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CM Revanth reviews Ganesh festival arrangements

■ **Hyderabad, TSIT BUREAU:**

Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Saturday reviewed arrangements for the Ganesh festival across Hyderabad and directed municipal and police authorities to maintain round-the-clock coordination to ensure peaceful celebrations and smooth immersion of idols.

The review meeting was held at the Legislative Council Conference Hall on the Assembly premises. Ministers Ponnampalapati and Mohammed Azharuddin, MP Vem Narendar Reddy, MLAs Danam Nagender and Sri Ganesh, commissioners of GHMC, CMC, MMC and HYDRAA, senior police officials and representatives of Ganesh Utsav committees attended.

The Chief Minister said his government had revived the practice of



directly interacting with festival organisers to understand their problems and make necessary arrangements.

He said Ganesh pandals were being provided free electricity and asked organisers to apply to the authorities concerned to avail themselves of the facility. Organisers should also provide advance information about the location of pandals to enable police to plan traffic regulation and security arrange-

ments effectively. Revanth Reddy asked organisers to inform the local police commissionerate whenever prominent guests were invited to pandals so that adequate security arrangements could be made and unforeseen problems avoided.

The Chief Minister directed officials to incorporate facilities for Ganesh idol immersion while developing lakes, similar to arrangements being made for

Bathukamma celebrations. Adequate space and infrastructure should be provided around lakes for the deployment of cranes during immersion, he said. He instructed municipal and police departments to maintain continuous supervision until the conclusion of the festivities. A dedicated control room should be established at the Command Control Centre and special officers appointed for effective monitoring and coordination.

"Investments will come only when Hyderabad remains peaceful," Revanth Reddy said, stressing that law and order should not be disturbed during the festivities. He sought the cooperation of Ganesh Utsav organisers and assured them that the government was ready to address any problems they faced.

On Day 1, BRICS unanimously adopts New Delhi Declaration

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New Delhi: Against the backdrop of conflicts in different parts of the world, the 18th BRICS Summit on Saturday, September 12, saw member countries unanimously adopt the New Delhi Declaration. The consensus on a range of global issues underscored the need for greater cooperation among BRICS members.

That it was adopted on the first day of the Summit is being seen as an accomplishment of the host, India, for managing to bring all BRICS members to an agreement. "No member has raised any objection. The New Delhi Declaration 2026 is adopted unanimously," PM Modi said.

The following are the key takeaways of the New Delhi Declaration: While expressing alarm over terrorism in Sudan and Syria, the Declaration calls



for zero tolerance for terrorism and rejects double standards in countering terrorism. It specifically condemns the 2025 terror attack in Pahalgam in Jammu-Kashmir, where 26 people were shot dead in indiscriminate firing. "We emphasise the primary responsibility of States in combating terrorism and that global efforts to prevent and coun-

ter terrorist threats must fully comply with their obligations under international law," it says.

Without naming any nation in particular, it says, "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."



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INBRIEF

BODY OF JEM TERRORIST RECOVERED IN J-K'S DODA; US-MADE M4 CARBINE SEIZED

JAMMU: (Sep 12) A highly decomposed body of a suspected Pakistani terrorist affiliated with the proscribed Jaish-e-Mohammad (JeM) outfit was recovered from the higher reaches of Doda district in Jammu and Kashmir on Saturday, officials said. The condition of the body has led investigators to believe that the terrorist may have sustained injuries during an encounter with security forces last year and subsequently succumbed to those injuries while hiding in the forested terrain, they added. A US-made M4 carbine along with some ammunition was recovered alongside the unidentified body, indicating that the deceased was likely a top commander of the Pakistan-based outfit, the officials said.



PM and BRICS leaders participate in a joint tree plantation at the outside lawns of Bharat Mandapam on the sidelines of the 18th BRICS Summit, in New Delhi

Balaghat child deaths: CJP conernor Dipke visits tribal villages, demands accountability

■ **BALAGHAT (TSIT):** Cockroach Janta Party (CJP) conernor Abhijit Dipke on Saturday visited



tribal villages in Madhya Pradesh's Balaghat district to meet families who recently lost their children to infectious diseases and demanded accountability from the administration. Accompanied by local youth, Dipke travelled to Adori, Korka, and Bondari villages to gather details on

local healthcare facilities and the circumstances surrounding the child deaths. Dipke's visit comes days

after the Madhya Pradesh High Court issued notices to the state government over the deaths of more than 30 children, allegedly due to infectious diseases, after a PIL alleged overcrowded hospitals, contaminated drinking water, and lack of nutrition in the district.

No proposal for BRICS currency 'as of now': MEA

■ **New Delhi (TSIT)** There is no proposal for a BRICS currency "as of now", while discussions on trade in local currencies have been underway for some time, the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) said on Saturday. In a press briefing, MEA's Secretary, Economic Relations, Sudhakar Dalela, said: "There is no proposal in the BRICS for a BRICS currency as of now."

"Discussions on trade in local currencies have been underway for some time," he said. "We believe local



currency settlement is a practical mechanism to reduce transaction costs in bilateral trade. This has been encouraged as com-

plementary to the global payment and settlement system, improving overall global trade across nations," he said.

The mechanism can help reduce transaction costs in bilateral trade and is being encouraged as a complement to the global payment system. Dalela further stated that the 'BRICS MSME' cooperation portal, cooperation on global value chains, and logistics frameworks were among the key highlights during the BRICS Summit.

He said that BRICS coop-

eration on DPI, a science and research repository, and collaboration on start-ups were also the key highlights. Dalela said it had been a year of robust participation and engagement, with more than 350 meetings held under India's BRICS chair. He described it as a "whole-of-nation effort", with BRICS engagement taking place in more than 30 cities across the country.

He further informed that there were 150 practical outcomes across four pillars from the BRICS Summit.

Ground Workers (OGWs). The searches were conducted at locations in Kupwara, Kulgam, Bandipora, Baramulla and Sopore to unearth further evidence relating to the conspiracy and to ascertain the roles of individuals providing logistical and other support to infiltrated terrorists, a statement issued by the NIA said.



NIA raids 10 locations in J-K in LeT-linked cross border terror case

■ **SRINAGAR (TSIT):** The National Investigation Agency (NIA) on Saturday conducted searches at 10 locations in Jammu and Kashmir in connection with a cross-border terror conspiracy involving Pakistan-based handlers of the proscribed terrorist outfit Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) and their alleged network of local Over

Centre Assures Full Support to AP Healthcare: JP Nadda

'MENT OF HEALTH, MEDICAL & FAMILY WELFARE
Inauguration of
l Care Blocks and Integrated Public Health Laboratories



■ **VIJAYAWADA (TSIT):** Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare J.P. Nadda has assured complete Central cooperation for strengthening healthcare and upgrading medical infrastructure in Andhra Pradesh.

He responded positively to Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu's request to grant national status to the proposed Quantum Bio Valley project in Amaravati, announcing that a specialized technical team would soon visit for discussions. On Saturday, Nadda and Naidu visited the Old Government Hospital in Vijayawada to inaugurate a Critical Care Block and a Public Health Lab. They later virtually launched 10

Critical Care Blocks and 12 Integrated Public Health Laboratories across the state, built at a cost of Rs.249 crore. Speaking at Ambedkar Kala Vedika, Nadda praised the state's upcoming 'Sanjeevani' initiative as excellent and said the Centre would explore implementing it nationally. He lauded Naidu as a visionary leader, remarking that Andhra Pradesh is in "safe hands" under his stewardship.

The event also highlighted the government's plans to digitalize health records from January 1, marking a significant step toward modernizing healthcare delivery and improving patient care across the state.

India now 4th-largest forex holder after hitting record USD 44.9 billion inflow in 1 week

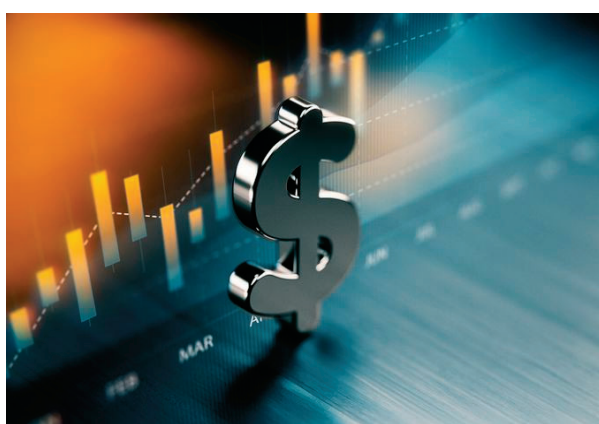
■ **New Delhi (TSIT)** : Strong dollar inflows under the Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) concessional swap window, particularly the foreign currency non-resident (bank) – or FCNR (B) – deposits scheme, helped India's foreign exchange reserves post their largest-ever weekly increase, rising by USD 44.9 billion to a record USD 785.7 billion in the week ending September 4.

According to estimates, this surge propelled India above Russia to become the world's fourth-largest holder of foreign exchange reserves, behind China, Japan, and Switzerland. In the week ending August 28, total reserves had reached a previous high of roughly USD 740 billion.

However, the rupee is still under pressure; on Friday, it dropped for the

fourth session in a row to end at 95.56 to the dollar from 94.45 due to pressure from rising crude oil prices and US Treasury yields.

Dealers reported that it reduced losses following RBI intervention. Since the start of the conflict in West Asia, the rupee has lost 4.79 per cent of its value, and this month it has lost 0.4 per cent. According to the latest RBI data pro-



vided on Friday, foreign currency assets, which make up the majority of the FX reserves, increased by USD 47.5 billion to USD 648.17 billion during the week ending September 4.

The impact of fluctuations in the value of non-US currencies held in the reserves, such as the euro, pound, and yen, is also reflected in the figure, which is expressed in dollars. In contrast, gold

prices dropped 0.56 per cent to USD 4,429 an ounce during the week, causing gold reserves to drop by USD 2.59 billion to USD 113.81 billion. As more foreign currency inflows are expected to continue until the second week of September, market participants anticipate that foreign currency assets will increase even more, possibly surpassing USD 655 billion. By August 31, foreign cur-

rency inflows totaling USD 136.4 billion had been mobilized by the RBI's exceptional swap operations. While external commercial borrowings and foreign currency bonds are still eligible under the facility until December 31, the window for FCNR (B) deposits ended on August 31. Up until September 11, banks may use the swap facility for deposits that have already been committed.

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EDITORIAL

BRICS: INDIA'S
NEW ROAR

Today, BRICS is not just an economic grouping of emerging economies, but has also become an important platform for amplifying the voice of the global South in the changing world order. Originally composed of Brazil, Russia, India, and China, BRICS was renamed BRICS after South Africa joined in 2011. Egypt, Ethiopia, Iran, and the United Arab Emirates became full members in 2024, and Indonesia also joined as a full member in January 2025. With this expansion, BRICS now comprises 11 major emerging economies. The year 2026 holds special significance for India, as it assumes the BRICS Chairmanship from January 1, 2026, and New Delhi is scheduled to host the 18th BRICS Summit. The central vision of India's Chairmanship is focused on resilience, innovation, cooperation, and sustainable development. This Chairmanship not only gives India the role of a convener, but also provides an opportunity to influence the group's priorities and future direction. The greatest significance of BRICS lies in strengthening India's strategic autonomy. India has long advocated a foreign policy that builds relationships with diverse countries and forums in accordance with its national interests, rather than relying solely on a single power bloc. While India's partnerships with countries like China and Russia are part of BRICS, India also cooperates with the United States, Europe, Japan, and other powers in parallel. BRICS thus provides a practical basis for India's multi-alignment foreign policy. Another important aspect of BRICS is strengthening the voice of the Global South. Even today, many decisions in international institutions are made within structures where the representation of developing countries is not commensurate with their economic and demographic roles. India has consistently raised the need for reform of institutions such as the United Nations Security Council, the International Monetary Fund, and the World Bank. Through BRICS, developing countries can collectively strengthen their demand for a more representative and equitable global governance system. BRICS is also important for India from an economic perspective. Expanded membership means new opportunities for cooperation in larger markets, investment, energy, trade, technology, and supply chains. This opportunity is particularly significant for India as the global economy is facing increasing trends of protectionism, trade tensions, and supply chain restructuring. Cooperation within BRICS to reduce trade barriers and facilitate payment systems can benefit India's economic interests. The possibilities of cooperation on trade in local currencies and cross-border payment systems are also important in this direction. The New Development Bank is a significant achievement of BRICS in the field of development finance. Its objective is to provide financing for infrastructure and sustainable development projects. Such institutions are important for developing countries because they can serve as both an alternative and a complement to traditional global financial institutions. For India, this offers vast potential for cooperation in projects related to transport, energy, urban development, climate, and green infrastructure. But BRICS faces challenges. The most significant challenge is the diverse and sometimes conflicting strategic interests of its member states.

There is a larger story behind the three high-level meetings taking place around India's BRICS presidency in New Delhi. Prime Minister Narendra Modi's conversations with Russian President Vladimir Putin, Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian, and Chinese President Xi Jinping are not simply three bilateral engagements. Taken together, they offer a window into how India sees a rapidly changing world and how it intends to navigate it. BRICS itself has come a long way from the informal economic dialogue among Brazil, Russia, India, and China that emerged in 2006. With its subsequent expansion, it has now become an 11-member grouping representing a substantial share of the world's population and roughly 37 per cent of global GDP on a purchasing-power-parity basis. Its economic weight now exceeds that of the G7 on this measure. The creation of the New Development Bank and growing experiments with local-currency settlement and alternative payment mechanisms have given the grouping an institutional and economic substance that it did not possess two decades ago. Yet BRICS has also acquired a curious characteristic: its members do not necessarily agree on the world they want to create. That is not necessarily a weakness. Countries increasingly see BRICS as a platform through which they can hedge against excessive dependence on any single geopolitical or financial centre, strengthen their bargaining power, and give the Global South a greater voice. It is less a bloc than an instrument of strategic flexibility. India's three meetings in New Delhi illustrate precisely this new reality. With



Russia, India is deepening The Modi-Putin meeting represents the most established of India's three relationships. Defence and energy remain important pillars, but the relationship is increasingly moving into manufacturing, technology, nuclear energy, space, critical minerals, and other areas of long-term economic cooperation. The significance lies in the breadth of the relationship. India may be diversifying its defence procurement and deepening economic ties with the United States and Europe, but diversification is not abandonment. Russia remains important to India's energy security, defence capabilities, and strategic supply chains. There is also a diplomatic dimension. India continues to favour dialogue and diplomacy in resolving

major conflicts, preserving its ability to communicate with Moscow without becoming identified with every Russian position. With Russia, therefore, India is deepening, but also diversifying, the relationship. With Iran, India is preserving strategic space. The conversation with President Pezeshkian has a different logic. Iran is important to India not simply because of bilateral trade or energy, but because of geography. Chabahar offers India access towards Afghanistan and Central Asia; the Gulf and Strait of Hormuz are critical to India's energy and maritime interests; and Iran is increasingly an important participant in the wider BRICS architecture. At a time of intense conflict in West Asia, India's emphasis

on dialogue, diplomacy, freedom of navigation and the safety of seafarers is therefore both principled and practical. India does not have to choose between Tehran and its relationships with Israel, the Gulf or the United States. Its interest lies in keeping channels open with all of them. With Iran, therefore, India is preserving strategic space. With China, the objective is stabilisation. The Xi Jinping visit presents the most complicated equation. India and China remain strategic competitors. The border issue remains unresolved, China-Pakistan ties continue to concern New Delhi, and the enormous bilateral trade deficit cannot be ignored. Yet the economic relationship has become too substantial for either side to treat it casually. The sensible

objective is neither decoupling nor dependence, but managed interdependence. India needs greater access to the Chinese market and reliable supplies of machinery, components, and industrial inputs. China, for its part, has an interest in a stable relationship with one of the world's fastest-growing major economies. The test, therefore, is whether the political thaw can translate into greater predictability - on the border, trade, investment, visas, and connectivity. With China, India is seeking stabilisation without pretending that strategic differences have disappeared. Strategic autonomy based on multi-alignment. Seen together, the three meetings reveal the practical meaning of India's strategic autonomy. With Russia, deepen. With Iran,

preserve. With China, stabilise. And none of these prevents India from simultaneously expanding its partnerships with the United States, Europe, Japan, Australia, and the Gulf. This is why the evolution of BRICS matters. Its growing economic weight gives it significance. Its institutional development gives it staying power. But its internal diversity prevents it from easily becoming a conventional alliance. Russia and China may favour a more explicitly alternative international order; India has little interest in replacing one bloc with another. Many other members likewise see BRICS less as an ideological project than as a means of expanding their options. India's challenge and opportunity is to shape that diversity into something constructive.

Can India 'Mediate' Between Iran And UAE At BRICS? Gulf Envoy Suggested It Once

As India hosts the BRICS summit this year, it's chairship comes at an extraordinary time not just for itself or the member states, but for the globe. Two major wars are underway, and in this part of the world, some major geopolitical re-alignments are shaping up with long-term consequences for the world. While India is not directly involved in either the Ukraine or Iran war, it has been majorly impacted by both. But, the Iran war has had far more negative consequences for it. Its energy supplies from the Gulf have been adversely impacted, leading to a surge in oil and gas prices, and, in a cascading effect, leading to price rise in food and consumer products, inflation and falling rupee, impacting overall growth. Furthermore, many Indians have lost lives in a war that they had nothing to do with. It is striking that India will be hosting the BRICS summit with the expanded bloc - eleven member states are participating in it, and ten more partner countries will join in. Importantly, three parties to the Iran war - Iran, the United Arab Emirates (UAE) and the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (KSA) - are BRICS member states whose representatives are in Delhi to attend the summit. Can India broker some sort of a truce between Iran and the UAE, both geographically close neighbours with entwined destinies? Of course, not the sham kind that Pakistan "mediated" between Iran and the US, which collapsed within a month. This would indeed be a major achievement of the summit, if not the greatest. The divide between Iran and the UAE has also already impacted the BRICS, given how the foreign ministerial meeting of the member states ended without a joint statement because of a difference in opinion. India had to issue a statement as the chair. In this context, the recent bilateral meeting that Prime Minister Narendra Modi had with Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian in Bishkek, on the sidelines of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO), of which Iran is also a member



state, is significant. The meeting itself was a strong message from India, coming as it did in the backdrop of the US' efforts to throttle Iran economically and its threats to sanction countries that do business with Iran. It signalled that New Delhi considered it important to continue engagement with Iran, while also conveying that India would act in its own interest. And Iran is, of course, important to India both geopolitically as well as economically. It has been an important crude oil supplier to India and was also a critical destination for Indian exports before sanctions kicked in. Iran has also often cooperated with India on counterterrorism and has been useful in India's efforts against Pakistan. Simultaneously, Iran is indispensable for India's Eurasian outreach and connectivity ambitions. The Chabahar Port project that India was developing with Iran offered a host of benefits, including access to Central Asia. The port's significance has multiplied now with the closure of the Strait of Hormuz and the uncertainty around the Bab-el-Mandeb - two major chokepoints not only for India's energy supplies but also for its imports and

exports. The UAE, similarly, has become an indispensable strategic partner for India, and is possibly its closest Gulf partner. Cooperation spans a range of sectors, trade, energy security, labour corridor, defence, space, culture, counterterrorism, et al. Bilateral trade has soared exponentially after the signing of the Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA) between the two. India is the UAE's second-largest trading partner. Almost four million Indians live and work in the Emirates. This year saw the UAE President, Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, visit India; PM Modi also visited the UAE. That visit resulted in a slew of agreements that would ease the cost of the Iran conflict imposed on ordinary citizens, who have nothing to do with the war. Mediating some kind of understanding and peace between Iran and the UAE would go a long way in stabilising the region, as well as eventually hammering out a lasting resolution to the war. Both countries are neighbours and will remain so. Geography cannot be wished away. And both countries have engaged closely over the years.

When The Feed Braves The Flood

It has become fashionable among commentators to treat news as the cheap part of media. In the age of the feed, information arrives faster than ever, personalised and endlessly ordered to taste and the prevailing wisdom holds that the real prize lies elsewhere. It lies in the story, in the spectacle, in the sensation, in the insatiability...in whatever keeps a thumb moving. News, by this logic, is the filler that fills the hours, low in value and quick to fade. My sense is that we have spent a decade mistaking that abundance for understanding and the speed of arrival for the weight of what arrived. Against that current, NDTV has done something quietly counter-cultural. It has retired the "24x7." It's important to understand it. The four characters looked like a technicality. They were closer to a philosophy. "24x7" was the promise of the torrent being always on, always more, the quantity signal of an era that believed the answer to every question was additional information, sooner. To set it aside, after more than two decades, is to step away from the premise that a news channel's job is to deliver all of it, all the time. In its place sits a proposition of consequence over volume. When It Really Matters. Before the flood, though, the whole set deserves a word. The inaugural campaign has five images, and taken together they are the most disciplined piece of news brand work I have seen in a while. Each pairs a plain, alliterative antithesis with a single photograph. Grit over gloss. Groundwork over guesswork. Perspective over



polarisation. Reality over rhetoric. Sense over sensation. Every pairing names a temptation the channel refuses, and the harder thing it chooses. The theatres do a great deal of quiet work. A reporter chest-deep in a flooded river. A correspondent seated on a battle tank at the front. A woman in a fire-blackened lane, phone in one hand, mic in the other. A reporter before a smouldering building ringed with coils of wire. A young journalist standing composed inside a restless crowd. The range is the argument. In flood, conflict, aftermath, unrest, in every kind of story a country throws up, held by one idea and one posture. The device beneath them is the sharpest part. Each frame runs in black and white, with only three things left in colour namely the logo, the microphone and a red rectangle drawn around the reporter. Those three reds are the tools of the trade and the act of framing itself. The rectan-

gle rewards a second look. It is the editorial eye made visible, the channel drawing a box around what deserves attention and what it chooses to look at, every single time, is the person who went there rather than the wreckage behind them. There are no explosions in the foreground, no ticker clutter, no anchor theatrics. What remains is stillness in the middle of disorder, with a human being held at the centre of it. The creative that struck me carries the whole argument in a single frame and it rewards sitting with. A reporter stands chest-deep in brown floodwater, an NDTV microphone held out across the current. Around him, men move through the same water, holding above the surface whatever they managed to save. The image runs in black and white, save for the red of the logo, the red of the mic, and a red rectangle that pulls the eye to one exchange between the reporter and the man he is listening to. Above it, two

words - Reality Over Rhetoric. What the picture argues is presence. Someone waded in. Someone is standing where the story is happening, at eye level with the people it is happening to, close enough to hear the account first hand and wet in the hearing. That is a very old and valuable idea about journalism, which the creative treats as the freshest thing in the room because, in the age of the feed, it has quietly become that. Look again and you find two sets of people held in the same frame, which is the part I find most deliberate. There are the people who bring us the story - the reporter, the crew. There are the people the story is about, and to whom it matters most. They are the ones whose homes are under the water. The microphone between them is the entire proposition. It is the instrument through which one set of lives becomes legible to the rest of us. Walter Benjamin, writing in 1936.

RBI REJECTS TATA SONS' BID TO AVOID LISTING, RETAINS IT AS UPPER LAYER NBFC: SOURCES

■ Following RBI's decision, Tata Sons will have to comply with the stock-market listing requirement. Classified as an upper layer NBFC in 2022, Tata Sons has been retained in the RBI's upper layer NBFC list for 2026-27.

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has rejected Tata Sons' request to deregister as a Core Investment Company (CIC), sources told. Following RBI's decision, Tata Sons will have to comply with the stock-market listing requirement. Classified as an upper layer NBFC in 2022, Tata Sons has been retained in the RBI's upper layer NBFC list for 2026-27. Tata Sons had sought deregistration after becoming debt-free, arguing it no longer needed CIC registration. RBI had required the company to



list by September 2025. Earlier, the central bank dismissed industry demands to raise the asset threshold or retain a more complex risk-based methodology for classifying large NBFCs. The RBI, instead opted a simplified framework based primarily on balance-sheet size. Under the revised norms, NBFCs with standalone assets of at least Rs 1 lakh crore will be subject to enhanced regulatory oversight similar to banks, including an eventual requirement to list on stock

exchanges. NDTV Profit previously reported, Tata Sons long opposed a public listing, saying that it would increase compliance and disclosure obligations. As the principal holding company of Tata Group, any listing would have significant implications for the conglomerate's ownership structure and its shareholders. The Upper Layer classification subjects NBFCs to tighter regulatory standards aimed at strengthening governance, risk management and financial resilience.

BRICS Declaration Backs India, Brazil For Greater Role In UN Security Council

The BRICS countries have reiterated support for a greater role for developing nations at the United Nations, with China and Russia backing the aspirations of India and Brazil to play a bigger role in the global body, including the UN Security Council. The endorsement came in the New Delhi Declaration 2026, which called for comprehensive reform of the UN, including its Security Council, to make the body more democratic, representative, effective and efficient. The declaration said the reform should increase the representation of developing countries in the Council and enable emerging and developing nations from Africa, Asia and Latin America, including BRICS members, to play a greater role in international affairs. It also stressed that UN Security Council reform should amplify the voice of the Global South. "China and Russia, as permanent mem-



bers of the UN Security Council, reiterate their support to the aspirations of Brazil and India to play a greater role in the UN,

including its Security Council," the declaration said. The statement recalled the 2022 Beijing and 2023 Johannesburg-II Leaders'

Declarations while reaffirming the bloc's push for a more representative global governance structure. The declaration also recognised the aspi-

rations of African countries for greater representation, citing the Ezulwini Consensus and Sirte Declaration.

HDFC Bank CEO Race: Nuvama Backs Bharucha Over External Bets



As India's biggest private lender HDFC Bank submits names for its next MD and CEO, brokerage Nuvama Research prefers internal appointment over picking external candidates. According to the brokerage, an internal succession through the lender's second-in-command executive, Deputy MD Kaizad Bharucha, even potentially for a shorter tenure of around 2.5 years, would be preferable. This is expected to ensure strategic continuity, reduce disruption and allow the lender to focus on recovering operating performance post the merger drag, while giving enough time to identify and groom a longer-term successor. Earlier, sources told NDTV Profit, HDFC Bank may ask Bharucha, to take over the post of MD, CEO after bank chief Sashidhar Jagdishan refused to seek another term. HDFC Bank on Saturday informed the exchanges it has submitted

names of two candidates for the position of MD & CEO. While focusing on MD & CEO succession, the brokerage retained a long term Buy on the stock. Risks Of External Appointment Nuvama indicated that Citi's India CEO K Balasubramanian is among the prominent external candidates has been reportedly considered the MD & CEO position, along with HSBC India CEO Hitendra Dave and ICICI Prudential Life's Anup Bagchi. Balasubramanian served for a short tenure in the corporate banking space at HDFC Bank earlier in his career, where he reported to Bharucha. E v e n t h o u g h Balasubramanian familiarity with the lender could possibly be positive for the lender, Nuvama expects that his acceptance within the organisation as MD & CEO could be challenging, given the earlier reporting relationship.

JSW MG Motor India Redefines the Future of Mobility; Launches the Hector Tomahawk in EV in Hyderabad

Introductory Battery-as-a-Service (BaaS) price for a limited number of bookings in Hyderabad: the MG Hector Tomahawk EV starts at ₹13.99 lakh + 4.90 Rs/Km Battery Rental. Customers can also book India's First PHEV* variant of Hector Tomahawk at a starting BaaS price of ₹21.79 lakh + 3.20 Rs/Km Battery Rental

- MG's first SUV built on ADAPT, the country's first Multi-New Energy Vehicle (NEV) platform, is now available in Hyderabad
- Hector Tomahawk EV: 69.2 kWh MAGIC Battery, precision-engineered for a claimed range of 517** km on a single charge
- India's first Vehicle-to-Home (V2H) capability, turning the SUV into a mobile power source for the household
- Tallest and among the longest in its vehicle segment: 4,745 mm long, 1,850 mm wide and 1,770 mm tall with a class-leading 2,810 mm wheelbase
- India's First PHEV* engineered for a combined driving range of over 1,100 km** on a full tank and a full charge
- Hector Tomahawk PHEV: 20.5 kWh battery pack delivering 115+ km of pure-electric range
- Lifetime battery warranty for the first owner for both EV and PHEV



- Largest-in-class 15.6-inch HD display, Level 2 ADAS and i-SMART 3.0 with 80+ connected features
- India's first GenAI-powered voice assistant, engineered to understand 30+ Hinglish commands
- Seven signature colours including two dual-tone options, with an Assured Buy Back Program available

JSW MG Motor India today brought the Hector Tomahawk to Hyderabad, expanding the reach of its newly launched SUV. The SUV is built on ADAPT, the company's Advanced Drive Architecture Platform Technology and India's first Multi-New Energy Vehicle (NEV) platform. Combining intelligent technology, premium comfort, advanced safety and electrified performance, the MG Hector Tomahawk is

offered in Hyderabad with both Electric Vehicle (EV) and Plug-in Hybrid Electric Vehicle (PHEV) powertrains. Marking the arrival of the MG Hector Tomahawk in Hyderabad, the event was held at MG Hyderabad. The SUV was unveiled in the presence of Ananya Nagalla, Indian actress and Gunjeet Singh Sachdeva, CEO, Raam Group. Starting at an introductory Battery-as-a-Service (BaaS) price of ₹13.99 lakh + 4.90 Rs/Km Battery Rental for the EV and ₹21.79 lakh + 3.20 Rs/Km Battery Rental for the PHEV, the Hector Tomahawk is now available at MG dealerships across Hyderabad, giving customers in the city the freedom of choice while delivering the space, safety, and connected technology that Indian families expect from

a modern SUV. Vinay Raina, Chief Commercial Officer, JSW MG Motor India, said, "Telangana is emerging as one of India's fastest-growing electric mobility markets and continues to be one of our key markets. Bringing the MG Hector Tomahawk to the city is a natural next step in our journey toward building a New Energy Vehicle (NEV) mobility ecosystem in India. With the Hector Tomahawk EV and the Hector Tomahawk PHEV, India's first plug-in hybrid electric vehicle (PHEV)*, we are providing customers in the region with access to some of the world's most advanced new-age mobility technologies. This launch reflects our commitment to bringing environmentally responsible, future-ready mobility solutions closer to consumers across the country."

PEPSICO OPENS ITS FIRST FOOD FACTORY IN ASSAM FOR RS 778 CR



Nalbari: Leading food and beverage maker PepsiCo India on Thursday, September 10, opened its first food factory in Assam, set up with an investment of Rs 778 crore in Nalbari district. Inaugurated by Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma, the unit is spread across 44.2 acres and has created 700 direct and indirect employment opportunities. "The inauguration of PepsiCo India's foods manufacturing facility in Nalbari is another important milestone in Assam's industrial growth story. This investment underscores the confidence that leading global companies have in Assam's business-friendly policies, infrastructure development and skilled workforce," Sarma said. Beyond generating employment and

economic activity, the project will strengthen the state's agricultural ecosystem and create new opportunities for farmers, women and local enterprises, he added. PepsiCo India & South Asia CEO Jagrut Kotecha said that with an investment of Rs 778 crore, the facility is the company's first plant in Assam and fifth in India. "Through this investment, we are strengthening our manufacturing footprint while creating a positive ripple effect across the value chain, from farmers and local businesses to women, young talent and communities," he said. PepsiCo India & South Asia CEO Jagrut Kotecha said that with an investment of Rs 778 crore, the facility is the company's first plant in Assam and fifth in India.

NILKAMAL SLEEP ENTERS BIGG BOSS TELUGU AS OFFICIAL ASSOCIATE SPONSOR

Nilkamal Sleep, the mattress brand from the leading furniture company Nilkamal Limited, has announced its association with Bigg Boss Telugu for the latest season. The partnership brings together two powerful consumer propositions, high-quality sleep and highly engaging entertainment, to create a distinctive brand integration that will see Nilkamal Sleep mattresses take center stage inside the iconic Bigg Boss house for over 100 days. As part of its association with Bigg Boss Telugu, Nilkamal Sleep is supplying its Bounce Foam Orthopaedic Mattresses across all contestants' bedrooms in the Bigg Boss house. This deep product integration positions the brand as an everyday essential in the contestants' lives, delivering superior comfort and support while giving viewers an authentic, season-long view of the mattresses in action. The partnership also enables Nilkamal Sleep, one of the most loved brands in the Andhra Pradesh and Telangana region, to further deepen its connection with



audiences through the massive popularity and cultural impact of Bigg Boss Telugu. While the Bigg Boss house is defined by high-octane drama, intense challenges, emotions, and non-stop action, Nilkamal Sleep underscores a simple truth: good days begin with good nights. Whether contestants are navigating challenges, conversations, celebrations, disagreements, or demanding tasks, quality rest is essential for recovery and readiness. Nilkamal Sleep ensures every contestant enjoys an optimal sleeping

experience, helping them wake up refreshed and prepared to face whatever the house throws their way. Commenting on the partnership, Mr. Parekh - Joint Managing Director, Nilkamal Group said, "We are thrilled to bring Nilkamal Sleep into the Bigg Boss Telugu house. Big entertainment demands even better rest, making this collaboration a natural fit for both the housemates and the audience." The partnership is built to go beyond conventional sponsorship visibility. With

Nilkamal Sleep mattresses integrated into the contestants' bedrooms throughout the season, the brand becomes part of the show's natural narrative. Mr. Parekh further adds, "The scale and regional connect of Bigg Boss Telugu make it an ideal platform for us to deepen awareness and strengthen brand recall in one of our key markets. We see this partnership as a unique opportunity to take the conversation around better sleep from a product proposition to an everyday cultural conversation."

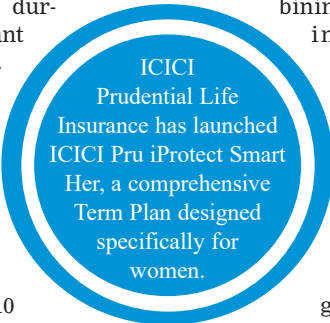
ICICI PRU IPROTECT SMART HER LAUNCHED TO SUPPORT INDIAN WOMEN AT EVERY STAGE OF THEIR FINANCIAL JOURNEY

Mumbai 2026: A comprehensive protection solution designed for women
· Offers 15% lifetime premium discount for women
· Includes pregnancy break benefit for greater financial flexibility
· Provides additional women-specific health management services and wellness benefits worth up to ₹25,000
· Offers child education care through increasing income payout option for 10 years
ICICI Prudential Life Insurance has launched ICICI Pru iProtect Smart Her, a comprehensive Term Plan designed specifically for women. The product has been developed to address women's evolving protection and wellness needs by combining life insurance with health and wellness benefits. ICICI Pru iProtect Smart Her offers a thoughtfully curated set of benefits, designed to empower and support women during the

moments that shape their lives. A 15% lifetime premium discount, women-specific health management & wellness services, and flexibility of a pregnancy break feature, enabling them to better manage their premium commitments during an important life stage. Furthermore, the product offers Child Education Care through increasing income payout option for 10 years. With this option, the death benefit is paid out to the nominee as income which increases every year by 10% p.a. for 10 years. Commenting on the launch, Mr. Vikas Gupta, Chief Product Officer, ICICI Prudential Life Insurance, said, "Indian women play multiple roles. As a result, their financial planning requirements are different

and continues to evolve across different stages of life. ICICI Pru iProtect Smart Her has been designed to provide comprehensive protection while addressing their unique healthcare and wellness needs. By combining life insurance with meaningful health management services and greater flexibility through features such as the pregnancy break benefit and lifetime premium discount, we offer a solution that helps women secure both their financial future and overall wellbeing." The product includes women-specific health management services that includes access to teleconsultations across multiple specialties, annual

health check-ups, health risk assessments, wellness content, pharmacy and diagnostic discounts, and other healthcare benefits. Overall, the product offers benefits worth up to ₹92,100 which includes women-specific health and wellness benefits worth up to ₹25,000 providing enhanced value for women customers. The launch of ICICI Pru iProtect Smart Her is supported by the Company's digital capabilities, enabling customers to enjoy a seamless purchase journey, convenient self-service options and a hassle-free claims process. ICICI Prudential Life Insurance is committed to developing products that empower customers to secure their future. This customer-centric approach be reflected in the Company's industry-leading claims settlement ratio of 99.3% in its Q1-FY2027, with an average claim settlement turnaround time of 1 day for non-investigative individual death claims.





Ukraine faces 'toughest winter' since Russia's full-scale invasion

DEATH TOLL FROM PHILIPPINES FERRY FIRE CLIMBS TO 35, WITH DOZENS STILL MISSING

The Philippine Coast Guard says it has recovered 30 bodies from the wreckage of a ferry that caught fire this week, bringing the total death toll to 35. More than 130 people were on board the MV June Aster when the blaze erupted on Wednesday as it neared its destination at the tourist hotspot of Coron, after departing from Manila. Forty-three people were rescued, with many receiving treatment in hospital, and searches continue for more than 50 people who remain unaccounted for. The country's coast guard says more bodies remain on the boat, which they were unable to board until Friday due to toxic fumes and lingering heat. In a press conference, coast guard spokesperson Commodore Noemie Cayabyab said most bodies had been retrieved from



the sleeping area of the boat, which had been making a 22-hour journey. "Agencies are currently undertaking the proper recovery and identification of the remains in accordance with established procedures,"

Cayabyab said. "We recognise the grief of the families affected by this tragic incident." Earlier, the coast guard said preliminary interviews with the survivors suggest that the fire started in the cargo hold. Some

passengers were not wearing life vests, they noted. A survivor who was hauled to safety on a rescue boat told the BBC he had heard frantic cries onboard when the fire erupted, and was trampled by panicked people as he tried to escape. The Philippines' maritime authority is investigating the circumstances surrounding the incident. The ferry, built in 2002, held valid safety certificates and passed an enforcement inspection in March, but investigators are looking into potential manifest discrepancies, cargo loading integrity, and crew emergency response protocols, the Palawan Daily reported. The vessel was carrying 117 passengers and 17 crew members. Atienza Interisland Ferries, the vessel's operator, has pledged full cooperation with the inquiry.

FOUR KEY TAKEAWAYS FROM REPUBLICAN MIDTERMS CONVENTION

The Republican Party's first midterms convention had all the trappings of the traditional presidential election-year gathering: supporters in sparkling costumes, a conveyor belt of candidate speeches, and vendors selling campaign merchandise. But unlike an ordinary convention, no official party business was conducted in Dallas, with the event instead serving as a rally for Republicans who are seeking to boost turnout and avoid losing control of Congress in November. President Donald Trump, whose grip over the party remains absolute, delivered a lengthy keynote speech on Wednesday during the opening night of the two-day event. He covered many of the subjects he has returned to time and again this year - with a few surprises thrown in. Here are the key takeaways from his address. 1. Preaching to the MAGA choir The vast arena was filled with diehard Trump

supporters sporting red MAGA gear from his past presidential campaigns. A decade after his first White House run, Trump is still beloved among his base and he has bent the party to his will in the years since. The old-style Republican establishment, or what's left of it in the Trump era, was nowhere to be seen. Senator Susan Collins of Maine and other Republicans running in competitive races chose to stay away. The absence of more moderate Republicans was glaring and offered a reminder of just how much the party has changed. It also raised questions about the effectiveness of holding an unprecedented midterm convention in the first place. The core audience, both in the arena and watching on television, appeared to be Trump loyalists, not the moderates and swing voters the Republican Party needs to turn out in large numbers in November.

HOUTHIS CLAIM MAJOR ADVANCE IN YEMEN AND TIGHTEN GRIP ON RED SEA SHIPPING LANE

Yemen's Houthis have claimed a major advance on the western Red Sea coast, consolidating their grip on the key international shipping route. The Iran-backed group seized Perim Island at the mouth of the waterway in the Bab al-Mandab Strait, a source from Yemen's internationally recognised government told the BBC. It comes a day after the Houthis captured the strategic port city of Mokha from Saudi-backed pro-government forces, according to military sources. A Yemeni military official told the AFP news agency the Houthis now control the entire coastline. The Houthis earlier said they posed no threat to international shipping but reiterated their threat to target vessels from Saudi Arabia. Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman, the country's de facto ruler, has personally pressed US President Donald Trump to take military action against the Houthis during their rapid advance, two sources familiar with the matter told CBS News - the BBC's media partner in North America. Trump has



so far declined to involve the US military directly, offering instead to assist with intelligence and targeting support, the sources said. A senior Trump administration official later told the BBC: "We are in continuous dialogue with Saudi Arabia and the Republic of Yemen government regarding regional stability." On Friday, Yemeni pro-government forces withdrew from Perim (also known as Mayyun). Witnesses and news agencies reported that Houthi forces moved on to the island. The Houthis later issued a statement, saying that their military operation to expel Saudi-backed forces had been a

"success" and that "maritime navigation is safe for all companies except for Saudi vessels". Houthi military spokesman Yahya Sarea said the "large-scale" military operation was launched on 3 September due to Saudi Arabia's "blatant aggression" against "our dear people". Sarea also said the Houthis had expelled "Saudi enemy" forces from six districts in the Taiz and Hodeidah regions, claiming that hundreds of troops had been killed, wounded or captured. The Houthi statement, however, did not mention Perim Island. Saudi Arabia has not publicly commented on the latest developments. Perim

Island sits at the narrowest point of the Bab al-Mandab Strait, which has become increasingly important following the effective closure of the Strait of Hormuz - another crucial waterway - in the conflict between the US and Iran. Saudi Arabia has been relying on the Red Sea and the Bab al-Mandab Strait for shipping oil to customers in Asia. The escalation of the conflict between the Houthis, Yemen's government and Saudi Arabia has contributed to a surge in oil prices. Hundreds of people have reportedly been killed and thousands displaced in Yemen since the Houthis launched an offensive in the south-west a week ago. A Saudi-led coalition has also carried out air strikes on Houthi-controlled areas in western Yemen in support of the pro-government forces, and the Houthis have launched missiles and drones at cities and oil facilities in southern Saudi Arabia. The Saudi foreign affairs ministry said on Friday that drones from Iraq had targeted the country's East-West oil pipeline.

'It's like a dog set loose on us' - fear over Kenya's crackdown on foreign traders

For Ndaikhech Ali, who has been traversing the streets of the Kenyan capital eking out a living as a tuk-tuk driver for the past nine years, Nairobi's traffic - not xenophobia - has been his biggest concern. During his time in the East African nation, the Burundian says he has always found Kenyans to be friendly and welcoming - that is until last week, when the president ordered a crackdown on foreigners working as traders or operating small-scale businesses. "Now they have turned against us," he told the BBC at the Burundian embassy in Nairobi where many have been queuing this week for documents to allow them to travel back home. "The threats are many... even from children," he said, adding: "It's a like a dog has been set loose upon us. We have been bitten." President William Ruto made his remarks last week when addressing Kenyan traders gathered at state house - in reference to legislation before parliament that seeks to exclude foreign nationals



from petty trade and to mandate the local sourcing of certain materials. During his speech, he said that all foreign nationals operating small businesses had until 7 September to pack up shop, saying such low-level jobs should be reserved for Kenyans. Ali, like others, panicked, saying it seemed the president's announcement had been interpreted by some Kenyans as a signal that foreign nationals were no longer welcome in the country. "We face harassment and can't work," he says. "If our work is stopped, we lose the income that enables us to pay rent and buy food. When those jobs are taken away.



Saudi Arabia shuts key oil pipeline after drone attack launched from Iraq

PASSENGER TRAIN DERAILS IN FRANCE LEAVING AT LEAST 44 INJURED

At least 44 people have been injured, including one seriously, after a passenger train derailed in northern France, local officials have said. An 18-year-old woman was airlifted in critical condition by helicopter to hospital. The officials said 186 passengers were on board the train that was operating between Rouen and Caen in Normandy. Transport Minister Philippe Tabarot said 140 firefighters and other emergency teams were deployed to the scene of the crash on Friday evening near Cl  on, just south of Rouen. The cause of the crash was not immediately known, but reports in the French media suggest it could have been an act of sabotage. The authorities have not commented on the issue. Local authorities acti-



vated a mass-casualty response plan after the crash shortly before 20:00 (18:00 GMT). "Suddenly there were a few jolts, and then after about three seconds it got stronger and stronger," Louis, a passenger on the train, told ICI Normandie radio. "I couldn't stay in my seat any more. The windows partially shattered, the stones from the

track came into the carriage. It was really shocking. I'm still shaking," he added. Photographs later emerged showing passengers leaving the train, three of whose carriages had overturned, according to French media. According to Tabarot, 140 firefighters and other emergency service crews promptly arrived at the scene. Among the

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injured is an 18-year-old woman who sustained severe injuries; she was airlifted to a hospital in Rouen in critical condition. The state railway operator SNCF reported significant service disruptions on this section and deployed replacement buses. Local authorities urged the public to avoid the area of the accident.



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New Eras And Bragging Rights: Reasons Why You Can't Miss The Manchester Derby

Manchester United and Manchester City prepare to renew one of English football's fiercest rivalries this Sunday, September 13, the Manchester derby once again takes centre stage. Dating back to 1881, the rivalry has grown from a battle for local bragging rights into one of the most anticipated fixtures in world football, with two of the game's biggest clubs going head-to-head at Old Trafford. The latest chapter promises another high-octane spectacle, where local pride, bragging rights and three crucial points will all be at stake. Here are five reasons why you can not miss the Manchester derby this weekend: The Dawn of a New Managerial Era: Carrick vs.

Maresca
The tactical battle lines have been redrawn at Old Trafford. With Enzo Maresca taking charge at Manchester City and Manchester United legend Michael Carrick steering the Red Devils, this derby marks the beginning of an unpredictable new chapter. Maresca brings an established Premier League managerial pedigree, boasting a strong career record of 31 wins and 15 draws in 60 matches in the competition, while relying on a possession-dominant framework. Carrick, on the other hand, has proven his elite credentials with an impressive managerial record of 14 wins in 22 Premier League games. Maresca will be keen to maintain City's momentum, while Carrick faces his ultimate tactical test. Scheduled in a highly accessible Sunday evening slot, this high-stakes fixture serves as the perfect entry point for casual sports fans looking to experience European football for the first time. Unlike matches that demand grueling late-night commitments, the Manchester derby occupies a prime-

time weekend window at 9 PM, making it easier for first-time viewers to tune in to JioHotstar and Star Sports and experience the spectacle.
■ A BILLION EURO ROSTER OF GLOBAL SUPERSTARS
Fans are guaranteed to see the very best in world football sharing the same pitch. Manchester City's Erling Haaland arrives in lethal goal-scoring form alongside dynamic playmakers like Ravan Cherk. They go head-to-head against United's creative powerhouse Bruno Fernandes and emerging talents, offering an unmissable, star-studded spectacle of relentless attacking football.
■ THE SHIFTING BALANCE OF POWER
The narrative stakes could not be higher. City continues to operate as an elite, trophy-hunting powerhouse, aiming to prove their dominance remains untouched. Meanwhile, United is determined to lay down a marker and reignite their road to their old glory days.

CSK FINALLY BREAKS SILENCE ON EXPLOSIVE MS DHONI 'ASKING FOR STAKE' REPORT

Recently, a report suggested that former Chennai Super Kings captain MS Dhoni asked for a 25 per cent stake in the team before reducing it to 20 per cent. He was then apparently offered a 5.5 per cent stake by the franchise. CSK have finally opened up on the issue. Dhoni is still part of CSK and led them to five IPL titles. "MS has never asked us about it. We never discussed the matter. We also don't have any information about him having discussed this with Mr N Srinivasan either," a senior CSK functionary told Cricbuzz. The report added that Dhoni has some shares in the franchise. As CSK shares are not traded in the open market, with the company being unlisted, "they can be acquired privately through off-market transactions," the report added. Dhoni has more than one lakh shares, stated the report. It's not huge, as "more than 30 crore outstanding shares are held by the public, accounting for close to 40



per cent of the franchise's total share capital," as per the report. Former BCCI chief N Srinivasan's family holds a controlling stake of more than 55 per cent. Dhoni's stake could be worth Rs 2.6-3 crore, based on the current market valuation of an IPL franchise (an IPL team was last sold for over Rs 16,600 crore). Dhoni's estimated net worth is around Rs 1,200 crore. Former India player Aakash Chopra, who also played for Kolkata Knight Riders, said the

claim of Dhoni asking for a stake was unrealistic and even called it a planted story. "There was talk of 1.7 to 1.8 billion when RCB were bought just now. Chennai Super Kings is the same kind of franchise. You can do the valuation however you want, but this is the franchise that has five trophies and has multiple franchises outside India as well," Chopra said while speaking on his YouTube channel. "They have got a legacy and a lot going for them.

UPDATED WTC POINTS TABLE AFTER ENGLAND COMPLETE 3-0 WHITEWASH OVER PAKISTAN

England on Saturday capped off the three-match Test series against Pakistan with an eight-wicket victory in the final game at Edgbaston, Birmingham. With the result, the Three Lions registered a 3-0 clean sweep over the visitors. After the third contest, the position of the Joe Root-led side, which was sixth, remained unchanged in the World Test Championship (WTC) points table. Their win percentage, however, improved to 38.54. Babar Azam and Co., who were already at the bottom of the nine-team table, saw their win percentage dip further to 14.81. England overcame a major wobble to beat Pakistan by eight wickets in the third Test at Edgbaston on Saturday, sealing a 3-0



series sweep. The home team, chasing just 130 to win, were in deep trouble when openers Ben Duckett and Emilio Gay were dismissed in the first over, bowled by Mohammad Abbas. Joe Root, England's record run-

scorer, edged his first ball, bowled by Razaullah, through the slips for four in a nervy start but settled and scored quickly to take the sting out of the situation. The skipper was given a huge reprieve when he chopped

onto the stumps off Mohammad Ali, only for the umpire to signal a no ball, leaving the bowler distraught. Root, with Jordan Cox at the other end, had another let-off when he edged an Abbas delivery between first and second slip, with neither fielder moving. But he reached his half-century off 57 balls with a cut for four and Cox matched him shortly afterwards. England reached their target in the 25th over, with Root unbeaten on 62 and Cox 59 not out. Root's men had appeared set for a quickfire win inside three days on Friday before debutant fast bowler Razaullah launched an audacious assault with the bat, clubbing nine sixes as he raced to 81 off 63 balls.

Wasim Akram Praises Vaibhav Sooryavanshi, And Blasts Pakistan Super League: "Has A Single Batter Been Produced?"

Pakistan great Wasim Akram referred to India's batting prodigy Vaibhav Sooryavanshi while comparing the growth of the Indian Premier League (IPL) with that of the Pakistan Super League (PSL). Sooryavanshi, who is just 15 years old, has already taken the cricketing world by storm with his explosive batting performances. After two successive stellar IPL seasons, he earned his India debut against England, becoming the youngest international debutant. Akram, who has worked extensively in both leagues, criticized the PSL for its failure to produce emerging stars at the same rate as the IPL. Akram served as the bowling coach and mentor of the



Kolkata Knight Riders from 2010 to 2017, helping the franchise win two IPL titles. In the PSL, he has held coaching and mentoring roles with Islamabad United, Multan Sultans, and Karachi Kings. "It has been 10 years since the PSL started, but has a single batter been produced by the PSL? Yes we have produced a few bowlers but



tell me have we produced any noteworthy batting talent. I think when we produce a batting talent like the 14-year old (Sooryavanshi, 15) then we will see improvement coming through," said Akram during an interview with YouTuber Furqan Bhatti. The legendary fast bowler stressed that Pakistan must revive its club crick-

et culture to unearth raw talent and strengthen the PSL's talent pipeline, which could ultimately contribute to the growth of Pakistan cricket. "Club cricket needs to be revived if we want improvement in red ball cricket. The PCB should spend 100 million rupees each in Karachi and Lahore, as talent comes from club cricket," he said. Talking about the Pakistan cricket team, Babar Azam and Co. are on the brink of a humiliating clean sweep against England in the three-match Test series. Having already lost the first two matches, the visitors are staring at yet another defeat in the third and final Test at Edgbaston, Birmingham.

Junior Men's Asia Cup Hockey: Anmol Ekka Stars As India Beat Malaysia To Reach Fourth Consecutive Final



T20I cricket returns to Delhi with the India vs Afghanistan match on Sunday. Before the game, highlighting the conditions at the Arun Jaitley Stadium in Delhi, former BCCI selector Sarandeep Singh expected high-scoring encounters to be the norm in the three-match series, while adding that India should look to play V a r u n

Chakaravarthy, Washington Sundar, and Axar Patel as their spin-bowling combination. "The way Delhi Premier League games were played some time ago and how Arun Jaitley Stadium wickets usually behave, they support batting a lot. We have seen big scores on these pitches in the T20 World Cup and domestic season. As far as spinners are concerned, India always likes to go with all-rounders. "Ravi Bishnoi was in the scheme of things but was not able to perform as well. Varun Chakaravarthy is a regular spinner; Washington Sundar and Axar Patel can bat and bowl as well. I

feel it will be a good combination for India, as there should be variation too. There should be a left-arm spinner and an off-spinner, and India will definitely go with them," he added. Turning to the fast-bowling unit, Sarandeep recalled how he met Jasprit Bumrah during his recovery from a left knee injury at the Centre of Excellence (CoE) in Bengaluru, and the big boost India gets from his return. "It is a big advantage for India to have Bumrah back because you get a confidence boost. I was conducting a high-performance camp at the Centre of Excellence and was

also there with the North Zone team as their coach during the Duleep Trophy. I saw Bumrah doing his fitness work there. "He was getting fully fit and was bowling his heart out. Whenever he comes back, he bowls his heart out. He never plays if he is not fit, as he returns only when he is fully fit. He did well in the Centre of Excellence practice games, performed strongly in the match simulations, and looked fully fit. I met him there every day. Bumrah being fully fit and his return to the Indian team is a big boost for us, as the other fast bowlers start looking better."

EX-BCCI SELECTOR EXPLAINS WHY JASPRIT BUMRAH MAY NOT PICK WICKETS AT THE START VS AFGHANISTAN

Max Verstappen Unimpressed With New Madrid Street Track

Max Verstappen did not mince his words on Friday after finishing sixth in second practice, four-tenths adrift of pace-setting championship leader Kimi Antonelli, at the Spanish Grand Prix. Asked how he liked his first day's running on the new high-risk hybrid Madring circuit on the outskirts of Madrid, he said: "I'm not a fan of street circuits. That will never change. And I will always prefer to drive on a track like Spa (in Belgium). "But what they have done in the way they have built everything up, Verstappen said he was not surprised at his performance or position after two hours on the track he had described as "challenging" and said he had finished as expected.



"Try To Stay On Top Of Rallies": Elena Rybakina Reveals Game-Plan To Stop Aryna Sabalenka In US Open Final



The World No. 2 Elena Rybakina knows exactly what she needs to do if she is to deny World No. 1 Aryna Sabalenka a historic third consecutive US Open title. Rybakina, who will face top seed and two-time defending champion Sabalenka in the US Open 2026 women's singles final, says she will look to stay aggressive, take control of the rallies and prevent her opponent from dictating play. Speaking in an interview shared by JioStar ahead of the Women's Singles final, Rybakina said: "I guess the same spirit. I need to fight no matter how I'm going to feel on that day and give my best. We know each other pretty well and have played so many times against each other. Yeah, just try to stay aggressive in important moments, not wait for her to dictate the point, and try to stay on top of the rallies." The final at Arthur Ashe Stadium will take place on Sunday, September 13, at 1:30 AM, with action live on JioHotstar and Star Sports. It will be the 18th meeting

between the two players, with Sabalenka currently leading their head-to-head 10-7. It is also the first US Open women's singles final between the top two seeds in 13 years. Sabalenka will be chasing her fifth major and a third straight US Open crown. Rybakina booked her place in the final with a comeback victory over 2023 US Open champion Coco Gauff, recovering from a set down to win 3-6, 6-4, 6-4. The road to the final, however, has not been straightforward for Rybakina. The 27-year-old revealed that she was uncertain whether she would even be able to compete in New York because of concerns over her foot. "I wasn't 100 per cent sure if I was going to be able to even play this tournament. In the first few matches, I was thinking about my foot and how it was actually going to react. I was not that comfortable playing the first few matches. Then, slowly, my focus moved towards what I was doing wrong on the court and what I needed to improve.

AADARSHA KUTUMBAM TEASER IS OUT NOW!

The much-awaited teaser of Victory Venkatesh and Trivikram Srinivas' 'Aadarsha Kutumbam - AK47' is out now and it promises a perfect dose of fun and action. The teaser gives a glimpse into Venkatesh and Srinidhi Shetty's middle-class family and the hilarious situations that come along with it. Venkatesh's trademark comic timing, Trivikram's witty writing and the energetic action moments make the teaser a thoroughly entertaining watch. The film boasts a strong ensemble cast featuring Nara Rohith, Nivetha Pethuraj, Yuvina, Raj Prajwal, Rao Ramesh, Satya, Brahmaji, Udaybir Sandhu, Vennela Kishore, Raghu Babu and others. Written and directed by Trivikram Srinivas, 'Aadarsha Kutumbam - AK47' brings back the popular Venkatesh-Trivikram combination for a full-fledged commercial entertainer. With music by Thaman S, the film's songs and more content will be unveiled soon. Production design by AS Prakash, Editing by Navin Nooli, Cinematography by Ravi K Chandran Produced by S. Radha Krishna under the prestigious Haarika & Hassine Creations banner, 'Aadarsha Kutumbam' marks another exciting association with Trivikram Srinivas, following several successful and blockbuster collaborations. With its



promising teaser, entertaining family setup, impressive ensemble cast and the much-loved Venkatesh & Trivikram combination, 'Aadarsha Kutumbam -

AK47' is gearing up to be a complete family entertainer. Aadarsha Kutumbam is set to arrive in theatres worldwide on October 2, 2026.

A LARGER VISION TAKES SHAPE: Manoj Manchu and Mounika Bhuma Manchu Meet Himachal Pradesh Governor

Actor and entrepreneur Manchu Manoj and his wife Mounika Bhuma Manchu met Himachal Pradesh Governor Shri Kavinder Gupta at Himachal Sadan in New Delhi, where they held discussions surrounding cinema, sports and infrastructure. The meeting comes at a time when the couple is exploring opportunities across the entertainment and sports sectors as part of a broader entrepreneurial vision. While specific details of the projects or initiatives discussed have not been disclosed, the interaction hints at plans that could extend beyond conventional entertainment ventures. Cinema,



infrastructure and sporting opportunities are emerging as key areas of interest for Manoj and Mounika. Their

discussions with the Himachal Pradesh Governor have further sparked curiosity about the

larger plans they may be working towards. More details are expected to be revealed as these initiatives

take shape. Meanwhile, Manchu Manoj continues to remain busy on the film front. The actor is currently working on multiple projects, including "David Reddy," "NBK11" alongside Nandamuri Balakrishna, the gripping investigation thriller "Rakshak," and "VaddiKaasula Vaada." With several films in different stages of production and new entrepreneurial opportunities being explored, Manoj Manchu appears to be entering an exciting new phase—one that could see his journey expand across cinema, sports and infrastructure. More updates on his upcoming projects and larger ventures are expected in the coming days.

THANKS TO TELUGU AUDIENCE FOR MAKING MANDAADI A BLOCKBUSTER: SOORI

Our Hard Work For Mandaadi Received The Right Reward: Suhas

Suhas and Soori starrer latest box office sensation Mandaadi is produced by RS Infotainment banner. The film is directed by Mathimaran Pugazhendhi and presented by Elred Kumar. Mandaadi also features Mahima Nambiar, Sathyaraj, Ravindra Vijay, Mithun, Bala Saravanan and others in key roles. Mythri Movie Distributors LLP released the film in Andhra Pradesh and



Telangana on September 10. Mandaadi is receiving a very good response and is running successfully.

“Idupu Kayitham” First Single Srilatha Song Is Receiving Appreciation from Everyone



Producer Bunny Vas and genius director Sukumar are producing Idupu Kayitham with Priyadarshi in the lead under the banners of Bunny Vas Works and Sukumar Writings. Nagadurga, who became popular through folk songs, plays the female lead in the film. Young director Vamsi Reddy Dondapati is directing Idupu Kayitham as an entertaining family drama set against a family backdrop. The recently released Srilatha song from the film has been winning the hearts of music lovers and receiving a superb response. Speaking at an interview held today, music director Suresh Bobbili and lyric writer Alaraju expressed their happiness over the appreciation the song has been receiving.

MUSIC DIRECTOR SURESH BOBBILI SAID:
-The Srilatha song has been loved by my family mem-

bers. They have been calling me to say how much they liked it. We are also getting a great response from the film industry. Everyone says they loved the composition, the sound, the lyrics, and the way both singers performed the song. - I also acted in this song. It was Bunny Vas garu's idea. He said that after composing music for so many songs, audiences should know who I am, and that's why he made me appear in the song. Even I always wanted audiences to recognize me. I had even thought of performing in a private song myself. Acting in the song gave me a completely new experience, and I really enjoyed it. While discussing this song, we wanted it to become a part of the story and also work as a promotional song for the film. We also wanted catchy lyrics. We designed the song in a way that people would own it, and that's why we released it in advance.

PARADISE IS THE HARDEST FILM OF MY CAREER: NATURAL STAR NANI

Natural Star Nani's Pan India period action entertainer 'The Paradise'. Directed by Srikanth Odela, Sudhakar Cherukuri has produced this film on a grand scale under the banner of SLV Cinemas. The songs, glimpses and teaser that have already been released have raised huge expectations with a wonderful response. The film is set to release worldwide on September 24. On this occasion, the makers held a press meet.

Natural Star Nani said at the press meet.. Hello everyone. It's been a long



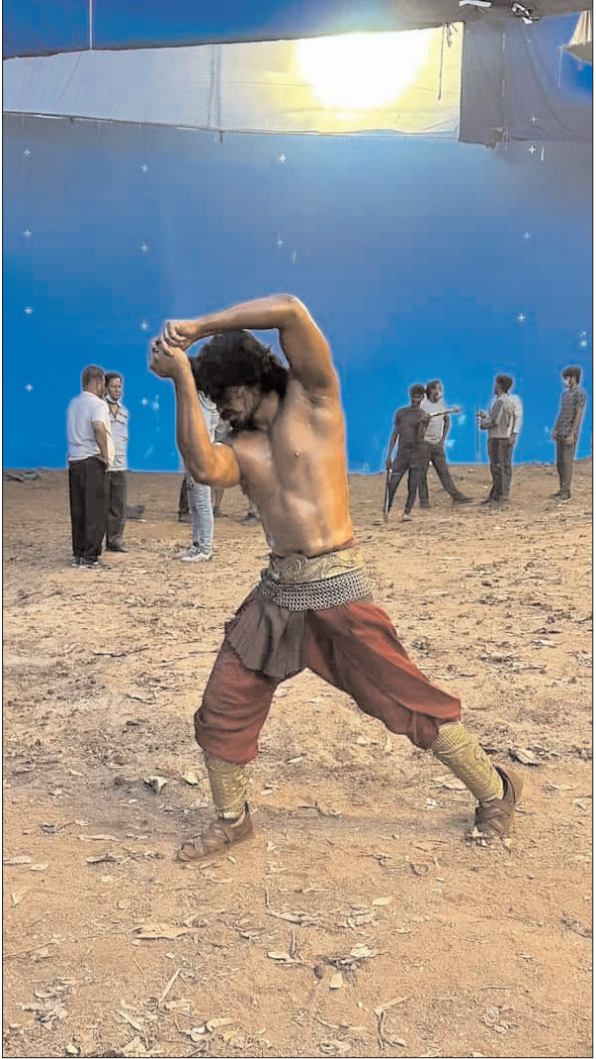
‘Nee Parichayam’ Song from Raj Tarun’s Tortoise Crosses 10 Million Digital Views



Raj Tarun's upcoming film Tortoise has kick-started its musical journey on a blockbuster note. The recently released first single, Nee Parichayam, has struck a chord with music lovers and crossed more than 10 million digital views in a very short span of time. The phenomenal response to the film's very first song has significantly raised expectations for Tortoise. Music director Anup Rubens has composed Nee Parichayam as a beautiful melody that has instantly connected with listeners. Oscar-winning lyricist Chandrabose has penned heartfelt lyrics that beautifully capture the emotions and feelings of lovers. Singer Chinmayi's soulful rendition has made the song highly addictive, encouraging audiences to listen to it on repeat. The combined efforts of the composer, lyricist, and

singer have turned Nee Parichayam... into a memorable romantic melody. Among Raj Tarun's recent films, Tortoise is already emerging as one of the most talked-about musical albums. Along with Raj Tarun, the film features Amrutha Chowdary, Avasara Srinivas, Dhanya Balakrishna, Shiju A.R., Ravi Kale, Moin, and several others in key roles. Tortoise is being produced by Vijay Chowdary, Shashidhar Nalla, and Ramashetty Rambabu under the SK Golden Arts, P r a s h v i t h a Entertainment, and NVL Creations banners. The film is directed by Ritwik Kumar, who has also written the story, screenplay, and dialogues. Promoted as an intense action thriller blending suspense and drama, Tortoise has already grabbed attention with its recently released first-look poster.

SWAYAMBHU SCALE: 175 DAYS OF SHOOT, 2500 VFX SHOTS



Swayambhu is shaping up to be one of the most ambitious projects of Nikhil, who has dedicated considerable time and effort to the film. The makers have revealed that the production spanned a staggering 175 days. Adding to its scale, the movie features around 2,500 graphics shots, highlighting the extensive visual work that has gone into bringing its world to life. Nikhil, in this working still, is seen striking an intense action-oriented pose in a traditional warrior-like costume, hinting at the larger-than-life world the movie promises

to present. The makers appear determined to ensure that the final product matches the scale and vision they have envisioned. With the works now nearing completion, the team is expected to announce the film's release date soon. A trailer is also expected to arrive shortly, with Swayambhu set to kick-start its next phase of promotions in the coming days. Directed by Bharat Krishnamachari, produced by Bhuvan and Sreekar under Pixel Studios, and presented by Tagore Madhu, the movie will be released in multiple languages.