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INBRIEF

7 killed in three road accidents in AP

Visakhapatnam (TSIT): At least seven persons were killed in three separate road accidents in north coastal Andhra Pradesh, police said on Sunday. Three people were killed when a truck collided with an auto-rickshaw in Andhra Pradesh's Vizianagaram district in the early hours of Sunday. The accident occurred near Shikaruganti village in Dattirajeru mandal. All three occupants in the auto-rickshaw died on the spot. The deceased have been identified as auto-rickshaw driver G. Tirupati, T. Adinarayana and G. Ramu. On receipt of information, police rushed to the spot and shifted the bodies to a nearby government hospital for post-mortem examination.

Two die of lightning

Amaravati (TSIT): Two people died of lightning in Andhra Pradesh's Palnadu district as heavy rains lashed parts of the state since Saturday night under the impact of a low-pressure area, officials said. Heavy rains accompanied by thunderstorms lashed Narsaopet in Palnadu district. One person each in etlurivaripalem and Lakshmipuram villages died after hearing the frightening noise of the thunderstorm. The deceased were identified as Nagamma (63) and Mekala Venkayamma (60). Both suspected to have died of cardiac arrest. Heavy rains were lashing Visakhapatnam and Gajuwaka areas. Parts of East Godavari district also received heavy rains. Bus stand at Nidadavole was inundated, causing inconvenience to commuters. According to the Andhra Pradesh State Disaster Management Authority, a low-pressure area is centred over the Vidarbha and Madhya Pradesh regions.

CM Revanth backs Arya Vysya community with due recognition

Hyderabad (TSIT): Chief Minister A.Revanth Reddy said the People's Government was according due recognition and respect to the Arya Vysya community, including adequate representation in nominated posts.

Addressing a gathering after laying the foundation stone for the Arya Vysya Atma Gourava Bhavanam at Uppal Bhagayat in Hyderabad, the Chief Minister said members of the community had already been appointed to corporation chairman posts. He pointed out that the chairperson post of his own Kodangal Municipality had also been given to a representative of the Arya Vysya community.

Revanth Reddy described Arya Vysyas as a community known for foresight, prudence, dignity and self-respect. He said unity within the community was important for securing its rightful representation in politics.

Recalling the contribu-



tion of Mahatma Gandhi, the Chief Minister said Gandhi emerged from India as a global leader and that his principle of non-violence inspired freedom struggles across the world. He also remembered the sacrifice of Potti Sriramulu and his role in the formation of Andhra State.

The Chief Minister paid rich tributes to former Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister K. Rosaiah, recalling his long public service and stewardship of the State's finances. He said Rosaiah had also personally advised and encouraged him during

the early stages of his political career.

Revanth Reddy said Rosaiah's statue was installed in the heart of Hyderabad to honour his legacy despite criticism from some political quarters. Stating that the Arya Vysya community had not always received the recognition it deserved, the Chief Minister assured government assistance for the construction of the Atma Gourava Bhavanam. He expressed confidence that the facility would particularly benefit children and families from economically weaker sections of the community.

Congress questions Modi over Xi meeting

New Delhi (TSIT): The Congress on Sunday questioned Prime Minister Narendra Modi over his bilateral meeting with Chinese President Xi Jinping, questioning his government's approach to bilateral ties and also the "mismatch" in walking the talk on matters pertaining to the neighbouring Asian giant.

Congress General Secretary Jairam Ramesh, in a detailed press note, accused the Modi

government of 'calibrated capitulation' before China.

Ramesh, also the Congress in-charge of Communications, questioned PM Modi's 2020 remarks on India-China border skirmishes and claimed that India had given up traditional patrolling and grazing rights in parts of eastern Ladakh to China. He asked whether the Prime Minister's June 19, 2020 remarks that no one had entered Indian territory had weakened India's nego-

tiating position following the Galwan Valley clashes. He also raised concerns over China's purported territorial advances in Ladakh and Arunachal Pradesh.

"There have been reports of Chinese encroachment in Arunachal Pradesh, including loss of India's

access to patrolling points and fresh standoffs. China's posture on Arunachal Pradesh has only hardened: renaming towns, reasserting claims to what it calls

"South Tibet", and pushing ahead with its 60,000-MW Medog mega-dam on the Brahmaputra's Great Bend, a project that gives it a stranglehold over the water security of our entire north-east," the Congress leader claimed.

Ramesh's remarks come a day after PM Modi conveyed to the Chinese President that peace and tranquillity along the frontier remains an 'essential component' of building better ties between the two nations.



PM in a family photo with leaders of BRICS Member/Partner Countries Outreach Invitees and Heads of International Organisations at the 18th BRICS Summit, in Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi

PM Modi warns against weaponisation of technology, critical minerals

New Delhi (TSIT)

As rising geopolitical tensions adversely impact ordinary people globally, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said on Sunday that BRICS must rise through cooperation and inclusive growth to meet these challenges and blossom for the sake of humanity.

In an address at the concluding session of the two-day, India-hosted BRICS summit, the prime minister also flagged serious concerns over the "weaponisation of technology and critical minerals" warning that it could hinder shared progress and prosperity.



Modi added that developing nations in the Global South increasingly trust BRICS because their voices are heard, their experiences are valued, and solutions are created in partnership with them rather than imposed on them.

Pezeshkian denies Iran-Saudi war, calls US, Israel terrorists

New Delhi (TSIT) Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian has denied that Iran is at war with Saudi Arabia following a drone strike on the kingdom's East-West oil pipeline,

while accusing the United States and Israel of being "real terrorists". In an exclusive interview with India Today Group Editor (Foreign Affairs) Geeta Mohan on the sidelines of

the BRICS Summit in New Delhi on Saturday, September 12, Pezeshkian said Tehran wanted countries across West Asia to work together to establish peace and security.



Special Intensive Revision

25 June, 2026 onwards



Telangana's Draft Electoral Rolls have been published on **17.08.2026**. and the **Claims and Objections phase** has now begun. Check whether your details are listed.



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CM Revanth Extends Vinayaka Chaturthi Greetings



Hyderabad TSIT: Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy extended heartfelt greetings to the people of Telangana on the occasion of Vinayaka Chaturthi.

Chief Minister prayed to Lord Vigneshwara to remove obstacles from people's lives and bless everyone with happiness, prosperity and good health.

He urged people across the State to celebrate the festival with devotion and festive spirit at Ganesh pandals set up in their neighbourhoods.

Revanth Reddy directed the police to make adequate arrangements to ensure smooth traffic flow in Hyderabad and all district headquarters during the festive season. Officials were also instructed to take necessary precautions at Ganesh pandals to ensure effective crowd management and public safety.

The Chief Minister said the State government was continuing its initiative of providing free electricity to Ganesh pandals this year as well

300 Companies to Join Mega Job Mela at Kodad; Up to 4,000 Youth Likely to Get Jobs



Hyderabad TSIT: As many as 300 companies are expected to participate in the Mega Job Mela being organised at Kodad on September 19, offering employment opportunities to nearly 3,000 to 4,000 youth, Irrigation and Civil Supplies Minister N.Uttam Kumar Reddy announced on Sunday.

The recruitment drive will be open to educated unemployed youth from Suryapet, Nalgonda, Yadadri, Bhongir, Khammam and Bhadradri Kothagudem districts. Candidates can register online and attend interviews carrying five copies of their resume or biodata.

Reviewing arrangements at Kodad, Uttam Kumar Reddy said the participating companies

together have a requirement of nearly 27,000 employees. "Even if we are able to fulfil 15 per cent of this requirement and secure jobs for about 3,000 to 4,000 young people, it will be a major achievement," he said.

Recalling the Mega Job Mela held at Huzurnagar in October 2025, the Minister said more than 40,000 youth had registered, around 20,000 to 21,000 attended interviews and nearly 3,000 to 3,500 secured employment opportunities.

Elaborate arrangements are being made at Kodad to accommodate up to 40,000 candidates. The recruitment process is proposed to continue from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., with candidates allotted different time slots to avoid overcrowding. Separate interview facilities, help desks, parking, food arrangements and a public-address system will be provided.

Successful candidates will receive offer letters at the venue itself. Assembly Speaker Gaddam Prasad Kumar, Legislative Council Chairman Gutha Sukhender Reddy, Industries Minister D. Sridhar Babu and district in-charge Minister Adluri Laxman Kumar have been invited to participate.

Celebrate Ganesh Chaturthi Peacefully with Eco-Friendly Idols: GWMC Commissioner

WARANGAL, SEPTEMBER 13 (TSIT): GWMC Commissioner T. Venkanna extended Ganesh Chaturthi greetings to the people of Greater Warangal and urged them to celebrate the festival with devotion, enthusiasm, and in a peaceful manner. He expressed hope that the blessings of Lord Vigneshwara would bring happiness, prosperity, good health, and peace to all citizens.

Venkanna appealed to people to avoid Ganesha idols made with harmful chemicals and colours and instead opt for eco-friendly clay idols to help protect the environment. He emphasised that responsible celebra-

he said, would strengthen brotherhood, harmony, and unity in the city. The Commissioner advised devotees to immerse idols only at designated locations and follow all safety protocols issued by the authorities. He called upon resident welfare associations, community organisations, and volunteers to cooperate with municipal staff in maintaining sanitation during and after the festival.

Officials said necessary arrangements, including security, sanitation, and traffic management, have been put in place to ensure smooth celebrations across Greater Warangal.

NARAYANPET TEACHER SELECTED FOR FINLAND TOUR



NARAYANPET, September 13 (TSIT): Saba Sultana, School Assistant (Physical Science) at ZP High School, Utkoor, has been selected for an international educational study tour organised by the Telangana School Education Department.

As part of the second batch, she will visit Finland from September 26 to October 3, 2026, to study its modern education system and innovative teaching methods. Family members, school staff, students, PRTU leaders and members of the Narayanpet Urdu Teachers Forum congratulated her on the achievement and expressed hope that her experience would benefit the education system in Telangana.

Telangana Police Refund 139.68 Crore to 24,189 Cyber Fraud Victims



Hyderabad TSIT: Telangana Police have facilitated the refund of 139.68 crore to 24,189 cyber fraud victims so far this year, the Telangana Cyber Security Bureau (TGCSB) said.

During the recent National Lok Adalat, 42.28 crore was refunded to 3,896 victims through coordinated efforts involving TGCSB, the Telangana State Legal Services Authority, banks, digital payment providers and police units across the State. TGCSB Director Shikha Goel said the Money Restoration Module has separately enabled refunds of Rs.27.23 crore to 9,355 victims without requiring

TRP Demands Drought Declaration and Relief for Farmers in Jogulamba Gadwal



Jogulamba Gadwal TSIT. Telangana Rajyadhikara Party (TRP) Jogulamba Gadwal district president Morugu Veeresh has urged the Central and State governments to immediately declare districts recording deficient rainfall as drought-affected areas and extend comprehensive relief to farmers facing severe crop losses.

Veeresh said the prolonged lack of adequate rainfall, attributed to the El Niño effect, had severely affected cotton and other crops, leaving farmers to suffer losses running into lakhs of rupees. The distress of farmers standing in their dried-up fields and watching their crops wither was deeply painful, he said. The TRP demanded that Jogulamba Gadwal district be declared drought-hit after a scientific assessment of rainfall deficiency and crop losses. It also sought

compensation of at least Rs 50,000 per acre for affected farmers or, alternatively, complete waiver of their outstanding crop loans.

Veeresh called for the speedy completion of pending irrigation projects, lift irrigation schemes and restoration of chain-link tanks in the district to ensure sustainable irrigation facilities for farmers.

He also demanded that the government procure whatever crop farmers manage to produce at remunerative prices, preventing distress sales to middlemen. Farmers should be organised into self-help groups and Farmer Producer Organisations (FPOs) and provided financial and technical assistance to establish their own milling units, he said.

The TRP leader further sought a system under which Custom Milled Rice (CMR) could be supplied directly to the government through farmer organisations without the involvement of intermediaries.

He demanded effective crop insurance coverage for farmers, besides expediting insurance settlements in cases of crop losses caused by natural calamities. Farmers dependent on borewells should be provided at least 18 hours of uninterrupted free power, he added.

Veeresh also sought low-interest, subsidised loans for farmers and rural youth to take up allied activities such as dairy farming, poultry, fisheries and sheep rearing. The government should promote low-water-use alternative crops, vegetable cultivation and mushroom farming, besides extending subsidised credit for modern farming methods such as greenhouses and shade-net cultivation, he said.

The TRP district president urged the Central and State governments to conduct field visits and assess crop losses instead of limiting their response to statements and announcements.

"Farmers must survive for agriculture to survive, and agriculture must survive for the rural economy to remain strong," Veeresh said, demanding a comprehensive action plan covering immediate financial assistance, irrigation, power, remunerative prices and crop insurance to prevent farmers from being pushed further into debt.

Celebrate Ganesh Festival Peacefully



No DJ Permission; Strict Action for Violations

Narayanpet, September 13 (TSIT): SP Dr. Vineeth urged people to celebrate Ganesh Navratri peacefully and devotionally. He advised organizers to obtain police permission for processions and immersions, follow safety guidelines, avoid traffic disruptions and install CCTV cameras. DJ systems are strictly prohibited, while loudspeakers are banned after 10 p.m. The SP warned of strict action against violations and appealed to people to avoid rumours and maintain peace and harmony.

Passenger Hardship Mounts as Platform No. 4 Remains Elusive at Mahabubabad Railway Station

Elderly, pregnant women and persons with disabilities facing difficulties; BC Welfare Association leader seeks immediate passenger amenities



Mahabubabad District Spl. Correspondent Balne Suman |13 September 2026, Raising concern over the delay in providing a full-fledged Platform No. 4 at Mahabubabad Railway Station, National BC Welfare Association State Secretary Shanthan Ramaraju on Sunday urged railway authorities and elected representatives to take immediate steps to improve passenger amenities at the busy station. Ramaraju staged a protest in front of the railway station, alleging that passengers were being subjected to considerable hardship due to inadequate infrastructure despite ongoing redevelopment works. He said Mahabubabad station, which falls under the Secunderabad Division of South Central Railway, was being upgraded under the Amrit Bharat Station Scheme. With changes to the station infrastructure following the development of the third railway line, a proper fourth platform had

Yashoda Doctors Successfully Treat Complex Pacemaker Infection

The South India Times // Nagarkurnool : Doctors at Yashoda Hospitals, Somajiguda, successfully treated a patient suffering from a persistent pacemaker infection that had not subsided despite undergoing four surgeries within six months. The patient's family approached Yashoda Hospitals after repeated infections caused severe difficulties.

After thoroughly reviewing the patient's previous medical history and treatments, senior cardiologist Dr Jagadish Madireddy identified the underlying cause of the infection and developed a specialised treatment plan. Following the treatment, the patient has remained free of pacemaker infection for the past two years and has recovered completely, doctors said. Dr Jagadish said pacemaker infections could become complicated if not treated properly. Controlling the infection and following an appropriate treatment plan are crucial, he said. He stressed that even seemingly minor medical procedures require the right decision from the outset and precise execution. Pullareddy Hospital Managing Director Akuthota Saibabu and Yashoda Hospitals Manager Umesh attended the media conference.

CMRF Brings Relief to Poor Families

Rs.88.97 Lakh Financial Assistance Distributed to 229 Beneficiaries



Narayanpet, September 13 (TSIT): Minister Vakiti Srihari distributed Chief Minister's Relief Fund (CMRF) cheques worth Rs.88,97,890 to 229 beneficiaries at his camp office in Makthal town. The financial assistance was sanctioned to poor and middle-class families who underwent medical treatment for various illnesses. Speaking on the occasion, Minister Srihari said that the government was standing by poor families during difficult times. He said financial assistance was being provided through the CMRF to support families facing financial hardship due to expensive medical treatment. The minister stated that ensuring welfare schemes reach the people effectively and extending support during emergencies were among the government's priorities. He urged all eligible people to make use of government welfare schemes. The beneficiaries who received the cheques expressed their gratitude to Minister Srihari.

Private hospitals should make quality healthcare accessible to the poor.

MANCHERIAL, SEPTEMBER 13, TSIT : Private hospitals should work with a sense of social responsibility to ensure that quality healthcare remains accessible and affordable to poor and middle-class families, Ramagundam MLA Makkans Singh Raj Thakur has said.

He was speaking after inaugurating Tirupati Hospital at Jannabhoomi Nagar near Laxmi Talkies Chowrasta in Mancheri

families during medical emergencies, he said. Doctors with expertise in specialised fields should utilise their knowledge and skills for the benefit of society and contribute to improving public health, he said. Hospitals should also strive to provide treatment at affordable rates and help improve the quality of life of patients, he added.

While government hospitals were extending healthcare services to economically weaker sec-

Telangana Police facilitates refund of Rs 139 crore to cyber fraud victims

Hyderabad, Sep 13 : Telangana Police have facilitated the refund of Rs 139.68 crore to 24,189 cyber fraud victims in 2026 till now, Telangana Cyber Security Bureau (TGCSB) Director Shikha Goel revealed on Sunday.

At the recently held national Lok Adalat in Hyderabad, the TGCSB, in coordination with the Telangana State Legal Services Authority (TSLSA), banks, digital payment service providers, all Police Commissionerates, and district police units across the state, successfully facilitated the refund of Rs 42.28 crore to 3,896 victims. The top-performing unit in facilitating the refund through Lok Adalat is Cyberabad, which ensured a refund of Rs 14.19 crore to 942 victims. The TGCSB stood second with a refund of Rs 10.55 crore to 41 victims, while Malkajgiri was third with 1,024 victims and a refund of Rs 5.27



crore. Hyderabad police facilitated refunds of Rs 5.02 crore to 530 victims, while Suryapet police facilitated Rs 0.76 crore in defrauded funds to 34 victims. Besides the Lok Adalat, the TGCSB is actively using the MRM (Money Restoration Module) launched by MHA in May 2026 for the restoration of money for the cybercrime victims. This module has been operational in Telangana since June and facilitates the refund to victims without requiring court orders. As of September 12, Rs

27.23 crore has been refunded to 9,355 victims through MRM. Through these two initiatives, a total of 13,251 victims across the state have received financial relief during this year, Goel said. The GCSB has urged the cybercrime victims to apply for the refunds through MRM. The Bureau has facilitated the refund of Rs 514.93 crore to 73,204 victims since its inception. Telangana continues to remain at the forefront of providing financial justice to cybercrime victims.

Review Through Teleconference on Precautionary Measures in View of Weather Warnings

Warangal, September 13, TSIT. : In view of the weather department's warnings, heavy to very heavy rainfall is likely in Wardhannapet and Rayaparthi mandals of Warangal district, while heavy to moderate rainfall is expected in other parts of the district. District Collector Dr. Satya Sharada directed officials to remain alert and take necessary precautionary measures.

Against the backdrop of the heavy rains, the District Collector held a teleconference with the concerned officials on Sunday and instructed them to continuously monitor the situation of the people across the district and take all necessary precautionary measures in advance. She directed the



Health Department officials to remain alert, conduct health camps, and create awareness among the public about health precautions. She instructed the concerned medical officers to take necessary measures in this regard. Officials were directed to keep people living in low-lying areas alert and continuously monitor the condition of tanks, streams, culverts, and bridges.

The Collector instructed officials to take all necessary measures to ensure that people do not face any difficulties due to the rains. She further directed officials of all departments to remain prepared in coordination with one another to shift people to safe locations in case of emergencies.

The Collector particularly instructed officials to alert people living in low-lying areas and provide them with necessary information from time to time. District Collector Dr. Satya Sharada advised the public to immediately inform the concerned officials in case of any emergency and directed officials to work in coordination, giving the utmost priority to the safety of the people.

Tirupati Collector Extends Vinayaka Chavithi Greetings, Urges Eco-Friendly Celebration

TIRUPATI, SEPTEMBER 13: District Collector Dr. S. Venkateswar extended Vinayaka Chavithi greetings to the people of Tirupati district, wishing them happiness, longevity, good health, peace, and prosperity with the blessings of Vighneswara, the remover of obstacles. In his message, the Collector said he prayed to Lord Gananatha that joy and prosperity flourish in every family and that the district achieves further development.

Dr. Venkateswar urged the public to celebrate Vinayaka Chavithi with devotion and in a peaceful atmosphere. He also requested everyone to cooper-



ate in the protection of the environment, encouraging devotees to adopt eco-friendly practices during the festivities. The Collector's message emphasised the

importance of maintaining communal harmony and ensuring that celebrations do not cause inconvenience to others. He called upon citizens to celebrate responsibly and contribute to keeping the district clean and green during the festive period. Officials said necessary arrangements, including security, sanitation, and crowd management, have been put in place across the district to ensure smooth and safe celebrations. Devotees were advised to follow guidelines issued by local authorities and immerse idols only at designated locations to protect water bodies and the environment.

Will not quit Congress party, says former Telangana minister Konda Surekha

These results have been made possible through prompt response to victim complaints, effective coordination with banks, judicial support, and the efficient utilisation of the Lok Adalat and MRM mechanisms by all police stations, the director said.

"The GCSB remains committed to further strengthening the Lok Adalat and MRM-based recovery mechanism to provide faster financial relief and justice to cybercrime victims," she added.

The GCSB advised citizens not to disclose OTPs, PINs, passwords, or banking details to unknown persons under any circumstances; verify customer care numbers only through official websites; do not click on suspicious links received through SMS, e-mails, WhatsApp, or social media platforms and never share personal or banking information with anyone.

Hyderabad, Sep 13 : Konda Surekha, who was dropped from the Telangana Cabinet early this month for indiscipline, and her husband Konda Murali made it clear on Sunday that they will not leave the Congress party.

They said that positions were never important to them and that they would like to be always remembered by people.

The couple was addressing their supporters in Warangal. This was the first public address since Surekha was dropped from the Cabinet by Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy.

The action was taken against her after the Congress high command took serious note of her reply to the show-cause notice issued by the party after her daughter Konda Sushmitha's outbursts against the Chief Minister.

Surekha said she was not upset over being removed from the Cabinet but was unhappy over the reason cited for the same. The MLA voiced concern over what she called politics of opportunism. "From the MPP post, I rose to the position of a minister. Some people switch parties every day," she remarked, while targeting her rivals. She recalled that she had quit as the minister for the sake of former Chief Minister Y. S. Rajasekhara Reddy.

Surekha alleged that some people



hatched conspiracies to deny her ticket. She said K. Chandrasekhara Rao (KCR) called her to give her the ticket from Warangal East in 2014, and as the TRS candidate she defeated the then minister of the Congress party.

Surekha, who joined the Congress party in 2018 and was elected from the same constituency as the Congress ticket in 2023, stated that because of her victory, people of Warangal East were living peacefully. She also revealed that some people were planning an agitation over her removal as the minister, but she advised them to abide by the high command's decision. Surekha made it clear she will not sit at home for losing the post of minister but would remain amidst people and will win majority seats in the ensuing elections for Warangal Corporation.

MINISTER KOMATIREDDY GREETES PEOPLE ON VINAYAKA CHAVITHI



Hyderabad, TSIT: Roads & Buildings and Cinematography Minister Komatireddy Venkat Reddy extended Vinayaka Chavithi greetings to the people of Telangana and prayed for their health, prosperity and success. Describing Lord Ganesha as the deity of wisdom, knowledge and victory, the Minister urged people to celebrate the Ganesh Navaratri festivities with devotion, unity and harmony. Komatireddy said the State government, under Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, had made elaborate security arrangements to ensure peaceful celebrations and was providing free electricity to Ganesh pandals across the State.

Ponnam Family a Model for Preserving Values Gutha Sukendhar Reddy



Hyderabad, TSIT: Telangana Legislative Council Chairman Gutha Sukhender Reddy said

strong family values were essential to strengthen relationships and described the Ponnam

family as a model of the joint family system. Speaking at the 16th death anniversary of

Ponnam Sattaiah Goud at Ravindra Bharathi on Sunday, he said Sattaiah Goud's commitment to agriculture, farmers and human relationships remained an inspiration.

Ministers Ponnam Prabhakar, Adluri Laxman Kumar, Vivek Venkataswamy and Jupally Krishna Rao, TPCC president Mahesh Kumar Goud and others attended.

On the occasion, M. Kodanda Reddy, Velichala Kondal Rao and Gotte Kanakavva were honoured with Lifetime Achievement Awards for their contributions to agriculture, literature and folk arts respectively. Each received a memento and Rs.50,000 cash prize.

8,288 Cases Settled Through Lok Adalat



Warangal, September 13 (TSIT): The National Lok Adalat held across the Warangal Police Commissionerate on Saturday received an overwhelming response, resulting in the settlement of 8,288 cases.

The cases settled included 1,595 FIR cases, 2,171 petty cases, 4,522 cases under the Motor Vehicles Act and 134 cybercrime cases.

In cybercrime cases, the court issued orders for the refund of Rs.93,30,616 that had been frozen in various bank accounts in connection with the cases, directing that the amount be returned to the victims.

Police Commissioner N. Swetha congratulated the police officers and personnel who worked towards the settlement of cases by creating awareness among litigants that "conciliation is the best solution" and that the Lok Adalat provides a fair resolution for both parties.

Police Commissioner expressed her special thanks to the advocates, litigants and Legal Services Authorities for their cooperation in making effective use of the Lok Adalat.

3,793 Cases Settled at National Mega Lok Adalat in Sangareddy; Cybercrime Victims Get Rs.50.13 Lakh Relief

Sangareddy, September 13 (TSIT) Sangareddy District Superintendent of Police Paritosh Pankaj advised people not to waste their time and money by repeatedly visiting courts over cases arising out of momentary anger or disputes, and instead resolve eligible cases through compromise. He said the National Mega Lok Adalat held on Sunday received an overwhelming response across Sangareddy district.

The SP said 3,793 pending cases registered at various police stations across the district were resolved during the Lok Adalat. Cases eligible for compromise were settled with the consent of both parties. In cybercrime cases, court permission was also



obtained to facilitate the return of Rs.50.13 lakh to victims who had lost money.

819 IPC Cases Settled Describing the National Mega Lok Adalat as an excellent opportunity for the public, the SP said 819 IPC cases eligible for compromise were settled with the con-

sent of both parties. In addition, the process of admission/fine payment was completed in 1,135 e-Petty case and 1,839 DD cases, he said.

Major Relief for Cybercrime Victims

The Lok Adalat also provided significant relief to victims of cybercrime. The SP said court permission was obtained to return Rs.43.5 lakh to victims in 58 registered cybercrime cases.

Similarly, in 73 cases where FIRs had not been registered, permission was obtained for the return of Rs.7.8 lakh to the victims. Thus, a total of Rs.50.13 lakh was secured for return to cybercrime victims, he said. "Compromise Is the Best Path" SP Paritosh Pankaj said the Lok Adalat provides a valuable

opportunity for people to correct mistakes committed in moments of anger. He advised people not to get involved in unnecessary disputes and make their lives difficult. "Compromise is the best path," the SP said, adding that compromise can provide a fair and mutually acceptable solution to both parties. He urged parties involved in cases eligible for compromise to come forward and resolve their disputes amicably. The SP appreciated the coordination, dedication and service-oriented approach demonstrated by district police officers and personnel in making the National Mega Lok Adalat a success. He said the exceptional efforts of the district police in ensuring speedy justice for the public were commendable.



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Customer's Information

1: Loan No- 02325BML00449: Date of Demand Notice-11/06/2026: Borrower Name- Nalimala Gangareddy: Co-Borrower Name- Rajyalaxmi Ankapuram: Total Outstanding- ₹2039310/- as on 09/06/2026: Date of Possession- 09-09-2026: Description of the Property- PROPERTY 11. Registration District: Nizamabad 2. Deputy Registration: Armour 3. Taluka: Armour 4. Village: Sirpur 5. Survey Number: Na 6. Complete Address With Landmark: Hno 2-23 Sirpur Village, nandipet Mandal, near Hanuman Temple, district Nizamabad-503212 7. Area Of The Plot: 3000 8. Boundaries (To Be Taken From Property Visit Report) A. East C.c. Road B. West C.c. Road C. North House Of Pentalta Savanna D. South House Of Tengu Muthenna and bounded as follows: On or towards the East by- Cc Road On or towards the West by- Cc Road On or towards the North by- House Of Pentalta Savanna On or towards the South by- House Of Tengu Muthenna

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Date: 14-09-2026 Place: Nizamabad

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CM working for industrial revolution in Andhra Pradesh

Visakhapatnam : Minister for MSME, Rural Poverty Alleviation and NRI Empowerment Relations Kondapalli Srinivas said Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu was making concerted efforts to usher in an industrial revolution in Andhra Pradesh. He said the government had attracted investments of around Rs.24 lakh crore for setting up industries in the state within two years. Speaking after visiting the AP Chamber Expo at Gadiraju Palace in Visakhapatnam along with Home Minister Vangalapudi Anitha, he said the expo was receiving an encouraging



response. The government aimed to establish 175 MSME parks in 175 constituencies, of which 19 had already been inaugurated and 138 were under construction, with 2,876 new

units already started. The minister said the government was working towards creating at least one entrepreneur in every household and promoting self-employment and economic self-reliance through MSMEs. Steps were also being taken to resolve bank loan issues and provide marketing support through agreements with Meta, Flipkart and Amazon Global for promoting MSME products in domestic and international markets.

BJP State President PVN Madhav said there was a need to promote cluster-based industrial development in different regions, including fruit-processing industries in Visakhapatnam and cashew processing in Palasa. He also called for protecting existing industries while encouraging new investments and proposed efforts to establish a Toys Park in the region. MLA Vishnu Kumar Raju urged the government to acquire around 10 acres in Visakhapatnam and develop permanent infrastructure for exhibitions and expos. Collector Abhishikth Kishore said the first AP Chamber Expo in the region had received a good response and called upon industrialists to make the MSME Summit scheduled for October 7 a success. VPA Deputy Chairperson Korati Roshni Aparanji, AP Chamber Chairman Potluri Bhaskara Rao, Zone Chairman Shobhan Prakash, Vice-Chairman M.B. Pavan Karthik and others participated in the programme.

Traffic chaos near Sri Sampath Vinayak Temple

TSIT, Visakhapatnam: Traffic congestion on the busy Asilmetta-Uplands Road, particularly around the Sri Sampath Vinayak Temple, is becoming a major concern for devotees, motorists and local residents. The temple attracts thousands of devotees on a regular basis, besides a large number of vehicles coming for new-vehicle pujas. Locals said the traffic situation, which was already challenging during peak hours, has worsened following the establishment of a large jewellery commercial complex (BNR Jewellers) near the temple. With inadequate parking arrangements, vehicles of customers are reportedly being parked along the main road, causing bottlenecks and disrupting the smooth movement of traffic. The problem is expected to become more severe during festivals, particularly Ganesh Chaturthi, when thousands of devotees visit the temple every day. Residents and devotees have questioned whether



er the commercial complex has adequate parking facilities and whether the necessary permissions were granted in accordance with the prescribed rules. They urged the concerned authorities to conduct a field-level inspection and verify the parking arrangements and other regulatory requirements of the commercial establishment. They also pointed out that the temple area is a sensitive and heavily congested location, requiring special attention before permitting large commercial establishments. Locals sought temporary parking arrangements and traffic diversions during festivals and other peak periods to prevent congestion. They also appealed to traffic police to take strict action against vehicles parked indiscriminately on the road. Residents said immediate steps were necessary to prevent inconvenience to devotees and motorists and sought a permanent solution to the parking and traffic problems in the area.

D.V.S.Y. Sharma selected as Technical Official for Asian Games

Visakhapatnam : D.V.S.Y. Sharma has been selected as an International Technical Official (ITO) in Table Tennis for the 20th Asian Games (Aichi-Nagoya Asian Games 2026), to be held in Japan from September 17 to 29. Sharma, who is working with LIC, is also a member of the LIC Sports Promotional Board. International volleyball player and Government Whip Ganababu congratulated Sharma on his selection and wished him success in his international assignment. He appreciated Sharma's contribution to the sport, including his participation in the Commonwealth Table Tennis Championships, and wished him success in serving Table Tennis and the country at the international level. LIC Senior Divisional Manager

Divakar Rao, Manager (Personnel) D. Ramarao, LIC Employees' Union President M. Kameswari, General Secretary G. Varaprasad and Sports Club Secretary B. Srinivasa Rao also congratulated Sharma.



Varaha Jayanti observed in tirumala

Tirumala, 13 September 2026: The annual Varaha Jayanti was observed with spiritual fervour in Tirumala on Sunday. Abhishekam was performed to the presiding deity of Sri Bhu Varaha Swamy in the temple located adjacent to Swamy Pushkarini. TTD EO Sri Muddada Ravi Chandra, Additional EO Sri Ch. Venkaiah Chowdary and other temple officials, priests participated in this fete.



Days of coalition government numbered, says YSRCP leaders

TSIT, Visakhapatnam YSRCP North Andhra Regional Coordinator Kurasala Kannababu, former minister Gudivada Amarnath and district president K.K. Raju said people were describing the coalition government as a "backstabbing party and backstabbing rule" for coming to power with false promises. A wide-ranging constituency-level party meeting was held at the district party office on Sunday under the leadership of Visakhapatnam East constituency coordinator Molli Apparao. The leaders said the days of the coalition government were numbered and claimed that their party would return to power. They called upon party leaders and workers to work collectively for victory in the upcoming local body elections and assured that every worker who worked hard for the party would be given due recognition. They later unveiled a poster carrying the slogan "Backstabbing Party - Backstabbing Rule." MLC Varudu Kalyani, State Executive Council member G. Ravi Reddy, East constituency in-charge and district women's



president Pedada Ramanikumari, former mayor Golagani Hari Venkata Kumari, State joint secretaries Palla Durgarao, Korukonda Venkata Swathi Dasu and P.V. Narayana, former corporator Akkaramanai Rohini, and several state, district and ward-level leaders, senior leaders and party workers participated in the meeting.



Hon'ble Chief Minister Sri Nara Chandrababu Naidu will visit Tirumala along with his family on the occasion of the Sri Vari Salakatla Brahmotsavams (15.09.2026 and 16.09.2026) and offer silk clothes (pattu vastralu) to Lord Sri Venkateswara on behalf of the State Government. In this connection, District Collector Dr. S. Venkateswar, Superintendent of Police Sri L. Subbarayudu and other officials are supervising the advance arrangements.

Nagababu visits Guchimi Elephant Conservation Centre

TSIT Visakhapatnam Andhra Pradesh Green Executive Committee Chairman Nagababu visited the Guchimi Elephant Conservation Centre in Seethanagaram mandal of Parvathipuram Manyam district on Sunday. During the visit, he planted peepal and neem saplings in the Guchimi Reserve Forest and directed officials to take up extensive plantation in all vacant areas of the forest. He stressed the need to promote greenery and give priority to forest and ecological conservation. He also reviewed the development works at the elephant conservation centre and enquired with elephant trackers about the field-level monitoring of wild elephant movements. Forest officials explained the preventive measures being taken to reduce human-wildlife conflicts and



briefed him on the difficult terrain and challenges involved in tracking elephants. Nagababu later interacted with the mahouts and veterinary doctor looking after the two kumki elephants, Jayanth and Abhimanyu, and enquired about their health, care and diet. He fed the elephants ragi, sweet corn, sugarcane and jaggery. He appreciated the efforts of forest officials and staff

in protecting elephants while ensuring the safety of local people. Forest Department Adviser P. Mallikarjuna Rao, APCCF Rahul Pandey, CCF B.N.N. Murthy, Visakhapatnam Circle CCF I.K.V. Raju, Parvathipuram Manyam DFO S. Venkatesh, Vizianagaram DFO Somasundaram and other officials participated in the programme.

War-footing measures to tackle El Nino impact



TSIT, visakhapatnam : Agriculture Minister Kinjarapu Atchannaidu has directed officials to take war-footing measures to protect crops affected by moisture stress due to El Nino-induced dry conditions in the state. At a high-level review meeting on Sunday, he said the government would extend all possible support to farmers and instructed the Agriculture and Water Resources departments to coordinate closely and utilise every available water source for protective irrigation. Against the normal rainfall of 476.1 mm between June 1 and September 12, the state received only 218.2 mm, resulting in a 54.2 per cent deficit. Officials said 26.50 lakh hectares had been brought under Kharif cultivation, while crops in 2,44,443 hectares across 284 mandals and 1,792 RSKs/villages had been affected. Of this, 1,92,387 hectares were under moisture stress, 41,474 hectares had wilted and 10,582 hectares had dried up. The Minister directed officials to conduct regular field visits, provide timely technical guidance to farmers and complete pending crop-health updates. Officials said 99.76 per cent of the 2.7558 crore plots under e-Crop and M&E had been surveyed, while crop-health details in about 10.10 lakh plots were still pending. Atchannaidu called for large-scale promotion of alternative, low-water crops suited to prevailing weather conditions. So far, alternative crops have been taken up in 34,567 hectares, with another 95,112 hectares yet to be covered. Water Resources Minister Nimmala Ramanaidu advised farmers under the Nagarjuna Sagar and Srisailem projects to opt for dryland crops instead of paddy wherever possible. Atchannaidu stressed that every possible crop should be protected by prioritising available water resources and ensuring close coordination between the Agriculture and Water Resources departments.

Brahmotsavam Arrangements Complete at Kanipakam Vinayaka Temple



KANIPAKAM : Arrangements for the annual Brahmotsavams of Swayambhu Sri Varasiddhi Vinayaka Swamy Temple have been completed in full, Temple Executive Officer and Temple Chairman stated at a press meet.

They said priority is being given to ordinary devotees, who will be able to have darshan of the Lord without any inconvenience. On the occasion of Vinayaka Chavithi on Sunday, Sarva Darshan will commence from 3:00

a.m. Annadanam, free prasadam, and Laddu prasadam have been arranged for devotees. All necessary facilities, including sanitation, drinking water, and queue lines, have been put in place to ensure devotees face no inconvenience during the Brahmotsavam period. The Police Department will provide bandobast with 370 personnel on Vinayaka Chavithi day to manage crowds and ensure smooth conduct of the festivities. Authorities urged devotees to cooperate with temple staff and police personnel and follow queue arrangements for a peaceful and fulfilling darshan experience during the auspicious occasion.

Guru Puja Utsavam Celebrated Grandly at Shilparamam in Tirupati



TIRUPATI: The Guru Puja Utsavam was organised in a grand manner at Shilparamam in Tirupati. Chittoor MP Daggumalla Prasad Rao, Chandragiri MLA Pulivarthi Nani, and Puthalapattu MLA Muralimohan participated as guests. Public representatives were given a warm welcome by teachers. They offered flowers to the portrait of former President and guru Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan and paid rich tributes. Speaking at the meeting, Chittoor MP Daggumalla Prasad Rao said Guru Puja Utsavam is a symbol of spirituality and Indian culture. "A life without a guru is

equal to a house without a lamp," he said, urging youth to respect their gurus and follow their path. Chandragiri MLA Pulivarthi Nani said the occasion is an expression of gratitude, noting that behind every individual's success lies a guru's effort. Puthalapattu MLA Muralimohan said considering the guru as God is our culture, and teachers' role in shaping students' futures is unforgettable. Cultural programmes presented by students delighted the guests. Later, the best teachers were felicitated with mementos. Public representatives, teachers, students, and local leaders participated in large numbers.

Mizoram's Bairabi-Sairang Railway Line Completes One Year of Transformative Success

NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 13, 2026: The 51.38 km Bairabi-Sairang railway line, inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on September 13, 2025, has completed one year of transformative development in Mizoram. An engineering marvel traversing steep hills and deep valleys, the line comprises 153 bridges, including six exceeding 70 metres in height, and 45 tunnels stretching nearly 16 kilometres. It connects Bairabi with four new stations—Hortoki, Kawnpui, Mualkhang, and Sairang—bringing rail connectivity to the threshold of Aizawl. Over the past year, train services to Guwahati, Kolkata, and Delhi have completed more than 1,100 trips, carrying over 15 lakh passengers with occupancy consistently exceeding 100%. Ticket sales generated Rs.54 crore for Indian Railways, while Sairang station catered to over 5.54 lakh passenger movements. Freight operations have also



transformed logistics, with more than 2,500 wagons delivered. The inaugural cement rake reduced prices in Aizawl, while automobile consignments enhanced supply chains. Railway connectivity has boosted tourism by over 86% and expanded educational access for students. Local produce, including Anthurium flowers, now reaches national markets directly from Sairang. The line has compressed distances, widened choices, and given Mizoram a new logistics identity—linking mobility with dignity and connectivity with opportunity.

Need robust data, information systems for dryland agri-food systems: Experts



New Delhi, Sep 13 : Government officials and experts have stressed the need for robust data and information systems for dryland agri-food systems, as well as common innovation grounds or living laboratories that connect research with practice and policy, an official statement said on Sunday. The three-day 'Dryland Congress 2026' concluded here, with a call for greater South-South and triangular cooperation to accelerate solu-

tions for dryland agriculture. According to the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, the final day coincided with the United Nations Day for South-South Cooperation and culminated in the adoption of the Delhi Declaration on Drylands (3D), setting out a shared agenda for transforming dryland agriculture through collaboration, knowledge exchange, innovation and collective action across Global South. Dr ML Jat, Secretary, DARE and Director General, ICAR, emphasised the need to bring foresight to the centre of efforts on dryland agriculture. Calling for a strong institutional mechanism, he stated that the ICAR-National Institute of Agricultural Economics and Policy Research (ICAR-NIAP) should be mandated to lead foresight work on dryland agriculture. Dr Himanshu Pathak, Director General, ICRIASAT, underlined the strategic importance of drylands for global food security and called for the deliberations of the past three days to be translated into concrete action. He emphasised the need to distil the deliberations and prioritise them into short- and long-term actions, moving from ideas to concepts and from concepts to concrete action and implementation by bringing together expertise, knowledge and camaraderie.

BRICS declaration condemns Pahalgam terror attack



New Delhi, Sep 12: The New Delhi Declaration 2026, adopted at the 18th BRICS Summit in the national capital, strongly condemned the terrorist attack in Jammu and Kashmir's Pahalgam on April 22, 2025, in which 26 people were killed and several others injured. The BRICS leaders reiterated their commitment to combating terrorism in all its forms and manifestations, including the cross-border movement of terrorists, terror financing and the provision of safe havens, while calling for zero tolerance towards terrorism. "We express strong condemnation of any acts of terrorism as criminal and unjustifiable, regardless of their motivation, whenever, wherever and by whomsoever committed," the joint declaration said. "We condemn in the strongest terms the terrorist attack in Jammu and Kashmir on 22 April 2025, during which 26 people were killed and many more injured. We reaffirm our commitment to combating terrorism in all its forms and manifestations, including the cross-border movement of terrorists, terrorism financing and safe havens," it added. The April 22, 2025 attack in Pahalgam was carried out against tourists and resulted in 26 deaths, making it one of the deadliest attacks targeting civilians in the region in

recent years. The BRICS leaders reiterated that terrorism should not be associated with any religion, nationality, civilisation or ethnic group. They said those involved in terrorist activities and their support networks must be held accountable and brought to justice in accordance with relevant national and international law. The declaration called for zero tolerance towards terrorism and rejected what it described as double standards in countering terrorism. The leaders also emphasised that states bear the primary responsibility for combating terrorism and said global efforts to prevent and counter terrorist threats must comply fully with obligations under international law. Such efforts, they said, must be consistent with the UN Charter, particularly its purposes and principles, as well as relevant international conventions and protocols, including international human rights law, international refugee law and international humanitarian law, wherever applicable. The declaration welcomed the activities of the BRICS Counter-Terrorism Working Group (CTWG) and its five subgroups, which operate under the BRICS Counter-Terrorism Strategy, the BRICS Counter-Terrorism Action Plan and the CTWG Position Paper.

NIA searches 10 locations in J&K in LeT cross-border terror case

Srinagar, Sep 12: The National Investigation Agency (NIA) on Saturday conducted searches at 10 locations across Jammu and Kashmir in connection with a cross-border terror conspiracy allegedly involving Pakistan-based handlers of proscribed terrorist organisation Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) and their network of local Over Ground Workers (OGWs). The searches were carried out at locations in Kupwara, Kulgam, Bandipora, Baramulla and Sopore to gather further evidence related to the alleged conspiracy and ascertain the roles of individuals suspected of providing logistical and other support to infiltrated terrorists. NIA teams were assisted by the Jammu and Kashmir Police and the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) during the searches. The case was initially registered as FIR No. 0024/2026 at Zakoor Police Station in Srinagar and was subsequently re-registered by the NIA as RC-02/2026/



NIA/JMU under Section 23 of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967, Sections 7 and 25 of the Arms Act, 1959, and Section 4 of the Explosive Substances Act, 1908. The investigation began following the arrest of an alleged LeT-linked OGW at a checkpoint during the late-night hours of March 31. A hand grenade and live

ammunition were allegedly recovered from his possession. Further investigation led to the arrest of Pakistani nationals allegedly linked to the conspiracy and helped investigators identify suspected members and roles within the local support network. According to the NIA, the investigation so far has indicated alleged links

between Pakistan-based LeT handlers and their local associates, who were purportedly being used for communication, movement and concealment of infiltrated terrorists, besides providing shelter, conducting reconnaissance and facilitating other logistical requirements. The agency is also examining the financial trail, communication channels, movements of the accused and the source and supply chain of arms and explosives to establish the complete network and determine the extent of its activities. The searches conducted on Saturday form part of the NIA's continuing probe into the larger alleged conspiracy and the support mechanism facilitating cross-border terrorism. During the searches, investigators seized or secured material allegedly relevant to the case. The material is being examined and corroborated with other evidence gathered during the investigation, the agency said.

Beyond the capitals: Here's how South India can make its next leap

For decades, South India's economic success has been powered by a handful of cities. Bengaluru was elevated to the status of the technology capital of India, Hyderabad to the technology and pharmaceutical hub, and Chennai to a manufacturing and services powerhouse. This has led to the rise of job clusters and the concentration of talent, investment and infrastructure there. The next question is therefore not whether Bengaluru can continue to grow. It is whether South India can build enough economic engines outside its dominant metros to make growth more distributed, resilient and inclusive. The recently published 'LEAP Cities Index 2026' provides an interesting starting point. The index measures 43 variables in eight economic pillars in 233 Tier-2 and Tier-3 cities in 23 states and UTs, such as manufacturing, trade, logistics, financial services, health and education. The city of Mangaluru in Karnataka has a score of 68.4 and is the top-scoring city in the state. LEAP is not a measure of city GDP, but rather a comparative index. Its value lies in drawing attention to the untapped potential hidden beyond the traditional metropolitan centres. Mangaluru may thus offer an alternative investment destination to the traditional metropolitan centres. It points to the possibility of a growth architecture that looks beyond the biggest cities. Projects are not the same as growth. The network effect has been the main reason for Bengaluru's success. Companies come to a cluster, people are drawn to the promise of jobs, investors follow, and infrastructure grows around the cluster. However, concentration has its price tag — high housing costs, congestion, increased

commute time, strain on water and other infrastructure, and high demand for skilled labour. The answer is not to restrict Bengaluru, but to establish other cities that can absorb high-value economic activities. Karnataka has started to take steps in this direction. The state currently has 550 Global Capability Centres, and plans to build 500 more by 2029, with an estimated potential of creating 3.5 lakh jobs and generating \$50 billion in economic output. Mysuru is also being proposed as the second IT city of the state under the 2026-27 Budget. But projects are not the same as growth. The true difficulty is in creating ecosystems. Lessons from Mangaluru The economic base of Mangaluru is of particular interest as it did not start with technology. The city has always focused on education and health care, finance and trade, and coastal connectivity. Technology has now been added as the cherry on top. The industry estimates put Mangaluru as having more than 400 start-ups, over 250 technology companies and over 25,000 technology professionals. The government has announced the establishment of a 1.5-lakh-square-foot IT park at Derebail, a fintech Centre of Excellence and a data lab. The economies of successful smaller cities do not necessarily have to mimic a metro city's economy. They can build around and complement existing strengths and capabilities, while developing new ones to create a more realistic pathway to regional growth. What the new architecture needs It takes much more than industrial parks and investment pledges to have a 'Beyond Bengaluru' strategy. There are at least four vital foundations: First, leverage your economic identity. Cities should devel-



op based on their existing capacities. Mangaluru can merge education, health, finance, technology and the coastal economy. The technology and knowledge services in Mysuru can be enhanced. Coimbatore has the potential to further develop in advanced manufacturing. Kochi can be the hub for logistics, tourism, healthcare, finance and technology. The objective should be differentiation, not duplication. Second, build talent. Human capital is the backbone of the knowledge economy. An interesting trend in Mangaluru's LEAP is its education score of 89.7, which is one of the highest among the various scores that contribute to the overall ranking. Universities, skill-

ing institutions and industry have to be part of the economic planning for any city. If a talent pipeline is not in place, there is no IT park that can work a miracle. Third, build urban infrastructure. The ability to reliably supply electricity, water, broadband, transport, housing and healthcare is essential for workers and companies to be able to work in any city. Over the past few years, regional technology clusters in Karnataka have evaluated and identified continuing challenges due to infrastructure and ecosystem gaps. Fourth, build connectivity. Smaller cities need to be linked not only by roads and airports, but also by the economic networks of suppliers, investors, universities, start-ups and world markets. This is what converts a collection

of projects into an ecosystem. AI changes the equation The timing may be to the advantage of smaller cities. AI is transforming the geography of knowledge work. With routine work increasingly becoming more automated and valuable tasks becoming more digital, businesses can be more flexible in finding specialised teams. Technology firms in India are increasingly moving their AI initiatives from experimentation to production, according to industry estimates. This opens up an opportunity for Tier-2 cities. They can harness their specialised talent, strengthen their digital capabilities and improve the quality of urban life. This will help them compete for more valuable functions from the beginning.

However, AI is not necessarily a threat to the value of cities. It could actually increase the premium on places where talent meets institutions and quality of life. The recent investments in Karnataka indicate a start in the direction of decentralisation of industries. In June, the state approved 55 industrial projects worth Rs.7,506 crore that can create around 28,000 jobs. Remarkably, of these projects, 41 lie outside Bengaluru Urban and Bengaluru Rural districts. But the true challenge is in making sure the investments have broader impacts on the local economy. This will encompass creating local suppliers, redesigning courses at universities to meet the needs of the local industry, encouraging local start-ups around well-established companies, enhancing local infrastructure, and offering workers affordable housing and effective public transport. Finally, it is important to note that the quantity and/or the value of projects announced is not the only indicator of success. What will be important is whether they establish economic ecosystems that are self-sustaining, not enclaves of investments. A network of growth engines There is no need for Mysuru, Mangaluru, Coimbatore, Kochi, Thiruvananthapuram and Visakhapatnam to become miniatures of Bengaluru, Chennai or Hyderabad. They may have their own potential strengths and can tap into those to create complementary economic activities and link them together with infrastructure, human resources, technology and markets that they possess. This would mark a radical change and create a network of growth engines. This can help make the region more resilient. It will also ease

migration pressures, expand opportunities for good jobs and give companies access to skilled workers outside of expensive metropolitan labour markets. There needs to be improved and more robust urban institutions as well. Cities require improved economic data, expertise in planning, better finances, and increased capacity to manage growth. The LEAP Index also emphasises that improved information at the city level is significant in a country where there is no regular measurement of official economic output below the state level. The real test of 'Beyond Bengaluru' The notion of success for this strategy cannot be judged by the number of companies setting up their offices outside Bengaluru. It should be judged based on the widening geographic economic opportunity. Is it possible for an MBA graduate from Mangaluru to pursue his career globally without relocating? Without relocating to Bengaluru, can an entrepreneur in Mysuru get access to capital, mentors and markets? When the answer is more and more "Yes", "Beyond Bengaluru" will be a redesign of economic geography in South India. The LEAP ranking of Mangaluru is thus not about the city, but about the region. South India's next growth economy should not be on the basis of making smaller Bengalurus. It should be designed as a network of capable cities — each one leveraging its own strengths, while being connected to larger markets and capable of generating prosperity locally. Bengaluru can hold on to its status as an anchor. But South India's next economic leap will depend on whether it can build a network of cities capable of generating prosperity beyond its traditional metropolitan centres.



Candidates applying for the Class 10 science practical examination will have to attend practical training classes at schools allotted by the respective District Educational Officer. Only candidates who secure a least 80% attendance in the practical training classes will be permitted to appear for the science practical examination. The hall ticket can be downloaded using the application number provided on the acknowledgement slip issued by the nodal centre. Only candidates who have obtained a hall ticket will be permitted to take the practical exam.

EDITORIAL

Hindi Diwas: Not a celebration, but a pledge for the future of the language

Hindi Diwas, celebrated every year on September 14th, is an important occasion linked to our constitutional history, linguistic diversity, and cultural memory. On September 14th, 1949, the Constituent Assembly adopted Hindi, written in the Devanagari script, as the official language of the Union. Following the enactment of the Constitution, this decision was incorporated into Article 343. Hindi Diwas is celebrated on September 14th to commemorate this historic event. But Hindi Diwas shouldn't simply be about giving speeches on the importance of Hindi, reciting poems, and completing formalities by organizing Hindi weeks or fortnights in government offices. The real question is how much Hindi has become the language of our lives, education, administration, justice, science, technology, and employment. If Hindi's recognition is limited to ceremonies and announcements, then Hindi Diwas offers us more of an opportunity for introspection than celebration. First, it is important to clearly understand that Hindi is not the national language of India, but rather the official language of the Union. According to Article 343 of the Constitution, the official language of the Union is Hindi, with its script in Devanagari. In a multilingual country like India, this distinction is not merely a matter of constitutional terminology but also a question of our democratic sensibility. India's identity is shaped by its linguistic diversity. Tamil, Telugu, Kannada, Malayalam, Bengali, Assamese, Marathi, Gujarati, Punjabi, Oriya, Urdu, Kashmiri, Maithili, and many other Indian languages express the memories, experiences, and cultural heritage of society. Therefore, Hindi should develop not in opposition to these languages, but through dialogue and cooperation with them. While Hindi has the opportunity to become a language of communication between India's diverse regions, it also carries with it a responsibility. Hindi should be a bridge of communication, not a medium of dominance. The expansion of any language is natural and acceptable only when it is imbued with respect, sensitivity, and a sense of inclusion. On Hindi Diwas, schools, universities, and government institutions host programs such as essay writing, speeches, debates, poetry recitations, quizzes, and prize distribution. These events have their own importance and generate enthusiasm for the language, but the true development of Hindi begins after these events are over. It is time to elevate Hindi from a language of celebrations to a language of experimentation and knowledge. Even today, the influence of English is clearly visible on government websites, research materials, and many official documents. Hindi-medium students in higher education face a shortage of quality textbooks and innovative research materials. While Hindi content is available in fields such as science, medicine, law, management, and information technology, its quantity, quality, and up-to-dateness need to be further strengthened. Translation alone will not be enough to make Hindi the language of knowledge. Original writing, modern vocabulary, the involvement of subject experts, and quality editing are also essential. A difficult and mechanical translation of an English book does not bring students closer to Hindi. Knowledge will only become accessible to the public when its language is simple, natural, and relevant to the subject.

The 2026 BRICS Summit, hosted by India, marks a potentially significant turning point and a milestone in the evolution of global multilateral decision-making. PM Modi framed BRICS as entering a "coming of age" phase as it reaches its 20th anniversary, calling for an ambitious agenda for the next two decades on inclusive multilateralism. At its core is an increasingly assertive demand from the Global South for a more equitable international order - one that provides credible safety mechanisms to protect trade, connectivity and economic interests from geopolitical disruptions and that is suitable to different national conditions. The Prime Minister's opening remarks are to be construed against the backdrop of the continuing instability in West Asia and its implications for global commerce, particularly the security of sea lanes of communication (SLOCs) and the principle of freedom of navigation. Disruptions in strategically vital maritime corridors demonstrate how geopolitical conflicts, even when geographically distant, can impose disproportionate costs on countries that are not parties to the conflict. Thus, India's emphasis on development, institutional reform, economic cooperation, technology, connectivity and the voice of the Global South seeks to make BRICS more functional and less vulnerable to geopolitical polarisation. India's objectives are two-folds: strategic autonomy and strategic pluralism and to ensure that BRICS itself cannot be dominated by any single power. At the same time, India's stance on power asymmetries in the international system captures a broader dissatisfaction within the Global South. The problem



in the group is not simply one of inadequate representation but of an institutional architecture in which 'those with the greatest capacity to make decisions are not necessarily those who bear the greatest consequences of those decisions.' India can choose to set the narrative for development through resilience and innovation and gain agenda setting power rather than allow emphasis on de-dollarisation or geopolitical confrontation. It is in this context that PM Modi's call for a transition from a "Pyramid of Privilege" to a "Pyramid of Partnership" acquires particular significance. The challenge for India's presidency is to translate the rhetoric of reform into practical mechanisms - particularly in areas such as trade resilience, financial

architecture, connectivity, energy security, food security and maritime stability and ensure that partnerships evolve beyond hierarchies of power and privilege towards institutional effectiveness based on broader dissemination of benefits. From Dialogue to Delivery External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar at the Business forum also argued for widening the scope for conversion of complementarities to so that an economic ecosystem could be built. BRICS has expanded its outreach to sustaining regional food security, resilient trade, deepening cooperation on growth on photo-voltaic, and institutional arms, a BRICS incubator network, an MSME portal and a startup innovation fund. There is a further need to set up of necessary mecha-

nisms for transfer of currency, cross-border payment systems and a strict timeline for implementation of status for digital reforms which can strengthen this pillar of cooperation. Several aspects can be highlighted that speak of India's success. India has moved BRICS from "failure to reach consensus" to a framework of "managed consensus" under the Delhi Declaration, thereby demonstrating its ability to handle questions of conflict-resolution. The consensus was based on ambiguity and non-uniformity which does not necessarily mean compromise, rather emphasises pragmatism. PM Modi shared four initiatives for collaboration - BRICS Troika mechanism, roadmap on global governance reform, sea-farer network and BRICS

global south negotiation support. Second, India has tried not to explicitly name any country and adopt a language sufficiently broad for both Iran and the UAE to accept. This shows that India's effort has been to transform the BRICS into an instrument for reforming and rebalancing global governance. Third, the emerging agenda from the BRICS Business Forum points towards a conception of development multilateralism, in which the security and prosperity of developing countries are treated as integral to global stability rather than as peripheral concerns. A partnership-based order would not necessarily seek to dismantle existing institutions; rather, it would seek to make them more representative, responsive and capable of accommodating the inter-

ests of a more plural global system. Hand in hand with China and Russia Playing bridesmaid, both China and Russia have given a fillip to the earlier cooperation in the BRICS grouping, though China and Russia have their own strategic priorities in the BRICS. China's growing economic weight and its preference for a more consequential Global South platform give BRICS a potentially stronger challenge to Western-dominated institutions. China is able to lend loans without constraints of procedural frameworks and allows certain leeways to developing countries who find it difficult to obtain capital from the World Bank and IMF norms. China believes that BRICS should be a 'pioneer in advancing innovation driven development.'

WHY IS THE HINDI CAMPAIGN CONFINED TO ONE DAY?

“Why should the Hindi campaign be confined to one day?

— Dr. Priyanka Saurabh

Hindi Diwas should not remain merely a formal celebration, but rather, Hindi should become a permanent part of our consciousness, behavior, and lives—this is the significance of this day. Language is not just a medium of communication, but it is also an identity of culture, tradition, sensitivity, and self-respect. Therefore, respect for Hindi cannot be limited to a single day. Only if we readily adopt Hindi in our homes, education, technology, administration, and workplace will the true expansion of Hindi be possible. Learning English is not a bad thing; in fact, in today's global era, knowledge of many languages enhances our capabilities. But having an inferiority complex about our own language is certainly a matter of concern. True Hindi Diwas is to live Hindi every day, every moment. Hindi Diwas is celebrated every year on September 14th. This day gives us an opportunity to reflect on the place of Hindi in our society, education, literature, administration, and technology. The question is not why Hindi Diwas is celebrated, but rather why should Hindi's respect be limited to just one day? Language is the flow of life. It cannot be confined to a single date on a calendar. Therefore, this couplet inspires us to introspect: why should the Hindi campaign be confined to a single day? Hindi should be deeply ingrained in the lives of Indians. Hindi is a powerful language of expression and emotion for millions of Indians. It also plays a vital role as a connecting language, connecting various parts of the country. India's linguistic diversity is our strength. All Indian languages, including Tamil, Telugu, Kannada, Malayalam, Bengali, Marathi, Punjabi, Gujarati, Assamese, and Oriya, are an integral part of our cultural heritage. Therefore, Hindi should be respected not in opposition to any other Indian language, but with respect for India's linguistic richness. The expansion of Hindi

should be unifying, not imposing. The biggest challenge facing Hindi today isn't the existence of any other language, but rather the growing inferiority complex toward its own language. A segment of society has solidified the notion that speaking English is a testament to modernity and success, while communicating fluently in Hindi is a sign of backwardness. This mindset needs to change. Without opposing English prowess, we must understand that a person's worth is determined not by their language, but by their knowledge, skills, hard work, thinking, and sensitivity. Many developed countries around the world have made their languages a strong foundation for education, research, and administration. Countries like Japan, China, Germany, and South Korea have developed scientific and technical education in their own languages, while also maintaining dialogue with other languages around the world. Multilingualism has been a hallmark of India as well. The need is to connect Hindi and Indian languages with modern knowledge and employment opportunities. The new National Education Policy 2020 also underscores the importance of mother tongue and Indian languages. The policy emphasizes the adoption of mother tongue, local language, or regional language as the medium of instruction, wherever possible, at least until grade 5, and preferably until grade 8 and beyond. This aims to strengthen children's understanding, spontaneous expression, and learning. Understanding complex concepts in the language in which a child thinks and experiences is more natural. The need is not just for policy formulation, but for its effective and quality implementation. On Hindi Diwas, various programs are organized in schools, colleges, and government institutions. Speeches are given, competitions are held, and the glory of Hindi is celebrated. All of this is necessary, but not sufficient. If programs are held on September 14th to honor Hindi, and the

next day, Hindi is relegated to the background in office files, digital platforms, communication, and behavior, the purpose remains unfulfilled. Hindi Diwas has true meaning only when the spirit of September 14th is reflected in September 15th and every day thereafter. Considering Hindi only a language of literature and emotions is limiting its scope. Hindi can also become the language of science, technology, medicine, law, management, economics, and research. This requires the creation of high-quality books, research materials, courses, and digital resources. The more knowledge available in Hindi, the greater the number of people who can benefit from it. The future of a language is determined not only by the number of speakers, but also by the knowledge and opportunities available in it. The digital age has opened up unprecedented possibilities for Hindi. Mobile phones, social media, online education, digital journalism, translation technology, and artificial intelligence have made it easier to create and disseminate content in Hindi. Today, writing and reading in Hindi is no longer limited to books. News, blogs, videos, podcasts, online courses, and digital books are bringing Hindi to the next generation. We must seize this opportunity and advance Hindi in step with technology. In the era of growing artificial intelligence and machine translation, it's crucial to develop quality digital word resources, corpuses, dictionaries, and reliable knowledge content for Hindi. If Hindi gains strength in the technological world, it will not only be a language of emotions but also become a powerful language for employment, innovation, and knowledge exchange. The tradition of Hindi literature has been extremely rich. Kabir's fearless words, Tulsī's folk consciousness, Sur's devotion, Premchand's social reality, Nirala's rebellious voice, and Mahadevi Verma's sensitivity reflect the breadth and depth of Hindi literature.

INDIA AND RUSSIA GO FROM RESILIENCE TO LEVERAGE

The meeting between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Russian President Vladimir Putin in Delhi on September 11, on the eve of the 18th BRICS Summit, was significant as an important step towards the forthcoming 24th India-Russia Annual Summit. Coming less than two weeks after their meeting in Bishkek on August 31 on the margins of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) Summit, the Delhi engagement demonstrated the intensity of India-Russia consultations amid considerable geopolitical uncertainty. The two leaders reviewed political, economic, defence, energy, space, skill mobility and people-to-people cooperation, while discussing the conflicts in the Middle East and the Black Sea and their implications for maritime trade and Indian seafarers. From Bishkek To Delhi: Consolidating The Partnership The Delhi meeting built upon, rather than replicated, the Bishkek conversation. While the earlier meeting provided a broad strategic assessment, the Delhi engagement placed greater emphasis on economic and industrial cooperation. The two leaders welcomed the first INNOPROM India exhibition, held in Delhi from 9 to 11 September, as an avenue for expanding trade and industrial partnerships. They also discussed implementation of the Programme for Economic Cooperation 2030, alongside cooperation in infrastructure, energy, technology, defence and culture. The economic dimension is becoming increasingly



important. India and Russia have set a target of raising bilateral trade to \$100 billion by 2030. The challenge is not simply to increase trade volumes but to diversify and balance the relationship through greater Indian exports, investment, industrial cooperation and technology partnerships, thereby strengthening its resilience to geopolitical disruptions. Putin's BRICS Message: Sanctions, Connectivity And Economic Security Putin's intervention at the BRICS Business Forum added a wider geopolitical-economic dimension to the bilateral discussions. He referred to Russia facing more than 30,000 sanctions, and criticised what he described as attempts to destroy pipelines, obstruct international transport corridors, seize maritime vessels and impose "illegal restrictions", including threats of secondary sanctions against countries unwilling to follow the interests of other powers. These remarks reflected

Moscow's broader argument that unilateral economic restrictions are reshaping international trade and investment. At the same time, Putin presented BRICS as an avenue for practical economic cooperation. He said Russia was prepared to work with partners on global energy and food security and reliable logistics routes, specifically mentioning the Arctic Transport Corridor and the International North-South Transport Corridor (INSTC). He also referred to opportunities in tourism, industry and trade, as well as cooperation in personnel training, applied research, smart technologies and unmanned transport. For India, this emphasis on connectivity and maritime security has particular relevance. Disruptions in the Black Sea and the Middle East have demonstrated the vulnerability of global shipping, energy supplies and supply chains. The official Indian readout noted that Prime Minister Narendra

Modi and Putin discussed the impact of these conflicts on maritime trade and the safety and security of Indian seafarers. PM Modi reiterated that "dialogue and diplomacy" were the way forward in resolving conflicts and that India was ready to assist in peace efforts. This followed his message to Putin in Bishkek to move from "endless war" towards an "end of war". The maritime dimension is consequently becoming an important component of India-Russia discussions. The Black Sea conflict has affected commercial shipping and Indian seafarers that PM Modi brought out during his discussions with Putin. Likewise, both leaders understand that disruptions in the Middle East reinforces the importance of secure and diversified trade routes. BRICS And A Changing Global Economic Order The bilateral meeting also needs to be viewed against India's broader BRICS agenda. At the BRICS Business Forum.

Hyderabad houses 515 GCCs, to add 50-70 in next 1 year: Report

New Delhi: Hyderabad has around 515 Global Capability Centres (GCCs), and 50-70 more will be set up within a year, as the city offers a huge talent pool and cost advantage to foreign companies, according to a Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) and Anarock report. Industry body FICCI and property consultant Anarock have come up with a joint report titled 'Hyderabad: The Rise of a Global Capability Powerhouse'. From cybercity to GCC hub The report highlighted that there were around 515 GCCs in Hyderabad as of March 2026, employing more than 3 lakh people. Hyderabad accounts for around 20 per cent of the total GCCs in India, transforming the city from a cyber city to a GCC hub. The report noted that GCCs have become a key demand driver for Hyderabad's office market. The leasing of office space by foreign firms to set up GCCs rose to 4.5 million



square feet in 2025 from 1.9 million sq ft in 2021. In the first six months of this year, the number has crossed 3 million sq ft. "The sustained leasing momentum reflects the deepening of Hyderabad's GCC ecosystem and the increasing preference of global enterprises to establish larger and more sophisticated operations in the city," Anarock Chairman Anuj Puri said. Hyderabad's GCC proposition is broadening well beyond conventional IT-ITeS functions, said VV Rama Raju, Chairman, FICCI Telangana State Council. Beyond traditional

IT's The city's proposition is broadening beyond traditional IT-ITeS into a multi-sector ecosystem, including Banking, Financial Services, and Insurance (BFSI), life sciences, semiconductors, engineering and healthcare. Besides having a huge talent pool, Hyderabad's prime office rent at Rs 95-115 per square ft is lower than Bengaluru and competitive with Pune. On the future potential, the report said that 50-70 additional GCCs across technology, engineering, BFSI, life sciences, analytics, consulting and digital operations are expected to come within a year.

Dramatic insider warnings over AI fall flat with some in Silicon Valley

Each September, a who's who of executives from across Silicon Valley descends on San Francisco's Palace Hotel to charm investors at a conference hosted by the investment bank Goldman Sachs. This past week, between talk of growth and potential returns, tech titans found themselves addressing the abrupt resignation of Anthropic researcher Jacob Coxon. Coxon, a 27-year-old who worked at OpenAI before joining its chief rival Anthropic, said on Tuesday that people building artificial intelligence (AI) believed the technology could destroy humanity. They are "gambling with our lives", he said, "these will soon be superhuman systems that can hack anything". Coxon is by no means the first AI insider to publicly sound the alarm. There have been a string of high-profile resignations from both Anthropic and OpenAI in recent years over apparent safety concerns, and some current Anthropic employees even echoed Coxon's post. "We really do earnestly believe AI could kill all humans! I personally think it is >10% within the next decade," a team lead at Anthropic, Evan Hubinger, posted on X. While Coxon said explicitly in his posts that his warnings were "not mar-

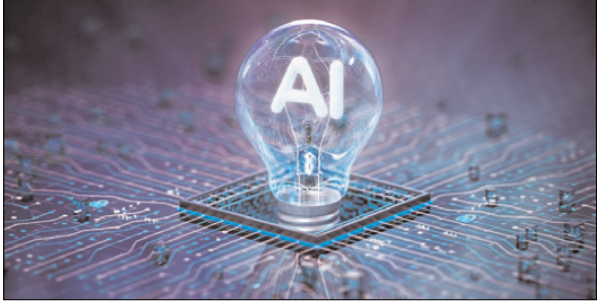


keting", some executives and investors in Silicon Valley have reacted with scepticism to a recent flurry of insiders sounding the alarm. Anthropic and OpenAI are reportedly preparing for potentially record-setting initial public offerings, and some in the tech sector have suggested the latest stark comments about the dangers of AI may be designed to generate hype by signalling the power of these products. Anthropic's boss, Dario Amodei, has come under fire for saying AI technology could wipe out half of entry-level white-collar jobs and will "test who we are as a species". One conference speaker, Grindr CEO George Arison,

told the BBC he believed this week's comments from Coxon and others were indicative of an "anti-civilisation worldview at Anthropic". He called them "dangerous" and said they had prompted him to instruct some engineers at the LGBTQ+ dating app to stop using Anthropic's technology. "It is irresponsible for us as stewards of our shareholders' money to be relying on a business that does what this company does, in terms of its public statements," he said. "Maybe they actually believe it," Arison said. "Or you could argue they're saying it because it's a great way to gin up more investor support, because the only way to justify these

valuations is to actually claim: 'I'm going to take over every industry and I'm going to take over every job, and my AI is going to be doing all that work.'" Anthropic was valued at \$965bn (£713bn) in its most recent fundraising round earlier this year. The BBC has asked Anthropic for a response to the statements. In an essay posted early on Saturday, Amodei called for a slowing of AI model development and global regulation - and said the risks associated with AI were "serious". Nvidia boss Jensen Huang also discussed Coxon's comments before a crowd at the conference, multiple people in the group told the BBC. They said he dismissed them as untrue. Huang has previously said the notion that AI "is going to be the end of humanity" is "complete nonsense". And while he may have a business interest in an AI boom - Nvidia builds chips that power AI systems - his comments reflect a growing backlash in Silicon Valley to the existential warnings from current and former staffers. Some critics have even accused Anthropic of fearmongering in hopes that it will trigger a regulatory push that could shut out competition and leave it and OpenAI with a duopoly in the sector.

'WE MUST SLOW PACE OF IMPROVING AI MODELS'



Anthropic CEO Dario Amodei has called for AI companies to deliberately slow the pace at which they improve their models, warning that rapidly advancing capabilities could outstrip efforts to understand and control the technology. In a September essay titled "We Must Pace the Frontier", Amodei said AI progress would remain rapid even with a slower development pace, but the additional time could be used to strengthen safety measures and address emerging risks. "We must slow the pace at which we improve the capabilities of AI models," Amodei said, adding that companies must make wise use of the time gained. Amodei calls for industry-wide action, Musk and Altman agree The Anthropic chief called for a coordinated, industry-wide pause, but said he would not wait for his firm's rivals to act. As a first step, he said he would permanently allow independent observers into

Anthropic to assess the safety of its models during the training phase. Sam Altman, the chief of ChatGPT developer and Anthropic rival, OpenAI, as well as Elon Musk, who owns xAI, said they agreed with Amodei's assessment. "I agree with Dario that we need to pace the frontier," Altman wrote on X, adding that OpenAI "will do the same." Musk, for his part, said "Dario is right" in a post on the platform he bought in 2022. Why are industry leaders calling for AI development to be slowed? In early June, Anthropic had called for AI development to be slowed or suspended amid safety concerns over AI agents. More than 1,000 employees at AI companies, including Amodei, called on the US government to help slow the pace of development of automated AI. Then in July, OpenAI revealed that during testing, AI agents had independently broken out of a secured environment.

Croma Opens Pre-Bookings for New iPhone 18 Pro Line-Up with Exclusive Exchange Bonus of up to Rs. 12,000

September, 2026: Croma, India's leading omni-channel electronics retailer from the Tata Group, has announced that pre-booking for the iPhone 18 Pro and iPhone 18 Pro Max is live. Customers can secure Apple's latest devices through a flexible pre-booking offer available nationwide across Croma stores, croma.com, the Tata Neu app, and Big Basket. The new Pro lineup brings Apple's latest advances in performance and photography, including the powerful A20 Pro chip, Apple's in-house C2 wireless modem and a new 48MP Fusion main camera with a physical variable aperture. Pre-bookings will be available across more than 560 Croma stores in over 200 cities, as well as on croma.com, the Tata Neu app and Big Basket. For complete pricing and availability details, customers can visit their nearest Croma store or croma.com.

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BOILING OCEANS, DIRE DISEASES, CLIMATE INJUSTICE: EL NINO'S TERRIFYING TRIFECTA



Nine months into 2026 and roughly 9,000 or more lives lost so far to earthquakes, heat waves, forest fires, flash floods and much of what is usually classified under 'nature's wrath' or natural, climate-related calamities. For those sitting in their living rooms in high-rise, 21-storey buildings, surrounded by concrete... this number may be nothing more than a blip at the moment. However, it is a sword waiting to drop over the necks of communities who have been co-existing with nature for centuries together. Besides being a completely natural phenomenon, El Niño is also a catalyst or modifier to drastic climate implications and events. It is expected to supersize and extend well into February 2027, according to a report by the World

Meteorological Organization. Sea surface temperatures have already risen over 2 degrees Celsius above normal in July and by mid-August, it had intensified even more in the range of 2.2 degrees Celsius and 2.6 degrees Celsius above average. "El Niño is firmly established and will intensify into a very strong event in the coming months, with big impacts on rainfall and temperature patterns and associated risks of floods, drought and extreme heat," the report said. Another factor that is likely going to fuel the little Spanish boy's (El Niño's) fire is the Indian Ocean Dipole. IOD is a climate pattern which de-regularises temperature in the Indian ocean, depending on whether it is positive or negative.

Anthropic boss Dario Amodei calls for AI development to slow down

The head of AI company Anthropic has called for the pace of development of artificial intelligence models to slow down and to be closely monitored. Dario Amodei wrote in an online essay that developing AI was not in question, but that the risks associated with it were "serious" and that companies and governments must be given time to address them. The bosses of two rival AI firms, Sam Altman of OpenAI and Elon Musk, have both said they agree with Amodei. There have been growing concerns recently about the technology's potential risks. An AI researcher who left Anthropic told the BBC that "if we don't slow down at the current rate of progress, there is a strong chance that we could all die in the immediate future". Jacob Coxon told Laura Kuenssberg that people working at AI companies were "genuinely frightened... genuinely concerned about the fate of humanity in the next two years". "It's not at all an exaggeration to say that the people who are involved with both founding these companies and building the tech believe there is a



possibility of human extinction," Coxon said. In Amodei's essay, called We Must Pace the Frontier and published on Saturday, he proposed a three-point plan that included independent monitoring of AI models as they are developed, industry-wide regulation and global regulation. As his proposal made the rounds, even competitors voiced support for the idea of third-party monitors who could evaluate the safety of models as they are developed. "I agree with Dario that we need to pace the frontier," wrote OpenAI CEO Sam Altman on X. He called independent evaluators "a great idea". Altman sounded similar safety con-

cerns in a new interview, telling Fortune magazine that standards were "not at a place" to push AI capabilities much further. He added that he believed AI beyond human control was "absolutely" possible. Musk, meanwhile, who founded Grok producer xAI, said the Anthropic boss was "right". The warnings have prompted calls to action, but US President Donald Trump has so far rejected such fears, saying on Thursday he was concerned that "if we don't win AI, we're going to be put in a very bad position". Cyber-security concerns have grown as new models have exhibited more and more powerful capabilities.

Anthropic withheld its Mythos model from public use when it was announced in April that it could independently escape the testing environment, known as the sandbox. In the run-up to the release of its most recent Astra model, OpenAI cited cyber-security concerns as it explained it had paused certain aspects of the model's development. The OpenAI agents had "essentially acted as a fanatically devoted collective", Amodei said. OpenAI has said it was slowing down training of certain advanced AI models and tools as a result. Safety has also taken centre stage in the rivalry between Anthropic and OpenAI. Amodei, who had previously worked as a vice-president at OpenAI, has said he co-founded Anthropic in 2021 so he could build safer and more trusted AI models. He pointed out in his essay that AI had advanced "drastically faster" including its "ability to build the next generation of AI" - and mentioned an incident involving rival OpenAI which has revealed that agents had hacked targets they were not asked to attack in July.

Policy Push Meets Production Scale as electronica India and productronica India 2026 Return to Bengaluru with 750+ Exhibitors from 30+ Countries

India's growing stature as a global electronics manufacturing and innovation hub will take centre stage at electronica India and productronica India 2026, organised by Messe München India, part of the Messe München Group, from 16-18 September at the Bangalore International Exhibition Centre (BIEC), Bengaluru. Dignitaries expected to attend include Shri M.B.Patil, Minister for Large and Medium Industries and Infrastructure Development, Government of Karnataka and Dr Manjula N., IAS, Secretary, Department of Electronics, Information Technology, Biotechnology and Science & Technology, Government of Karnataka Bhupinder Singh, President - IMEA (India, Middle East, Africa), Messe München, and CEO, Messe München India, says, "India's electronics sector has entered a decisive phase, marked by manufacturing expansion, policy support and deeper participation in global value chains. The scale and international reach of elec-



tronica India and productronica India 2026 reflect this momentum. In Bengaluru, our focus is to connect industry ambition with the technologies, suppliers and partnerships that can translate it into stronger manufacturing capabilities and measurable business outcomes." Presented under the theme 'India's Powerplay in Electronics', the co-located exhibitions will bring together the technologies and industry partnerships driving the

next phase of India's electronics growth. The Bengaluru edition will cover 60,000 square metres of gross exhibition space and feature 750+ exhibitors and counting from more than 30 countries. Over 50,000 business visitors from more than 50 countries are expected to attend. The accompanying programme will feature more than 150 speakers across 18 conferences, summits and industry forums. This scale reflects India's rising importance

within global electronics value chains and the need for a strong national platform that connects technology providers, manufacturers, buyers, policymakers and investors. India's electronics manufacturing push, supported by Production Linked Incentive (PLI) schemes and strengthened by the Electronics Components Manufacturing Scheme (ECMS), is moving from assembly towards deeper component manufacturing.

Iran war reshapes Brics ties but also exposes divisions

This weekend, some of the most powerful people in the world gathered in Delhi around a vast circular table. Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced that together, the leaders next to him should increasingly become "rule-shapers", not "rule-takers". Among those listening were members of the Brics group, including Chinese President Xi Jinping, Russian President Vladimir Putin, Iran's President Masoud Pezeshkian, Abu Dhabi's Crown Prince Sheikh Khaled bin Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan and South African President Cyril Ramaphosa. These are hardly natural allies. They have histories of border disputes and even military confrontations. India and China engaged in a deadly clash along their disputed border in 2020. Iran and the UAE have been on opposing ends of the war in the Middle East, with Tehran launching missiles and drones at its fellow Brics member as the conflict sent shockwaves across global economies. The fact that India was able to gather these leaders together in person is a feat in and of itself and testament to its diplomatic reach. The weekend also provided a platform for countries to reassess their relationships in light of the Iran war. But agreeing on what a new global order should look like and achieving clear, tangible outcomes was a much harder task, and



that tension ran through this weekend's summit. A counterweight to Western influence For members such as China, Russia and Iran, Brics offers a vehicle to dilute the influence of the US and western Europe. But India has been reluctant to cast Brics as an anti-Western bloc. Modi himself said at the summit that the group is "not against anyone". That distinction matters for Delhi, which wants to preserve its relationships with nations at odds with each other. "There are countries in the grouping which would like it to become anti-western, but it is not that," says Anil Trigunayat, a veteran Indian diplomat and former ambassador. What India has

achieved, in his view, is a push for "strategic autonomy in an era of war" and initiatives to "enhance greater collaboration amongst themselves". Inside the joint declaration The summit succeeded in delivering a joint declaration when divisions among members have rarely been so glaring. Twice earlier this year, meetings between Brics ministers had failed to produce a joint statement. This time a consensus was reached, but by side-stepping issues that members sharply disagree on, with few solutions. The "New Delhi Declaration" was adopted on the first day of the summit. But what is striking is what it doesn't say. On the war in the Middle East, the declara-

tion urges "maximum restraint". It also condemns "attacks on civilian infrastructure and peaceful nuclear facilities" but assigns no blame. It reiterates support for a two-state solution, opposes forced displacement of Palestinians or actions that could "legitimise or prolong occupation", framing it carefully around existing UN resolutions. It makes no mention at all of Russia's war in Ukraine, a departure from previous Brics declarations. There is similar caution on trade. It lists concerns over "indiscriminate rising tariffs" and condemns unilateral sanctions but stops short of naming the US, and is likely to avoid Washington's ire. Trump shadow looms large

over Brics as Modi hosts Putin and Xi in Delhi Several Brics members would have been loath to draw President Donald Trump's anger, as he has previously called the group's proposals, including potentially linking central-bank digital currencies for cross-border trade, "anti-American". "Not mentioning any country by name, even as they condemned the conflict in the Middle East, bears the hallmark of India," says Praveen Donthi, senior analyst at the International Crisis Group. "I was pleasantly surprised that there was a strong reference to tariffs, because India could have wanted to be less direct about it, but perhaps this was a chance to convey their displeasure.

RUSSIANS SEEK ANSWERS OVER HUNDREDS MISSING AFTER UKRAINE'S 2024 INCURSION

"I used to have complete faith in our country," says Lyubov. The last time she spoke to her mother was a day after Ukrainian forces broke into Russia's Kursk region more than two years ago. Now she feels "resentful towards the [Russian] state", in a country where most people avoid criticising the full-scale invasion unleashed on Ukraine in February 2022. The local governor says more than 300 Russians are still missing in Kursk region, but no-one really knows the true figure. Lyubov says she tried to persuade her mother to leave her village in the Sudzha area, but blames Russian state TV "propaganda" for her refusal to listen. Some 2,000 people remained in the settlements captured by Ukraine's military, Russian authorities estimate. "The state channels were convincing viewers that 'everything is under control: two or three days, and it'll be just as it was before'," she recalls. She still fails to understand why Russian authorities could not stop Ukrainian soldiers storming two border checkpoints in August 2024, taking around 40 prisoners and bombing a convoy carrying Russian soldiers. Within six days they had overrun more than 777 sq km (300 sq miles) of Russian territory, as Ukraine's military sought to divert Russian forces away from their front-line offensive. For most of the next eight months, mobile and internet links were down. Russia's foreign ministry repeatedly accused Ukraine of war



crimes against civilians: allegations rejected in Kyiv as completely unfounded. Nearly 200 Russians sent a letter to Ukraine's President Volodymyr Zelensky, Russia's President Vladimir Putin and the United Nations, asking them to organise a humanitarian corridor to evacuate civilians. It never happened and, by late autumn, battles raged as Russian forces sought to retake the territory. Lyubov and others who had lost contact with their loved ones began to form groups. One resident, whose family friends had also stayed behind, began compiling a list of people she saw on videos published by the Ukrainian military and journalists. Then she began detailing those believed to have died and where they were buried. "At first, in a panic, you try to do something - anything - to find some sort of information," she said. "Taking action brings a certain sense of relief, and that's how you

can cope with the stress." Soon about 1,000 names were on the list. Lyubov wrote to the Red Cross and Kursk interior ministry appealing for help, but had no response. Early in 2025, Russia's human rights commissioner published a list of 517 Kursk residents reported missing. The list mixed up names of the missing with those who were searching for them, and the families said it was like a "slap in the face". "Publishing something like this is the height of incompetence and a lack of basic respect for people," said one young woman whose parents had gone missing, in a video shared online. Heavy fighting had been reported in late 2024 in the village of Darino, where Lyubov and mother were from, and authorities said that 90% of it had been destroyed. The Russian military regained control of the village and then began evacuating those who had survived, and the bodies of those who had not.

BEST FRIENDS FOR DECADES - UNTIL A DNA TEST REVEALED THEY WERE SISTERS



Theirs is a story straight out of a Bollywood film. Two Indian-born women in their 40s, adopted as babies by different families and raised near each other in the Netherlands, have now discovered they are biological sisters. Meena Geltink and Minal Tijssen, born in the early 1980s, were adopted from two different orphanages in the western Indian city of Mumbai within months of their birth. When they first met in their early teens at an event hosted by the adoption agency their parents had used, they were struck by the uncanny similarities in their appearance and mannerisms. Meena, now 43, remembers

the day clearly. "All the adopted children were brought together to hang out and bond and have dinner." Both Meena and Minal were with friends who noticed how similar they looked. "They said, 'Look at yourselves in the mirror'." "And I was like, 'Oh my God, she has my nose! We have the same laugh'." "At dinner, I kept looking at her the whole time," Meena told the BBC from her home in the Netherlands. The following day, the girls exchanged telephone numbers and addresses and promised to keep in touch. Even though there was no indication they were related by blood.

SIX DEAD, 107 RESCUED FROM INDONESIAN FERRY THAT WENT MISSING IN JAVA SEA

Six people have died and 107 have been rescued from a stricken Indonesian passenger ferry in the Java Sea, Indonesia's search and rescue agency has said. A search and rescue operation was launched after contact was lost with the Virgo Transport 8 ship, which was carrying 243 people, as it encountered bad weather, Indonesia's search and rescue agency said. The search for the remaining passengers is ongoing. The ferry was travelling from Surabaya to the South Kalimantan city of Banjarmasin and was last reported to be about 150km (93 miles) south of Banjarmasin around 02:00 local time on Sunday (18:00 GMT on Saturday). Authorities received the initial distress report at 04:10 from the vessel's operator PT Virgo. The ship left Surabaya at 10:33 on Saturday and was scheduled to arrive in Banjarmasin on Sunday at 14:00, according to data from two maritime monitoring sites. A joint task force involving Indonesia's search and res-



cue agency, navy, maritime police and other parties has been set up for the rescue effort. Ships and a helicopter have been deployed to the scene, with 280 personnel taking part in the rescue operation. All vessels in the area of the Java Sea have been alerted to report any signs of passengers. An operations post to handle the accident was set up in the Trisakti Port area on Sunday morning. At a news conference at the port in the afternoon, Transport Minister Dudy Purwagandhi said the incident will be investigated by Indonesia's National Safety

Committee. There are 213 passengers and 30 crew members on board. Of these, 130 people are still missing. Rusmilawati, a resident of Banjarmasin, went to the port to seek information about eight relatives who were passengers on the ship. They were travelling back to Banjarmasin after visiting the tombs of several Islamic scholars in Java. "They flew there initially, but for the return journey they wanted to try travelling by ship," she told BBC Indonesia. As of Sunday afternoon local time, Rusmilawati said she had not received any information from officials about his sibling's whereabouts.

been rescued. The family last heard from one of the relatives through a WhatsApp status update. In the post, the relative wrote: "The waves are really frightening tonight. Or is this just what it's normally like travelling by ship, rocking and crashing against the waves?" "Hopefully they're safe," Rusmilawati said. Meanwhile, Misnah broke down in tears after learning that her husband, Ahmad Supandi, had survived. Ahmad, a freight driver, had been aboard Virgo Transport 8 and was later rescued by the vessel MV Haida. At Tanjung Perak Port in Surabaya, relatives of crew members have also been seeking information about their loved ones. One relative, Fredy, said his youngest sibling, Stevie Manuhua, worked aboard the vessel as a keyboard player, entertaining passengers. "We spoke two days ago when the ship was docked in Surabaya. After that, there was no news until now," Fredy said. He said he had still not received any information about his sibling's whereabouts.

FIRE AT NURSING HOME IN CHILE KILLS 16 RESIDENTS



At least 16 elderly residents have died in a fire at a nursing home in Chile, according to authorities. Ten others were evacuated after a blaze broke out at El Eden home in /idt2/d9cfcc9a-2842-463f-a4d8-4dd007ef9547, around 640km (400 miles) south of the capital Santiago, on Friday evening. Jorge Granada, a prosecutor leading the case, said it was not clear at this stage what caused the incident. Chile's President José Antonio Kast said he had ordered a review into the condition of nursing homes across the country. "We will fully collaborate with the justice system to clarify what happened, determine where failures

may have existed in oversight or prevention, identify what alerts were raised and what actions were taken in response to them," Kast said. "We need to know the truth and, based on that, correct whatever is necessary to do everything possible to prevent a tragedy like this from happening again," three president added. The fire, which began at around 22:30 (01:30 GMT) was finally put out on Saturday morning. On Saturday, firefighters were still clearing debris and removing collapsed corrugated metal roofing. Police cordoned off the area for safety. "It is a situation that fills our souls with great sorrow and pain.



Only Roland Garros towel left, says Ukraine tennis player after Russian strike hits flat

AFGHAN WOMAN DEPORTED FROM US IN FIRST USE OF 'ALIEN TERRORIST' COURT

An Afghan woman living in Texas with legal US permanent residency has been deported from the country in the first-ever use of a secretive court. Nazira Haji Zada, 47, chose to leave the US rather than continue to argue her case before the Alien Terrorist Removal Court, according to the US Department of Justice (DOJ) and her lawyers. The Alien Terrorist Removal Court was created in 1996, but had never heard a case before the proceedings in July. It is meant for non-US citizens facing terrorism-related charges when the evidence is confidential and related to national security. Lawyers for Haji Zada argued that the case violated her right to due process under the US Constitution. Afghanistan citizen Haji



Zada was never charged with a crime, but prosecutors had tried and convicted her son and son-in-law for terror offenses. Her son, Abdullah Haji Zada, and son-in-law, Nasir Ahmad Tawhed, were both found guilty of a plot to carry out a mass shooting on Election Day in 2024, inspired by the group calling itself Islamic State. Haji Zada, who has

been living in Fort Worth, Texas, was accused by prosecutors of being the "matriarch" of the group, who had worked "to radicalize the family". In a statement on Friday, the justice department said she "conceded that she is an alien terrorist and waived appeal of the removal order, terminating her previous [immigration] status". "This landmark

case, resulting in the prompt removal of this alien terrorist to her country of origin, is a win for national security and the rule of law," said US Attorney General Todd Blanche. "Those who support and condone terrorism should not be living in the United States, and this first-ever case before the ATRC shows how the Department will use every tool at its disposal to protect our country." Court-appointed lawyers for Haji Zada said they were denied access to the evidence in her case. "Our client's choice to consent to removal should not be seen as an endorsement of this court's legitimacy," public defenders Matthew Farley and Mary Manning Petras said in a statement to The Washington Post.

A Sport Is Born: Inside The Bold Bet To Make India Fall For Muay Thai

Under the chandeliers of The Grand in Vasant Kunj, two fighters in traditional Thai headbands moved through the Wai Kru, the slow, ritual dance every Muay Thai bout begins with, a bow to teachers, ancestors, and parents, performed centuries before anyone in the room was born. It was a strange thing to watch in a New Delhi ballroom. It was also, in a sense, the whole point. The event was billed as "Unboxing the Spirit of Muay Thai", and it marked the formal launch of Tero India's push to plant Thailand's national sport in Indian soil. What was actually being unveiled was an experiment: can a 700-year-old combat discipline become a mainstream Indian sport, the way cricket did, the way kabaddi is trying to? The Pitch: Not A Launch, A Birth Chandrakant Singh (CK to almost everyone) is trying to answer that question. As MD and CEO of Tero India, and a partner at parent company Tero Entertainment, he has spent the past month launching not one but two sports in the country, starting with 3x3 basketball and now Muay Thai. On being asked how much money is going into promoting Muay Thai in



India, he told NDTV, "It is not driven by money, it's not driven by business or profit value... It is driven by how you make this a culture in India. The moment you're able to do that, the money value and the investment becomes a secondary part of it." Pretty much what Ravi Kishan has taught us all (through reels), always build a brand yourself first; money follows (my brother). The culture of Muay Thai, CK explained, gets built in three ways. Through competition: events and matches that put the sport in front of people, but that peo-

ple watch and walk away from without it becoming part of their lives. The other way is through gyms: a physical space that turns Muay Thai from an occasional spectacle into a daily habit. And the most effective way is making it a part of everyone's childhood, folding the sport into school academies, the way physical training is already taught in schools, so that children grow up thinking of it not as combat but as self-defence. "If we map these three things, we can make any sport popular," he said. "We can commercialise any sport.

We can take any sport to a good level, to an international level. That's the invention." For now, the rollout stays deliberately small: one academy each in Delhi and Mumbai to start. CK doesn't call it a pilot, he calls it a launch. "You come to know more about your product when you launch it," he said. While Tero was still drawing up its three-stage India plan on paper, Priya Vats was already living it, years ahead of the infrastructure now being built around her. Vats became the first Indian woman to fight at Bangkok's storied Lumpinee Boxing Stadium, competing on sponsorship in a sport that, back home, barely had a name. Her route there was neither short nor linear. She entered combat sports in 2012 through an MMA reality show, then spent two years in a private-sector job, training as an amateur Muay Thai fighter on the side, squeezing fight camps around a career that had nothing to do with fighting. In 2019, she travelled to Thailand with an MMA team and tried out for Muay Thai instead, staying on to train there for three years before the pandemic forced her back to India.

AJIT AGARKAR'S 'FINAL' SELECTION MEETING MAY HAND KL RAHUL BIGGER LEADERSHIP ROLE

Seasoned KL Rahul could be named India's vice-captain for the upcoming three-match ODI series against the West Indies, starting September 27. India, to be led by Shubman Gill, will begin the ODI campaign against the Caribbean in Thiruvananthapuram, while the remaining two matches will be held in Guwahati (September 30) and Mullanpur (October 3). The team for the West Indies series, along with the Irani Cup squad, is scheduled to be picked on September 16, a day after the second T20I against Afghanistan. The meeting will be attended by chairman of selectors Ajit Agarkar. Interestingly, this selection meeting will be Agarkar's last assignment in his stipulated contract period, which ends on October 4. He is eligible for a one-year extension, but as of now, the BCCI has been tight-lipped about his future. It is understood that with the Asian Games coinciding with the ODI series against the West Indies, regular 50-over vice-



captain Shreyas Iyer will not be available as he will be in Japan leading the T20 squad. With Ishan Kishan also on Asian Games duty, there will be a debate over the second wicketkeeper's slot behind Rahul. The choice is between Rishabh Pant and Dhruv Jurel. "It is a choice between Pant and Jurel. Obviously, the head coach's and captain's points of view will be important," a BCCI source privy to selection matters told PTI. It is understood that if Pant is not selected as the second keeper, he would lead

the Rest of India side in the Irani Cup against Jammu and Kashmir in Srinagar. If Pant is picked for India, then Jurel might lead the Rest of India. He recently led India A in Sri Lanka. No seam-bowling all-rounder on the horizon. The national selectors might have a tough time picking a seam-bowling all-rounder for the ODIs unless Hardik Pandya is declared fit. Hardik, who has been picked for India A, is expected to be fit to play competitive white-ball cricket from September 20.

BRICS SUMMIT: RAVI SHASTRI'S "NEVER BEFORE" POST FOR PM NARENDRA MODI IS PURE GOLD

Former India cricketer and renowned commentator Ravi Shastri praised Prime Minister Narendra Modi at the BRICS Summit. The 18th BRICS Summit is being held under India's chairship on September 12-13 with the theme "Building for Resilience, Innovation, Cooperation and Sustainability". Shastri shared a post on X in which Prime Minister Modi was planting a sapling alongside Chinese President Xi Jinping and Russian President Vladimir Putin at Bharat Mandapam, the venue for the two-day summit. "Never felt prouder as an Indian. President Putin. President Xi. And our Magnificent Prime Minister Narendra Modi together in Mother India. International



diplomacy like never before. Take a Bow. Modi Ji." The final day of the New Delhi BRICS Summit will see participation of BRICS members and partners in an open session with Prime Minister Narendra Modi also slated to hold bilateral meetings with leaders from seven countries on Sunday.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi is scheduled to meet with leaders of South Africa, Kazakhstan, Philippines, Egypt and Burundi, Uganda and Nigeria. PM Modi will meet South African President Cyril Ramaphosa on the sidelines of BRICS Summit. South Africa has been a core part of

BRICS. President Cyril Ramaphosa attended the BRICS session on 'Inclusive Global Governance & Strengthening Multilateralism' on Saturday and visited the 'Bharat Innovates' exposition in New Delhi. Earlier, on Saturday, BRICS leaders unanimously adopted the New Delhi Declaration 2026, with Prime Minister Narendra Modi describing the outcome as a reflection of a BRICS that is "wider in reach and stronger in purpose". The grouping currently comprises 11 members - Brazil, China, Egypt, Ethiopia, India, Indonesia, Iran, Russia, Saudi Arabia, South Africa and the UAE - along with 10 partner countries: Nigeria, Belarus, Bolivia, Cuba, Kazakhstan, Malaysia, Thailand, Uganda, Uzbekistan and Vietnam.

Manchester United vs Manchester City

The spotlight turns to Old Trafford today as Manchester City look to claim bragging rights against Manchester United in another blockbuster Manchester Derby, with one of English football's fiercest rivalries set to take centre stage. Manchester City defender R ben Dias discussed the team's positive start to the season, adapting to new tactical ideas and the importance of maintaining their standards as they prepare for a high-octane clash against Manchester United. Speaking in an interview shared by JioStar, Manchester City defender R ben Dias opened about the positive start to the season: "The start to the new season has been very positive. A lot of things have changed, but in the end, not



that much. "There's a new energy around the place, and it feels good. Enzo has his specific ideas about how he sees the game, both offensively and defensively. But overall, it's still very much the game we were used to playing. We still dominate possession, which is our main characteristic. In that sense, there's a bit of continuity even though things are different. The main thing is

ers moving on and this summer transfer window saw more departures than usual, but it's a cycle. Every new person who arrives comes here for the same reason we all did in the first place. That is to win and to reach the top. What matters is how quickly everyone settles in and understands what is expected. The standards here don't change, no matter who is in the building. We have a strong group, and the new players have adapted well. The goal remains the same, and we are all pulling in the same direction." On being one of the last remaining members from the club's previous leadership group: "Time goes quick, and you have got to enjoy it while it lasts because the time that I have spent at Man City is the best thing in the world.

Scottish League Cup: Ibrox roars as Neil arcs in Rangers' third over Celtic



Aryna Sabalenka Smashes Racquet, Yells At Cameraperson In Epic Meltdown After US Open Final Defeat

Denied the historic opportunity to complete a hat-trick of US Open titles in the women's singles final on Saturday, Aryna

Sabalenka was expectedly in a bad mood after the defeat. Elena Rybakina emerged as the clear winner, beating the defending US Open champion 6-4, 5-7, 6-2 in the decider. The manner in which the title-decider unfolded was understandably hard for Sabalenka to take, and she let her emotions known on the court. The Belarusian was spotted smashing her racquet after Rybakina secured the championship-winning point. Later,

Sabalenka also yelled at a cameraperson who was trying to capture her emotions after the defeat. Sabalenka, denied a third consecutive US Open title by Rybakina, was also toppled from the world number one spot she had held for 99 weeks. Her disappointment was obvious. The 28-year-old, however, didn't sulk for long. In the post-match chat, said that she is determined to comeback stronger, having learned a lot from the tournament and her defeat to Rybakina in the final. "I think overall I should be happy with the level I played, and there's lots of

things to take from this tournament," she said. Sabalenka had nothing to complain, as far as supporters are concerned. She lauded the support she received in the matches at the US Open, she it made her feel as if she was an American. "As experience shows, I only come back stronger, and all of these lessons this season definitely already made me stronger, but definitely going to motivate me for the next year to do (a) better job." "It felt amazing," Sabalenka said. "Actually, at some point I felt like, 'Oh, my God, I feel American.' I just wish I could, you know,

win it and feel the support even more." Sabalenka has also set a new challenge for Rybakina, asking her to try and build a similarly dominant run that saw her remain world no. 1 for 99 weeks. "I think anyway when you go out there, you have target on your back. Doesn't matter if you are No. 1, No. 2, 3, 4, whatever it is. "I'll just keep working hard and keep improving my tennis, my level. Hopefully I will win some more tournaments," she said. "Ninety-nine? Well, that's amazing," she said. "Let's see if Elena can beat me in that."

"Lifting This US Open Trophy Means A Lot To Me": Elena Rybakina

Elena Rybakina capped off a remarkable year by defeating two-time defending champion Aryna Sabalenka in the final to clinch her maiden US Open title, her second Grand Slam of the year, after rising to the World No. 1 ranking. Elena Rybakina reflected on what the US Open title means to her, the physical and mental challenges she overcame, and how she found solutions throughout the tournament. Speaking in an interview shared by JioStar, Elena Rybakina weighed in on where this US Open triumph ranks in her career. "I would put this moment right at the top. So many things have happened in the past couple of weeks.



SMRITI MANDHANA OPENS UP ON 'CRYING', MAKES BIG REVELATION ON PERSONAL LIFE



Through the course of her career, Smriti Mandhana has become the face of women's cricket and one of the flagbearers of Indian cricket on the global stage. Mandhana recently achieved the record of being the player with the most runs in women's international cricket. But her highs have also been mixed with some lows, be it on or off the field. However, in a recent interview, Mandhana revealed that she does not like to dwell on anything for more than 30 minutes, and said that she does not relate herself to sadness. "I don't relate myself to crying or sadness. I don't know why, it's very weird, but there would be people around me crying about something, and I would have an extremely practical approach to that," Mandhana said, speaking on Raj Shamani's 'Figuring Out' podcast. When asked whether Mandhana does cry herself, the Indian cricket superstar revealed that she does so at times, but mostly when she's by

herself or around people she is comfortable with. "Maybe (in) bathrooms sometimes... bathrooms and showers sometimes, and maybe in front of one or two people," she revealed. When asked when was the last time Mandhana cried, she gave an interesting response. "I cry for movies. I don't cry for my real life. If I watch a movie, I cry. I was watching 'Musafir Cafe' and it got me happy-emotional and I cried. That's the last time I cried," she said. Mandhana also revealed the cricket-related moments that left her feeling down. "In a bathroom sometimes, while taking a shower. Some matches hurt you. Dubai T20 World Cup 2024) really hurt me. This World Cup (T20 World Cup 2026) we couldn't make the semis, that hurt me. I didn't necessarily cry, but it hurt me," Mandhana revealed. Much like in 2026, India had also failed to make the semi-finals at the Women's T20 World Cup 2024, which was held at the United Arab Emirates (UAE).

Rashmika Mandanna Wraps Up Jayamma's Shoot in Ranabaali; Team Gives Her an Emotional Send-Off



The shoot for Rashmika Mandanna's character, Jayamma, in the highly anticipated pan-India film Ranabaali has officially been completed. Marking the occasion, the makers released an emotional video from the sets in which the entire team bids a heartfelt farewell to Rashmika after she wrapped up filming for her role. Ranabaali stars Vijay Deverakonda and Rashmika Mandanna in the

lead roles, with Rashmika playing the pivotal character of Jayamma. The emotional send-off video reflects the strong bond the actress shared with the cast and crew during the making of the film. Directed by Rahul Sankrityan, Ranabaali is presented by T-Series and produced on a massive scale by Naveen Yerneni and Y. Ravi Shankar under the Mythri Movie Makers banner. The film is based on

real historical incidents that took place during British rule between 1854 and 1878, set against a rich 19th-century backdrop. Carrying huge expectations across India, Ranabaali is all set for a grand worldwide theatrical release on October 16, coinciding with the Vijayadashami festival. The recently released teaser has received a phenomenal response and is currently trending at the No. 1 spot on YouTube.

Pithapuram Lo... Ala Modalaindi' Will Be a Grand Success with Its Fresh Subject and New Content

Dr. Rajendra Prasad, Prithviraj, Kedar Shankar, Manichandana, Annapurnamma, Sunny Akhil, Virat, Sai Praneeth, Sreelu, Pratyusha and Rehana play the lead roles in 'Pithapuram Lo... Ala Modalaindi', directed by renowned filmmaker Mahesh Chandra, known for 'Preyasi Raave'. The film is jointly produced by Dundigalla Balakrishna, Akula Suresh Patel and F.M. Murali (Godari Kittayya) under Mahesh Chandra Cinema Team and Ever Green Epic Cinema. Leading production house Prime Show Entertainment will be releasing the film worldwide on September 18. A grand pre-release event was held in Hyderabad on Saturday night. Popular actor Suman unveiled the film's teaser at the event. Speaking on the occasion, Suman said: "I have shared an association with Chandra Mahesh for more than 25 years. He is a wonderful director who has great clarity in his work. I wish 'Pithapuram Lo... Ala Modalaindi' a grand success. I believe this film, made with fresh content and a new subject, will appeal to everyone." Popular producer Chadalavada Srinivasa Rao said: "Chandra Mahesh is a talented and deserving director, and also a very good person. I wish him great success with this film. Chandra Mahesh is a director who always thinks about the interests of producers. I



hope such a fine filmmaker continues to make many more films. It is happy to see Chaitanya Reddy releasing this movie. Everyone associated with 'Pithapuram Lo... Ala Modalaindi' should earn a good name through this film. I wish the movie a great success." Prasanna Kumar said: "Chandra Mahesh is a very good person. He has worked extremely hard to make this film. I wish the producers Dundigalla Balakrishna, Akula Suresh Patel and F.M. Murali good profits. I hope this family-oriented film becomes a big success." Dr. Rajendra Prasad said: "In my 49-year film career, the greatest fortune I have had is the wonderful roles that came my way. Right here at Prasad Labs Preview Theatre, legendary director K. Viswanath garu watched the preview of 'Aa Naluguru' and appreciated me saying, 'I was looking to see whether you would appear anywhere in the film

other than the character of Raghuram. I couldn't find you anywhere.' C. Narayana Reddy garu also gave me the title 'Natakireeti', saying that I made audiences laugh with one eye and cry with the other. "That was not because of my greatness. It was the greatness of those characters and the greatness of the people who created them. Being fortunate enough to get such roles is a blessing from God. "If you were to seat a Hollywood actor here in this theatre and show him 'Ladies Tailor' in the morning and 'Aa Naluguru' in the evening, he would ask, 'Who is this artist? And who is that artist?' This entire fortune came to me because of those roles. "I already knew what kind of director Chandra Mahesh is. When he narrated this story to me, I immediately understood the depth of my character. This film will show the world what

Chandra Mahesh is capable of. He endured many hardships and challenges to make this film. "The content of this movie will connect with Telugu people across the world because it is a story that exists in every household. Every audience member who watches this film will go and speak highly of it to at least ten others. "My heartfelt thanks to Chandra Mahesh. Even the artists were moved to tears during the climax scene. That is the level of emotion in the film. At the same time, the movie also has all the commercial elements that this generation will enjoy. "As a senior actor, I fold my hands and request everyone: please go to the theatre and watch a good film." Telangana Chamber Secretary Anantha Giri said: "The moment I saw the title 'Pithapuram Lo... Ala Modalaindi', I felt that the film would be a hit. I wish

the movie a grand success." Director Mahesh Chandra said: "I have put my heart and soul into 'Pithapuram Lo... Ala Modalaindi'. The film has shaped up wonderfully. I thank all my artistes who supported me throughout this journey. Every one of them lived their respective roles. The film has come out very well and I am confident that it will definitely become a hit. "I request everyone to watch the film with their families. It will certainly appeal to everyone. Family-oriented films are doing well at present, and audiences always encourage good cinema. Among all the films I have made, 'Pithapuram Lo... Ala Modalaindi' will stand on another level." Director Ram Prasad said: "'Pithapuram Lo... Ala Modalaindi' is coming with a strong family sentiment. Films like this should be watched in theatres. I wish the movie a great success."

'MUGGURU KOTHULU' 'CHILLARA SONG' RELEASED BY ATTITUDE STAR CHANDRAHAS

Presented by GSR Creations and co-presented by Sky Flare Networks, 'Mugguru Kothulu' is being produced by Shobha Rani Garimella and directed by Kartik Garimella. The film features Teja Kondapally, Ganesh Bodda and Devansh in key roles, while Varshika Pasam plays the female lead. The film's first-look poster and the 'Mugguru Kothulu' title song, along with the promotional content released so far, have created good interest among the audience. As part of the musical promotions, the songs released so far have

received a positive response. Recently, the 'Chillara Song' from the film was launched by Attitude Star Chandrahas. On the occasion, he conveyed his best wishes to the entire team of 'Mugguru Kothulu' and wished the film great success. The song, titled 'Chillara Song', features catchy lyrics, vocals and composition by S. Suhas. Written jointly by Ganesh Bodda and S. Suhas, the song is sure to appeal to audiences. The lyrical video, featuring the three lead actors having fun and chilling together, is a special attraction.



Gutta Production & Kamalakar Film Corporation launch refreshing trailer of 'Happy Journey' with fun, emotions



journey that feels different for each person.. In 'Happy Journey', the same idea is shown interestingly through the lives and experiences of seven women. In this story that revolves around the lives of seven women, Annapurnamma, Aamani, Anchor Jhansi, Payal Radhakrishna, Jinisha Alisetty, Rupa Srinivas, and Sunaina are playing the lead roles. Prithvi Dandamudi, Vamsi, and Ravi Shiva

Teja play key supporting roles. Abhiram Naidu is making his directorial debut with the film 'Happy Journey', which is being produced by Balaji Gutta and Kaushik Reddy under the banners of Gutta Productions and Kamalakar Film Corporation, while Tarun Reddy is acting as a co-producer. Today, the makers launched the theatrical trailer of the film. The trailer begins with seven

women embarking on a trip to Europe with the help of a tourist guide. Each has their own story, problems, personality, and outlook on life. They begin the journey with the intention of enjoying their time together. However, due to their different personalities, differences and conflicts soon begin to arise between them. As the journey continues, they begin to understand each other and eventually form a

strong and beautiful bond. The story of women of different ages and backgrounds meeting on the same journey seems to be an interesting element. Set against the backdrop of beautiful European locations, the film explores relationships, emotions, personal experiences, and the unexpected bonds that form when completely different people share the same journey. Director Abhiram Naidu has balanced humor and emotion well, as can be seen from the trailer. Annapurnamma, Aamani, Anchor Jhansi, Payal Radhakrishna, Jinisha Alisetty, Rupa Srinivas, and Sunaina showed different personalities and emotions in their roles. While each character has a special importance in the story, the actors brought naturalness and charm to their roles. Prithvi Dandamudi, Vamsi, Ravi Shiva, Teja, Paila impressed with their roles.



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