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RASHMIKA'S TELANGANA SLANG BECOMES HOT TOPIC

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

HYDERABAD TSIT BUREAU:

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

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

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



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

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

Highlighting women's welfare, Revanth Reddy said the

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



NEW DELHI (TSIT) —

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

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

HIGHLIGHT POINT:

► 82 teachers and educators selected for National Teachers Awards

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

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

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

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

Short Takes

PAKISTANI LET TERRORIST KILLED IN BUDGAM



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

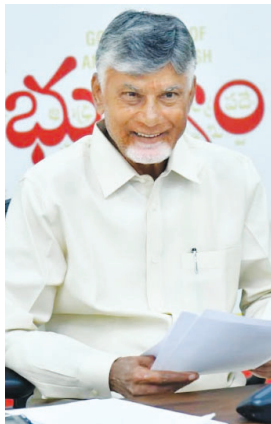
CM Naidu announces major sops for Govt employees

Visakhapatnam TSIT:

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

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

He also announced



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

The Chief Minister

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

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

Maharashtra Dahi Handi festivities leave woman dead, 42 injured

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

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

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



Sachin Pilot Gets Punjab Congress Charge

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

8 NEngineering Students Killed in Kerala Crash

Thrissur, Sep 5 :

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



Asaduddin Owaisi accuses BJP of targeting mosques, graveyards

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

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

He questioned the use of bulldozers against properties when



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

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

members of the Muslim community.

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

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

TRP Seeks White Paper on Education Sector

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



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

Congress Marks 1,000 Days of Governance

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



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

KTR Vows Fight Until GO 97 Is Repealed



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

Rs.3.80 crore CMR grain loss



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

Congress Rule Is 'Looting Telangana': Satyavathi Rathod



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

Teachers Are Guiding Force Behind Students' Future: Bhadrachalam Event



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

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

Govt Committed to Strengthening Public Education: Ponnam Prabhakar

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Elaborate Security for Srivari Brahmotsavams

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



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

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

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

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



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

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

and called the initiative a positive step toward healthier lifestyles.

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

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

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

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

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



taking critical emergency services closer to communities.

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

patients during the crucial first minutes of an emergency.

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

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

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

Hyderabad Hosts ISOI National Conference After 15 Years

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

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



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

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

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

Krishna Teaches Courage & Wisdom, Says Swami at Hyderabad Fest

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

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



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

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

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

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

Karnataka brings govt services to citizens’ doorsteps with ‘Praja Seva’ launch

Kudligi (Vijayanagara dist), Sep 5: No more repeated trips to government offices for routine services and grievances. The Karnataka government has rolled out its ‘Praja Seva Department’ and ‘Praja Seva Abhiyan’, an initiative designed to take grievance redressal directly to citizens and ensure their problems are addressed within a stipulated timeframe.

Chief minister D K Shivakumar launched the ‘Praja Seva Abhiyan’ in Kudligi town of Vijayanagara district



today. Speaking at the launch, Shivakumar said the govern- ment was putting in place a system under which officials would go directly to people’s

doorsteps to listen to their problems. “Even if every problem cannot be resolved immediately, this will provide a better opportunity to understand people’s concerns directly and work towards finding solutions,” he said.

Praja Seva is a new government mechanism aimed at ending the need for ordinary citizens to make repeated visits to government offices for routine services, pensions, Pahani (RTC), ration cards and other departmental matters.

Over 43.81 lac notices generated, 7,31,770 delivered to voters in Karnataka



Bengaluru, Sep 5: As part of the current Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of the electoral roll, over 43.81 lac notices have been generated in the state, of which 7.31 lac have been delivered to voters so far, the office of the chief electoral officer (CEO) stated on Friday.

As of September 4, the state has 4,46,38,124 voters on the electoral roll, comprising 2.21 crore male, 2.24 crore female, and 2,871 transgender voters.

As part of the electoral roll revision work, notices have been issued to voters whose names fall under the ‘no mapping’ and ‘anomalies’ categories, officials said. According to a statement issued by the CEO’s office, out of the total 43,81,143

notices that were required to be generated, 43,81,141 have been generated so far. Among these, 7,31,770 have been successfully delivered to voters, while the delivery of 36,49,371 notices is pending. A total of 206 hearings have been completed. The hearings, which commenced on September 3, will continue until October 12 before the electoral registration officers (EROs) and assistant electoral registration officers (AEROs).

POCO X8 Series Brings Serious Power to Everyday Life with POCO X8 and POCO X8 Power

Mysore : POCO India announced the launch of its latest smartphones in the POCO X8 Series – the POCO X8 and POCO X8 Power. Designed around the demands of modern smartphone users, the new series brings together powerful performance, expansive displays, versatile cameras, large-capacity Silicon-Carbon batteries and robust durability, giving users the freedom to do more across work, entertainment and everyday life.

Whether it is moving between multiple apps during a busy workday, watching content on the commute, capturing moments while travelling, staying connected through a long day or simply spending more time away from a charger, the POCO X8 Series is built to handle it. Both smartphones feature a 1.5K AMOLED Display, Silicon-Carbon battery technology, fast charging, IP66, IP68, IP69 and IP69K ratings, Corning® Gorilla® Victus® 2 and Five-Star Quality Certification from SGS and TÜV.

For Power That Keeps You Going

A smartphone that sits at the centre of the day



needs to move easily between tasks. The POCO X8 is powered by the Snapdragon® 6s Gen 4 Mobile Platform, built on a 4nm process with CPU speeds of up to 2.4GHz, and comes with up to 8GB RAM and 256GB storage. This combination is designed for everyday productivity – from switching between work apps and calls to browsing, navigation and entertainment.

For users with heavier everyday demands, the POCO X8 Power brings the India Debut of the Snapdragon® 6 Gen 5 Mobile Platform, with CPU speeds of up to 2.6GHz, up to 8GB RAM and 256GB storage, LPDDR5X RAM and UFS 4.1 storage. The additional performance and memory make it suited to people who regularly juggle mul-

tiple applications, large files and content-heavy usage. For Commutes, Couch Time and Everything in Between

From catching up on a series during a commute to scrolling through social feeds, viewing photos or getting through a presentation, the 6.83-inch 1.5K AMOLED Display gives both smartphones a large canvas for everyday viewing.

With 2772 × 1280 resolution, up to 120Hz refresh rate, 12-bit colour depth and up to 3500 nits peak brightness, the display is designed for comfortable viewing across different environments, while DCI-P3 wide colour gamut and TÜV Triple Eye Protection enhance the overall experience.

The POCO X8 Power takes entertainment fur-

ther with HDR10+ and Dolby Vision®, making compatible movies and shows more immersive. Both devices also feature stereo dual speakers with Dolby Atmos and Hi-Res Audio, with up to 300% volume boost on the X8 and 400% on the X8 Power.

For Travel Days and Moments Worth Capturing

A weekend away, a family gathering or an everyday moment can call for different ways to capture a scene. The POCO X8 combines a 50MP main camera with OIS, f/1.8 aperture and 5P lens with a 2MP depth camera. Features including Portrait Mode, HDR, Live Moments, Ultra HD Mode, Pro Mode and Dual Video give users flexibility across everyday photography, portraits and video. Its 16MP front camera also supports Portrait, HDR, Live Moments and AI Beautify.

For users who want greater flexibility when travelling or creating content, the POCO X8 Power pairs a 50MP OIS main camera with an f/1.5 aperture and 6P lens with an 8MP ultrawide camera. Auto Scene Detection and 2X in-sensor ultra-clear zoom make it easier to approach different sub-

jects and perspectives, while 4K video recording at 30fps on both the rear and 32MP front cameras gives creators more room to capture and share.

For the Days You Don’t Want to Think About Charging

Long commutes, travel, navigation, calls, streaming and content creation can quickly turn battery life into a daily concern. The POCO X8 addresses this with a 9000mAh Silicon-Carbon battery, supported by the Xiaomi Surge G1 Battery Management Chip, alongside 67W Xiaomi HyperCharge and 22.5W wired reverse charging with a 67W charger in box.

The POCO X8 Power is built for those who want even greater endurance, with a 10,000mAh Silicon-Carbon battery, 100W Xiaomi HyperCharge and 27W wired reverse charging. Whether heading out for a full day of travel, spending hours consuming content or using the phone extensively for work and communication, its larger battery is designed to reduce the need to constantly look for a power socket. The device also includes a 100W charger in the box.

Bengaluru : CMR Institute of Technology (CMRIT) marked the beginning of the Academic Year 2026–27 with a grand inaugural ceremony at its campus in Bengaluru. The event celebrated academic excellence, innovation, leadership and the achievements of students, faculty, alumni and industry partners. More than 1,100 students and parents attended the ceremony.

The inauguration of the academic programmes was led by Shri Vikram Vaidyanathan, Managing Director, ZAT, the Chief Guest, who encouraged students to remain curious, embrace emerging technologies and make the most of the opportunities available during their college journey. He stressed the importance of connecting classroom learning with real-world applications and developing leadership through hard work.

Dr. K.C. Ramamurthy, IPS (Retd.), former Member of Parliament, Rajya Sabha, Chairman, CMR Group of Institutions, CMR University and in his Presidential Address, emphasised the importance of holistic student development. He encouraged students to actively engage with teachers and make use of mentoring opportunities, while urging parents to stay involved in their children’s educational journey. He stressed that hard work and lifelong learning are essential for sustained success. Senior alumni Sarawak Dutta and Uday Wadhwa were felicitated for their achievements and contributions to innovation and entrepreneurship.

Earlier, Dr. Sanjay Jain, Principal, CMR Institute of Technology, welcomed the gathering and outlined the institution’s vision of nur-



turing ambitious and future-ready students. He emphasised CMRIT’s commitment to enabling students to develop the knowledge, skills and values required to become successful professionals and responsible citizens.

The ceremony also recognised the accomplishments of the CMRIT community. A total of 91 students were felicitated for their outstanding achievements in VTU academics, academics, sports and placements, including exceptional performance and the highest placement packages. Faculty members, alumni and industry delegates were also recognised for their valuable contributions to the institution and its academic ecosystem.

The event brought together students, parents, faculty, alumni and distinguished guests, reflecting the strong academic community and industry-academia connect fostered by CMRIT.

Muscle loss with age: Why strength training after 40 is essential, says Bengaluru orthopaedic expert

Bengaluru, Feb 19: Most people worry about weight gain as they grow older. Far fewer think about muscle loss. Yet sarcopenia — the gradual, involuntary loss of muscle mass and strength with age — is both common and often overlooked.

According to Dr. Pradeep Kocheeppan, Consultant Orthopaedics at Apollo Hospitals, Bannerghatta Road, Bengaluru, Indians — especially South Indians — are genetically predisposed to having lower baseline muscle mass compared to many Western populations. Combined with sedentary lifestyles, desk-bound jobs and minimal physical strain, this increases the risk of age-related muscle decline.

Modern lifestyles demand far less physical effort. Groceries are delivered, doors open automatically, and most work happens on screens. Over time, reduced resistance-based activity — especially involving the upper limbs — leads to what doctors call disuse atrophy.

Biologically, sarcopenia mainly affects type 2 (fast-twitch) muscle fibres, which are responsible for power and quick movements. These fibres help you catch yourself during a fall or lift heavy objects. Type 1 (slow-twitch) fibres, which support endurance, are relatively less affected. This explains why many older adults can manage slow, sustained activities but struggle with sudden

bursts of strength.

Dr. Kocheeppan explains that fitness training must align with individual goals:

- **Strength training:** Focuses on increasing maximum force, typically using heavier weights with fewer repetitions (e.g., squats, deadlifts, bench presses).
- **Endurance training:** Sustains activity over longer durations using lighter resistance (e.g., rowing, cycling).
- **Power training:** Combines force and speed (e.g., plyometrics, medicine ball throws).
- **Hypertrophy training:** Aims to increase muscle size by lifting weights that fatigue muscles.
- **Functional training:** Mimics everyday movements, improving coordination and balance.

For preventing age-related muscle loss, he emphasises that strength training is non-negotiable.

Muscle loss accelerates after 40, particularly affecting type 2 fibres. Without intervention, decline becomes almost inevitable. Adults over 40 should ideally include at least 20 minutes of strength and power exercises several times a week. However, gyms tend to have fewer senior adults, partly due to a lack of trainers experienced in guiding older individuals safely.

A structured approach is key. Doctors often assess 1RM (one-repetition maximum), the maximum weight a person can lift

once. Strength training typically involves working at 80% or more of 1RM with fewer repetitions. Power training uses lighter weights — about 30–50% of 1RM — performed at higher speeds.

Strength improves muscle mass; power improves movement speed. Together with endurance and functional training, they create a balanced routine.

Muscle health is closely tied to bone health. Bones respond to the stress placed on them by muscles. Without muscle strengthening, bone density can decline.

“If a DEXA scan shows reduced bone density, exercise becomes even more critical. But sometimes, exercise alone isn’t enough,” Dr. Kocheeppan said. In advanced cases, medications may be required. These can include anabolic agents that stimulate muscle response when combined with exercise. Optimising vitamin D and B12 levels is also crucial. Doctors may evaluate parathyroid hormone levels and prescribe treatments to improve bone density. Newer medications such as romosozumab (marketed as Evenity) target specific pathways involved in bone loss and are administered monthly under supervision. Other treatments include ibandronic acid and injectable therapies like denosumab, which help maintain or improve bone mass.



New Delhi, : Neurological injuries can change life in an instant. A stroke, traumatic brain injury or progressive neurological disorder does not merely weaken muscles; it disrupts coordination, balance, perception and often a person’s confidence and identity. For many patients, the most difficult challenge is not paralysis itself, but the uncertainty about regaining independence.

Rehabilitation today is increasingly measured not just by survival, but by the ability to return to meaningful daily activities. Structured neurorehabilitation frameworks such as Bobath therapy, also known as Neurodevelopmental Treatment, play a key role in this journey by helping patients relearn movement safely, efficiently and functionally.

Beyond exercises

Bobath therapy is often misunderstood as a simple set of exercises. In reality, it is a clinical reasoning approach ground-

Bobath therapy offers structured hope for neurological recovery

ing excessively to one side, using abnormal muscle synergies or locking joints for stability. While these strategies may help in the short term, they increase long-term risks such as falls, pain, joint damage and fatigue.

Bobath therapy addresses these challenges through facilitated movement, where skilled hands-on guidance helps normalise muscle tone and improve alignment; enhancing postural control and trunk stability, as functional movement originates from the core; task-specific practice such as sit-to-stand, reaching, turning.

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APPENDIX- IV-A* [See proviso to rule 8 (6)] Sale notice for sale of immovable properties E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the physical-/constructive / Symbolic (whichever is applicable) possession of which has been taken on 26.11.2025 by the Authorised Officer of Indian Bank, Mangalore Branch, Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on 25.09.2026, for recovery of Rs. 78,55,707/- (Rupees Seventy Eight lakhs Fifty Five Thousand Seven Hundred and Seven only (as on 05.09.2026 and the said amount carries further interest and charges at the agreed rate from 6.09.2026 till date of repayment) due to the Indian Bank, Mangalore branch, from Secured Creditor, 1. M/s Akriti Trading Corporation, 1 st floor Naniditha Building, Door no 3-T-28/2(8) Malemar road Kottara, Mangalore-575013 (F-19, 1 st floor Commercial complex, Empire Mall building, M G Road Mangalore 575001), 2. Mr. Hemachandra S/o Datia Suvama, 7-9-1015/1 Sesama road Near Bockkapatna Church Gate, Kodialbail Mangalore 575003 (GUARANTOR), 3. Mrs. Veenakshi V/o Gokul Das, House Anuraksha BRB Compound, Bhagwati Temple Road Uppala Gate, Manjeshwara Kasargod 671322(PARTNER/GUARANTOR), 4. Sokal Das S/o Rajiva Bappange House Anuraksha BRB Compound, Bhagwati Temple Road, Uppala Gate, Manjeshwara Kasargod 671322(PARTNER/GUARANTOR/MORTGAGOR). The specific details of the property intended to be brought to sale through e-auction mode are enumerated below:	
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EDITORIAL

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

CAN MAYAWATI BECOME THE KINGMAKER AGAIN?

Saurabh Varshney

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

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

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

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

SOCIAL MEDIA CODE OF CONDUCT FOR GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS

-Dr. Priyanka Saurabh

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

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

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

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



Adani Defence signs 5-year ammo pact for AK-203 rifles

New Delhi: Adani Defence and Aerospace has signed a five-year agreement with Indo-Russian Rifles Pvt Ltd to supply indigenously produced 7.62×39 mm ammunition for AK-203 assault rifles being manufactured in India, creating an integrated domestic supply chain for the India-Russia rifle programme. Under the agreement, Adani Defence will supply the small-calibre ammunition required for the AK-203 programme for five years, providing an Indian source of supply and supporting continuity of ammunition availability over the contract period, according to the company. The pact brings together rifle production by Indo-Russian Rifles, or IRRPL, and ammunition manufacturing by Adani Defence, linking two parts of the AK-203 programme within India's defence manufacturing ecosystem. IRRPL was established in 2019 under an India-Russia intergovernmental agreement to manu-



facture AK-203 rifles for the Indian Armed Forces. Its manufacturing facility is located at Korwa in Uttar Pradesh's Amethi district. The joint venture has Indian shareholders Advanced Weapons and Equipment India Ltd and Munitions India Ltd, along with Russian shareholders Concern Kalashnikov and Rosoboronexport. The Ministry of Defence has identified IRRPL as the joint venture responsible for indigenous production of the AK-203. The government signed a contract with the company in December 2021 for 6,01,427 AK-203 rifles, which are to be manufactured at the Korwa facility. The latest agreement expands the domestic manufacturing footprint around the programme by pairing

locally produced rifles with locally manufactured ammunition, according to the firm. Adani Defence has established small-calibre ammunition manufacturing capabilities in India, including a production facility in Kanpur. The agreement would further strengthen domestic capabilities across the small-arms supply chain and support the government's Aatmanirbhar Bharat push for greater self-reliance in defence manufacturing. The agreement also deepens the localisation of an India-Russia defence programme that was originally established to manufacture AK-203 rifles domestically, reducing reliance on external sources for a key consumable required for the weapon system.

TCS HYPERVAULT TO BUILD RS 70,000-CR AI DATA CENTRE IN HYDERABAD

Hyderabad: HyperVault, a subsidiary of Tata Consultancy Services (TCS), on Saturday, September 5, announced that it has secured 264 acres of land in Hyderabad to develop a large-scale artificial intelligence data centre campus with a total investment outlay of up to Rs 70,000 crore. On the occasion, Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy said, "Our state formation day is June 2. Groundbreaking to inaugurate, there are 21 months from today. We want to inaugurate your AI data centre on June 2, 2028." He assured the company of all required sanctions. The purpose-built facility, which will have a capacity of up to 1 Gigawatt (GW), is designed to support frontier AI companies and hyperscalers with high-density, liquid-cooled computer infrastructure on a global scale. "Bharat Future City's reality. My dream has come



true. This is one of the largest investments in AI data and in Future City (being developed by the state government on the Hyderabad outskirts). Today, TCS and HyperVault announced an investment of Rs 70,000 crore, and the project is estimated to create 7,000 jobs," he said. Urging the company to make an invest-

ment of Rs 1 lakh crore, the CM assured that the government would extend necessary support. "Want to contribute 10 pc of country's GDP" Reddy said the state government aims to achieve a USD one trillion economy by 2034 and a USD three trillion economy by 2047. Telangana contributes five per cent to national GDP, and the state govern-

ment wants to contribute more, he said. "I want to contribute 10 per cent of the GDP of this country. I need support from TCS and many other Fortune 500 companies to reach a USD one trillion economy by 2034 and a USD three trillion economy by 2047," Reddy said. 'AI can't replace blue-collar jobs' He said there is discussion that

AI is going to replace many engineers, but AI cannot replace blue-collar jobs. The government, he said, established Young India Skills University. The Telangana CM further sought to assure the companies that their investment is safe and (will generate) profit. He said the government has improved policies and that there is no policy paralysis in the state. The government wants to attract investment, he said, adding Telangana is not competing with other states like Karnataka, Tamil Nadu or Andhra Pradesh. "Our role models are China, Germany, Japan, South Korea and Singapore. We want to compete with them and not with neighbouring states," Reddy added. On the occasion, Telangana Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy urged HyperVault to inaugurate its AI Data Centre in Hyderabad by June 2, 2028.

CBI BOOKS SUBHASH CHANDRA FOR RS 1,322-CRORE LICHL LOAN FRAUD



New Delhi: The CBI has registered an FIR against media baron Subhash Chandra for allegedly inflating his net worth to avail loans from the Life Insurance Corporation Housing Finance Limited (LICHL) and then becoming a defaulter, causing a loss of more than Rs 1,322 crore to the public-sector lender, officials said on Saturday. The LICHL has alleged in its complaint, which is now part of the FIR, that Chandra submitted net-worth certificates that were used to secure the approval and disbursement of two loans totalling Rs 980 crore. The LICHL was one of the lenders that had approached the National Company Law Appellate Tribunal (NCLAT), opposing a recent NCLT repayment plan allowing creditors to recover only about Rs 6.5 crore from Chandra's

personal estate against claims of roughly Rs 22,006 crore. There was no immediate reaction from the accused named in the FIR. The complaint concerns a Rs 500-crore facility extended to Vasant Sagar Properties Private Limited, with Pan India Infra Projects Private Limited as the co-borrower, and a Rs 480-crore facility extended to Digital Subscriber Management and Consultancy Services Private Limited, with Spirit Infra Power and Multi Ventures Private Limited as the co-borrower. According to the complaint, the Rs 500-crore Vasant Sagar facility was sanctioned as a home-entity loan for takeover, top-up and business expansion, and secured by a continuing guarantee dated March 28, 2018, executed by Chandra. The Rs 480-crore digital facility was sanctioned as a rental-discounting facility under a rental-securitisation scheme through a different loan account, and secured by a continuing guarantee, also executed by Chandra, the FIR alleges. According to the lender, the net-worth certification submitted by Chandra was issued by DJM and Co. on March 28, 2018, certifying his net worth to be at around Rs 59,000 crore.

MIVI to Launch Its First Smartphone MIVI One on 24 September on Flipkart

Hyderabad , 05th September, 2026: Mivi, one of India's trusted, leading homegrown consumer technology brands, today announced its entry into the smartphone category with Mivi One in strategic partnership with Qualcomm, Flipkart, and Google. Mivi One will launch on 24 September 2026 exclusively on Flipkart and will be India's only Smartphone in its segment with a Snapdragon 5G chipset, thoughtfully developed keeping Indian consumer use cases in mind. Mivi is already a trusted player in the Indian market and has a strong presence across personal and home audio, with products spanning true wireless earbuds, neckbands, headphones, speakers and soundbars. Built on a decade of experience in end-to-end product development, design, R&D and manufacturing in India, Mivi will manufacture Mivi One in it's Hyderabad facility.

WHAT MIVI ONE BRINGS Snapdragon® 5G-powered performance: Mivi One will feature a Qualcomm Snapdragon® 5G mobile platform, bringing high-speed connectivity, responsive performance and modern smartphone experiences to consumers. Built on Mivi's India-first product capabilities: Mivi One extends the compa-



ny's investment in domestic R&D, engineering and manufacturing, with the device produced through its growing manufacturing ecosystem in Hyderabad. Designed for Indian consumers: Mivi is bringing its experience of building products for Indian consumers into smartphones, with Mivi One focused on combining

performance, thoughtful design and value in a category where consumers increasingly expect more from their devices. Flipkart distribution: Mivi One will launch on Flipkart, leveraging its digital commerce ecosystem, nationwide reach and logistics infrastructure to take the smartphone to consumers across India Talking about the

announcement, Viswanadh Kandula, Co-founder, Mivi said, The first decade of Mivi was about proving that an Indian company could build, design and manufacture consumer technology for discerning Indian consumers. Smartphones are the natural next steps in that journey. Our goal is to build similar end-to-end capabilities in-house for smartphones. This is the kind of ambition we enter any space with and we are excited to start the journey of building ground up capabilities in the country. Mivi One is not just our first smartphone; it is the first expression of our ambition to build a global consumer technology company from India" Mr. Himanshu Tandon, Chief Business Officer, Mivi added "The smartphone consumer today is far more discerning. Performance, design, reliability and value are no longer trade-offs, particularly for the young, aspirational Indian consumer. That is the opportunity we see with Mivi One.Our ambition is not to enter smartphones simply to add another product category. We want to build a differentiated smartphone business around what Mivi does best—understanding Indian consumers, building products locally and moving with the speed and ambition of a challenger brand.

Morgan Stanley's Top India Stock Picks: ICICI Bank, L&T, Adani Power And More



Global brokerage Morgan Stanley has picked its winners for the next leg of India's growth story, naming a 10-stock focus list that leans hard into Financials, Consumer Discretionary and Industrials, the sectors it is betting on as India's capital expenditure (capex) cycle turns. Every single name on the list carries an "overweight" rating. The list, put out by strategists Ridham Desai and Nayant Parekh in a report titled "A Long Way Up" dated September 4, 2026, includes Maruti Suzuki India, Trent, Lenskart Solutions and Varun Beverages from the consumption space; Bajaj Finance and ICICI Bank from financials; Larsen & Toubro (L&T) from industrials; UltraTech Cement from materials; Prestige Estates from real estate; and Adani Power from utilities. Widest Gap Between Winners And Laggards Adani Power is the standout on the list, up 71%

over the past 12 months, a 79-percentage-point outperformance against the MSCI India index. Bajaj Finance and Larsen & Toubro also outperformed comfortably, up 19% and 11% respectively over the same period. At the other end, Trent is the biggest laggard, down 47% over 12 months, a 45-percentage-point underperformance against the index. Maruti Suzuki India and UltraTech Cement also declined, down 13% and 11% respectively, even though both remain overweight-rated picks. Lenskart Solutions, a more recent listing, does not yet have a full 12-month performance track record in the report. Why These Sectors Morgan Stanley's overweight call on Financials rests on the view that net interest margins (NIMs) for banks are troughing, with strong credit growth and benign credit costs expected to support a strong earnings cycle.

Visa Slots Under Siege From Bots? VFS Says AI Is Fighting Appointment Hoarders

For millions of international travellers, securing a visa appointment can be one of the most stressful parts of planning a trip, particularly when slots are scarce and agents claim they can help applicants jump the queue. VFS Global founder and CEO Zubin Karkaria says the company is now using artificial intelligence to counter bots attempting to corner appointment slots and prevent them from reaching genuine applicants. Speaking to NDTV's Rahul Kanwal at VFS Global's headquarters in Dubai, Karkaria said the company was deploying technology aimed at identifying automated bookings, including systems that match passport details with applicants during the appointment process. "No One Can Sell You A Visa Slot The scramble for appointments has also created an ecosystem of agents and touts claiming they can secure scarce visa slots. "Nobody can sell you a slot," Karkaria said. He said VFS Global runs anti-fraud campaigns



warning applicants against intermediaries who claim to have privileged access to appointments. The company is also using artificial intelligence to combat bots attempting to corner slots, as concerns grow that automated systems can make it harder for genuine applicants to find available appointments. Karkaria said appointment availability ultimately depends on the capacity provided by individual governments and diplomatic missions, while VFS Global's role remains administrative. He repeatedly stressed that the company neither approves nor rejects visas. "We don't take decisions," Karkaria

said, addressing concerns that applicants may believe paying for additional services could improve their chances of securing a visa or speed up the process. Even when passports are returned after processing, he said, VFS employees may not know whether a visa has been granted because the documents arrive in sealed envelopes. VFS Global CEO Responds To Upselling Charges VFS Global has also faced criticism over the sale of services such as premium lounges. Karkaria rejected suggestions that applicants were being pressured into buying them. He said most such services were booked

before applicants arrived at a visa centre, either online or through travel agents and tour operators. "We don't need to hard-sell," he said, comparing the choice to purchasing additional services while booking an airline ticket. The company, he added, displays disclaimers stating that premium services have no bearing on whether a visa is approved or how quickly an embassy processes an application. What Happens To Applicants' Biometric Data? Kanwal also pressed Karkaria on another sensitive question surrounding visa outsourcing: how safe is an applicant's data Karkaria said VFS Global does not retain biometric information. Once fingerprints, photographs and passport information are captured, he said, the biometric data is transmitted in real time to the embassy, government or designated server. "We don't keep any biometric data," he said. According to Karkaria, front-line terminals cannot be used to store or print such information.

US Gas Prices Could Top \$4 A Gallon On Labor Day, Setting Record

US gasoline prices could cross the \$4-a-gallon mark on Labor Day, setting a record for the holiday as the ongoing conflict in the Middle East keeps crude oil and fuel costs elevated. The national average gasoline price is likely to reach \$4.03 per gallon on Labor Day, surpassing the previous Labor Day record of \$3.83 set in 2012, GasBuddy analyst Patrick De Haan said. Reuters reported that GasBuddy data showed the national average at around \$4.13 a gallon on Thursday, nearly \$1 higher than the year-ago level. De Haan said gasoline prices are now at their highest level ever recorded this late in the calendar year. The \$4 threshold is particularly significant for US consumers, as gasoline is one of the most visible indicators of household expenses and can quickly influence perceptions of the wider economy. Gasoline prices have risen alongside crude oil, which climbed back above \$90 a barrel this week after renewed military action involving the US and



Iran heightened concerns about disruptions to global oil supplies. Refining margins have also been supported by concerns over potential disruptions to shipments through the Strait of Hormuz, while attacks on Russian refineries have added pressure to fuel inventories. US gasoline inventories fell by 1.2 million barrels last week to 205.7 million barrels, according to the Energy Information Administration. That is below the five-year August average of 217.6 million barrels.

US refinery utilisation is already around 98%, its highest level since 2018, leaving limited room to quickly increase fuel output. The pressure is not limited to gasoline. US diesel prices hit a fresh record this week, while airfares for Labor Day travel are expected to be about 20% higher than a year earlier, according to AAA. Tom Kloza, chief energy adviser at Gulf Oil, said there is a better-than-even chance that retail diesel prices could surpass the previous record of around

\$5.82 a gallon, set in June 2022. Persistently high fuel prices could add to the economic and political pressure on President Donald Trump, who has repeatedly pledged to bring down energy costs. Trump has also criticised refiners and fuel retailers over elevated pump prices. For Americans heading out for the final summer holiday weekend, however, cheaper fuel may remain out of reach, with gasoline potentially crossing the \$4-a-gallon mark nationwide for the first time on Labor Day.



Trump signs order to remove endangered species protection for grey wolves

RUSSIA HITS UKRAINIAN SECURITY HEADQUARTERS IN DRONE ATTACK, ZELENSKY SAYS

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

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



AT LEAST TWO DEAD IN BLAST AT BOLIVIA MILITARY BARRACKS



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

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

MISTRIAL DECLARED IN LINDSAY CLANCY MURDER CASE, AFTER JURY DEADLOCKS

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



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

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

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

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



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

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



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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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



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

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

Highlights

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

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

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



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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

Former world champion Ruiz Jr loses comeback fight



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

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



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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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



Epic – First Semester’, starring Anand Deverakonda and Vaishnavi Chaitanya, is directed by debut director Aditya Hasan. The

The actor says, “Do you know when a relationship becomes epic?” The final dialogues in the trailer are also sure to impress the youth. The trailer launch event was attended by National Crush Rashmika Mandanna and successful director Shiva Nirvana as chief guests.

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

RASHMIKA’S TELANGANA SLANG BECOMES HOT TOPIC



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

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

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

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



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

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

TALKS WITH GOVERNMENT TO SAVE THEATRES: APFDC CHAIRMAN BHARAT BHUSHAN

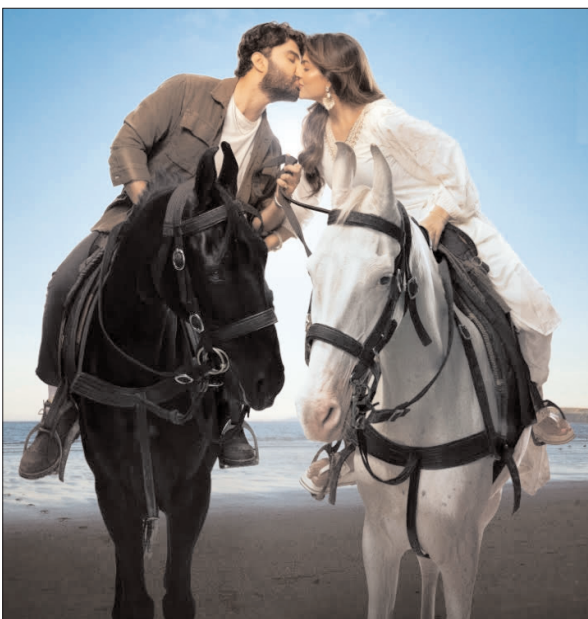
APFDC Chairman Bharat Bhushan attended the Andhra Pradesh Cine Exhibitors Forum meeting in Vijayawada and discussed the major issues faced by theatre owners and exhibitors. He said the government has been requested to introduce a single-window licence renewal system with a five-year validity for all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



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

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

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



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

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

‘MUGGURU KOTHULU’ TITLE SONG RELEASED



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

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

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

UORFI JAVED MAKES WORRYING ADMISSION ABOUT HER MENTAL HEALTH

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

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

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

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



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

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

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