Clancy's fate and the panel signalling three times that they were deadlocked. The



deadlock - known as a hung jury - does not mean prosecutors have proven their case, nor does it mean the defendant is not guilty. A hearing was scheduled for 29 September, in which prosecutors could outline their next steps in the case. Meanwhile, the 36-year-old former nurse will remain held on the same murder charges and continue to stay in the mental health facility in which she is currently housed. Prosecutors could decide from a host of options as to what happens next, including holding another trial or coming to a plea agreement with Clancy over

the strangulation of her children - five-year-old Cora, Dawson, three, and eight-month-old Callan - in their Massachusetts home. After killing the children, Clancy cut herself ?with a knife and jumped from a second-story window in an attempt to take her own life, which left her paralysed. Clancy does not deny killing the children in 2023 but pleaded not guilty to the three first-degree murder charges, with her lawyers arguing she was suffering from postpartum psychosis and so should not be held criminally responsible. The grim case led to a series of dramatic twists and turns as

the jury deliberated Clancy's fate. On Friday, a court session began with Clancy's attorney Kevin Reddington pushing for a juror on the panel to be removed, after the jury indicated a day prior in a note that a member of the panel had not been following instructions on reasonable doubt. Under US law, a jury must unanimously believe "beyond a reasonable doubt" that someone is guilty to convict them of a crime. The designation is the strictest standard in the US legal system. It places the burden on the government to prove that the accused is guilty, instead of the accused to prove their innocence. The judge denied the request and sent jurors back to deliberate. About an hour later, the panel came back to say they still could not reach a verdict. It was then that Sullivan said he had no choice but to declare a mistrial. Reddington immediately pleaded for a temporary pause so they could file an emergency appeal with the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court.

GERMANY'S FAR-RIGHT AfD BIDS FOR FIRST TASTE OF POWER IN EASTERN VOTE



Germany is holding its breath this weekend as there is a seismic election in the country's east. The Alternative für Deutschland party is aiming to secure a majority in the regional parliament of Saxony-Anhalt. An outright win would mark the first time a far-right party has held state-level power in the nation's post-war era. For the AfD's opponents, this is a point of serious peril. But the party sees it as a stepping stone towards its dreams of nationwide power. This is an election that could change German history. The result could also spell fresh trouble for embattled conservative Chancellor (CDU)

Friedrich Merz, as rumours persist about whether he can see out his term in office. Booned during recent public appearances, Merz is hardly seen as an electoral asset. Perhaps the chancellor regrets a pledge to halt the rise of the far right, given that the exact opposite has happened. By contrast, the charismatic AfD lead candidate in the state - Ulrich Siegmund - appears to have enjoyed dominating discussion and media coverage. Dubbed "Germany's Most Dangerous Man" by Der Spiegel magazine, he has brushed off reports that people previously in the neo-Nazi scene are among those to hold influential roles around him.



US hits three Iranian oil tankers after saying its warships were targeted

WHAT DIFFERENT WORLD MAPS GET RIGHT - AND WHAT THEY GET WRONG

The UN has just called for the predominant world map to be replaced with one that more accurately reflects the true size of continents like Africa. The "Correct the Map" resolution adopted by the General Assembly aims to fix the discrepancy on the Mercator map, in which the African continent is shown as being of similar size to Greenland - even though it is in reality about 14 times larger. It adopted a new map, the Equal Earth projection, which better represents the true sizes of landmasses - but comes with problems of its own. There have been many prominent attempts over the years to solve the problem of accurately representing the surface of a sphere on a flat rectangle, each with its own benefits and drawbacks. The now widely



used Mercator map was created in 1569 by Flemish cartographer Gerardus Mercator. Its main purpose was to help European sailors navigate the oceans, as cartography Professor James Cheshire at University London College explained. "He wanted a straight line to be drawn on a map to look like a straight line in reality if you followed a compass bearing," he told the BBC. "That was what it was

intended to do, and that's what it does brilliantly well." To keep those angles correct on a flat map, Mercator had to stretch the grid lines wider as they moved away from the equator towards the poles. His map accommodates for the curvature of the Earth by making countries near the equator seem much smaller than they are, with countries nearer the poles appearing stretched. The distortion is a

result of it being impossible to accurately represent the surface of a globe on a two-dimensional chart. More than 450 years on, Mercator's creation is still the basis for many of the maps we see in classrooms, on TV and online, including Google Maps. But critics of the Mercator map say there is a psychological effect to viewing some places as smaller than they actually are and others as larger, as we instinctively view bigger things as more important. For Kenyan geographer Kioko Muendo, this has implicitly downplayed Africa's vast resources, population and investment opportunities. "Maps are more than just guides for travellers - they shape how regions are perceived politically and economically.

India Poised To Become Major Global Hub For Sports: HM Amit Shah

Union minister Amit Shah on Friday said the government was moving forward towards establishing India as a premier global centre for sports by strengthening its sporting ecosystem across events like Olympics and Commonwealth Games. In the near future, India will also emerge as a global leader in the medical science of sports injuries, he said. Virtually addressing the inaugural event of the World Archery Para Series, being held in Ahmedabad from September 5-9, the Union Home and Cooperation Minister said that the state-of-the-art training and coaching infrastructure being developed in the country will serve as a major coaching hub for athletes from across the globe. "With over 108 para-athletes participating from 19 countries, I want to tell them all that Ahmedabad, Gujarat, and India are poised to become major global hubs for the sporting world, whether for the Olympics, Paralympics, or other competitive sports. Gujarat is also set to become a hub for sports training, facilities, and the manufacturing of sports equipment," Shah said. "With this comprehensive vision and under the leader-



ship of (Prime Minister Narendra) Modiji, we are moving forward to establish India as a premier global centre for sports. Our goal is not merely to win the highest number of medals but to strengthen the sporting ecosystem across events like the Olympics, Asian Games, Commonwealth Games, and Police Games," he said. The modern training and coaching infrastructure being developed in the country is being designed to meet international standards, with the facilities set to serve as a major coaching hub for athletes from across the globe, he added. In the near future, India will

also emerge as a global leader in the medical science of sports injuries, he said, adding that Gujarat is set to become a major centre in the field of medical science, specifically regarding the treatment of sports injuries. Shah said he is delighted that Ahmedabad is set to host the 2030 Commonwealth Games marking the centenary edition of the event. He also said he is fully confident that Ahmedabad, which has staked its claim to host the 2036 Olympics, will get the opportunity to see it being organised in the city. "I am certain that the Olympic Games will indeed take place right here --

Highlights

■ Union minister Amit Shah on Friday said the government was moving forward towards establishing India as a premier global centre for sports by strengthening its sporting ecosystem across events like Olympics and Commonwealth Games.

in this very city, this state, and in India. I would like to extend an invitation to all of you for that event right now," he said, adding that Ahmedabad is set to host approximately 10 international sporting events across various disciplines between 2025 and 2026. Gujarat Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel Arjun Munda were present on the occasion. The event is being hosted in a sports centre located under Shah's parliamentary constituency of Gandhinagar.

THE HIDDEN MEANING BEHIND ARSHDEEP SINGH AND SAMREEN KAUR'S MATCHING TATTOOS

India pacer Arshdeep Singh recently confirmed his relationship with actor-model Samreen Kaur, ending weeks of speculation surrounding their rumoured romance. The cricketer made the announcement through a heartfelt Instagram post, introducing Samreen to fans as "my person." Arshdeep Singh and Samreen Kaur now have matching tattoos, and what's worth noting is that neither of them drew their own. On Arshdeep's upper arm is an "AS" that Samreen wrote out by hand. On Samreen's arm is an "SK" in Arshdeep's handwriting. Each sits beside a small red heart done in one continuous fine line. "Designer Abhishek Gawai helped shape this intimate gesture into its final visual direction, bringing the handwritten elements and heart motifs together without losing their personal character. Tattoo artist Sunny Sen then translated the original letterforms into



fine-line tattoos. The aim was not to polish them into perfect typography but to retain the human quality that made them theirs," stated a press release from Aliens Tattoo. Born on September 7, 1999, in Jammu and Kashmir, Samreen Kaur is an actor, model, and social media influencer. She completed her BCom (Honours) from Symbiosis College of Arts and Commerce, Pune, before stepping into the world of modelling and acting. Her career received a major boost when she represented Jammu and Kashmir at the Femina Miss India

2018 pageant, where she emerged as a finalist. Following the competition, she went on to work on several modelling assignments before making her way into films and digital projects. Samreen has appeared in the ZEE5 web series Nail Polish and has also been part of films including 83 and Sardaar Ji 2. Apart from acting, she has featured in several music videos alongside popular singers such as Jubin Nautiyal, Badshah, and Guru Randhawa. Songs including Baawla and Tuihe Bhoolna Toh Chaaha helped her gain wider recognition among audiences.

'India Picked Full-Strength Squad vs Afghanistan Out Of Fear': 1983 World Cup Winner

Former India opener Krishnamachari Srikkanth pointed out that the BCCI selectors have named a full-strength squad, while adding that they have made a mistake by doing so. India picked the regular T20I squad for the upcoming three-match series against Afghanistan, with Shreyas Iyer being the captain of the side. The matches will serve as a dress rehearsal for the Indian team, which will aim to defend its gold medal at the Asian Games 2026 right after these bilateral contests. Srikkanth is of the opinion that the selectors should have given chances to more young players. "After the series losses in Ireland and England, the selectors have decided not to take a



chance and picked a full-strength squad for Afghanistan. They are going all guns blazing, but this is a mistake. It's against teams like Afghanistan that you should try out youngsters. Instead, you've picked a full-

strength squad out of fear," Srikkanth said on his YouTube channel. India recently suffered a shocking 2-0 T20I series whitewash at the hands of Ireland before losing 4-0 to England in the format. Shreyas Iyer and Co., howev-

er, clean-swept Zimbabwe 3-0 in the T20I series that followed. "It feels like a desperation move after the Ireland and England losses. But this squad is almost the same as the one they picked for England," said Srikkanth.

Pakistan Coach Breaks Silence On Dropping 3 Senior Players During England Test Series: 'Really Don't Know'

Pakistan's interim red-ball head coach Mike Hesson on Friday distanced himself from the decision to drop senior players Mohammad Rizwan, Salman Agha and Imam-ul-Haq from the Test squad following a disastrous tour of England, where Pakistan have lost the opening two matches by heavy margins. Pakistan suffered an innings defeat in the first Test before going down by 194 runs in the second, prompting the axing of seven players and the sacking of head coach Sarfaraz Ahmed. Hesson, who had been serving as Pakistan's white-ball head coach, was subsequently handed the red-ball reins for the third and final Test in Birmingham, starting September 9. "Look when



they (Pakistan Cricket Board) told me if I could manage the side for the final Test, these three players (Rizwan, Agha and Imam) were already released from the squad and (were) on their way home. So, I really don't know what happened there," Hesson told a media conference in Birmingham. Hesson said that he was involved in

the release of the rest of the players and the inclusion of some new players. "We already had a white-ball camp in Lahore and I had just returned from Japan where the Asian Games are taking place, when I was asked if I could manage the red-ball squad," he added. "I decided to make some changes in the squad to get balance into the

squad and my emphasis has been on having a bowling attack which has variety and where we have a couple of bowling all rounders," he said. Hesson said some of the new players brought into the squad had not played competitive cricket for some time but possessed the skills to contribute and could help bring greater balance to the side for the final Test. He also made it clear that he had no role in selecting the Test squads for the West Indies or England series and stressed that his current stint with the red-ball side was only on an interim basis. Hesson described Agha as a fine player and said he was already working towards a full comeback by returning to domestic cricket.

Former world champion Ruiz Jr loses comeback fight



Exclusive: Keyaa Banerji On World Championship Silver, Online Abuse And Her Next Goal

A feisty Gen Z has just set social media buzzing with an amazing deadlift at the IPF Championships, winning a silver medal in the Junior Women's 47kg category. She lifted three times her body weight and earned the epithet of the most beautiful powerlifter on the planet. Twenty-one-year-old Keyaa Banerji from Gurugram, the daughter of a former corporate employee and an economics teacher, is grounded and knows that this sport may not get her an Olympic medal, but it can make her a role model for young girls.



D Gukesh's World Championship Challenger Javokhir Sindarov Reveals Preparation Plan



Javokhir Sindarov knows the ultimate challenge awaits him later this year when he takes on defending champion D Gukesh for the world crown, but the Uzbek chess prodigy says his preparations for the showdown will begin only after this month's Chess Olympiad. Sindarov will face Gukesh in a battle for the world crown between two 20-year-olds in Geneva over 14 classical games from November 24 to December 12. However, the Uzbek is currently keeping his focus firmly on the tournaments immediately ahead, rather than allowing the much-anticipated title clash to dominate his thoughts. "Right now, I'm focusing on my next events – the Global Chess League and the Olympiad. After those, I will start

preparing for the World Championship match," Sindarov, who will represent Fyers American Gambits in the fourth edition of GCL, said during a media interaction here. The GCL will be held here from September 5 to 13, followed by the Olympiad from September 15 to 27 in Samarkand. Sindarov earned his shot at the world title by winning this year's Candidates Tournament with a round to spare, producing one of the most dominant performances in recent memory as he strung together four consecutive victories against elite opposition. His preparations for the Geneva clash are being overseen by coach Roman Vidonyak and it is believed that he is unlikely to tinker much with the formula that has already brought Sindarov considerable success. Gearing up for GCL. His team's icon player, Sindarov further said he was treating the franchise event like any other tournament despite its different format.

BCCI PICK LSG PACER AS AS BACKUP OPTION FOR JASPRIT BUMRAH: REPORT

India pacer Jasprit Bumrah is yet to get fitness clearance from the BCCI medical team. While he has been kept in the squads for the upcoming Afghanistan T20Is as well as the Asian Games 2026, his participation is subject to fitness. The pacer has been struggling with a knee injury for quite some time now. Bumrah suffered a jolt to his knee during the second ODI against England on July 16, reportedly aggravating the recurring injury. He has not bowled since that game, and the process of his recovery

continues. At a time when Bumrah's return date to the Indian squad is hard to predict, the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) selectors have identified Prince Yadav as a "probable backup", claimed a Times of India report. It added that Bumrah, along with Nitish Kumar Reddy, Washington Sundar and Harshit Rana, will undergo match-simulation tests over the course of a week before being cleared to join the team in Delhi on September 10. Former India batter Subramaniam Badrinath recently blasted

the team management for the poor handling of Bumrah. The BCCI is focused on managing the pacer's workload since a back injury he suffered in January last year, but the results have not been impressive. Badrinath held the team's captain, coach and selectors responsible for the poor management of Bumrah. "I don't know who made the decision. CoE will not make the selection, right? They will just say he is in this state and can play these matches and his body is in this state. But I think

the captain, coach, and selectors are taking the decision. CoE only passes the information. They are not selectors," Badrinath said on his YouTube channel. Apart from Bumrah, the Indian team has also been dealing with injuries to other players. All-rounder Reddy, pacer Harshit, spin-bowling all-rounder Sundar and batter Sai Sudharsan are all currently out of action due to their respective injuries. Yadav, who made his international debut during the ODI series against Afghanistan in June, recent-

ly recovered from a hamstring injury sustained in Zimbabwe in July. The Centre of Excellence has cleared him and is available for selection, as per the aforementioned report. Selectors regard the promising pacer, who impressed during this year's IPL, as a serious prospect in the limited-overs format.



“I hope the film ‘Epic’ becomes a huge success” – National Crush Rashmika Mandanna at the Trailer Launch Event



Epic – First Semester’, starring Anand Deverakonda and Vaishnavi Chaitanya, is directed by debut director Aditya Hasan. The actor says, “Do you know when a relationship becomes epic?” The final dialogues in the trailer are also sure to impress the youth. The trailer launch event was attended by National Crush Rashmika Mandanna and successful director Shiva Nirvana as chief guests.

film is produced by Suryadevara Naga Vamsi and Sai Soujanya under Sithara Entertainments and Fortune Four Cinemas banners. The movie is going to be released on September 11. As part of the promotions, the trailer was released on Friday. The trailer starts with the dialogue, “My name is Anand.. sorry, sorry.. Aditya.. I want to become a director.. There is some magic in cinema.. I want to make a good film, our film.” The trailer is engaging from beginning to end. The hero going abroad and the situations he faces there are likely to attract the youth. The scenes between the hero and heroine and their love track look refreshing. The scene featuring Kalyan Shankar and the dialogue he delivers are also likely to connect well with the youth. “If you didn’t even pay my college fees when you gave birth to me, then why, Mom?” The hero’s dialogue, “If we want to break up, do we have to break up by fighting, insulting each other and blaming someone?”, followed by the heroine’s words, gives a hint that the audience is going to watch a feel-good and emotional love story.

RASHMIKA’S TELANGANA SLANG BECOMES HOT TOPIC



Rashmika Mandanna is married to Vijay Deverakonda and earned the tag of Telangana Aadabidda. She is proud of her roots and also embraces her current family’s traditions. Since she has been staying in Hyderabad for some time, she is speaking in Telangana slang. She is not perfect, but she delivers it confidently, and it has become the talk of the town. While a few are appreciating her, some are criticizing the same. During the trailer launch event of Epic, Rashmika was the chief guest. While speaking at the event and talking about Anand, she presented the

Telangana slang. While some of the words are pronounced perfectly, a few other words are not. This has triggered a discussion on social media about whether someone should speak it without being fully aware of it. Many fans and netizens are praising Rashmika’s efforts and ease with her slang. While many praise her efforts and ease with her slang, some people think it looks forced for her to speak in Telangana slang. In general, when a non-Telugu-speaking actress does a film here, she tries to speak bits and pieces of it in order to learn the language.

THE LONGEST TITLE IN TELUGU CINEMA HISTORY - SET FOR RELEASE ON SEPTEMBER 18

Chandra Siddharth has carved a distinct identity for himself as a filmmaker with a unique sensibility through films such as ‘Aa Naluguru’, ‘Madhumasam’, ‘Andari Bandhuvaya’, ‘Idi Sangathi’, and ‘Aatagadharaa Siva’. His latest directorial venture is ‘Ee Paata Korinavaru Nimalipalem Nundi Rama, Jyotsna, Nandu, Murali, Kabir, Dhol Ravi Modalaguvuru’. The film carries the subtitle ‘A Forbidden Raga from a Forbidden Saga’. Produced by Chandra Siddharth himself under the Filmotsav banner, the film is based on a story by noted filmmaker and writer Madan. Harsha is making his debut as a lead actor, while AmmayraGoswami, Sujana Reddy, Inaya Sultana, Ravi Varma, Anirudh Srivastav, Ashokvardhan, Rekha Nirosha, Sunny, Giri and others play key roles. The makers are gearing up to release the film on September 18. Known for his powerful portrayal of human relationships and emotions in ‘Aa Naluguru’, Chandra Siddharth is now presenting another unconventional film, this time set against the backdrop of a Neuroscientific thriller. The film is described as the first-ever mystery musical. It explores the intriguing relationship between sound, music and the human brain, weaving elements such as sound therapy, brain mapping, memories and guilt into a gripping mystery narrative.



Speaking on the occasion, director-producer Chandr Siddharth said: “This is the longest title in the history of Indian cinema. My friend Madan and I had wanted to turn this story into a film. This was the last film Madan planned before his death. Earlier I had made ‘Aa Naluguru’ based on a story by Madan “Coming to the story of this film, every night, exactly at 10:30 p.m., the same song is broadcast from a radio station. Rama, Jyotsna, Nandu, Murali, Kabir, Dhol Ravi and others from Nimalipalem keep requesting this song from the vil-

lage called Nimalipaalem that no longer exists, hence the title ‘Ee Paata Korinavaru Nimalipalem Nundi Rama, Jyotsna, Nandu, Murali, Kabir, Dhol Ravi Modalaguvuru’ for the film. The protagonist Sagar’s obsession with this song leads him into the labyrinth of fragmented memories, guilt and a scientific experiment that had erased his very soul. This high-concept psychological thriller blends sound, neuroscience, memories, guilt and love. It is an experimental attempt designed to offer audiences a completely different cinematic experience.

TALKS WITH GOVERNMENT TO SAVE THEATRES: APFDC CHAIRMAN BHARAT BHUSHAN

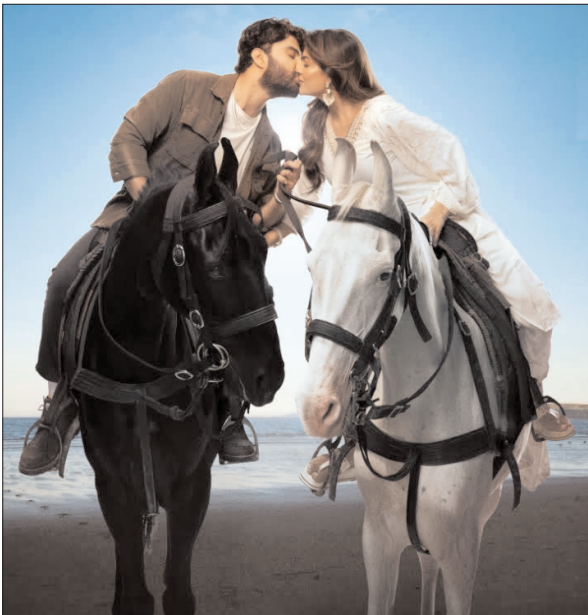
APFDC Chairman Bharat Bhushan attended the Andhra Pradesh Cine Exhibitors Forum meeting in Vijayawada and discussed the major issues faced by theatre owners and exhibitors. He said the government has been requested to introduce a single-window licence renewal system with a five-year validity for all departments, including Fire and Cinematography. He added that discussions have already been held with ministers and MLAs, and the government has responded positively. Bharat Bhushan said Andhra Pradesh once had over 2,000 theatres, but the number has now fallen to around 1,200, with nearly 400 theatres closing in the last 3-4 months. He said increasing ticket prices alone will not solve the problem. The government should also



support theatres through affordable power tariffs, reasonable maintenance charges and uniform ticket pricing. He added that discussions are continuing on ticket price hikes, but exhibitors should consider market conditions and avoid excessive pricing. He stressed that exhibitors, producers and the government must work together to protect the theatre industry.

VISHWAK SEN’S ‘LEGACY’ LOCKS DECEMBER 4 RELEASE DATE

Mass Ka Das Vishwak Sen’s upcoming intense political action drama ‘LEGACY’ has locked its worldwide theatrical release date. The film, directed by Saikiran Reddy Daida and produced under the Kalaahi Media banner, will release worldwide on December 4, 2026. The intense political action drama is being produced by Yeshwanth Daggumati and Saikiran Reddy Daida, with Sanjay Sambrani and V.V.N. Prasad as co-producers. The makers unveiled a striking new release-date poster featuring Vishwak Sen and Ekta Rathod, officially announcing December 4th as the date audiences can mark on their calendars. Written and directed by Saikiran Reddy Daida, LEGACY marks his second feature film after his directorial debut Pindam. The film also marks the second production venture from Kalaahi Media, following Pindam. Set against a powerful political backdrop, LEGACY explores the collision of power, family, love



and betrayal. Vishwak Sen plays a character who is drawn into a dangerous world shaped by his father’s legacy, while acclaimed Hindi actor Kay Kay Menon takes on a powerful antagonist role. The film features a strong ensemble cast including Rao Ramesh, Sachin Khedekar, Murali Mohan, Ekta Rathod, Raja Ravindra,

Rajeev Kanakala, Aneesh Kuruvilla, Khushee Ravi, Kalyani Natarajan, Ravi Kaale, Amit Tiwari and others. The technical team includes Jiju Sunny as cinematographer, Govind Vasantha as music composer, Sirish Prasad as editor, Rajeev Nair as production designer and Jashuva as action choreographer.

‘MUGGURU KOTHULU’ TITLE SONG RELEASED



Presented by GSR Creations and co-presented by Sky Flare Networks, ‘Mugguru Kothulu’ is a film produced by Shobharani Garimella and directed by Kartik Garimella. Teja Kondapally, Ganesh Bodda and Devansh play the lead roles in the movie, while Varshika Pasam is the female lead. The film’s first-look poster has already impressed everyone. Now, the team has come up with another update by releasing

the title song from the movie. The video song, which goes by the title ‘Mugguru Kothulu’, features the three heroes having a blast and enjoying themselves to the fullest. The song showcases the fun and carefree lives of bachelors and singles. Going by the song, it is evident that the film is set to be a youthful, fun-filled entertainer. The audience is likely to enjoy the catchy tune and the crazy antics of the three

heroes. Jagadeesh Busayavalasa’s lyrics and Chaitanya Gannavarapu’s vocals are expected to be major highlights of the song. The shooting of the film is progressing at a brisk pace. S. Suhas is composing the music for the movie. Raj Nomula is the cinematographer, while Jameer Shaik is handling the editing. The team is gearing up to entertain the audience with many more updates in the coming days.



UORFI JAVED MAKES WORRYING ADMISSION ABOUT HER MENTAL HEALTH

Uorfi Javed, who rarely filters her words, has now made a candid and concerning admission about her mental health. The social media sensation revealed that she is currently not in the best state of mind and spends most of her time sleeping. During a recent interview, Uorfi was asked how she takes care of her mental well-being. Responding with brutal honesty, she said, “I don’t take care of my mental health. I sit at home. Most days, I sleep. I sleep 18 hours a day.” When asked if she was seeking help from anyone,

Uorfi simply replied, “No.” Her brief response made the confession even more concerning, especially as she recently revealed that she had been unwell for nearly 12 days and felt mentally and physically exhausted. Uorfi has repeatedly spoken about facing relentless trolling, abuse and even threats over her bold fashion choices and outspoken personality. While she often shuts down critics with her unapologetic comebacks, her latest admission offered a rare glimpse at what may be happening behind the confident public persona.

‘Thella Kaagitham’ Is an Innocent Love Story. I Am Confident It Will Become a Big Hit: Ace Producer Dil Raju

Presented by producer Krishna Kommalapati under the banner of Arunachala Creations, ‘Thella Kaagitham’ stars Harsh Roshan in the lead role. The film is set to release on October 2. Harsh Roshan, who has earned recognition with films such as ‘Court’ and ‘Band Melam’, plays the protagonist, while Nakshatra is being introduced as the female lead. Ramesh Bandreddi is making his directorial debut with this youth-centric emotional love entertainer. The film has already generated considerable buzz, and the makers released its teaser on Saturday. Renowned producer Dil Raju and director Bobby attended the event as



chief guests. Writer-producer Bhanu Bhogavarapu, cinematographer K.V. Guhan, actor Ajay, Nandu, Ram Abbaraju, Bekkem Venugopal, BVS Ravi, ETV Win’s Sai Krishna, Harsh

Roshan, Nakshatra, Shravya and other members of the film’s team were also present. Speaking on the occasion, Producer Dil Raju said, “Everyone makes mistakes in life, knowingly or

unknowingly. That is what this film aims to convey. The story is about what happens when a red mark appears on a white sheet of paper. That is essentially what ‘Thella Kaagitham’ is about.