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TWO ELEPHANT CALVES KILLED BY TRAIN IN ANDHRA

Anantapur: Two elephant calves died after they were hit by a train in Andhra Pradesh's Anantapur district on Thursday. The incident occurred early Thursday morning on the railway track within the limits of Kalyam village in D. Hirehall mandal. Deputy Chief Minister and Minister for Forests and Environment, Pawan Kalyan, expressed grief over the incident. He gathered information from Forest Department officials about the accident that took place in the Rayadurgam beat and section area under the Kalyandurg Forest Range.

6 INDIAN SAILORS STRANDED AT KARACHI PORT FOR NEARLY SEVEN MONTHS

Prayagraj: Six Indian sailors have remained stranded aboard a vessel at Pakistan's Karachi port for nearly seven months, with their families alleging that their passports have been seized, electricity supply to the ship has been disconnected and communication with them is severely restricted. The families claim the vessel was detained following a dispute between Iran-based KEVER Shipping Company and Karachi port authorities.

CM Revanth assures investment security, invites investors

Revanth Reddy promises responsive policies, support and removal of obstacles to business growth

HYDERABAD ■ (TSIT):



Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Thursday assured investors that protecting their investments and supporting their growth in Telangana would be his personal responsibility. He invited business leaders to participate in the Invest Telangana Global Summit, scheduled for December 7, 8 and 9 at Bharat Future City in Hyderabad.

Addressing the summit's curtain-raiser programme, attended by Union Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal, the Chief Minister promised responsive policies, government support and the removal of obstacles to business growth. "I will be the guardian of your investments," Revanth Reddy said, urging investors to double their proposed investments and ambitions for growth in Telangana. He said the government was prepared to listen to entrepreneurs, understand their requirements and translate useful suggestions into policy decisions. Its role, he added, was to expand opportunities and remove barriers to success.

Outlining the State's economic ambitions, the Chief Minister said the "Telangana Rising 2047" vision aligned with the national goal of "Viksit Bharat 2047". He set a target of making Telangana a $1 trillion economy by 2034 and a $3 trillion economy by 2047. He said Telangana should aspire to contribute 10 per cent to a projected $30 trillion Indian economy by 2047. Addressing concerns about Centre–State relations, Revanth Reddy highlighted cooperation on infrastructure and development.

He referred to proposed high-speed rail connections linking Hyderabad with Chennai, Bengaluru and Pune, as well as support for airports at Warangal and Adilabad. He also cited cooperation on the Regional Ring Road, Metro Rail expansion, the Navy radar station and other development initiatives.

Our fight is for awakening people: Kharge on INDIA bloc's Nov 1 rally

NEW DELHI ■ (TSIT):



Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge on Thursday said the mega INDIA bloc protest, slated for November 1 at Delhi's Ramlila Maidan, was very much on track, adding that the Opposition parties have taken up the task to "awaken the people" against the autocratic regime.

Kharge's remarks came after multiple trade associations requested Rahul Gandhi to reschedule the Opposition's 'Chalo Delhi march'.

The march is being organised by the Congress-led INDIA bloc to protest the alleged vote theft and irregularities in the SIR exercise being conducted by the Election Commission.

Kharge, speaking to reporters, said, "Our protest is continuing because of the vote theft and the mischief that Gyanesh Kumar has done in the Election Commission. We are protesting against that and will continue to do so. All parties are supporting us." He said that the fight was to awaken the people against the government's misdeeds and its alleged attempts to deprive many voters of their genuine rights.

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Notably, traders in the national capital have in the past few days raised apprehensions about the fallout of such a big rally on business during the festive season and pleaded for its postponement, explaining how it would ruin the business climate and adversely impact their livelihood.

Early this morning, the Lok Sabha Leader of Opposition, Rahul Gandhi, urged people to participate in the protest march at Delhi's Ramlila Maidan, describing it as a "movement to save democracy, stop alleged vote theft and protect the Constitution".

In a video message posted in Hindi on his X handle, Rahul Gandhi said the march was not for any particular party but for protecting the soul of India. The Congress MP also appealed to student groups across political affiliations to come forward and participate, claiming that democratic freedoms and individual expression were under threat.

CM Naidu assures cyclone victims of relief

Orders restoration of damaged huts, reviews fishermen's boat registration issues

KONASEEMA ■ (TSIT):



Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu on Thursday visited cyclone-affected areas in Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Konaseema district and inspected a rehabilitation camp set up for affected families at Gachakayalapora village. He interacted with the victims and assured them that the government would address their problems and extend necessary assistance. Residents told the Chief Minister that local officials had acted promptly and shifted them to relief camps as a precautionary measure. Several women said the huts in which they had been living were destroyed by the cyclone. Responding to their concerns, Chandrababu directed the District Collector to take steps to restore the damaged huts.

He also asked officials to examine the possibility of issuing house-site pattas, in accordance with the applicable rules, to poor families living on government land. Several fishermen brought to his notice the difficulties they were facing due to the lack of registration for their boats. The Chief Minister instructed the Collector to take necessary steps to facilitate boat registration. Speaking to cyclone-affected people, Chandrababu said the government had continuously reviewed the areas likely to be affected by the cyclone and worked round the clock to minimise inconvenience to the public. Around 30,000 officials had been mobilised to undertake precautionary measures, with the primary objective of minimising loss of life and property. Although extensive precautions had helped reduce the damage, the loss of lives despite these efforts was deeply distressing, he said.

The Chief Minister noted that cyclone victims had been shifted to rehabilitation centres in advance. He said field visits were essential to understand ground realities, as reviews conducted in offices alone could not provide a complete picture of the situation.

The Chief Minister said fallen trees had been cleared to ensure smooth movement of traffic. The cyclone had also caused extensive damage to electricity infrastructure, with around 8,000 poles reportedly falling in Konaseema district alone. He said the Telangana government was sending electricity personnel to assist in restoring power supply in the affected areas.

Chandrababu added that several residents had brought long-standing local problems to his notice during the visit. Some complained that silt accumulation was obstructing the flow of water into the sea, while fishermen explained the difficulties they faced in carrying out their fishing activities. He assured them that efforts would be made to resolve these issues and reduce the hardships faced by local communities.

Recalling his response to an earlier hurricane, Chandrababu said some farmers had reminded him of his visit by helicopter during the crisis, when he had insisted on landing on a road to reach affected people despite officials expressing concerns about the difficulty. He said he had stayed in Rajahmundry for a week during that emergency and returned to Hyderabad only after normalcy was restored.

Railway Minister reviews cyclone Arnab preparedness

600 km of track under surveillance; several trains cancelled, rescheduled and diverted

VISAKHAPATNAM ■ TSIT



Union Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw reviewed railway preparedness in view of Cyclone Arnab, directing officials to prioritise passenger safety and ensure swift restoration of services. South Coast Railway has activated round-the-clock war rooms at Railway Board, zonal and divisional levels.

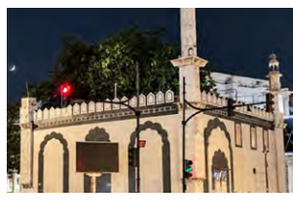
Nearly 600 km of track, including vulnerable sections and bridges, is under close surveillance. Relief wagons carrying restoration materials have been stationed at six locations. Wind speeds and water levels are being monitored hourly, with coordination maintained with the NDRF and State Disaster Management Authorities.

South Coast Railway General Manager Sandeep Mathur is monitoring the situation from the war room and has directed officials to remain on high alert. Train services affected: Train Nos. 06020 Narasapur–Tuticorin, 17291 Narasapur–Thiruvannamalai and 17292 Thiruvannamalai–Narasapur have been cancelled. Train No. 06019 Thiruvannamalai–Narasapur Special was short-terminated at Bhimavaram.

Train No. 08584 SMVT Bengaluru–Visakhapatnam Special will depart at 4.40 p.m.; Train No. 12864 SMVT Bengaluru–Howrah Express at 11.40 a.m.; Train No. 17228 Guntur–Dhone Express at 2.30 p.m.; and Train No. 22816 Ernakulam–Bilaspur Express at 11.30 a.m. on October 28, as rescheduled. Train No. 18519 Visakhapatnam–LTT Express has been diverted via Eluru instead of Gudivada, while Train No. 17226 Hubballi–Narasapur Express will be regulated for approximately 90 minutes in the Guntur Division.

Delhi HC denies prayers at Race Course Masjid over safety risks

HYDERABAD ■ (TSIT):



The Delhi High Court on Thursday declined to direct authorities to allow worshippers access to the Race Course Masjid in New Delhi, citing safety concerns over demolition work in the surrounding area.

The court also recorded the Centre's assurance that no coercive action would be taken against the mosque for four weeks while the Land and Development Office (L&DO) considers a representation submitted by the Delhi Waqf Board.

> The court declined to direct authorities to restore worshippers' access to the mosque, citing safety concerns over demolition work nearby, while the Centre assured that no coercive action would be taken for four weeks as the L&DO considers the Delhi Waqf Board's representation.

Justice Anish Dayal noted the ongoing demolition work around the religious structure and questioned who would be responsible if someone were injured. "If somebody gets injured, who is going to pay compensation?" the judge asked.

Union government standing counsel Ashish Dixit told the court that the authorities would decide on the Waqf Board's representation within four weeks. He opposed allowing worshippers to enter the mosque at this stage, arguing that access would be unsafe because of the demolition activity in the surrounding area.

N. Korea fires missiles after S. Korea dialogue offer

SEOUL ■ (TSIT):

North Korea fired about a dozen short-range ballistic missiles toward the East Sea on Thursday, the South Korean military said, in an apparent cold rebuff to Seoul's offer for talks aimed at easing border tensions sparked by a recent land mine blast.The missiles were launched from the Wonsan area on the North's east coast at around 12:30 pm and flew about 250 kilometres, South Korea's Joint Chiefs of Staff (JCS) said, adding that further analysis of other specifications was under way in coordination with the United States, Yonhap News Agency reported. The latest launch came about a week after Seoul proposed holding military talks with Pyongyang to resolve discrepancies in their border demarcations, as tensions have heightened since the September 21 land mine blast that injured three South Korean soldiers.

Nagpur win gives beleaguered Congress face-saving foothold in MLC polls



MUMBAI ■ (TSIT):

The Congress has reasons to celebrate the lone victory in the biennial Legislative Council (MLC) elections held for 28 seats across four states, though the strike rate converts into a meagre 3.57 per cent, with many of its regional allies faring better. In these elections across Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Maharashtra, and Karnataka, the Congress won only one seat, in Maharashtra's Nagpur Graduates' constituency. It has thus avoided a complete washout, a fear writ large before the Nagpur result was official, even as several leaders of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) made snide, sometimes amusing, social media comments on its "zero" achievement. The Congress can now argue that it still holds "pockets of support", with Abhijeet Wanjari having retained the Nagpur "bastion". So what if in Karnataka it was wiped out despite being in power, where the Bengaluru Teachers' constituency was perhaps the highest-profile Congress loss.

Though faring comparatively weaker in general polls of late, the BJP-led National Democratic Alliance (NDA) constituent Janata Dal (Secular) candidate A. P. Ranganath defeated sitting Congress MLC Puttanna by around 900 votes. Losing an incumbent seat in the capital region was a major setback, with Puttanna being a veteran leader and the sitting member of the Council. Nagpur was the proverbial sobering balm for another loss.

Konda Surekha withdraws remarks against KTR, issues apology



Hyderabad: Warangal East MLA and former minister Konda Surekha on Thursday, October 29, withdrew her remarks against Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) working president KT Rama Rao and expressed regret, saying she did not mean to hurt him or his family. In October 2024, Surekha had linked KTR to the divorce of actors Naga Chaitanya and Samantha Ruth Prabhu. She had also made allegations about drug use and the blackmail of film personalities. KTR and Nagarjuna (Naga Chaitanya's father) had filed defamation cases against the Congress MLA.

Collector Priyanka Ala Directs Speedy Disposal of Public Applications



HYDERABAD, : Hyderabad District Collector Dr. Priyanka Ala on Thursday directed revenue officials to expedite the disposal of public applications and work towards achieving zero pendency.

Chairing a review meeting at the district Collectorate with Additional Collector (Revenue) Kadhiravan Palani and District Revenue Officer Dr. Narayana, she assessed mandal-wise progress in revenue administration, land matters, welfare schemes and public services.

The Collector reviewed pending applications across mandals and revenue divisions and instructed officials to resolve them within prescribed timelines through effective coordination.

She examined land regularisation, land ceiling matters and acquisition for State and national highways and the Musi Riverfront Development Project. The review also covered lakes, the government land bank, leased government lands, prohibited lands, properties involved in pending court cases and measures to protect government land.

Reviewing applications received through BPass and BuildNow, Dr. Ala asked officials to identify the reasons for delays and take necessary corrective action.

She assessed the implementation of Cheyutha pensions, Kalyana Lakshmi, Shaadi Mubarak, Indiramma housing and 2BHK housing schemes, along with division-level Prajavani petitions. Officials were instructed to promptly clear pending income, caste and other certificates issued through MeeSeva.

Emphasising accountability and efficiency, the Collector directed Revenue Divisional Officers, tahsildars and section superintendents to continuously monitor pending matters and coordinate with the departments concerned to accelerate their resolution.

She also instructed officials to submit comprehensive reports examining all relevant aspects and containing appropriate recommendations. Negligence, violations of rules or lapses in duty would attract disciplinary action, she warned. Revenue Divisional Officers Ramakrishna and Sairam, special deputy collectors, land protection and survey officials, Housing Project Director Ashok Chakravarthi, Collectorate administrative officers, section superintendents and tahsildars attended the meeting.

Dy CM Bhatti Orders Targeted Use of SC, ST Funds, Wider Welfare Coverage



HYDERABAD, TSIT: Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka and Social Welfare Minister Adluri Laxman Kumar on Thursday directed officials to ensure that funds earmarked for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes are used exclusively for their development and that welfare benefits reach every eligible family.

At a review meeting at Dr B.R. Ambedkar Telangana State Secretariat, the leaders called for effective monitoring of SC and ST Sub-Plan expenditure across agriculture, energy, health, Panchayat Raj, rural development, municipal administration and other departments.

Laxman Kumar said the government led by Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy was committed to using these allocations for the intended communities. He instructed departments to regularly monitor expenditure, beneficiary details and physical progress, while working together to prevent delays or diversion of funds.

Bhatti Vikramarka directed officials to comprehensively document benefits reaching SC and ST farmers through Rythu Bharosa, subsidised seeds and farm mechanisation schemes. He asked them to identify gaps arising from landownership-based eligibility and examine alternative ways to reach eligible families.

Officials were instructed to verify beneficiaries at the field level and create digital records containing their names, villages, social categories and scheme-wise benefits. Each department must report its assistance to SC and ST communities with clear supporting data.

Officials informed the meeting that approximately 1,300 acres of vacant government land had been identified across the State through reports from district collectors. The Deputy Chief Minister asked them to examine its utilisation and expedite approvals and further action to make identified sites available to eligible families. Land acquisition proposals could also be considered wherever necessary to provide house sites.

The leaders directed officials to strengthen infrastructure in SC and ST habitations. Laxman Kumar sought a comprehensive plan to identify settlements without electricity and provide power lines, poles and wiring.

Bhatti Vikramarka called for constituency-wise proposals prioritising community halls, burial grounds and other essential facilities according to local needs.

Laxman Kumar also asked officials to examine the feasibility of mobile medical units in agency areas and improve access to doctors, medicines and timely emergency care in remote tribal settlements. Senior officials Navin Mittal, Sandeep Kumar Sultania, Surendra Mohan, Sikta Patnaik, Christina, Vijayendra Boyi, Gopi, Guguloth Ravi Nayak and Santosh attended the meeting.

DG Vikram Singh Mann Issues Fire Safety Guidelines for Data Centres



HYDERABAD, TSIT: Telangana Fire, Disaster Response, Emergency and Civil Defence Director General Vikram Singh Mann has issued special fire and life safety guidelines for data centres, prescribing safety requirements and facilitating faster processing of Provisional Fire No Objection Certificate (NOC) applications.

The guidelines, issued through a circular dated October 28, will apply to applications submitted on or after November 6, 2026.

They address fire risks associated with UPS systems, batteries, transformers, generators, fuel storage and extensive cable networks. The prescribed safeguards include fire detection and alarm systems, suitable suppression systems, fire compartmentation, firefighting shafts, wet risers, refuge areas and adequate firefighting water storage and pumping facilities. Automatic sprinklers are prescribed for administrative areas, while technical areas require suitable water-mist or clean-agent gas suppression systems.

Special attention has been given to battery rooms, UPS rooms, transformer rooms, switchgear rooms and other critical electrical installations. The guidelines require fire risk assessments, adequate ventilation, fire-rated separation, emergency shutdown arrangements and protection for fuel storage.Fire detection and suppression systems must be integrated with building management and emergency systems. The circular also calls for preventing the accumulation of cardboard, packaging materials, wooden pallets and other materials that can catch fire in data halls and critical areas.

Mann instructed scrutinising officers to verify compliance with approved fire safety designs and the prescribed conditions. The department said the initiative aims to strengthen fire prevention, emergency preparedness and protection of critical infrastructure while supporting data centre development in Telangana.

Officials told to speed up graduate voter registration



Nalgonda (TSIT): Dr. Vasam Venkateswarlu Reddy, Additional Chief Electoral Officer of Telangana State, has directed officials to expedite the voter registration process for the Warangal-Khammam-Nalgonda Graduates' MLC constituency. He instructed them to regularly review voter registration applications and ensure that all eligible graduates are granted the right to vote. On Thursday, he held a review meeting at the office of the Returning Officer for the constituency—located at the Nalgonda Collectorate—with the Electoral Registration Officers and Revenue Divisional Officers from the districts within the Nalgonda region.

He commended the Nalgonda District Collector, the EROs, and the staff for the district's leading performance in the graduates' voter registration process. Furthermore, he directed that the registration process be accelerated in the Yadadri Bhuvanagiri and Suryapet districts as well. He emphasized the need for vigilance during the scrutiny of applications, instructing that all submitted applications be thoroughly examined and processed promptly.

It was directed that original certificates, marks memos, provisional certificates, and employment certificates—pertaining to the educational qualifications of graduates—must be carefully scrutinized in accordance with the prescribed rules. If necessary, additional staff should be deployed to expedite this verification process. Furthermore, degree certificates issued by universities must also be examined with due diligence. It was emphasized that the voter registration process must be free from errors; duplicate entries must be identified and rejected as per the regulations. Booth Level Officers are tasked with verifying the residential details of voters on the ground, while the relevant authorities must validate the educational qualifications.

Care should be taken in the selection of polling stations to ensure they are easily accessible to voters; specifically, the possibility of assigning polling stations closer to the places of residence for teachers should be considered. Applications regarding changes to voters' addresses must also be processed in compliance with the rules. Officials were advised to exercise heightened vigilance when reviewing details in the draft electoral roll and voter slips.

BJP demands drought declaration for Akannapet



Husnabad (TSIT): BJP Mandal President Ramancha Mahender Reddy has demanded that Akannapet mandal be immediately declared a drought-affected area to provide relief to the farmers. A formal representation to this effect has been submitted to the Tahsildar.

Speaking on the occasion, he noted that farmers are facing severe hardships as crops have been damaged due to a lack of rainfall. He added that farmers are deeply anxious, uncertain about whether they will even recover their investments. He urged the government to assess the drought conditions on the ground and officially designate Akannapet mandal as a drought-affected area.

He further demanded that the government respond immediately to support the farmers. He asserted that if the government fails to declare the mandal a drought-affected area and ensure justice for the farmers, then Minister Ponnam Prabhakar must resign from his position. They warned that if the necessary assistance is not provided to the farmers, they will continue their struggle on behalf of the BJP. Participants in this event included Siddipet District ST Morcha President Nunavath Mohan Naik, State Official Spokesperson Guguloth Tirupati Naik, District General Secretary Guguloth Lakapathi, Mandal General Secretaries Cheruku Sampath and Madaka Ravikumar, Vice-Presidents Arjun Naik and Sankri Santosh, Secretary Kalyan Vishnu, Treasurer Samireddy, as well as Salendra Tirupati, Gangula Kumar, Tirumala Raju, Maloth Raju Naik, Medaboyina Swami, Banoth Suman, Dharana Raju, Vemula Srinivas, Mittapelli Kumar, Mittapelli Satyanarayana, Jilla Kanakaiah, Vemuganti Teja, Mokkera Akhil, and others.

Collector orders action over illegal land registration



Suryapet (TSIT): District Collector Tejas Nand Lal Pawar has ordered disciplinary action against officials allegedly involved in the illegal registration of Huzurnagar Municipality land in the names of private individuals. The dispute concerns around 192 square yards comprising a municipal well and adjoining land.

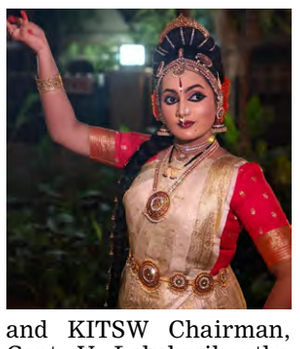
LRS applications to be cleared by December



Khammam (TSIT): The disposal of applications received under the Layout Regularisation Scheme (LRS) within Khammam Municipal Corporation limits should be completed by December, State Minister for Agriculture, Marketing, Cooperation and Handlooms and Textiles Tummala Nageswara Rao has directed officials. Reviewing urban planning, building permissions, infrastructure, sanitation and tax collections at the municipal corporation office on Thursday, he instructed officials to process applications strictly as per rules and grant layout approvals to eligible applicants without delay. He called for review meetings every 15 days with the concerned departments and stressed that irrigation officials must attend. No permissions should be granted in the Full Tank Level (FTL) and buffer zones of lakes and other water bodies. He also directed town planning officials to monitor building construction continuously, take action against violations and issue occupancy certificates promptly for completed buildings.

The minister instructed officials to immediately commence the 30 works sanctioned under UIDF funds that are yet to begin and complete them at the earliest. Underground drainage works in the city must be completed in full by February 2027, while the ongoing Sewage Treatment Plant (STP) works should be expedited. Treated water from the STP should be used to water plants in road medians. He set a target of 100 per cent collection of property tax, water charges and other municipal taxes, and called for special measures in areas lagging behind. He also directed officials to improve sanitation by increasing the availability of machinery and equipment. Government lands must be identified and protected from encroachments in coordination with the municipal commissioner. Sites required for the R&B guest house, budget hotel and integrated divisional office buildings should be identified and made available in time.

KITS WARANGAL STUDENT R. SAI SANJANA REDDY WINS NATWAR GOPIKRISHNA AWARD–2026



Hanumakonda, October 29, TSIT : R. Sai Sanjana Reddy, President of the Swamy Vivekananda Birthday Celebrations (SVBC) Club and a B. Tech. Computer Science and Engineering student at Kakatiya Institute of Technology & Science, Warangal (KITSW), has brought laurels to the institution by winning the prestigious Natwar Gopikrishna Award at the AIDA Natwar Gopikrishna National Awards, International Competition in Music and Dance, and Nrityanandalahari Dance Fest–2026, held at Raipur, Chhattisgarh said by Former Rajya Sabha MP and KITSW Chairman, Capt. V. Lakshmikantha Rao.

According to the Principal, Prof. K. Ashoka Reddy, this achievement reflects her dedication to Kuchipudi dance and her ability to balance academic pursuits with cultural activities. She received expert training and guidance from her guru, Guru Himanshi Katragadda of The Temple Dance School of Fine Arts.

The Former Rajya Sabha MP and KITSW Chairman, Capt. V. Lakshmikantha Rao, Treasurer P. Narayana Reddy, former Husnabad MLA & KITSW Additional Secretary Vodithala Sateesh Kumar and Principal Prof. K. Ashoka Reddy have congratulated and appreciated R. Sai Sanjana Reddy on her outstanding achievement.

In this event Head, CSE department Prof. P. Niranjan, all the deans, all the heads of the department, Dean of Student Affairs Prof. K. Sridhar, MDF Faculty In-charges Dr. P. S. S. Murthy(Assistant Professor, ME) and Smt. K. Shailaja((Assistant Professor, ECV); SVBC Club Faculty In-charge Dr. K. Rajendra Prasad (Assistant Professor of Physics), T.V. N. Divyamsh (MDF Joint Secretary) and Associate professor of chemistry & PRO Dr. D. Prabhakara Chary, and faculty, congratulated R. Sai Sanjana Reddy on her outstanding achievement and wished her continued success in her academic and artistic endeavours.

TELANGANA SENDS POWER TEAMS TO CYCLONE-HIT ANDHRA

Hyderabad (TSIT): Telangana Deputy Chief Minister and Energy Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka has responded positively to a request from Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu for assistance in restoring electricity in cyclone-affected areas of the neighbouring state. Following consultations with Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Thursday, Bhatti Vikramarka directed electricity department officials to dispatch technical teams and necessary equipment to support restoration efforts in Andhra Pradesh.



Chandrababu Naidu and AP Energy Minister Gottipati Ravi briefed Bhatti Vikramarka on the extensive damage to power infrastructure in several districts, including Visakhapatnam, Anakapalli, Vizianagaram, Srikakulam, Eluru, NTR, Guntur and others.

AIMIM sends Hyderabad MLAs to campaign in Andhra municipal polls

Hyderabad: The All India Majlis-e-Ittehadul Muslimeen (AIMIM) is making its most organised attempt yet to gain a foothold in Andhra Pradesh, fielding candidates in seven urban local bodies for the November 1 civic polls and aiming for the Kadapa mayor's post and the chairperson's post in Hindupur municipality. The Hyderabad-based party, led by Asaduddin Owaisi, has sent six of its Telangana MLAs, an MLC and senior leaders from three states to campaign. Its leaders see the elections as a test of whether the party can grow beyond its stronghold in Telangana. AIMIM's Andhra



Pradesh in-charge Samad Bin Abdad told The Times of India that the party had filed nominations for 31 candidates but brought the number down to 20. He said the idea was to contest only where the party had a real chance, rather than spread its resources across every municipality.

AIMIM has fielded Shaik Naseem Banu for the Kadapa mayor's post. In the ward contests, it has candidates in seven wards in Adoni, four in Hindupur, three in Vijayawada and one each in Nandyal and Penukonda, besides Rayadurg. Six of the party's 20 candidates are women. The party had earlier won a ward in Hindupur and two in Adoni, and leaders said the polls would show how much ground it had gained since.Bahadurpura MLA Mohammed Mubeen is campaigning for the party's mayoral candidate in Kadapa, while Malakpet MLA Ahmed Bin Abdullah Balala is handling Adoni. Nampally MLA Majid Hussain campaigned in Anantapur, Penukonda and Hindupur before moving on to Vijayawada. Yakutpura MLA Jaffer Hussain Meraj toured Nandyal, Penukonda and Hindupur. MLC Riyaz ul Hasan Effendi has also joined the campaign.Leaders from Maharashtra and Andhra Pradesh are also campaigning for the party.Party leaders said the effort was part of a longer plan to build a base in Kadapa, Vijayawada, Nandyal, Anantapur and Hindupur.



DISTRICT WELFARE OFFICER INSPECTS ANGANWADI CENTRES

Narayanpet, October 29 (TSIT): istrict Welfare Officer Rajender Goud conducted a surprise inspection of Anganwadi centres in Jajapur village on Thursday. He reviewed the nutritional food provided to children, services for pregnant women and lactating mothers, and the implementation of government schemes. He instructed Anganwadi staff to provide quality nutrition as per the prescribed menu, maintain cleanliness, and ensure that all eligible beneficiaries receive government benefits without negligence. He emphasised the importance of Anganwadi centres in preventing malnutrition and ensuring children's healthy growth.

BRS QUESTIONS CONGRESS GOVT'S 'LOPSIDED' PRIORITIES AMID DROUGHT

Hyderabad: Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) MLC Dasoju Sravan Kumar on Thursday, October 29, slammed the Congress government in Telangana for pursuing the Musi Riverfront Development Project when the state was suffering from drought."For any policy intervention or any development project that any government brings in, it must have its contextual appropriateness. Unfortunately, in Telangana state government, the only context that the government is looking for is corruption…Whenever and wherever there is a possibility of indulging in corruption, they are bringing in a project," the MLC said while speaking. He said that the Musi project is estimated to cost Rs 1.5 lakh crore, with Rs 7,345 crore allocated for the first phase.

Complete Basic Infrastructure Works in Double-Bedroom Housing Colonies on Priority: Collector Khushboo Gupta

Mahabubnagar, October 29, 2026 (TSIT Bureau): District Collector Khushboo Gupta has directed officials to expedite the pending infra-



structure works in government-constructed double-bedroom housing colonies across Mahabubnagar district and ensure that the houses are made available to eligible beneficiaries at the earliest. During a review meeting held with the concerned officials in her chamber at the Collectorate on Thursday, the Collector reviewed the status of double-bedroom housing colonies located at 71 places across the district. She instructed officials to identify all pending works and complete them on a war footing.

The Collector emphasized that providing essential infrastructure is crucial to making the housing colonies suitable for residents. She directed officials to give priority to pending works related to drinking water supply, drainage systems and electricity facilities.

She instructed the concerned departments to review the works required in each housing colony, monitor progress regularly and resolve any issues affecting the completion of the projects through inter-departmental coordination. The Collector further directed officials to prepare an action plan and ensure that all pending works are completed within the stipulated time frame.Collector Khushboo Gupta stressed that officials should give equal importance to infrastructure facilities along with the construction of houses. She instructed them to ensure that beneficiaries do not face difficulties due to incomplete basic amenities.She directed the officials to take the necessary steps to make the houses available to beneficiaries after completing the required infrastructure facilities.The Collector emphasized that the objective of providing housing to economically disadvantaged families can be achieved effectively only when construction and essential infrastructure works are completed in full.

Telangana Fire Department releases guidelines for data centres



Hyderabad: Telangana Fire Department has issued special fire and life safety guidelines for data centres prescribing specific safety requirements for scrutiny and processing of applications for provisional Fire NOCs, officials said on Thursday, October 29. Telangana Fire, Disaster Response, Emergency and Civil Defence Department Director General Vikram Singh Mann issued the guidelines for data centres operating in the state through a circular on October 28, an official release said.

Keeping in view the government's top priority for setting up data centres in the state, the guidelines will facilitate ease of doing business and speed of doing business by faster processing of the Fire NOC applications by taking into consideration the ground realties and practical fire safety requirements for data centres, it said.

The initiative aims to strengthen fire prevention, improve emergency preparedness and ensure compliance with prescribed fire and life safety standards for data centres across Telangana, thereby promoting the safety of critical infrastructure and supporting effective emergency response, it further said.Data centres house servers, data storage systems, networking equipment and other critical infrastructure that require uninterrupted electricity, cooling and communication systems. The presence of UPS systems, batteries, transformers, generators, fuel storage and extensive cable networks creates specific fire risks that require specialised preventive and protective measures.

CHANGE OF NAME

GUDIMALLA SUHASINI (OLD NAME)
H.NO. 17-1-156
Bandivari Thota, Kareemabad
Warangal DIST – 506002
T.G.
have changed my name from
GUDIMALLA SUHASINI
(OLD NAME)
to
GUDIMALLA DEVAKI
(NEW NAME)
W/O GUDIMALLA CHANDRA SHEKAR
for all future purposes

PUBLIC NOTICE

The public in general are hereby informed that **Jupelli Rama Rao, S/o. Thirupathi Rao,** Aged 31 Years, Occ: Agriculture, R/o. H.No. 4-2-140/5/e/I, Teachers Colony, Kunaram Road, Peddapalli Town, Mandal and District is offering his property Open Land in Sy.No.47/B (Old) 47B/c/I (New) 47B/c (as per Nala) an extent of Ac 01-09 Gts out of Ac 02-13 Gts situated at Nittur village of Peddapalli Mandal and District to obtain loan for the purpose of Poultry Farm and further informed that the Link Original Documents of Regd. Sale Deed No. 12/2002 dated 04.01.2002 Regd. before SRO Peddapalli was lost because of unforeseen circumstances. He searched for the above-mentioned link documents but in vain. The public are infonned to submit their claims or objections if any within **7 days** of this publication to me as Jupelli Rama Rao is mortgaging the above property in favour of My client Bank. If no objections are received within the above stipulated time, it shall be deemed that there are no objections or claims and my client will proceed further. Later no objections will be entertained.

M. SUNIL KUMAR
ADVOCATE
H.No. 3-7-41, Sri Ram Nagar,
Peddapalli - 505172.
Cell : 9866112209

Whip orders special measures for SC/ST welfare

Nalgonda (TSIT): Government Whip and Nakrekal MLA Vemula Veeresham has directed officials to take special measures for the welfare and economic development of SC and ST communities. On Thursday, he held a review meeting with officials at the Collectorate conference hall regarding the utilization of SC/ ST Development Funds. He



emphasized the need to create public awareness about the projects and benefits undertaken through funds allocated for the development of SC communities, ensuring that the utilization of these funds contributes effectively to their social and economic progress. He further instructed that a review be conducted every month to monitor the progress of these initiatives.He highlighted that the government is implementing various welfare schemes—such as the distribution of fine-quality rice, the 'Indiramma' housing scheme, free bus travel, and free electricity—and is strengthening the educational system through 'Young India' schools. District Collector B. Chandrashekhar.

केनरा बैंक Canara Bank
Syndicate
Atmakur Branch(1352). H.No.8-323/C, Main Road, Atmakur, Hanamkonda - 506342
DEMAND NOTICE

Under Section 13(2) of the Securitization & Reconstruction of Financial Assets & Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002, Read with rule 3 of the security interest Enforcement Rules 2002

A Notice is hereby given that the following Borrower/s ,Co-borrowers & Guarantors have defaulted in the repayment of principal and interest of the loans facility obtained by them from the Bank and the loans have been classified as Non Performing Assets (NPA) The notices were issued to them under section 13(2) of Securitization and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security interest Act 2002 on their last known addresses but they have been returned unserved and as such they are hereby informed by way of this public notice

Name of the Borrower/ Guarantors / Date of NPA	Description of Immovable / Movable Properties	Amount Outstanding
Borrower : M/s. Sri Padmanabha Educational Society, Rep by : Secretary Sri Nathi Shyam Kumar, President : Sri Nathi Venu Kumar, Reg D.No. 262/2008, H.No. 11-24-186, 80 Feet Road, Pochamma Maidan, Warangal - 506002. **Secretary : Sri Nathi Shyam Kumar, S/o. Nathi Veera Swamy,** H.No. 11-18-87/6, Soceity Colony, Kashibugga, Warangal - 506002. **President : Nathi Venu Kumar, S/o. Nathi Veera Swamy,** H.No. 1-2-22/106, Hyder Nagar, Hyderabad - 500085. **M/s Warangal Institute of Technology & Science,** Oorugonda Village, Athmakur Mandal, Warangal Rural - 506342 . **Date of NPA : 26/10/2026**	All that the part and parcel of WITS Engineering College buildings and Open Place covered by Door No. 5-157 admeasuring Ac 8-16 Gts in Sy. Nos. 0-36 Gts in Sy. No. 51/H, Ac 0-10 Gts In Sy No.51, Ac 3-00 Gts in Sy. No. 52/A2, Ac 2-10 Gts, Ac 2-00 Gts in Sy. No. 52/A2 Situated at Oorugonda Village, Athmakur Mandal, Warangal District. **Bounded by : East :** Land of N Shyam Kumar, **West :** Land of D Yadagiri, **North :** H. No. 5-157/1 and Open Land Sold to N.Madhavi and N. Swarupa, **South :** Land of M Sambaiah **CERSAI ID : 400054422948 (LAND & BUILDING), 400057626825 : (STOCKS, BOOK DEBTS) - HYPOTHECATED BOOK DEBTS/STOCKS**	**Rs. 89,16,145.61/- (Rupees Eighty Nine Lakh Sixteen Thousand One Hundred Forty Five and Paise Sixty One Only)** together with further interest and incidental expenses and costs

The steps are being taken for subsituted service of notice. The above Borrower (s) and / or their Guarantor(s) whenever applicable) are hereby called upon to make payment of outstanding amount within 60 days from the date of publications of this notice, failing which futher steps will be taken after expiry of 60 days from the date of this notice under sub-section (4) of Section 13 of Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002.

Date : 28.10.2026, Place : Atmakur **Sd/- Authorized Officer,**

Speak Up, Report and Protect Children: Judge Sai Manoj Kumar

Narayanpet, October 29, 2026 (TSIT): As part of the "Surakshit Bachpan Abhiyan," a programme on the theme "Bolo, Batao, Bachao" (Speak Up, Report and Protect) was organised on Thursday at the Government ZP High School in Jajapur, Narayanpet district, on the fourth day of the campaign. Speaking on the occasion, Principal Junior Civil Judge B. Sai Manoj Kumar said that a single act of speaking up could protect a child's childhood. He emphasised that remaining silent out of fear was not the answer and that speaking courageously was the first step towards protection.



The judge explained the difference between good touch and bad touch. He advised children to speak up immediately if they experienced unwanted touch, were threatened or were subjected to inappropriate language or behaviour. He urged them to report such incidents to their parents, teachers or Child Helpline 1098 so that timely action could be taken to protect them.

ALTUM CREDO HOME FINANCE PRIVATE LIMITED
REDG. OFFICE : Floor No 7, Kalpataru Infinia, Plot No 22, Sub Plot No 3, CTS No. 15/1, Village Bhamurda, Wakdewadi, Shivaji Nagar, Pune City, Maharashtra 411005

POSSESSION NOTICE [RULE 8(1)] (FOR IMMOVABLE PROPERTY)

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of Altum Credo Home Finance Private Limited (hereinafter referred to as "ACHFL") under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, had issued a Demand Notice to the Borrower(s)/Co-Borrower(s) as mentioned in the table below, calling upon them to repay the amount within the stipulated period. The Borrower(s)/Co-Borrower(s) having failed to repay the dues within the prescribed time, notice is hereby given to the Borrower(s) and the public in general that the undersigned has taken Symbolic Possession of the secured asset(s) under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said Rules, on the date mentioned in the table below. The Borrower(s)/Secured Debtor(s) and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the secured asset(s), and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of ACHFL for the amount mentioned in the Demand Notice. The Borrower's attention is invited to the provisions of Sub-Section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured asset(s).

Sl. No.	Borrower Details and Loan A/c No.	NPA Date & Outstanding Amount	13(2) Date & Possession Date
1.	**Gugulothu Biksham (Borrower) Vijaya Guguloth (Co-Borrower) A/c No. S144202000178**	**08-06-2026 ₹ 7,20,054**	**20-06-2026 27-10-2026**
Description of Secured Asset:- The property admeasuring an extent of 110.14 Sq.Yds., bearing house no 5-520 and assessment No. 109, situated in Gudibanda thanda village, within the Sub-Registration District of MAHABUBABAD. East : 8 Feet Own Way & Remaining Place Of Donor, West : Remaining Place Of Donor, South : House Of Guguloth Bheemudu, North : House Of Guguloth Venkanna			
2.	**Burra Rani (Borrower) Burra Ramesh (Co-Borrower) A/c No. S144204000037**	**09-07-2026 ₹ 9,23,447**	**15-07-2026 27-10-2026**
Description of Secured Asset:- R.C.C Roof Ground and First Floor House with Open Place Bearing G.P H.No.4-37/2 admeasuring to an extent of 96.00 Sq.Yards or 80.26 Sq.Mtrs having its Ground Floor Plinth Area of 478.00 Sq.Feet and First Floor Plinth Area of 402.00 Sq.Feet Situated at Nandanam Village, Inavolu Mandal, Hanumakonda District and comes within the jurisdiction of Office of the Sub Registrar Warangal(Fort). East : House of Burra Srinu, West : Open place of Burra Venkanna, South : Open Place of Boinapelly Sudhakar Rao, North : 30-0" Wide Road			

STATUTORY NOTICE TO BORROWERS / CO-BORROWERS AND GUARANTORS
Borrower(s) / Co-Borrowers(s) and Guarantor (s) are hereby put to caution that the property may be sold at any time hereinafter by way of public auction/tenders and as such this may also be treated as a notice under Rule 6, 8 & 9 of Security (interest) Enforcement Rules, 2002.

Date : 30-10-2026 **Sd/-, Authorized Officer**
Place : Telengana **Altum Credo Home Finance Private Limited**

AXIS BANK LIMITED
(CIN: L65110GJ1993PLC020769)
#5-2-183/184, 3rd Floor,Modi Square, RP Road, Secunderabad-500003.

APPENDIX-IV [Rule –8(1)]POSSESSION NOTICE

WHEREAS The Authorized Officer of the Axis Bank Ltd (Formerly known as UTI Bank Ltd.), having its Registered Office: "TRISHUL", Opposite Samartheswar Temple, Near Law Garden, Ellisbridge, Ahmedabad- 380006, among other places its Branch office at Axis Bank Ltd., Retail Asset Centre, D.No.5-2-183/184, 3rd Floor, Modi Square, R.P. Road, Secunderabad Branch, under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (54 of 2002) and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a Demand Notice under Section 13(2) of SARFAESI Act on **04-08-2026** calling upon the borrower / guarantors / Mortgagors: **1.M/S. BATCHA MARKETING** *(Borrower)* REPRESENTED BY ITS PROPRIETOR, MR. SATISH BATCHA, 5-8-8-14, SREEMANTH CHAMBERS , STATION ROAD, NAMPALLY,HYDERABAD, TELANGANA – 500001.**2.M/S. SRI SANGA MAHESHWARA FURNITURE** *(Borrower)* REPRESENTED BY ITS PROPRIETOR, MR. SATISH BATCHA, 5-44-35, STATION ROAD, NAMPALLY, HYDERABAD, TELANGANA – 500001.**3.MR. SATISH BATCHA** *(Guarantor),* S/O. CHANDRA KANTH BATCHA H.NO. 1-9-295/32/B/1, STREET NO.6 , ACHULA REDDY MARG, VIDYA NAGAR, NEW NALLAKUNTA, MUSHEERABAD, HYDERABAD, TELANGANA – 500044.**4.MRS. SRI VIDYA BATCHA** *(Guarantor),*W/O. SATISH BATCHA H.NO. 1-9-295/32/B/1, STREET NO.6 , ACHULA REDDY MARG, VIDYA NAGAR, NEW NALLAKUNTA, MUSHEERABAD , HYDERABAD, TELANGANA – 500044.**5.MR. RAKESH CHANDRA BATCHA** *(Guarantor),*S/O. CHANDRA KANTH BATCHA H.NO. 1-9-295/32/B/1, STREET NO.6 ACHULA REDDY MARG, VIDYA NAGAR, NEW NALLAKUNTA, MUSHEERABAD,HYDERABAD, TELANGANA – 500044.**6.MR. PRAVEEN CHANDRA BATCHA** *(Guarantor),*S/O. CHANDRA KANTH BATCHA, H.NO. 1-9-295/32/B/1, STREET NO.6 , ACHULA REDDY MARG, VIDYA NAGAR, NEW NALLAKUNTA, MUSHEERABAD, HYDERABAD, TELANGANA – 500044.**7.MR. HARISH CHANDRA BATCHA** *(Guarantor),*S/O. CHANDRA KANTH BATCHA, H.NO. 1-9-295/32/B/1, STREET NO.6 , ACHULA REDDY MARG, VIDYA NAGAR, NEW NALLAKUNTA, MUSHEERABAD,HYDERABAD, TELANGANA – 500044.**8.MRS. SRI NAGA LAXMI BATCHA** *(Guarantor),*W/O. RAKESH CHANDRA BACHA H.NO. 1-9-295/32/B/1, STREET NO.6 ACHULA REDDY MARG, VIDYA NAGAR NEW NALLAKUNTA, MUSHEERABAD HYDERABAD, TELANGANA – 500044.**9.MRS. SUPRIYA BATCHA** *(Guarantor),*C/O. PRAVEEN BATCHA H.NO. 1-9-295/32/B/1, STREET NO.6 ACHULA REDDY MARG, VIDYA NAGAR NEW NALLAKUNTA, MUSHEERABAD,HYDERABAD, TELANGANA – 500044.
Loan Number: 923060054388680 & 923060054524909 To repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs. 3,87,59,122/-(Rupees Three Crore Eighty-Seven Lakh Fifty-Nine Thousand One Hundred and Twenty-Two Only) under the loan A/c 923060054388680 being the amount due as on 30-07-2026 (the amount includes interest till 30-07-2026) and Rs. 4,31,74,012/-(Rupees Four Crore Thirty-One Lakh Seventy-Four Thousand and Twelve Only) under the loan A/c 923060054524909 being the amount due as on 30-07-2026 (the amount includes interest till 30-07-2026) aggregating to Rs.8,19,33,134/- (Rupees Eight Crore Nineteen Lakh Thirty-Three Thousand One Hundred and Thirty-Four Only) being the amounts due on termination of the agreements together with further unapplied interest at contractual rate of interest** being the amounts due on termination of the agreements together with further unapplied interest at contractual rate of interest, contractual rate, costs and other consequences, damages etc., including the expenses for the said takeover and sale of assets within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower/guarantors/mortgagors having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower/guarantors/mortgagors and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under section 13(4) of the said act read with Rule 8 of the said rules on this day i.e.,**27-10-2026.** The borrower/guarantors/ mortgagors in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of Axis Bank Limited, for an amount **Rs. 3,87,59,122/-(Rupees Three Crore Eighty-Seven Lakh Fifty-Nine Thousand One Hundred and Twenty-Two Only) under the loan A/c 923060054388680 being the amount due as on 30-07-2026 (the amount includes interest till 30-07-2026) and Rs. 4,31,74,012/-(Rupees Four Crore Thirty-One Lakh Seventy-Four Thousand and Twelve Only) under the loan A/c 923060054524909 being the amount due as on 30-07-2026 (the amount includes interest till 30-07-2026) aggregating to Rs.8,19,33,134/- (Rupees Eight Crore Nineteen Lakh Thirty-Three Thousand One Hundred and Thirty-Four Only) being the amounts due on termination of the agreements together with further unapplied interest at contractual rate of interest** together with future interest, costs and other consequences, damages etc., including the expenses for the said takeover and sale of assets thereon.The borrower's attention is invited to the provisions of Sub Section (8) of Section 13 of the SARFAESI Act, 2002 in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets."Where the amount of dues of the secured creditor together with all costs, charges and expenses incurred by him is tendered to the secured creditor at any time before the date of publication of notice for public auction or inviting quotations or tender from public or private treaty for transfer by way of lease, assignment or sale of the secured assets, -i.The secured assets shall not be transferred by way of lease, assignment or sale by the secured creditor; and ii.In case, any step has been taken by the secured creditor for transfer by way of lease or assignment or sale of the assets before tendering of such amount under this sub-section, no further step shall be taken by such secured creditor for transfer by way of lease or assignment or sale of such secured assets."

SCHEDULE- IMMOVEABLE ASSETS

All that part and parcel of the Northern side Portion of Second Floor premises GHMC No. 5-8-55/SVC/SF/2 (PTIN No. 1140525729) admeasuring with a plinth area of 3786.5 sft., along with undivided share of land admeasuring 110 Sq.yds., out of 1657.22 Sq.yds. of SRI SAI VISHWAS CHAMBERS, in Premises Bearing Municipal No. 5-8-55, situated at Station Road, Nampally Hyderabad, T.S standing in name of Sri **Satish Batcha, Smt. Srividya Batcha, Sri. Rakesh Chandra Batcha, Smt. Nagalaxmi Batcha, Sri. Praveen Chandra Batcha and Sri. Harish Chandra Batcha** vide Regd. Doct. No. 3401/2023 at before SRO of Hyderabad and bounded by:**Boundaries of Portion of Second Floor: NORTH :**Open to Sky,**SOUTH :** Portion of Second Floor,**EAST :** Portion of Second Floor and Open to Sky,**WEST :**Open to Sky,**Boundaries of Entire Building:**North:Neighbour's Property,South:Station Road Nampally,East:Neighbour's Property,West:Remaining Property No. 5-8-55, belongs to the Hindhi Prachara Sabha Hyderabad.

Note: For further details please contact: Mr. V Sasi Kumar (Collection Manager): 9700198333.

Place: Hyderabad Yours faithfully,
Date:29-10-2026. Authorised Officer,Axis Bank Limited

CM visits cyclone Arnab-affected areas

Amalapuram (TSIT): Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu on Thursday visited areas affected by Cyclone Arnab in Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Konaseema district. He first conducted an aerial survey to assess the extent of damage caused by the cyclone. The Chief Minister visited Cheyyeru, Vetlapalem and Gachakayalapora villages in Katrenikona mandal, where he inspected



cyclone-damaged crops and reassured farmers of the government's support. He also visited rehabilitation centres and interacted with people affected by the cyclone, enquiring about their difficulties and the assistance being provided to them.

Vizag Marathon T-shirt, Medal Unveiled

AIMS CERTIFICATION TO BOOST CITY'S GLOBAL RECOGNITION

VISAKHAPATNAM, TSIT. The Vizag Runners Society unveiled the T-shirt and medal for the fifth edition of the Sandhya Marines Vizag Marathon at Novotel Nautica Hall here on Thursday. City Police Commissioner Shankabratha Bagchi attended as the chief guest. Society president Srinivas Kancheti said the marathon aimed to promote a drug-free and eco-friendly Visakhapatnam. He urged people to take up running to overcome stress and maintain physical and mental fitness.

Founder president Bala Krishna Rai announced that the marathon course had received certification from the Association of International Marathons and Distance Races (AIMS), marking a significant milestone for the city's running



community. The society has been promoting fitness through free strength-training sessions, monthly club runs and the Couch to 5K programme led by Dr Madhuri Palli. It also introduced the PAW (Paint a Wish) campaign through schools to encourage children to express their marathon experiences through drawings.The marathon will feature 5K, 10K, 21K and 32K categories. The route will start at Park Hotel Junction and conclude at VMRDA Park, passing prominent landmarks. Apollo Hospitals will deploy medical teams at every two kilometres to ensure participants' safety. Title sponsors K. Anand and K. Arun of Sandhya Marines, Apollo Hospitals COO Dr Krishna Prasad and other representatives of supporting organisations attended the event. Society secretary Ramaraju D.V. (Avinash) thanked the sponsors and supporters. Registrations will close on October 31 through www.vizagmarathon.run and the PUMA Store on VIP Road. The organisers appealed to citizens to participate and support their vision of a fitter, greener and drug-free Visakhapatnam.

36,351 police deployed for AP urban body polls

Vijayawada: The Andhra Pradesh State Election Commission has made elaborate security arrangements for polling in municipalities and nagar panchayats scheduled for November 1, with a total of 36,351 police personnel being deployed across the state to ensure free, fair and peaceful elections. Continuous surveillance will be maintained at polling stations through drones, CCTV cameras and videography. Preventive measures have also been taken to avert untoward incidents during the election process.Of the total police personnel deployed, 32,276 are drawn from district police units, 2,730 from the Andhra Pradesh Special Police and 1,345 from other departments. The rank-wise deployment includes 34 SPs, 52 Additional SPs, 152 DSPs, 662 inspectors, 1,564 sub-inspectors, 2,111 assistant sub-inspectors, 4,505 head constables, 17,017 constables and 6,179 home guards.

As part of the security arrangements, 3,103 personnel will be deployed in 1,543 route mobile units, while 1,479 personnel will serve in 481 striking force teams and 1,394 in 347 special striking force teams. A total of 415 personnel will be assigned to 405 flying squads and Model Code of Conduct enforcement teams. Another 2,516 personnel will be deployed at 414 checkposts and static surveillance teams, while 933 personnel will serve in road-opening parties.For the security of ballot box strong rooms at 111 locations, 4,655 personnel have been earmarked. Distribution centres will be guarded by 525 personnel. Another 5,405 personnel will perform other duties, including shadow parties, senior officers' reserve teams and law-and-order pickets.



TTD takes measures to prevent water shortage

CHAIRMAN B.R. NAIDU AND ADDITIONAL EO VENKAIAH CHOWDARY INSPECT DAMS IN TIRUMALA



Tirumala (TSIT): TTD is taking comprehensive measures to ensure uninterrupted water supply for devotees in Tirumala. On Thursday, TTD Chairman Sri B.R. Naidu, Additional EO Sri Ch. Venkaiah Chowdary, Board members and engineering officials inspected the dams supplying water to Tirumala and reviewed the available water reserves.

Speaking to the media, the TTD Chairman said the current water reserves would meet Tirumala's requirements until March–April. He directed officials to prepare contingency plans in case of inadequate rainfall and said alternative water supply options, including Kalyani Dam, would be explored.

Additional EO Sri Ch. Venkaiah Chowdary stated that the available water reserves were sufficient for the next 150 days. Tirumala requires approximately 50 lakh gallons of water daily, with 50% supplied by TTD's own dams and the remaining 50% from Kalyani Dam. He added that the dams were expected to receive substantial inflows during November and December. If all dams reach full capacity, Tirumala could have sufficient water for approximately 18 months.

TTD is also promoting water conservation among devotees, preventing leaks in cottages and rooms, installing automated gates, and planning desilting works, check dams and other water conservation measures.

Sribharat Appeals to Voters to Support Mukka Sravani



Visakhapatnam, TSIT : MP M. Sribharat has appealed to voters to support TDP–BJP–Jana Sena alliance Mayor candidate Dr. Mukka Sravani for the city's comprehensive development and improved civic amenities. Addressing a press conference at the TDP office here on Thursday, Sribharat alleged that Visakhapatnam's development had suffered during the previous five years of YSRCP rule. He said the coalition government was undertaking development works worth thousands of crores of rupees, with a focus on infrastructure, employment generation and urban development.

Welcoming Sravani's candidature, he described it as recognition of a dedicated party worker and expressed confidence that she would ensure responsive, citizen-centric governance. The MP said the Central and State governments were committed to reviving Visakhapatnam Steel Plant, citing a revival package of approximately Rs.15,000 crore. He also highlighted efforts to establish the South Coast Railway Zone, develop the Waltair Division and improve roads, drainage and drinking water facilities.

He said the government was working to attract IT companies, promote tourism and generate employment opportunities for youth. A proposed slum redevelopment programme in Visakhapatnam South envisaged 400 apartments in 17-storey buildings for eligible families, he added. Sribharat also questioned the previous government's decisions concerning GVMC assets and Rushikonda constructions, stressing the need to safeguard public assets. Visakhapatnam North MLA P. Vishnu Kumar Raju, South MLA Vamsi Krishna Srinivas, MLC Vepada Chiranjeevi Rao and other alliance leaders attended the press conference.

Sribharat Seeks Lawyers' Support for Mukka Sravani

Visakhapatnam, TSIT. Visakhapatnam MP M. Sribharat has appealed to the legal fraternity to support TDP-led alliance Mayor candidate Dr. Mukka Sravani in the upcoming GVMC elections, stressing the need for urban development and transparent governance. Addressing lawyers at the Visakhapatnam Bar Association Hall on Thursday, Sribharat said Sravani had served as a corporator for five years and gained valuable experience in addressing public issues. He also noted that her family had



been associated with the party for nearly three decades.

The MP stressed that GVMC administration should prioritise public welfare, improved infrastructure, efficient civic services and corruption-free governance. He said coordination between the civic body and the coalition government was essential to accelerating Visakhapatnam's development. He urged lawyers to extend their support to Sravani to ensure accountable administration and equitable development across the city. Bar Association General Secretary Sudhakar, B.V.R. Murthy, senior advocate Prithviraj, executive committee members and junior advocates attended the meeting.

Power supply to be restored within 24 hours

CYCLONE ARNAB CAUSES RS. 500 CRORE LOSS TO POWER SECTOR

Bhimavaram: State Energy Minister and West Godavari District In-charge Minister Gottipati Ravikumar has directed officials to restore power supply in cyclone-affected areas within 24 hours. He said the government was making every effort to restore the damaged electricity infrastructure on a war footing. The Minister toured cyclone-affected areas on Thursday and inspected damaged electricity poles, roads and agricultural fields in Palakollu, Bhimavaram and Narsapuram. He assured affected people that the coalition government, led by Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu, would stand by them.



Later, at a review meeting with officials of various departments at the Bhimavaram Collectorate, he assessed the progress of power restoration, crop-loss assessment, drinking water supply, road repairs and sanitation measures.

Ravikumar said the cyclone had caused preliminary losses estimated at around Rs.500 crore to the state's power sector. Around 1,700 personnel were engaged in restoration work, with another 500 being mobilised from the state's three power distribution companies. An additional 500 electricity personnel from Telangana were also assisting.

West Godavari district was among the severely affected areas, with around 3,700 electricity poles damaged and power supply disrupted in nearly 400 villages. The Minister directed officials to arrange alternative water supplies until electricity was restored and called for sanitation drives in waterlogged areas. He also ordered immediate field-level assessments of crop damage and instructed officials to remain in the field until normalcy returned.

Visakhapatnam District Administration Speeds Up Cyclone Recovery Operations

VISAKHAPATNAM DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION SPEEDS UP CYCLONE RECOVERY OPERATIONS

Visakhapatnam, TSIT: Visakhapatnam district administration has accelerated relief and restoration operations following heavy rainfall and strong winds caused by the cyclone, District Collector M. Abhisikt Kishore said. The district received around 30 cm of rainfall, while nearly 1,000 trees were uprooted across the district due to strong winds. The situation is being monitored continuously from the command control room, with officials responding promptly to complaints and taking immediate action, the Collector said.

Damaged power feeders have been restored, and efforts are underway to restore electricity to the remaining service connections by Wednesday night. Fallen trees blocking major roads have been cleared to resume traffic. Officials are also identifying and removing dangerous trees and damaged electricity poles.

600 Families Shifted to Relief Camps

Around 600 families from cyclone-affected coastal and hilly areas have been moved to 57 relief camps, where essential facilities are being provided. Special sanitation drives are underway in urban and rural areas, including cleaning drains and removing accumulated waste. The administration is aiming to



clear the remaining fallen trees and broken branches from roads and footpaths by Thursday morning.

Medical camps are being organised across the district to protect public health and prevent the spread of infectious diseases.

Heavy Rain Likely to Continue

The Collector warned that heavy rainfall could continue over the next 12 to 24 hours despite the cyclone crossing the coast. All educational institutions in the district will remain closed on Thursday as a precautionary measure.

To ensure public safety, unnecessary movement will be restricted from 9 p.m. on Wednesday until 9 a.m. on Thursday. Residents have been urged to stay indoors unless travel is essential and strictly follow instructions issued by the authorities.

Varudu Kalyani Offers Prayers at Anakapalli Nookambika Temple

Visakhapatnam, TSIT. YSR Congress Party Visakhapatnam mayoral candidate and MLC Varudu Kalyani visited the renowned Sri Nookambika Ammavari Temple in Anakapalli and sought the blessings of the presiding deity. She performed special pujas and prayed for the well-being, good health and happiness of the people. She also wished for the continued blessings of the Goddess upon the people of Andhra Pradesh. As part of the GVMC election campaign, YSRCP also organised meetings for party cadres and supporters representing wards 107 to 112 in Anakapalli under the



leadership of constituency coordinator Malasala Bharat Kumar.

The meeting for wards 110, 111 and 112 was held at Vivekananda Function Hall, while the meeting for wards 107, 108 and 109 took place at the district party office. Addressing the gatherings, Varudu Kalyani urged party leaders and workers to work collectively for the victory of YSRCP candidates in all six wards and strengthen their connect with voters.The candidates are Panneer Venkatalakshmi (Ward 107), Boddeeda Sarojini (108), Karri Lalitha (109), Uggina Joshna Padmaja (110), Nadia (111) and Jajula Prasannalakshmi (112). YSRCP Anakapalli district president Boddeeda Prasad, former MP Dr. V. Satyavathi, party leaders Janakiram, Sobha Haimavathi, Satish Varma and Ravi Raj, along with booth agents, party workers and supporters, attended the meetings.

HSL calls for shipbuilding shift

Visakhapatnam: Hindustan Shipyard Limited Chairman and Managing Director Rear Admiral C.R. Raghuram has called for three major changes in India's shipbuilding sector: moving from construction to efficient serial production, developing regulations collaboratively, and providing ships with complete digital life-cycle records. Speaking at the INMARCO 2026 conference in Visakhapatnam, he said India has demonstrated its ability to build ships, but the key challenge is delivering them consistently, on schedule and at competitive costs.

Citing HSL's progress, he noted the launch of Surya, the first of five 43,500-tonne Fleet Support Ships for the Indian Navy,



on October 6, just 18 months after steel-cutting. The same day, HSL laid the keel for the fifth ship and commissioned Slipway-4 with a 300-tonne Goliath crane. He observed that Indian shipyards face an estimated 24 per cent cost disadvantage compared with East Asian companies, and sustained serial production would be essential to overcome it. He stressed collaboration among shipbuilders, classification societies, regulators and equipment manufacturers from the initial design stage, and called for a "digital birth certificate" for every ship built in India. He urged the industry to achieve indigenous design, timely delivery and measurable productivity by 2030.

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CARE Hospitals holds stroke awareness walkathon



Hyderabad (TSIT): CARE Hospitals, Hitech City, marked World Stroke Day by organising a walkathon at Malkam Cheruvu Park and a stroke awareness talk and survivor interaction at the hospital, bringing together neurologists, healthcare professionals, stroke survivors and community members. The initiative, held under this year's theme, "Every Minute Counts," focused on recognising stroke symptoms early, avoiding delays in treatment and understanding the risk factors that can lead to stroke, including among younger adults. The walkathon was attended by Dr. Shyam K. Jaiswal, Senior Consultant Neurologist; Dr. Khailas Mirche, Senior Neurologist; Dr. Arun Reddy M, Senior Consultant – Neurosurgeon & Endoscopic Spine Surgeon; Dr. Haritha Koganti, Consultant – Neurology; Dr. Pramod Gupta, Hospital Chief Operating Officer, CARE Hospitals, Hitech City; Dr. Bhavani Prasad, Medical Superintendent, along with senior doctors, hospital staff and members of the Walkers Club. Participants joined the walk to draw public attention to stroke warning signs and the importance of seeking emergency medical care.At the hospital, neurologists conducted an interactive awareness session explaining stroke symptoms, prevention and treatment. Stroke survivors also participated and shared their experiences of treatment and recovery, speaking about the challenges of rehabilitation, regaining mobility and returning to everyday life. Their accounts brought a personal perspective to the discussion on the importance of timely medical intervention and continued support after a stroke. Stroke remains a significant public health concern. According to the World Stroke Organization, approximately 15% of strokes occur among people aged 15–49. An Indian Council of Medical Research hospital-based stroke registry also found that only about 20% of patients reached hospitals within 4.5 hours of symptom onset, highlighting the challenge of delayed access to emergency care.

Doctors observed that stroke symptoms are frequently mistaken for less serious conditions. Sudden weakness, slurred speech or dizziness may be attributed to fatigue, low blood pressure or low blood sugar. Families sometimes wait for symptoms to subside, offer food or water, or visit a nearby clinic before seeking emergency stroke care. These delays can affect treatment options and recovery outcomes.

Dr. Shyam K. Jaiswal said, "One of the common challenges in stroke care is the delay between the first symptom and reaching a hospital. Families may wait because the person is conscious or appears to be improving.

Educated voters rejected BJP: Raut on Maharashtra council polls



Mumbai: With the ruling Mahayuti bloc losing all three graduates' seats of the Maharashtra Legislative Council, which went to polls last week, Shiv Sena (UBT) MP Sanjay Raut on Thursday, October 29, claimed the graduates, who voted in the elections, rejected the BJP and its allies and defeated them using ballot papers.

The Shiv Sena (UBT), a constituent of the Opposition Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA), failed to win any seat. Of the five graduates' and teachers' constituencies of the council which went to the polls on October 23, the Opposition MVA won three, while the BJP-led ruling Mahayuti alliance bagged two.

The Congress won a close contest in the Nagpur graduates constituency, while its ally NCP (SP) bagged the Pune and Aurangabad (Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar) graduates seats. The BJP and its ally Shiv Sena won the Pune and Amravati teachers constituencies.

On Prime Minister Narendra Modi's post on social media mocking the Congress for not registering any victory in 28 legislative council seats, Raut said it does not behove a person occupying the PM's post to make such remarks against the principal Opposition party.

The Rajya Sabha MP said just hours after the PM's post, trends reversed and the Congress won the Nagpur graduates seat.

Modi mocked the Congress on Wednesday after its dismal show despite the use of paper ballots, a key demand of Opposition parties in their campaign against EVMs. The BJP-led NDA won 16 of the 28 seats.

PNB opens new branch at Nagaram



Hyderabad (TSIT): Punjab National Bank inaugurated its 71st branch under Secunderabad Circle at Nagaram, Hyderabad, on Wednesday, 28 October 2026. The new branch was inaugurated by Mrs. Vandana Pandey, Zonal Head, Hyderabad, and Mr. Sujeet Kumar Jha, Circle Head, Secunderabad.

The inauguration ceremony was attended by esteemed customers of the bank, Mr. Lalit Bhatia, Deputy Circle Head, Secunderabad; Mr. L. Parth Sarathi, Branch Manager; senior bank officials; and staff members of the Circle Office.On this occasion, Mrs. Vandana Pandey said that Punjab National Bank is one of the leading public sector banks of the country. She appealed to the local citizens to avail the various banking services available through the new branch of the bank.In his address, Mr. Sujeet Kumar Jha outlined the bank's various deposit schemes, account facilities and other banking services. He encouraged the people to take advantage of the bank's diverse financial products and schemes to achieve economic progress and prosperity.

KIMS-Sunshine holds stroke awareness walkathon



Hyderabad (TSIT): Neglecting a brain stroke can have serious consequences not only for patients but also for their families, said Dr. A.V. Gurava Reddy, Managing Director of KIMS-Sunshine Hospitals and Chief Robotic Joint Replacement Surgeon.

On the occasion of World Stroke Day, the Department of Neurology at KIMS-Sunshine Hospital organised an awareness walkathon on Thursday under the theme "Every Minute Counts" to raise public awareness about brain stroke and the importance of timely medical intervention. The walkathon began at the hospital's main entrance, proceeded towards Rasoolpura Chowrasta, and returned to the hospital. Dr. Kushal Hippalgaonkar flagged off the walkathon.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr. A.V. Gurava Reddy said that disability caused by a brain stroke can significantly affect the lives of patients and their family members. He emphasised the importance of family members being aware of the medications taken by their patients and regularly monitoring their health. Senior Neuro Physician Dr. C.H. Gopal stressed that patients showing symptoms of a stroke should be taken to a hospital immediately without delay. Timely diagnosis and appropriate treatment can improve outcomes, he said. Senior Neurologist Dr. K. Vinod Kumar highlighted that every minute is crucial during a stroke, as delays in treatment can result in the loss of millions of brain nerve cells. He urged the public to recognise stroke as a medical emergency and seek immediate medical attention.Senior Neuro Physician Dr. Nivedita Sai Chandra advised people with high blood pressure, diabetes, high cholesterol and heart conditions to take their prescribed medications regularly under medical supervision.

Timely stroke care can save lives



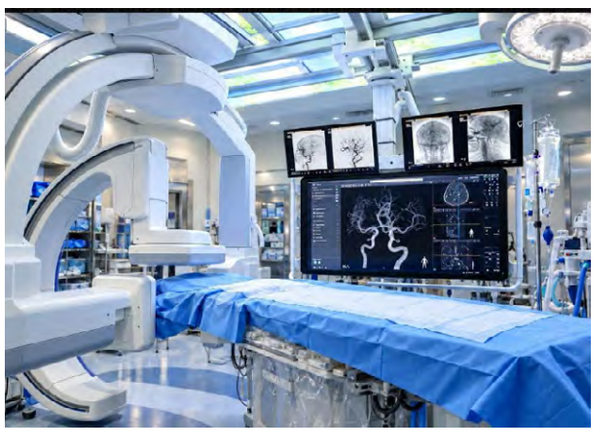
Hyderabad: On World Stroke Day, neurologists at Kamineni Hospitals highlighted the importance of stroke prevention, early recognition and timely treatment, in line with the global campaign message, "Every Minute Counts." According to the World Stroke Organization, approximately 12 million people experience a stroke worldwide each year. Stroke remains a major cause of death and long-term disability, reinforcing the need for public awareness and timely access to appropriate medical care.

Stroke occurs when blood flow to the brain is interrupted or a blood vessel ruptures, damaging brain cells. High blood pressure, diabetes, high cholesterol, smoking, obesity, physical inactivity and certain heart conditions are important risk factors.

Dr. Kamlesh M. Chawda, Senior Consultant Neurologist, Visakhapatnam, said, "The development of cancer treatment should go hand in hand with increased societal knowledge on the need for early detection. Awareness for breast cancer is not only about spreading information but creating an environment in which women feel confident about taking care of themselves, consulting medical practitioners and going for screening without fear. Change can only be brought about through sustained cooperation between health facilities, schools and the community. Initiatives like this flash mob help create discussions in society, overcome old inhibitions and increase the need for preventive healthcare. It is our duty to make sure that we not only create awareness but also take the necessary actions to make sure that women receive the appropriate care in good time."

Dr. M. Lakshmi Lavanya, Senior Consultant Neurologist, highlighted the importance of controlling blood pressure, diabetes and cholesterol through medical supervision and sustainable lifestyle changes. Dr. Nareddy Sandeep Reddy, Consultant Neurologist, cautioned that patients should not discontinue prescribed medication simply because they feel better. The specialists urged the public to recognise stroke warning signs and seek emergency medical care without delay.

Apollo launches 360-degree stroke care



Hyderabad: Marking World Stroke Day on October 29, Apollo Hospitals has highlighted its comprehensive, AI-assisted stroke care programme, emphasising the importance of timely diagnosis, emergency intervention and coordinated treatment to improve patient outcomes.

Dr. Suresh Girgani, Consultant Neurointerventional Radiologist, said the Apollo 360° Stroke Care programme integrates emergency assessment, advanced neuro-intensive care, rehabilitation and home-based follow-up to provide patients with a connected pathway to recovery. Dr. Sudhir Kumar, Consultant Neurologist, said the programme incorporates advanced neuro-ICU monitoring and MRI-integrated operating theatre capabilities to support specialised treatment. Following the acute phase, patients can access robotic rehabilitation, structured stroke rehabilitation programmes and continued physiotherapy support.

Dr. C. Rajesh Reddy, Senior Consultant Neurologist, said Apollo emphasises continuity of care through connected-care wearables, home nursing support, remote monitoring, and speech, swallowing and occupational therapy. Dr. Sandeep Nayani, Consultant Neurologist, said emergency and intervention services include 5G-connected ambulances, rapid stroke assessment, clot-busting treatment through thrombolysis and mechanical thrombectomy for eligible patients, including selected cases up to 24 hours from symptom onset.

Consultant neurologists said stroke can affect not only physical abilities but also personality, emotions and behaviour, and that early diagnosis, timely treatment, rehabilitation and family support are essential for recovery. Dr. K. Subba Reddy, Director Medical Services, urged the public to treat stroke as a medical emergency and seek immediate assistance through its stroke emergency helpline, 1066.

HCG Vizag, NSRIT College Students Drive Breast Cancer Awareness with Campus Flash Mob



VISAKHAPATNAM October 2026: To mark Breast Cancer Awareness Month, Healthcare Global Speciality Hospital (HCG Vizag), in association with students from NSRIT College, Visakhapatnam organized a public health flash mob on 25 October 2026. The initiative harnessed youth engagement to break social taboos around cancer, emphasized the importance of early detection, and encouraged women to undergo timely preventive health screenings.

Around 40 college students participated in the live performance, drawing public attention to preventive health. Recognizing that early detection significantly improves treatment outcomes, the event highlighted routine screening practices, including mammography and cervical health checks.

Speaking on the initiative, Dr. Prasad I. P, Chief Operating Officer, HCG Oncology, Visakhapatnam, said, "The development of cancer treatment should go hand in hand with increased societal knowledge on the need for early detection. Awareness for breast cancer is not only about spreading information but creating an environment in which women feel confident about taking care of themselves, consulting medical practitioners and going for screening without fear. Change can only be brought about through sustained cooperation between health facilities, schools and the community. Initiatives like this flash mob help create discussions in society, overcome old inhibitions and increase the need for preventive healthcare. It is our duty to make sure that we not only create awareness but also take the necessary actions to make sure that women receive the appropriate care in good time."

Psoriasis not contagious, say experts



Visakhapatnam: Psoriasis is a chronic skin condition that is not contagious, and people affected by it should not face discrimination or social isolation, medical experts have stressed ahead of World Psoriasis Day on October 29. GITAM Hospital's Department of Dermatology is organising a psoriasis awareness week at its dermatology outpatient department, offering free skin examinations and blood tests, said department head Dr. Rahul Ray.

Psoriasis is an immune-mediated condition in which skin cells grow faster than normal, resulting in red, thickened patches covered with silvery-white scales. It commonly affects the elbows, knees and scalp and may also cause nail changes. The condition can improve for a period and flare up again, requiring continued medical supervision. Genetic factors and immune system changes play a significant role in its development. Stress, certain infections, skin injuries and some medications may trigger or aggravate symptoms. The condition is neither caused by poor hygiene nor spread through physical contact, sharing meals, shaking hands or sitting beside an affected person.

Doctors caution that psoriasis may affect more than the skin. Some patients develop psoriatic arthritis, which can cause joint pain, swelling and stiffness. Certain patients may also have an increased risk of conditions such as obesity, diabetes, high blood pressure and cardiovascular disease. Although there is no permanent cure, psoriasis can be effectively managed with appropriate treatment. Experts urged families and society to support people living with psoriasis instead of excluding them.

Sanofi Consumer Healthcare Q3 revenue up 12%

Mumbai (TSIT): Sanofi Consumer Healthcare India Limited has released its financial results for the third quarter and nine months ended 2026, demonstrating profitable growth across key business segments. Revenue for the quarter stood at 2,631 million, a growth of 12% year-on-year, with domestic sales growing by 19%. Profit Before Tax for Q3 '26 reached 1,027 million, an increase of 22% on a year-on-year basis. EPS grew by 5.95 (22%), supported by higher revenue and profitability during the quarter.

For the nine months ended 2026, revenue from operations stood at 7,280 million, a growth of 16%. Domestic sales grew by 15%, aided by relaunch, while export sales grew by 19%. Profit Before Tax was up by 24%.

Commenting on the results, Himanshu Bakshi, Managing Director, Sanofi Consumer Healthcare India Limited, said, "Our Q3 performance reflects the disciplined execution of our strategy and the strength of our portfolio. We delivered healthy growth, driven by volume expansion and market share gains across key brands. Our investments in brand building and expanding our distribution footprint and Healthcare Professional reach are enabling us to serve more consumers." Sanofi Consumer Healthcare India Limited emerged as a distinct legal entity following its demerger from Sanofi India Limited on 1st June 2024. SCHIL operates independently, with a dedicated focus on the consumer healthcare sector. With an agile business model and legacy brands, SCHIL is one of the leading players in India's consumer healthcare market. Leveraging its global experience, SCHIL aims to enhance consumer wellbeing through its product portfolio encompassing Allergy Management, Digestive Wellness, Pain Care and Multivitamins. SCHIL's key brands include Allegra, DePURA, Avil and Combiflam.

Karnataka plans to fill university teaching vacancies in 2-3 months: Minister

Bengaluru : Karnataka plans to fill vacant teaching posts in state universities within the next two to three months and make them financially self-sufficient, Higher Education Minister Basavaraj Raya Reddy said at Dayananda Sagar University's (DSU) 10th annual convocation.



Reddy, who was the guest of honour at the ceremony held at the university's Harohalli campus on Wednesday, commended DSU for its efforts to provide a quality educational ecosystem. He said convocations should go beyond the formal awarding of degrees and celebrate education's transformative role in nation-building. He emphasised the importance of higher education in nurturing talent, promoting research and preparing graduates to contribute to a rapidly changing society. He also highlighted the state government's commitment to higher education, stating that up to 6% of the state budget was being spent on the sector.

Prof. Rajeev Ahuja, director of the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Ropar, who was the chief guest, urged graduates to translate research into practical solutions to address the country's developmental challenges.

He identified agriculture and healthcare as key sectors where research-driven innovation could make a significant difference, particularly given India's large rural population. India, he said, must strengthen its ability to develop indigenous technologies and become an innovation-driven nation.

Harshbir Sangha, British Deputy High Commissioner to Karnataka and the UK's Deputy Trade Commissioner for Investment in South Asia, highlighted the accelerating pace of technological change. Developments over the next five years could be more significant than those witnessed in the previous 25 years, he said, urging graduates to remain adaptable and prepare for emerging opportunities.He added that DSU's investment in artificial intelligence infrastructure would help students navigate the evolving technology landscape.

The convocation marked the graduation of 3,024 students. PhD degrees were conferred on 39 scholars, while 49 gold medals were awarded for academic excellence. The ceremony was attended by DSU Chancellor D. Hemachandra Sagar, Pro-Chancellor D. Premachandra Sagar, Vice-Chancellor B. S. Satyanarayana, Chief Mentor T. G. Sitaram, Pro-Vice-Chancellors R. Janardhan and Prakash Sheelvanthmath, Registrar C. Puttamadappa, Controller of Examinations S. N. Prasad, and other university officials, deans and directors.

Centre questions Charmadi Ghat widening over 7,540 trees, 39 acres of forest land

Beltangady, Oct 28: The Centre has sought fresh clarifications on the proposed Rs 343.74-crore widening of the Charmadi Ghat road, questioning the diversion of 39 acres of forest land, the felling of 7,540 trees and the risk of landslides along the Western Ghats stretch, where around 45 landslides have reportedly been recorded following earlier road works. The queries have put the 11-km highway expansion under scrutiny, with concerns over wildlife movement, forest loss and slope stability emerging as key hurdles to the project's progress.

The proposed widening of the Charmadi Ghat road, a section of the Mangaluru–Villupuram



National Highway, is intended to improve traffic flow, ease congestion and enhance safety along a stretch known for its narrow carriageway and sharp bends. However, the scale of forest diversion and the potential consequences for the region's fragile ecosystem have raised questions about whether the project can proceed without significant environmental safeguards.

Estimated to cost Rs 343.74 crore, the project envisages widening approximately 11 km of the ghat road. While the improvements are expected to make travel safer and smoother, the Centre's queries have introduced uncertainty over the next stage of implementation, with the authorities required to provide detailed explanations and supporting documents before the approval process can advance.

39 acres of forest land and 7,540 trees under scrutiny

At the heart of the controversy is the proposal to divert 39 acres of forest land and fell 7,540 trees for the road-widening work.

Aranyakaa invests in soil, water and local communities



Bengaluru: Company focuses on restoring neglected land, strengthening water security, creating rural jobs and improving biodiversity across Karnataka and Tamil Nadu

Aranyakaa Farms is adopting a sustainability-led approach to managed farmland development, focusing on restoring degraded land, improving water security and generating employment in local communities across Karnataka and Tamil Nadu. While managed farmland investments are often assessed in terms of land prices, potential returns and amenities, the company says its approach extends beyond these factors to the long-term productivity of land and its environmental and social impact.The company is working to transform underutilised and uncultivated land into productive farmland through soil improvement, scientific plantation planning and sustained farm management. Its in-house agricultural team, supported by senior agricultural scientists, evaluates soil health.

MagickHome launches 'Home Full of Magick' festive campaign

Bengaluru, October 29: Modular interior brand MagickHome has launched its festive campaign, 'Home Full of Magick', highlighting the growing focus on home interiors during Diwali and encouraging homeowners to invest in functional, personalised living spaces.



Diwali, traditionally associated with new beginnings and prosperity, is increasingly becoming an occasion for households to consider long-term home improvements alongside festive decorations. From optimising available space to upgrading kitchens, wardrobes and living areas, homeowners are exploring ways to make their homes more functional and reflective of their preferences.

Through the campaign, MagickHome aims to position home interiors as an integral part of festive celebrations. The brand offers bespoke, end-to-end interior solutions, including modular kitchens, wardrobes, living spaces and complete home interiors.

As part of the festive offer, customers can avail themselves of 40% off on modular interiors, along with free furniture worth Rs.1 lakh. The initiative seeks to make home interior upgrades more accessible during the festive season.

Commenting on the campaign, Ganesen Viswanathan, vice-president and business head of MagickHome, said the festive season was an important period for the brand, as households often considered changes to their living spaces. "We want MagickHome to be a part of that journey, not just when someone is planning their interiors, but also by making the experience a little more rewarding for them," he said. The campaign combines the sentiment of festive renewal with the emphasis on long-term home improvement, encouraging homeowners to view Diwali as an opportunity to invest in living spaces that meet their evolving

Milk prices in Karnataka to rise by Rs 8 per litre from November 1; Cabinet clears hike

Bengaluru : The Karnataka government has approved an Rs 8 per litre increase in milk prices, with the revised rates scheduled to take effect from November 1. The Cabinet decision provides for Rs 7 of the additional amount to be paid to dairy farmers, while Re 1 will go to milk unions.



The decision was taken at Wednesday's Cabinet meeting following discussions on the demands raised by milk unions for a price revision. The unions had sought an increase of Rs 10 per litre, citing the need to improve returns to producers and meet operational expenses. Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar said the government had considered the demand but decided to restrict the increase to Rs 8. He said the decision was unanimous and aimed at providing relief to dairy farmers, particularly during the ongoing period of agricultural distress.

The distribution of the additional amount was also a key issue in the negotiations. Milk unions had reportedly proposed a 70:30 sharing arrangement, while Shivakumar had earlier spoken of an 80:20 formula. The Cabinet has now settled on a 90:10 distribution, with the larger share going to farmers.

According to the Chief Minister, the increase will raise the amount received by farmers from Rs 35 to Rs 42 per litre, including the existing government incentive of Rs 5. He said the revised payment would help dairy farmers cope with rising costs and the impact of drought conditions. The increase, however, is expected to add to expenses for households and commercial establishments that use milk regularly. Consumers will have to pay the revised rates from November 1, with the exact retail price depending on the milk category and the rates fixed by the respective unions.

The Cabinet also discussed the possibility of raising bus fares in the state. No final decision was taken on the issue, and the matter has been left to the Transport Department.

The department is expected to assess the financial condition of the state-run transport corporations and other factors before deciding whether a fare revision is necessary. A decision on bus ticket prices is expected on November 5.

Gadag onion growers threaten protest as prices tumble from Rs 6,000 to Rs 2,500 per quintal

GADAG, : A sudden fall in onion prices at the Gadag APMC market has sparked anger among farmers, with growers accusing middlemen of manipulating the market and demanding a minimum price of Rs 6,000 per quintal.



Onions that were selling for Rs 5,000 to Rs 6,000 per quintal four days ago are now fetching only Rs 2,500 to Rs 3,500. The steep decline has left farmers struggling to recover the money invested in cultivation, labour and harvesting.

The APMC yard is witnessing substantial arrivals of onions, with heaps of produce spread across the market premises. Farmers said they had worked hard to raise the crop despite drought conditions and had expected the prevailing high prices to help them overcome financial difficulties.

Instead, the sudden price reduction has left them anxious about loan repayments and household expenses. Several growers fear that the returns from their produce will be insufficient even to cover the cost of cultivation.

Farmers have alleged that middlemen are playing a role in the sharp price fluctuations. According to them, traders offer better prices when media personnel are present but lower their bids after the cameras leave. They claimed that this practice was unfair to growers and called for closer monitoring of transactions. The farmers also expressed disappointment with the APMC administration and district authorities, alleging that officials had not adequately addressed their complaints. They demanded that market officials visit the trading yard, listen to growers and take immediate steps to ensure transparent price discovery.

The growers said the authorities should prevent unfair trading practices and protect farmers from being forced to sell their produce at unremunerative rates.

Yathindra's palace remarks spark political storm in Mysuru; protesters seek his ouster

Mysuru : A political controversy has erupted in Mysuru over Minister YathindraSiddaramaiah's remarks concerning the royal family, with residents, BJP and JD(S) leaders staging a protest and demanding his resignation. The demonstrators assembled in front of the Kote Anjaneyaswamy Temple and raised slogans against the minister and the state government. They alleged that his comments were inappropriate and had hurt the sentiments of people who regard the Mysuru royal family as an important part of the region's history and cultural identity.



The row began after Yathindra reacted to a letter sent by Pramoda Devi Wadiyar to the government regarding the conduct of the Mysuru Dasara celebrations.

The minister reportedly asserted that the palace board and palace property belonged to the government. He said the royal family had been allowed to stay in a portion of the premises and pointed out that the government paid for the use of the golden howdah during the Dasara procession.

The statements drew sharp criticism, with protesters insisting that the minister apologise immediately and step down. Opposition leaders joined residents in expressing their displeasure and questioning the government's approach to the royal family.

Yathindra has rejected the charge that he insulted the royal family. He said he had not spoken negatively about the Mysuru kings or made derogatory remarks about Pramoda Devi Wadiyar. He also reiterated his respect for the family and described Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar as an iconic hero.

The minister maintained that an apology was unnecessary because his comments referred to the legal position concerning the palace.

ED attaches assets worth Rs 23.35 crore in illegal online betting case involving Chitradurga MLA

Bengaluru, October 29: Force Motors Ltd, India's largest van manufacturer, reported a 23% year-on-year increase in total sales volumes during the first half of FY2026–27, driven by demand across its key product segments and an encouraging response to its newly launched vehicles.The company said sales momentum strengthened during the second quarter after an initial period of operational realignment following the transition to the new Traveller N range and the launch of the Urbania Deluxe.

Demand remained healthy across its portfolio, including the Traveller N range, Urbania Deluxe, Trax, Monobus and specialised vehicles. The company also reported a healthy order pipeline ahead of the festive season. Commenting on the performance, Prasan Firodia, Managing Director of Force Motors, said the first half had been a period of transition and renewed momentum for the company. He attributed the recovery in volumes to its manufacturing capabilities and the efforts of its teams, adding that sales had picked up significantly over the preceding two months.

Firodia said the company was optimistic about the outlook, supported by customer interest in its new products. It is also preparing to expand its electric mobility portfolio with the launch of the Traveller EV range.

Force Motors plans to invest approximately Rs.3,000 crore to strengthen its manufacturing capabilities, expand production capacity and nearly double its output to around 80,000 vehicles.

The company is also implementing Project DigiForce to improve customer engagement, strengthen its dealer network and enhance operational efficiency.

Firodia said the investments were aimed at building a stronger organisation capable of responding to changing customer needs and sustaining long-term growth. The company's priorities for the second half include meeting demand, building on the response to its new products and strengthening its business for the future. Force Motors also highlighted its zero-debt balance sheet, which it said provides a strong financial foundation for investments in products, manufacturing and market expansion.

Founded in 1958 by N.K. Firodia, Force Motors manufactures light commercial vehicles, multi-utility vehicles, passenger transport vehicles and specialised vehicles. Its product portfolio includes the Traveller, Trax, Urbania and Gurkha ranges. The company operates five manufacturing units in India and exports to more than 25 countries across regions including the Middle East, Asia, Latin America and Africa.

It also manufactures engines for Mercedes-Benz cars and SUVs produced in India at its Chakan facility in Pune. Its Chennai facility manufactures engines for BMW cars and SUVs assembled in the country.Force MTU Power Systems Pvt. Ltd., a joint venture between Force Motors and Rolls-Royce Power Systems AG, manufactures high-performance engines for power generation and underfloor rail applications at Chakan.

Congress protests R. Ashoka's remarks against Kharge, demands apology

Bengaluru: Congress leaders and workers staged a protest in Bengaluru on Wednesday, burning an effigy of Leader of the Opposition in the Karnataka Legislative Assembly R. Ashoka and demanding an apology for his alleged derogatory remarks against AICC president Mallikarjun Kharge.



The protesters condemned Ashoka's comments on Kharge's age, conduct and political career, saying that ridiculing senior leaders was unbecoming of a person holding a responsible constitutional position. They said respect for senior leaders was an essential part of democratic political culture.Kharge, who has spent more than six decades in public life, is an experienced parliamentarian with a long record in the Lok Sabha and the Karnataka Legislative Assembly, Congress leaders said. They accused Ashoka of attempting to create unnecessary political controversy instead of maintaining the dignity expected of a senior BJP leader. Describing Kharge as an accomplished statesman and a prominent Dalit leader, the protesters questioned the propriety of making personal remarks against a leader of his stature. They also challenged Ashoka's criticism of Congress leaders' physical fitness, citing Rahul Gandhi's Bharat Jodo Yatra, which covered approximately 3,400 km from Kanyakumari to Kashmir.The Congress leaders also referred to former Prime Minister H.D. Deve Gowda, who continues to remain active in public life despite his advanced age. They said mocking political leaders over their age was unacceptable in a democratic society.

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Dissolve GCC and let officials run it themselves if they won't cooperate: Chennai Mayor Priya

DEPUTY MAYOR MAHESH KUMAR ADDED THAT THE MAYOR HAD ATTENDED THE PRIME MINISTER'S EVENT AFTER RECEIVING AN INVITATION AND WOULD SIMILARLY ATTEND THE CHIEF MINISTER'S PROGRAMME IF INVITED AS PER PROTOCOL.



CHENNAI: Chennai Mayor R Priya on Thursday reiterated that she was not informed in advance about Chief Minister C Joseph Vijay's review meeting at Ripon Building, days after a similar row over her absence from rain preparedness inspections and review meetings. The issue came up during the monthly Greater Chennai Corporation (GCC) council meeting, where councillors also complained of being excluded from official functions.According to a Daily Thanthi report, the issue was raised during the monthly GCC council meeting at Ripon Building, where Deputy Mayor Mahesh Kumar alleged that a renovated park in Saidapet was inaugurated on Wednesday without informing the zonal committee chairman or the ward councillor.

"Only the MLA was invited to the inauguration. Neither the zonal committee chairman nor the ward councillor was informed. Officials must function beyond politics," Mahesh Kumar said.

Following his remarks, several councillors stood up and complained that they were also being excluded from government functions in their respective wards. They demanded an explanation from the Corporation Commissioner.

Responding to the complaints, Mayor Priya said she had faced a similar situation. "It is not just the councillors. Even I face the same situation. Nobody informed me about the Chief Minister's meeting at Ripon Building. But reports are circulating that I boycotted the meeting," she said.

"If the Chief Minister is visiting, shouldn't I be informed about the timing? Am I expected to stay at Ripon Building from morning till night?" she questioned. Priya also asked whether officials had received any instructions to exclude elected council members from official functions. "MLAs are elected representatives, and so are we. If officials are unwilling to cooperate with the Corporation, dissolve it and let the officials conduct the meetings themselves," she said. Deputy Mayor Mahesh Kumar added that the Mayor had attended the Prime Minister's event after receiving an invitation and would similarly attend the Chief Minister's programme if invited as per protocol.

CM Vijay meets MIDS professor Kalaiyarasan at Secretariat



CHENNAI: Chief Minister C Joseph Vijay on Thursday met Madras Institute of Development Studies (MIDS) assistant professor Kalaiyarasan at the Secretariat, following his detention by the police over a social media post allegedly targeting Pallavaram TVK MLA Kamatchi.

Police had taken Kalaiyarasan for questioning over an alleged defamatory post on social media. During the inquiry, he clarified that he did not have an Instagram account and that an unidentified person had misused his name and photograph to publish the post. Following his explanation, the police released him.

Following the incident, Vijay subsequently called Kalaiyarasan to the Secretariat and held discussions with him. School Education Minister Rajamohan and Tamil Nadu Director General of Police Mahesh Kumar Agarwal were also present during the meeting.

Explaining the incident about Kalaiarasan, Minister R Niramalkumar said that the wrongdoing had been committed by the local police station. "Myself and other Ministers explained to him that wrong things had happened" Minister Nirmalkumar said.

Kalaiyarasan, an associate professor of economics at the Madras Institute of Development Studies (MIDS), was detained by the Tambaram Police for roughly three hours over an offensive post targeting a TVK MLA on an Instagram account that carried Kalaiyarasan's photograph.

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Tamil Nadu ranks 5th among states with most information commission backlog "The commission will comprise a retired judge and IAS officers. They will work out the process for conducting the social justice survey," Nirmalkumar said. In the Governor's address to the Assembly, Governor R V Arlekar had announced that the State would conduct the survey after the completion of the caste enumeration by the Union government.

"It is a fundamental policy of this government that true social justice lies in every community getting due representation. To fulfil this policy and promise, we will urge the Centre to swiftly complete the caste enumeration in conjunction with the ongoing population census. After the Union government completes the caste enumeration, the Government of Tamil Nadu will conduct the social justice survey," Arlekar had said.

Rs 100-crore pvt school fraud case: Former DMK MLA Muthukumar surrenders before Chennai special court

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CHENNAI: A day after the Supreme Court rejected his anticipatory bail plea, former DMK MLA Muthukumar, an accused in the alleged private schools cheating case involving over Rs 100 crore, surrendered before a special court in Chennai on Thursday and was remanded to judicial custody till November 12.

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So far, the Central Crime Branch (CCB) of the Greater Chennai Police (GCP) has arrested four people, including former Tamil Nadu School Education Minister Anbil Mahesh Poyyamozhi, BT Arasakumar, president of the Tamil Nadu Private Schools Association, and two others, Suresh and Raja.

In this situation, Muthukumar surrendered before Judge L.S. Sathyamurthy of the special court for cases under the Prevention of Corruption Act in Chennai on Thursday (October 29).

The judge remanded him to judicial custody until November 12 and ordered that he be lodged at Puzhal Central Prison. Accepting Muthukumar's requests, the judge also directed the prison authorities to provide him with first-class facilities, ensure necessary medical treatment and permit him to wear his own clothes.

Palaniswami attempts to retain his hold on AIADMK ahead of year-end general council

CHENNAI: Caught amidst the twin storms of severe electoral setbacks and an escalating internal rebellion, AIADMK General Secretary Edappadi K Palaniswami is making hectic attempts to retain his absolute hold over the party ahead of the mandatory year-end general council meeting. The immediate battleground is set for November 1, when the former Chief Minister will chair a crucial meeting of party district secretaries at the AIADMK headquarters here. Observers view this gathering as a litmus test for his leadership following the party's disastrous third-place finish in the Madurantakam and Dharapuram Assembly by-elections earlier this month.

Theni jailbreak fallout: DGP Rathore shifted to Tangedco, K Shankar returns as Prisons chief



CHENNAI: Days after 17 undertrial prisoners escaped from the Thekkampatti sub-jail near Andipatti in Theni district, the Tamil Nadu government on Thursday transferred Sandeep Rai Rathore, Director General of Prisons and Correctional Services, and posted him as DGP/Chief Vigilance Officer, Vigilance, Tangedco, Chennai.

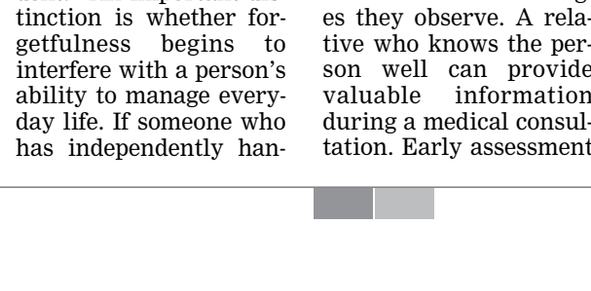
According to a Home (SC) Department order dated October 29, K Shankar, Additional Director General of Police, Enforcement Bureau CID, Chennai, has been appointed Additional DGP of Police and DG of Prisons and Correctional Services, replacing Rathore.

Tamil Nadu to stop accepting physical pension applications from November had earlier headed the Prisons and Correctional Services department, taking charge on January 2. He was transferred to the Enforcement Bureau CID on June 3, when Rathore replaced him as Prisons chief. Shankar has now returned to the post following Rathore's transfer.

The transfers have been ordered with immediate effect.

The move comes amid heightened scrutiny of prison security following two escape incidents at Puzhal Central Prison in Chennai on October 20 and 21. One undertrial prisoner allegedly scaled a 23-foot wall using electrical wiring, while a POCSO convict escaped while working at a prison-run bazaar. Both were later apprehended, and seven prison personnel were suspended. In the Theni incident on October 26, the 17 undertrial prisoners allegedly overpowered prison guards before fleeing. The inmates had pretended that one of them was suffering from an epileptic seizure to trap the guards and carry out their escape plan. Nine prison personnel were suspended following the escape.

Experts warn persistent memory loss may signal dementia



Forgetfulness may accompany ageing, but persistent memory loss, repeated questioning and difficulty performing familiar tasks could indicate dementia and should not be dismissed as a normal part of growing old, experts have warned.

With India's ageing population expanding, early recognition of dementia is crucial for timely medical assessment, identifying treatable conditions, planning appropriate care and supporting families dealing with the progressive condition, they said.

Dr Harjit Singh Bhatti, consultant in geriatric medicine at Sitaram Bhartia Institute of Science and Research, said families should pay attention when older people begin showing persistent changes in memory, behaviour or everyday functioning.

"Occasionally forgetting where you placed your spectacles or taking longer to recall a name can occur with normal ageing. Dementia is different. Repeatedly asking the same question within minutes, forgetting an important conversation, getting lost in a familiar neighbourhood or struggling with routine household tasks are warning signs," he said. Unexplained financial mistakes, difficulty managing medicines, language problems and unusual suspicion, irritability or apathy also warrant medical evaluation, Bhatti added.

Dr Shelly Dutta, associate professor of medicine at RML Hospital, said families should look for a pattern of progressive changes rather than judge memory problems based on an isolated incident. "An important distinction is whether forgetfulness begins to interfere with a person's ability to manage everyday life. If someone who has independently handled household responsibilities for years suddenly struggles with familiar tasks, repeatedly misses appointments or cannot manage routine financial transactions, the family should seek medical advice," Dutta said.

She emphasised that social stigma and the tendency to attribute all cognitive changes to old age could delay diagnosis and make caregiving more difficult.

"Families should approach the person with patience and dignity, avoid confrontation and document the changes they observe. A relative who knows the person well can provide valuable information during a medical consultation. Early assessment also gives families time to understand the condition, discuss safety and plan long-term support," she said.

Dr Avinash Chakrawarty, head of geriatric medicine at the National Centre for Ageing at AIIMS, Delhi, said dementia assessment requires a comprehensive clinical evaluation and cannot be based on a single memory test or an isolated symptom.

"The assessment should include a detailed history from the individual and a close family member, a review of medicines, neurological examination and an evaluation of how cognitive changes affect daily activities. Doctors may use validated screening tools such as the Mini-Cog, Mini-Mental State Examination and Montreal Cognitive Assessment to identify possible cognitive impairment," he said.

Depending on the findings, investigations may include blood tests to check vitamin B12 levels, thyroid function and metabolic abnormalities, along with brain imaging where indicated.

Healthgrades names top US hospitals for specialty care and outpatient procedures

New Delhi: Healthgrades has announced the recipients of its 2027 Specialty Excellence Awards and Specialty State Rankings, recognising hospitals across the United States for their performance in specialty care and outpatient procedures.The annual awards aim to help patients identify hospitals with strong clinical outcomes and make informed decisions about where to seek treatment. The announcement was made on October 27.

According to Healthgrades research, around 80% of patients consider the quality of the hospital where a doctor practises when choosing a healthcare provider. About 68% said they were more likely to seek treatment from a doctor affiliated with a highly rated hospital, while 71% said they would consider switching doctors to access a better-rated facility. Alana Biggers, MD, MPH, medical advisor at Healthgrades, said the awards identify hospitals delivering strong outcomes across various medical specialties and help patients find care suited to their needs. She stressed the importance of informed decision-making and patient involvement in healthcare. Healthgrades estimated that 227,229 lives could potentially have been saved and 158,138 complications avoided between 2023 and 2025 if all hospitals had performed at the five-star level during that period.Biggers highlighted challenges facing healthcare providers, including workforce shortages, administrative responsibilities, financial pressures and the increasing complexity of patient care. She said adequate staffing, clinical support and effective coordination were essential to improving patient outcomes.

She also pointed to barriers to accessing quality healthcare, including geographical distance, transportation difficulties, insurance coverage and financial constraints. Expanding outpatient services, strengthening community partnerships, using telehealth where appropriate and improving coordination among healthcare providers could help address some of these challenges.

The 2027 awards cover three categories. The Specialty Excellence Awards recognise hospitals for clinical performance across 19 specialty care areas, while the Outpatient Awards honour hospitals excelling in outpatient orthopaedic surgery, joint replacement and prostate care. The Specialty State Rankings identify high-performing hospitals across 19 specialties in eligible states.

Healthgrades evaluated patient outcomes at approximately 4,500 hospitals across 31 common procedures and conditions. The top-performing facilities are recognised through specialty awards, including America's 100 Best Hospitals for Specialty Care in 11 areas and America's 50 Best Hospitals for Specialty Care in four areas.

The growing demand for outpatient treatment was another focus of the report. Between 2020 and 2025, outpatient hip replacement procedures in the US increased by 81%, while inpatient procedures declined by 75%. Outpatient knee replacements rose by 71%, compared with a 70% decline in inpatient procedures.Biggers attributed the trend to advances in medical technology, greater emphasis on preventive care and the ability to perform procedures safely without requiring hospital admission. She emphasised that adequate staffing and coordination between outpatient providers, specialists and hospitals remain crucial to maintaining quality care.

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EDITORIAL

Writers' Village: A Confluence of Literature, Culture and Global Dialogue in the Himalayas

The Himalayas are not just a range of mountains; they are a living symbol of India's cultural consciousness, spiritual tradition, natural wealth, and human sensibilities. Its lofty peaks inspire humanity to dream big, while its rivers convey the message of life, continuity, and the growth of civilizations. Connecting this Himalayan consciousness with literature, art, culture, and global dialogue, the Third International "Sparsh Par Himalaya" 2026 Festival, held at Thano, the Writers' Village in Dehradun, Uttarakhand, became a memorable occasion for participation. Writers, artists, scholars, and creative individuals from various countries and several states of India participated in this event. Today, when the world is beset by challenges such as political tensions, war, cultural conflicts, environmental crises, and social divisions, the role of literature and culture becomes more important than ever. Politics often draws boundaries between countries and societies, but literature connects people based on their shared sensibilities. Languages may differ, geographical conditions may differ, and lifestyles may differ, but the aspirations for love, compassion, peace, justice, and human dignity are common everywhere. Literature gives expression to these shared values. The author's concept of the village International events like "Touching the Himalayas" provide an opportunity to put this idea into practice. When creatives from different countries and Indian states gather on a single platform, the exchange of ideas is not limited to formal discussions. It becomes a medium for understanding the cultural traditions, historical experiences, literary trends, and contemporary challenges of different societies. Such platforms prove that literature and culture still have the power to bind people together in a common humanity. The venue for this event, Lekhak Gaon, holds special significance. The expansion of literary activities in rural settings challenges the notion that creativity and intellectual discourse are limited to metropolitan cities, universities, or large auditoriums. Villages have been a major source of memories, folk languages, folk arts, traditions, and lived experiences in Indian society. Literary platforms established in rural settings offer writers the opportunity to connect with their roots and present local experiences in a global context. Himalayan Center of Creation Writers' Village is not just a venue for events; it is poised to become a vibrant hub for writing, reflection, research, translation, art, and cultural dialogue. Here, writers can channel their creative energy while being close to nature. The serenity, diversity, and depth of the Himalayas connect writers to new questions about society, culture, and human life. This is why Writers' Village can be seen as a cultural experiment, a confluence of traditional knowledge and contemporary thinking. The strength of Indian literature lies in its linguistic and cultural diversity. Hindi, Urdu, Punjabi, Bengali, Marathi, Tamil, Telugu, Malayalam, Kannada, Assamese, Garhwali, Kumaoni, and other languages express the memories, struggles, and aspirations of their respective societies. Platforms like Lekhak Gaon provide opportunities to enhance dialogue between these languages, encourage translation of regional literature, and introduce writers from different languages to each other's creative worlds.

NETANYAHU MAY HAVE FOUND A WAY TO LOSE - AND STILL RULE

NARESH KAUSHIK



The most remarkable story of Israel's election is the unprecedented success of Arab parties. They won 19 seats for the first time after Israeli Arab voters turned out in large numbers on Tuesday, hoping to remove Benjamin Netanyahu, the country's longest-serving Prime Minister. They have already offered support to the opposition bloc led by Gadi Eisenkot, which has secured 48 seats in the Knesset to form the next government. This should give Eisenkot a simple majority and fulfil his declared aim of ousting the veteran Israeli leader from power. But Israeli politics isn't that simple. Netanyahu may have lost the election, but that doesn't necessarily mean he's out of power.

Tuesday's election was a referendum on Netanyahu, and most polls predicted a heavy defeat for him. He was accused of corruption, of taking the country into endless wars, of tarnishing its international reputation, and of weakening the judiciary. Above all, Jews suffered the worst massacre since the Holocaust under his watch when Hamas-led terrorists attacked Israel on October 7, 2023, killing 1,200 people and taking 251 hostage. Netanyahu didn't even apologise for his government's failure to prevent the heinous attack. Yet, he has done better than expected in the election, the first since that atrocity. His Likud party emerged as the single largest party, and his right-wing bloc won 53 seats. About 4.5 lakh absentee ballots will be counted on Thursday, and he is expected to improve his tally. It won't be enough to reach the 61-seat mark needed to form the government. But Netanyahu, a master political tactician, has been in such situations before and knows how to manipulate opponents and turn the tables in his favour.

Test For Israel's Democracy

Netanyahu's Likud party hasalready tried to delegitimise Arab Israeli votes by making unsubstantiated allegations that Arabs have stolen the election and by calling for the police to investigate irregularities. This is an attempt to prevent the opposition bloc from forming a government with the support of Israeli Arabs. Although Arab parties have supported Israeli governments from outside in the past, under Netanyahu's rule, the Israeli public has become more hostile to the idea of such a government. Eisenkot and his allies ruled out such a government during the campaign. Even after the results, only Yair Golan, the leader of the left-wing Democratic Party, has come out in favour of forming a government with Arab parties. A former army general, Golan's party, like most Israeli leaders, is part of the opposition coalition.

"We have no future here if we don't stop being afraid ... We must no longer accept Netanyahu's racist division between Jewish votes and Arab votes," Golan posted on social media on Wednesday. But his suggestion is falling on deaf ears. Excluding 20% of the Arab Israeli population from government participation would raise questions about Israel's democracy.

THE ARAB VOTE

The State of Israel rules over Palestinians who can't vote in elections. Palestinians in Jerusalem are classified as permanent residents, yet they have no voting rights. Arab Israelis have equal rights as citizens but still face discrimination. The areas they live in have lower standards of living than those in Jewish localities, according to an analysis by the US think tank Council on Foreign Relations. Their schools are also underfunded, which affects their education. Israel's Law of Return grants all Jews and their families the right to settle in Israel, but Muslims and other Jews have no such right. A 2018 law removed Arabic as an official language, gave it "special status", declared Israel the nation-state of the Jewish people, and recognised the Jewish people's unique "right to exercise national self-determination in the State of Israel". No wonder Arab Israelis feel like second-class citizens. Including them in government would go a long way towards addressing their grievances. But the Israeli public doesn't seem to favour that. The fact is, Israel has become more right-wing under Netanyahu, with Arab Israelis viewed with suspicion and often accused of sympathising with Hamas despite their condemnation of the militant group. His government includes extreme right-wing politicians who often make racist comments against Muslim citizens of Israel. His National Security Minister, Itamar Ben-Gvir, was barred from serving in the army in his youth because of his involvement with terrorist groups. His Finance Minister, Bezalel Smotrich, has said that Israel needs "to wipe out Gaza" and that it should repeat what it "did in Gaza" in the West Bank. It's worth remembering that Israeli forces killed more than 70,000 Palestinians in Gaza during its military campaign after the October 7 attacks. Arab Israelis and Palestinians from the occupied territories may dream of their homeland one day, but the fact is, the two-state solution is no longer even a debating issue in Israel.

UNITY GOVERNMENT?

Eisenkot declared victory after the results and called for the largest party in the opposition coalition (meaning his own Yashar party) to be invited to form the government. But President Isaac Herzog is likely to invite Netanyahu, the leader of the largest party, Likud, to first try to form the new government. The opposition leaders will be invited only after he fails to secure a majority. On Wednesday, Herzog told political leaders to approach coalition negotiations with open minds to avoid fresh elections. There is already talk of a unity government in Israel, which will suit Netanyahu as long as he remains prime minister. A unity government will mean the alliances led by Netanyahu and Eisenkot joining forces. This may seem unthinkable, given that the opposition fought the election against Netanyahu. But Israel has a history of such unity governments.

Netanyahu also has the Trump card, literally. The US president has already put his weight behind the Israeli leader and even claimed credit for Netanyahu's better-than-expected performance as results started coming in on Tuesday night. An emergency situation will justify forming a unity government in Israel, and Trump could provide that by restarting the war with Iran. Netanyahu tried to do that during the last days of the election campaign, but Israel's generals refused to oblige, sensing its political motive. But after the results, the generals won't be able to refuse, and opposition leaders, including Eisenkot, will have no option but to support the renewed military campaign against Iran and form a unity government.

FRESH IRAN BOMBING?

In any case, he will remain the caretaker Prime Minister while negotiations and horse-trading to form a new government continue. That could last months, leaving Netanyahu in charge. Even fresh elections would suit Netanyahu, because Arab voters are unlikely to turn out again in large numbers if they believe their vote will be wasted. That has been the case in previous elections. In this election, nearly 70,000 Israelis from abroad flew home to vote. Most of them reportedly cast their ballots against Netanyahu. That may not be repeated. On the other hand, Netanyahu's supporters will be more organised next time round. Eisenkot will know that joining a national unity government will only help Netanyahu. Like him, a former army chief, Benny Gantz joined such a government after the inconclusive 2020 elections. But Gantz never became prime minister. History often repeats itself in Israel, and you just can't write off Netanyahu. The great survivor and master manipulator is unlikely to disappear from the Israeli political scene anytime soon.

SUPREME COURT'S CONCERN OVER DRUG PRICES IS JUSTIFIED

SAURABH VARSHNEY

Health is a fundamental necessity of any civilized society, and easy access to life-saving medicines should be every citizen's right. However, when a person suffering from illness is rendered helpless by the cost of treatment, it's natural to question the priorities of the healthcare system. The Supreme Court's serious concern over the alleged disparity in the prices of medicines and medical products is not merely a matter of irregularities in the pharmaceutical market, but a broader question concerning public health, government accountability, and human sensibilities. The court was presented with the example of a cancer injection, which was reported to cost approximately eleven thousand rupees, while a private hospital was found to be charging one and a half lakh rupees for the same injection. If these figures are confirmed, this discrepancy certainly demands investigation and accountability. Patients and their families suffering from a serious illness like cancer already experience mental, physical, and financial distress. At such times, the cost of treatment multiplies their suffering. Families spend their savings, are forced to sell assets, and sometimes borrow money to pay for treatment. If there is a significant difference between the purchase price of a medication and the amount charged to the patient, it is important to understand the actual cost of the medication, hospital expenses, storage, supplies, taxes, service charges, and other items.

It's also important to understand that the manufacturer's price, distributor's price, maximum retail price (MRP), and the amount charged by the hospital to the patient are not always the same. Hospitals may also incur costs for administering the drug, storing it safely, monitoring it, and treatment-related services. However, charging multiples of these costs without reasonable grounds cannot be ignored as normal business activity. Patients should receive clear bills, a proper breakdown of the price, and transparent information about treatment expenses.

The Supreme Court has also raised questions about the role of the National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority and its system for controlling drug prices. This concern is important because the government plays a crucial role in determining drug prices and ensuring the availability of essential medicines. When the prices of life-saving medicines in the market become unaffordable for ordinary citizens, mere policy formulation will not suffice; their effective implementation must also be reviewed. In India, mechanisms such as the Drug Price Control Order and the National Essential Medicines List exist to control the prices of essential medicines. These mechanisms attempt to control the prices of prescribed medicines. However, the question remains: is the monitoring system providing adequate relief to patients? Is there sufficient transparency regarding the prices of medicines and medical products used in hospitals that are outside the scope of price controls? Is timely action taken against violators? These questions must be answered not only by government data, but also by actual patient experiences and independent investigations. The court also raised examples of the prices of items like saline drips, heart stents, and antibiotics. It was reported that a saline drip costing approximately ?11 was being sold for ?270, a heart stent costing ?5,000 was being sold for over ?25,000, and the antibiotic azithromycin, costing ?28, was being sold for over ?70. These figures need to be verified with respect to the products in question, their quality, packaging, taxes, supply, and sales levels. However, if such a significant difference is found between the purchase and sale prices of similar products, regulatory bodies should provide a clear explanation. Price transparency is particularly important for heart stents and cancer-related medications. Patients often rely solely on their physician's advice and don't have the opportunity to compare market options. It is the responsibility of the government, hospital administrations, and regulatory bodies to prevent any potential exploitation of their vulnerability.

The pharmaceutical industry plays a vital role in research, development, production, and distribution of new medicines. Companies have the right to earn reasonable profits, but the market for life-saving medicines differs from that for ordinary consumer goods. Consumers often lack the freedom to postpone purchases or choose cheaper alternatives. In serious illnesses, drug options can be limited, and delays in treatment can be fatal. Therefore, the health sector requires a balance between market forces and social responsibility and effective government regulation. The central government argued that drug prices in India are lower than in many countries around the world. International comparisons may be useful, but the economic situation of Indian patients cannot be ignored. Just because a drug is cheaper than in other countries is not, in itself, proof that it is affordable for every Indian family. The real test should be how affordable, easy, and transparently the patient receives the necessary treatment. The government should develop effective systems for regular monitoring of drug prices and overcharging in hospitals. Hospitals should provide clear information about the purchase price of drugs and medical equipment, the price charged to patients, and service fees. The list of essential medicines and price controls should be reviewed periodically.

How A Poland 'Experiment' Could Change India's Defence Industry

ANUSHKA SAXENA



On October 22, Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his Polish counterpart Donald Tusk met at Hyderabad House to inaugurate what was a Polish Prime Minister's first visit to India in 16 years. The joint statement notably focused on defence, and included establishing a new Defence Industry Dialogue, as well as an invitation to Polish defence firms to co-develop and co-produce in India. Further, at a press conference, Tusk rather candidly pointed out that Polish drones and satellite intelligence had been "very useful" to India during "recent political tensions" - likely referring to Operation Sindoor.

However, as negotiations continue and India-Poland defence ties deepen, both sides must ask an important, timely question: Can Warsaw be the champion within the European Union (EU) that Delhi needs if Indian firms are to find a seat at the table? To understand the logic behind this question, Canada offers a template, while the UK offers an important warning. Ottawa signed its defence partnership with Brussels in June 2025 and closed a participation deal by December under Security Action for Europe (SAFE), the EU's 150 billion rearmament credit line, after a German-led bloc of member states argued for opening the scheme to it. It paid a modest initial contribution for near-equal treatment with European firms, allowing it to cover up to a whopping 80% of the component costs for any approved EU procurement project. At the same time, London walked away in November 2025 after Paris pushed for terms, including a fee of up to 6 billion, that the UK found indefensible. So, understanding European Commission legalese is not enough to secure a seat at the Rearm table - an internal participant must vouch for an external counterpart's interests and capabilities.

Warsaw is not only one of the biggest beneficiaries of, and contributors to, EU Rearmament 2030, but it is also best suited to play that champion for India, for three reasons.

BIG MONEY

The first is Poland's massive contributions to Rearm and the political weight it carries. Warsaw will spend a projected 4.8% of its GDP on defence in 2026, and no other NATO ally is closer to the 5% national defence spending mark. On May 8 this year, Poland became the first member state to sign a massive loan agreement under SAFE, locking in a deal for 43.7 billion, or nearly 30% of the instrument's available capital. SAFE funding is also opening up for a second round of credit extension, and Warsaw demands a piece of that pie as well, even as the European Commission has argued for steering it towards Ukrainian firms.

Poland is a pillar for European defence having both received Rearm money and invested it into everything from shells and howitzers to main battle tanks, guided-missile frigates, and even top-of-the-line F-35s. India, meanwhile, is eligible to negotiate its own way into SAFE after signing a Security and Defence Partnership with the EU in January. For any external participant, a SAFE-funded contract caps component costs at 35%, requiring the rest to come from within the EU-Ukraine-EEFTA region. Without a bilateral participation agreement - that is, Warsaw's support - that cap will continue to limit how much of the Rearm momentum India can leverage.

NATURAL PARTNERS?

The second reason is that India may actually be able to aid Poland's wartime mobilisation and preparedness efforts. Warsaw has clearly demonstrated defence industrial depth in the context of the Ukraine conflict by sending a reported 100 million rounds of ammunition and about 20 Krab howitzers to Kyiv. But most of it is Soviet-calibre small munitions. In terms of heavy artillery, while the state-owned firm PGZ has produced roughly twenty-five thousand 155mm shell bodies a year, the expected capacity goal is 150,000-180,000 shells. Meanwhile, the Polish army has bought hundreds of new howitzers, each demanding more shells.

Microsoft profits soar days after announcing thousands of layoffs



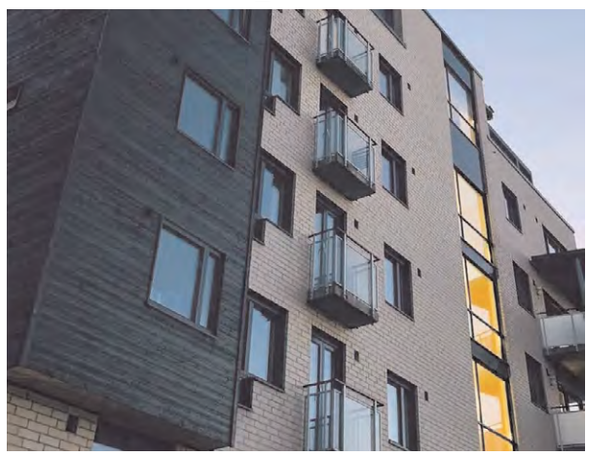
Technology giant Microsoft says its profits for the three months to the end of September jumped to more than $36.6bn (£27.5bn), just days after announcing plans to cut its workforce by more than a quarter. On Monday, the Windows developer said it would offer buyouts to around 60,000 of its workers to cut costs as it pours billions of dollars into artificial intelligence (AI). Like many other major tech firms, Microsoft is investing heavily in the infrastructure that powers AI even as questions remain over whether such huge spending will pay off. Microsoft shares rose by almost 2.9% in after hours trading in New York on Wednesday. The recent financial results of tech companies have been closely watched by investors as they gauge whether the heavy spending on AI is sustainable. Big tech companies like Amazon, Meta and Alphabet are expected to spend more than $700bn this year on AI chips and infrastructure like data centres. Microsoft said on Wednesday that its quarterly revenue rose to $92.3bn - up 19% from a year earlier - driven by strong growth in its cloud computing business. Its earnings were lifted by a 30% increase in revenue for Microsoft Cloud - its range of enterprise technology services. The firm also flagged risks, including "substantial investments" in AI, among other uncertainties that could impact its finances. The firm's chief executive Satya Nadella said AI development has helped grow the adoption of the technology and has delivered "real-world impact across every industry." This week, the company said it would extend a voluntary redundancy offer to eligible employees in teams across Canada, India, the UK and US to adapt its workforce to "changing needs". It will create "greater flexibility" for the firm and allow workers to leave with financial support and career planning resources, Microsoft said. The company currently employs more than 220,000 people around the world. Microsoft's stronger-than-expected earnings contrasted with Alphabet, as the owner of Google disappointed investors with its financial results on Wednesday. The firm's shares fell by 9.75% after it reported a 25% drop in quarterly net profit from a year earlier and said it will continue to spend heavily on AI. This week, The firm's chief executive Satya Nadella said AI development has helped grow the adoption of the technology and has delivered "real-world impact across every industry." the company said it would extend a voluntary redundancy offer to eligible employees in teams across Canada, India, the UK and US to adapt its workforce to "changing needs". It will create "greater flexibility" for the firm and allow workers to leave with financial support and career planning resources, Microsoft said. The company currently employs more than 220,000 people around the world. Microsoft's stronger-than-expected earnings contrasted with Alphabet, as the owner of Google disappointed investors with its financial results on Wednesday. The firm's shares fell by 9.75% after it reported a 25% drop in quarterly net profit from a year earlier and said it will continue to spend heavily on AI.

Jio Platforms surges 23 pc on debut, becomes India's No. 2 firm



Mumbai: Shares of Jio Platforms, the Reliance Industries-backed digital services company, made a blockbuster debut on Wednesday, October 28, surging nearly 23 per cent against the issue price of Rs 1,119 and becoming the second most valuable domestic firm by market capitalisation. The stock started trading at Rs 1,358, registering a jump of 21.36 per cent from the issue price on both the BSE and NSE. The company's market valuation stood at Rs 12,57,401.07 crore. Later, the stock hit the days high of Rs 1,375, up 22.87 per cent from the issue price on the BSE. At the NSE, it climbed 22.83 per cent to Rs 1,374.50. Jio Platforms is ahead of Bharti Airtel, HDFC Bank and ICICI Bank in the top five order of market capitalisation (mcap) ranking. Reliance Industries is the country's most valued firm with a market capitalisation of Rs 15.94 lakh crore. Jio Platforms' Rs 30,213 crore initial public offering closed with bids for 22.19 times the shares on offer, as total demand across the public issue and anchor investor placement crossed Rs 7.4 lakh crore and applications approached a world-beating 1.39 crore. The IPO was entirely a fresh issue of 27 crore shares and was priced at Rs 1,065 to Rs 1,119 a share. Ahead of the public issue, Jio Platforms raised about Rs 8,110 crore from 212 anchor investors on October 19, allotting shares at Rs 1,119 apiece, the upper end of the price band. Last week on Wednesday, the opening day of the IPO, Jio Platforms Ltd's offering was fully subscribed within 100 minutes, making it the fastest-subscribed mega public issue in India. Jio Platforms, in which Reliance owns a 66.4 per cent stake, launched its IPO on October 21. The offering ended on October 23. Jio Platforms' Rs 30,213 crore initial public offering closed with bids for 22.19 times the shares on offer, as total demand across the public issue and anchor investor placement crossed Rs 7.4 lakh crore and applications approached a world-beating 1.39 crore. The IPO was entirely a fresh issue of 27 crore shares and was priced at Rs 1,065 to Rs 1,119 a share. Ahead of the public issue, Jio Platforms raised about Rs 8,110 crore from 212 anchor investors on October 19, allotting shares at Rs 1,119 apiece, the upper end of the price band. Last week on Wednesday, the opening day of the IPO, Jio Platforms Ltd's offering was fully subscribed within 100 minutes, making it the fastest-subscribed mega public issue in India. Jio Platforms, in which Reliance owns a 66.4 per cent stake, launched its IPO on October 21. The offering ended on October 23. PTI SUM Shares of Jio Platforms, the Reliance Industries-backed digital services company, made a blockbuster debut on Wednesday, surging nearly 23 per cent against the issue price of Rs 1,119 and becoming the second most valuable domestic firm by market capitalisation. The stock started trading at Rs 1,358, registering a jump of 21.36 per cent from the issue price on both the BSE and NSE. The company's market valuation stood at Rs 12,57,401.07 crore. Later, the stock hit the days high of Rs 1,375, up 22.87 per cent from the issue price on the BSE. At the NSE, it climbed 22.83 per cent to Rs 1,374.50. Jio Platforms is ahead of Bharti Airtel, HDFC Bank and ICICI Bank in the top five order of market capitalisation (mcap) ranking. Reliance Industries is the country's most valued firm with a market capitalisation of Rs 15.94 lakh crore.

Hyderabad: BharathCloud opens second office at Mindspace IT Park



Hyderabad: Hyderabad-based sovereign AI cloud services provider BharathCloud has opened its second office in the city at Mindspace IT Park in Hitec City. The new office covers 10,000 square feet and will support the company's growing cloud and AI infrastructure operations. As part of its expansion, BharathCloud plans to onboard over 500 employees across technology and business functions. The hiring is expected to span cloud engineering, AI infrastructure, network operations, cybersecurity, customer support, and business operations.

BharathCloud also plans to establish a Global Network Operations Centre (GNOC) at the new office. The planned centre will strengthen infrastructure monitoring, improve visibility across cloud services and support the company's focus on operational resilience and service reliability.

Rahul Takkallapally, Co-Founder, BharathCloud, said, "This new office is more than an expansion of space. It represents our investment in talent, infrastructure, and the capabilities needed to serve a growing market."

Global Edge to Bring UAE Property Developers and Indian Investors Together at Hyderabad Expo



Hyderabad, October 29, 2026: UAE-based Global Edge Advertisements LLC will organise the UAE Property Grand Expo 2026 in Hyderabad on October 31 and November 1, bringing participating property developers from Dubai and Ajman into direct engagement with prospective Indian investors. The event will take place at JRC Conventions and Trade Fairs, with support from the Dubai Land Department and the Ajman Land Department.

The expo comes amid continued activity in the UAE real estate market and growing interest among Indian investors in overseas property ownership. According to estimates cited by the organisers, Indian investors account for approximately 20–22% of Dubai's property investment market, with annual investments exceeding AED 30 billion. Dubai recorded approximately AED 917 billion in real estate transactions during 2025, according to figures referenced in the event's media briefing.

HYDERABAD'S GROWING INVESTOR BASE

Hyderabad's technology and healthcare industries, expanding entrepreneurial ecosystem and internationally connected professional community have made the city a relevant market for overseas investment opportunities. The expo will bring participating developers to the city, allowing prospective buyers to compare residential projects across different price categories and seek information directly from developers.

For Global Edge, the event represents an extension of its work in connecting businesses and audiences across markets. Established in 2010, the company has operated in the UAE advertising and marketing sector for over 15 years. Its latest initiative centres on the real estate sector, where access to project information, ownership procedures and regulatory requirements remains important for prospective international buyers.

INVESTMENT RETURNS AND OWNERSHIP RULES IN FOCUS

The event will address practical aspects of purchasing property in the UAE, including project credentials, payment plans, financing options, rental demand, ownership costs and applicable regulations. The India–UAE Real Estate Forum will also bring together government representatives and industry professionals to discuss investment opportunities and regulatory transparency.

Market research cited in the event's media FAQ indicates average gross residential rental yields of approximately 6–7% in Dubai. Actual returns vary by location, property type and market conditions, and investors must account for service charges, maintenance expenses and vacancy periods when assessing potential net income.

Indian residents can purchase property in designated foreign-ownership areas of the UAE, subject to applicable Indian and UAE regulations. Under the Reserve Bank of India's Liberalised Remittance Scheme, resident individuals may remit up to USD 250,000 per financial year for permitted purposes, including overseas property acquisition, subject to applicable conditions.

SANDISK® 320 SATA SSD and SANDISK® 520 SATA SSD: From everyday PC upgrades to powering creative and productivity workflows



Ranchi ,India – October , 2026: As applications, media files and digital workloads continue to demand greater storage and faster access to data, Sandisk's new SATAMeanwhile, Adani Ports emerged as the biggest gainer among the constituents of both the 30-share BSE Sensex and Nifty50, even as the benchmark indices traded higher. SSDs offer a practical way to upgrade PC performance and capacity. The new drives combine solid-state performance with 2.5-inch form factors, making them suitable for upgrading existing compatible systems. The SANDISK® 520 SATA SSD and SANDISK® 320 SATA SSD are designed for a range of computing needs. SANDISK® 520 SATA SSD: Designed for IT professionals, content creators and prosumers to support intensive creative and productivity workflows.

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Adani Ports stock climbs over 5 pc after Q2 profit rises



New Delhi: Shares of Adani Ports and Special Economic Zone climbed more than 5 per cent on Thursday after the company reported an 18 per cent rise in consolidated net profit to Rs 3,682.44 crore for the quarter ended September 2026. On the BSE, the stock jumped 5.59 per cent to Rs 1,857.35 apiece. The scrip of Adani Ports and Special Economic Zone (APSEZ) rose 5.45 per cent to Rs 1,857.40 on the National Stock Exchange (NSE). Meanwhile, Adani Ports emerged as the biggest gainer among the constituents of both the 30-share BSE Sensex and Nifty50, even as the benchmark indices traded higher. The BSE Sensex surged 606.09 points, or nearly 1 per cent, to 73,852.12, while NSE Nifty rose 157.20 points, or 0.69 per cent, to 22,856.05 in the late morning trade. On Wednesday, Adani Ports and Special Economic Zone reported an 18 per cent rise in consolidated net profit at Rs 3,682.44 crore for the quarter ended September 2026, driven by higher revenues from operations. The company's consolidated net profit stood at Rs 3,120.20 crore in the quarter ended September 30, 2025, the company said in a regulatory filing. The company's total income in the July-September 2026-27 period increased to Rs 11,609.77 crore, from Rs 10,004.06 crore in the year-ago quarter, it added. Part of the globally diversified Adani Group, APSEZ is the largest port developer and operator in India, with seven strategically located ports and terminals on the West coast and eight on the East coast.

Audio reveals exchanges between control centre and drivers before deadly Spain train crash



Audio recordings published in Spanish media reveal conversations between train drivers and a railway control centre in the minutes leading up to a deadly train crash that killed at least 69 people and injured dozens. Officials are investigating the cause of the disaster, which occurred when a train travelling from Madrid to Seville barrelled into a stationary train on Wednesday morning. Three audio recordings between the control centre in Madrid and two train drivers appear to show that one high-speed train was given clearance to move even though another some 25km (15 miles) up ahead had stalled. Prime Minister Pedro Sánchez, who travelled to the area of the crash, said authorities were working "day and night" to "get to the bottom of every last detail of this tragedy". The release of the recordings comes as Spain begins three days of national mourning for one of the worst rail disasters in Europe's modern history. One train, run by state-owned operator Renfe, had 397 passengers on board. Ahead of it on the same line was a train run by private operator Iryo, with 147 passengers. A reported issue with the automatic signalling system - a computer failure - had forced all trains to halt on the affected stretch. But later the Renfe train was ordered to proceed in "error", according to Spain's transport minister. Audio recordings published by Spanish news outlets including El Pais and RTVE reveal the conversations that took place between the two train's drivers and the control centre in the Spanish capital ahead of the crash. In one recording, a control centre operator is speaking to the driver of the Renfe train, which was travelling behind the other train and was having some technical difficulties. After some exchanges, the control operator tells the driver: "Continue your journey and then proceed under [Lateral Signalling Block], at normal speed with normal operation." The driver replies, "At normal speed?" To which the controller says: "Yes." The Lateral Signaling Block is a back-up or alternative train system used when the automatic signalling or data transmission system fails. The driver of the other train - operated by Iryo - says in another audio recording that communication with the train-control system has been lost and it is not moving. The train "is stationary in front of the entry signal at Urda", the driver tells the control centre operator. After a series of exchanges, the driver is then told to "resume the journey" normally. The Iryo driver then contacts the control centre again, according to a later recording, saying they cannot start the train. "The train won't allow me to control the [security] system. That's why I am still stopped in front of the entry signal," they say. The latter recording suggests that the controller had been notified that the Iryo train remained stationary as the Renfe train approached. Iryo said its train was "struck from behind" by the other train. Spain's transport minister Óscar Puente said on Wednesday that the decision to instruct the trains to move again, without any speed restrictions, was "inexplicable". The leaking of the audio recordings has been criticised by some Spanish politicians. Posting on X, Alberto Ibáñez, a member of Congress for the left-wing Sumar platform, described the leaks as "despicable". Irene Montero - the prime ministerial candidate for the left-wing Podemos party - said responsibility for the crash should not be placed on one worker, adding that train drivers and experts have been warning against the liberalisation of the railway sector for years. From the crash site, Sánchez said: "We are working day and night not only to support the victims' families, but also to establish every last detail of this tragedy and strengthen safety measures to ensure it never happens again." Most Spanish politicians have cancelled all public engagements and suspended their campaigning ahead of a snap election on 29 November. The exception is the far-right party Vox. Its leader, Santiago Abascal, said his party would not take part in what he described as attempts to "use mourning to silence criticism" of the country's rail infrastructure. Overnight, around 1,500 people gathered outside the Spanish Transport Ministry building in the capital, according to Spanish broadcaster TVE, which reported that demonstrators were largely calling for the resignations of Sánchez and Puente. Police used tear gas to disperse crowds after protesters hurled bottles and flares. No injuries or arrests were reported. Rail drivers went ahead with a planned strike on Thursday, with the Spanish Union of Railway Drivers (Semaf) saying the strike action was being held "in defence of railway safety". The leader of Spain's main opposition People's Party Alberto Núñez Feijóo said: "Spain has the right to know what is happening with its infrastructure." At the crash site, emergency crews worked through the night under powerful floodlights to cut open metal carriages in the search for victims, with many of those killed in the crash still to be identified. Hundreds of personnel have been deployed to the disaster site to assist with recovery efforts, according to Spain's interior ministry, with drones and helicopters being used to find victims and remove rubble. A spokesperson for the Spanish Civil Guard told the BBC they had deployed more than 900 people from different specialist departments, and the priority now was identifying remains.

NETANYAHU'S BLOC LEADING ISRAEL ELECTION BUT SHORT OF MAJORITY, PARTIAL RESULTS SHOW



Partial results from Israel's general election show veteran Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu marginally ahead of his rival, former military chief Gadi Eisenkot, but still short of a majority in parliament. With 97% of ballots counted, Netanyahu's Likud party and its far-right and ultra-Orthodox Jewish allies were on track to win 53 seats in the 120-seat Knesset. Eisenkot's Yashar party and three other Jewish opposition parties in his bloc were set for 48. Both leaders have said they will try to form a governing coalition. Arab-led parties, which are on course to win an unprecedented 19 seats, could emerge as kingmakers. But all but one of the Jewish parties have pledged not to work with them. On Thursday, officials began counting as many as 480,000 absentee ballots from groups including soldiers, diplomats and hospital patients, who could not get to polling stations. These votes may change the final number of seats allotted to each party under Israel's proportional representation system. Once the results are confirmed, President Isaac Herzog will hold consultations with all the political factions and invite the leader whom he believes has the best chance of success to form a government - a process that could take weeks. If they fail, then ultimately there would have to be another election. During a meeting at his residence in Jerusalem on Wednesday, Herzog praised the 77.7% turnout in the previous day's election, which was the highest in more than two decades. "It is a badge of honour for Israeli society, and it was remarkable to see how deep the desire for democracy is in Israel," he said. He added that he expected to receive the official results next week, after which he would begin discussions with every faction. "We must do everything we can, certainly after yesterday, to avoid another round of elections. So, I expect everyone who comes here to come with an open mind." Both the prime minister and his main rival have insisted that they should be tasked with forming a governing coalition. Eisenkot declared that the public had "spoken in favour of change", after initial exit polls published by three Israeli broadcasters projected that his "Change Bloc" would emerge with between 52 and 53 seats in the Knesset, compared to 50 seats for Netanyahu's bloc. "The coalition of failure has lost the people's trust," he told supporters at Yashar's election headquarters in Tel Aviv. "I will work with my partners to ensure that the people's decision is translated into a Zionist government." Later, the broadcasters updated their exit polls, with two projecting that the rival blocs would be tied on 51 seats and one giving Netanyahu's bloc a narrow three-seat lead. Netanyahu then appeared at Likud's headquarters in Jerusalem and declared that his right-wing bloc had won a "great majority". "We must put in place a strong right-wing national government," he said. "It is forbidden, simply forbidden, to endanger Israel by forming a government that relies on anti-Zionist Arab parties." As the votes were counted, it emerged that his bloc had done better than the exit polls predicted and was on course to win 53 seats. However, that figure is 15 seats fewer than it had once controlled in the last Knesset.

PHILIPPINE POLICE OBTAIN WARRANT TO SEARCH THOMAS MARKLE'S DEVICES



Philippine police have obtained a warrant to examine devices seized from the former home of Thomas Markle, father of the Duchess of Sussex. Earlier this month, it was reported that hundreds of images of child sexual abuse allegedly belonging to Thomas Markle Sr, 82, had been found at the property in the Philippines. Four boxes of material, including computers, phones, hard drives and old videotapes, were handed to police by Meghan's half-brother, Thomas Markle Jr, last week. However, officers in Cebu needed a court warrant before they could examine the items. Thomas Markle Sr, who is now in the US, has strongly denied the allegations made by his son, describing them as "sick lies". Cebu Regional Prosecutor Graeme Elmido told the BBC that Thomas Markle Jr was "adamant" that the case should be investigated, and that he felt his father "has to answer for it". Last week, the Sun on Sunday reported that Thomas Markle Sr's ex-wife, Roslyn Loveless, had sent a letter to the Metropolitan Police about the 2019 allegations, which was shared with the Duke and Duchess of Sussex at the time. Loveless, who has since died, is the mother of Meghan's two half-siblings. She divorced Thomas Markle Sr. in 1975, before he married the duchess's mother. The duchess has been estranged from her father since 2018. The BBC understands she broke contact with him last year, telling him she and the authorities knew he had abused young girls.

FLÁVIO BOLSONARO DENIES FLEEING BRAZIL AFTER LANDING IN MIAMI



Brazilian Senator Flávio Bolsonaro, who landed in Miami after losing the presidential election on Sunday, has said it was never his intention to "leave my homeland". "I did not flee Brazil; I left for the sake of Brazil," he said in his first statement since his departure. The US provided visas to him and his family after Brazil cancelled his passports as part of a criminal investigation. Bolsonaro denies any wrongdoing. On Wednesday, US President Donald Trump told reporters: "We gave him a pass to come into the country". Newly re-elected President Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva has criticised Bolsonaro's secretive exit from the country, saying "those who have nothing to hide have nothing to fear".Bolsonaro's arrival in Florida ended days of confusion over his whereabouts, after he was reported to have travelled to Argentina, and then prematurely reported to have already entered the US on Tuesday. In a statement, Bolsonaro thanked both the presidents of Argentina and the US, and the American public "who share the same values ??as the good people of my own country". "It was never my intention to leave my homeland, but I know exactly where this is heading," he said. "I departed from a regime of exception so that I could become the leader my people deserve."Bolsonaro's arrival in Florida ended days of confusion over his whereabouts, after he was reported to have travelled to Argentina, and then prematurely reported to have already entered the US on Tuesday. In a statement, Bolsonaro thanked both the presidents of Argentina and the US, and the American public "who share the same values ??as the good people of my own country". "It was never my intention to leave my homeland, but I know exactly where this is heading," he said. "I departed from a regime of exception so that I could become the leader my people deserve." He called himself a victim of a coup d'état and political persecution, and said his travel to the US was to protect his family. In the lengthy letter, he also repeated unsubstantiated allegations of "electoral fraud" which he said allowed a "mathematical impossibility" to occur in the election. On Wednesday, Trump declined to discuss the allegations made in Bolsonaro's letter. "I won't get involved. It was a very strange election, that's for sure," Trump said. He went on to add that he thought Bolsonaro "and his family were treated very unfairly". After Bolsonaro won the first round of Brazil's election, Lula won the second round by more than four million votes, which was attributed to significantly higher turnout, and swaying more undecided voters.

CARNEY TO PUSH FOR CLOSER TIES AT CANADA-EU SUMMIT IN MONTREAL



For decades, Canada-EU summits took place without much fanfare - but that's not the case for this coming two-day meeting in Montreal. Thursday and Friday's summit will be closely watched for details on how Canada and the European bloc deepen their ties. Last month, European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen proposed "opening the door" to Canada for what she called an "associate membership" - a status that does not currently exist. The overture came after Prime Minister Carney addressed the European Parliament in Strasbourg, telling EU lawmakers that Canada and Europe were "stronger together" in the face of "geopolitical rupture". Von der Leyen, speaking to reporters after landing in Montreal on Wednesday, said the two sides will "start discussing how to make Canada the first associate member of the EU". "Our ambition is to build the closest partnership we have ever had with a non-European country," she said. Carney and many EU member states welcome closer ties, but not all are on board with what to call this new relationship. Some, like Germany, are questioning the "associate member" term, fearing that Canada is getting preferential treatment ahead of other nations who also want in. According to reports by multiple news outlets, Germany and other nations successfully lobbied to remove mention of the title in a draft statement ahead of the summit, opting instead for softer language that references an "ever closer association".



Russian drone attack on Ukrainian train station kills at least 14, officials say

ROCK COLLAPSE KILLS TWO IN TURKEY'S CAPPADOCIA, LOCAL MEDIA REPORTS



At least two people have been killed and five injured after a rock formation collapsed at a tourist site in Turkey's historical region of Cappadocia, local media is reporting. One of the rock spires, which are known as fairy chimneys, reportedly disintegrated at the popular open-air museum in the central town of Göreme. Nevsehir provincial Governor Hüseyin Kök said the victims' bodies had been recovered from under the rubble, but the justice minister warned there could be "other potential victims" still trapped. The cause of Thursday's incident was not immediately known, however local media reported the collapse could have been triggered by heavy rain. Turkish media reported that the collapse happened near the entrance to the museum at about 15:15 local time (12:15 GMT). In a later post on social media, Justice Minister Akin Gürlek said that "according to initial assessments, two individuals have lost their lives in the incident, and five others have been injured". He added that a search and rescue operation was continuing at the site. The Cappadocia region attracts tourists from around the world, who want to see the ancient fairy chimneys - tall, cone-shaped rock formations that are created by volcanic activity.



ELENA RYBAKINA SECURES YEAR-END TOP RANK WITH TOKYO WIN

World No. 1 Elena Rybakina hailed her "amazing achievement" after securing the year-end top ranking with a 6-2, 6-3 victory over fellow Kazakh Yulia Putintseva in Japan on Thursday. Rybakina became world No. 1 for the first time last month after winning the US Open, replacing Aryna Sabalenka at the top of the rankings. She ensured she will finish 2026 as the world No. 1 after a comfortable opening-round win at the Pan Pacific Open in Tokyo, brushing aside world No. 67 Putintseva in just 70 minutes. The achievement caps a remarkable year in which Rybakina also won the Australian Open in January and increased her Grand Slam tally to three titles. "It means a lot. This is something we worked for with the team," said the 27-year-old. "So many great players and we are all really close to each other. I'm happy that, with last week and with today's win, I made it possible to secure No. 1 at the end of the year. "It's an amazing achievement and hopefully we can continue this way next year," she added. The Moscow-born Rybakina has already secured her place at next month's season-ending WTA Finals in Indian Wells. She arrived in Tokyo after winning her fourth title of the season at the Ningbo Open in China last week. Rybakina struck six aces against Putintseva and saved the only break point she faced. "Today the serve definitely helped me in the important moments," she said. "I was just trying to pick my spot and I think today, with a closed roof and a combination of the balls and the court, I felt better serving. "I'm glad it worked today." Rybakina will face Canada's Leylah Fernandez in the quarter-finals, having beaten her in last week's Ningbo Open final. Rybakina also revealed she has recently taken an interest in collecting Pokemon cards. "Because of my coach, I am following Pokemon cards a little bit now," she said. "I'm not a huge fan, but he is, so I know a little bit. We were getting some cards, opening them and trying to find some important ones." World number one Elena Rybakina hailed her "amazing achievement" after securing the year-end top ranking with a 6-2, 6-3 win over fellow Kazakh Yulia Putintseva in Japan on Thursday.

Bhuvneshwar Kumar Hit Or Miss?

R ASHWIN DELIVERS BLUNT VERDICT ON STAR'S COMEBACK



Former India cricketer Ravichandran Ashwin has raised concerns over veteran pacer Bhuvneshwar Kumar's performance in the third T20I against New Zealand on Tuesday. The 36-year-old's return to the side has been underwhelming so far, with the pacer conceding 139 runs across three matches while picking up just one wicket. Speaking after the game in Wellington, Ashwin said Bhuvneshwar looked a bit off-colour, describing his latest outing as a "miss" compared to his previous performances. "Bhuvneshwar Kumar in his third match is a miss for me. Look, anybody can go for runs. I would actually take the previous two games of Bhuvi. I thought he bowled really well upfront. He swung the ball and bowled the third over inside the Powerplay in the previous game," Ashwin said after the match on SonyLiv. Ashwin pointed out that while any bowler can have an off day and concede runs, Bhuvneshwar appeared to lack his usual spark. He noted that the veteran pacer struggled to generate movement and was also bowling at a lower pace compared to the previous matches. "So, it's very understandable to have one bad over in the back half, but in this game, I thought his pace was down. The swing was missing. Just didn't look like he was running up to the crease as well as he could. Looked a bit off, and I think it's been a very big miss," he added. India bowling coach Morne Morkel urged Bhuvneshwar to "block out expectations" and focus on being himself as the seasoned pacer looks to regain his rhythm. "I've got a lot of sympathy for his return.

Sachin vs Inzamam, Dhoni vs Miandad, Kohli vs Babar: Waqar Younis Snubs Pak Stars, Names His Picks



Highlights

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Former Pakistan pacer Waqar Younis was recently asked to pick a dream team comprising only Indian and Pakistan players. Widely regarded as one of the greatest fast bowlers in cricket history, Waqar made some surprising selections that left fans intrigued. Having made his international debut in 1989, he went on to play 87 Tests and 262 ODIs for Pakistan, claiming 373 and 416 wickets respectively. The 54-year-old featured in numerous India-Pakistan clashes and experienced the intensity of the rivalry firsthand. Recently, Waqar appeared on the Shubhankar Mishra Podcast, where he took part in a rapid-fire segment to build a combined India-Pakistan XI. Much to everyone's surprise, he selected only one Pakistan player, with the rest of his choices coming from India. During the segment, Waqar was also asked to choose between 15-year-old batting sensation Vaibhav Sooryavanshi and Pakistan's 20-year-old youngster Sameer Minhas. However, he declined to pick either player, saying he had not watched enough of them to make a fair assessment. Meanwhile, Indian cricket is currently focused on an all-format tour of New Zealand. Shreyas Iyer and his team have already taken an unassailable 3-0 lead in the five-match T20I series, which will be followed by a five-Test series and two ODIs. On the other hand, Pakistan are currently competing in a home ODI tri-series featuring England and Sri Lanka. After registering three consecutive victories, the hosts secured a place in the final, where they will face Sri Lanka on Saturday.

"GAUTAM GAMBHIR MADE IT CLEAR":

TILAK VARMA ON COACH'S 'ODI-TEST' MESSAGE FOR T20I SQUAD



India are 3-0 up in the five-match series against New Zealand, but the tourists aren't willing to take their feet off the gas. Speaking at the press conference on the eve of the fourth T20I at Eden Park, India vice-captain Tilak Varma spoke about how the team is preparing itself for the remaining two matches of the series. While Tilak didn't shy away from saying a 5-0 clean sweep is the target for the Indian team, he also emphasised the message received from head coach Gautam Gambhir, who is keen to carry this momentum forward into the ODI and Test assignments that follow. The Indian team has been involved in rigorous travel, with overlaps also taking place on some occasions, prompting the management to use different sets of players for parallel assignments. Yet, Tilak doesn't think the players have the option of saying that they are fatigued. "At this level, we cannot make excuses. We are at the highest level, and we need to set standards for the youngsters who look up to us," Tilak said in the press conference, as quoted by RevSportz. He revealed how Gambhir reinforced this long-term focus in him and other members of the team. "Gautam sir made it clear in team meetings that this is a long tour and the standard we set as a T20 side will provide momentum for the ODI and Test squads," Tilak iterated. Speaking of his leadership dynamic with captain Shreyas Iyer, Tilak said, "As captain, it becomes tough to cover every single detail alone.

Shubman Gill Tests Deepinder Goyal's 'Temple' Device, Joins India's T20 Team In Auckland Nets



India might be 3-0 up in the T20I series against New Zealand, but the excitement magnified on Thursday as the likes of Shubman Gill, KL Rahul and other longer-format stars joined the T20 squad in Auckland. A standout moment during the practice session involved India's ODI and Test skipper Shubman Gill as the batter was spotted wearing a cutting-edge, unreleased AI fitness-tracking device called Temple, founded by Deepinder Goyal. Gill quickly put the technology to the test, joining Ishan Kishan and KL Rahul in the nets. Before his session, Gill held extensive conversations with head coach Gautam Gambhir regarding series preparation and squad dynamics. The Temple device still hasn't hit the market, but there has been plenty of chatter around its use case. Positioned just above the eyes across the forehead, the device, previously seen on badminton star PV Sindhu, is said to monitor cerebral blood flow, nervous system responses, and cognitive stress levels under workload. Though there are other fitness tracking devices such as wrist bands, watches and rings in the market, it isn't yet known how different the 'Temple' device is, in comparison. According to a report in RevSportz, Gill was wearing the 'Temple' device throughout his practice session in Auckland. The India stalwart hasn't publicly spoken of the intention behind the decision to use the device yet. ODI Preparations Start For India India might have won the T20I series already, but the real test begins in the ODI assignment which kicks off on November 04.

WWE Champion Posts Candid Update After Becky Lynch Match Ends In A Disqualification



Liv Morgan dropped a new batch of personal photos on Instagram, and it covers her recent outings, TV appearances and life outside the ring. The post landed right after a wild Monday Night RAW, where she defended the Women's World Championship against Becky Lynch and almost lost it to Tiffany Stratton's Money in the Bank cash-in attempt. Dominik Mysterio helped her get out before Stratton could finish the cash-in. Morgan's caption on the collection was “a lil of this, a lil of that.” Besides that, the post has The Judgment Day's trip to a Houston Texans game and her Hot Ones appearance.

"I Would Like To Be A Free Agent": Renato Moicano Drops A Bold UFC Future Revelation



Renato Moicano says he intends to complete the three fights left on his UFC contract before considering free agency. The Brazilian lightweight headlines UFC Vegas 123 against Tom Nolan at Meta APEX in Las Vegas on Saturday, October 31. Moicano, 37, is 21-7-1 and has won 13 fights in the UFC. He returned to winning ways in April by submitting Chris Duncan with a rear-naked choke at 3:14 of round two in the UFC Vegas 115 main event. Moicano says he wants to finish his current deal before exploring other options. Nolan is 11-1 and has won five straight fights in the UFC. Moicano keeps his options open as UFC contract talks loom Renato Moicano told MMA Fighting, “I want to fight this deal out for sure. I want to do the whole thing and then let's see what happens. I would like to be a free agent, too." Moicano said his decision will depend on how he feels after his next two fights and how much he earns in the UFC. Moicano runs a gym in Brazil, manages fighters, operates a YouTube channel and is organising an MMA event on December 5. “I'm getting big, like getting popular,” he said. “So who knows? Maybe boxing, influencing, something like that, doing all this stuff other than MMA.” He said he is not making long-term plans yet. “If the money is good, if it's worth it, nice, let's go,” he said. “If not, I'll have other stuff to take care of me.” Moicano's recent record is mixed. He lost a short-notice lightweight title fight to Islam Makhachev at UFC 311 in January 2025. Then dropped a unanimous decision to Beneil Dariush at UFC 317 five months later. Moicano explains why he turned away from Ortega Renato Moicano had been scheduled to face Brian Ortega twice this year, first at UFC 326 in March and then at UFC 331 in September. Ortega withdrew from both bouts. The UFC offered the fight a third time for November in Qatar, but Moicano declined. “I'm not going to fight Brian Ortega again, because I just cannot trust that he's going to show up to the fight,” he said. Instead, he will face Tom Nolan, an 11-1 Australian who has won five straight UFC fights.

ROYCE KEYS EXPLAINS WHY 946'S NEWEST MEMBERS STAND OUT ON WWE MONDAY NIGHT RAW



Royce Keys says Carmelo Hayes and Jaida Parker bring two very different things to 946, and he used a pot of gumbo to explain it. In an interview with Bleacher Report, Keys called Hayes a “little pit bull” and said Parker hits harder than some male wrestlers. Keys started the faction with Bronco Nima and Lucien Price, then Parker and Hayes came in later, which put five people in the group. Hayes was the last to arrive, showing up at the end of the October 12 episode of RAW, and 946 is already locked in on The Bloodline with Survivor Series next month.

ROYCE KEYS SAYS EVERY MEMBER BRINGS A DIFFERENT STRENGTH TO 946

Keys thinks the mix is what makes the group so hard for opponents to prepare for. The pit bull line points to the aggression Hayes brings, while Parker stands out because she can hit with serious force. Keys also said Hayes has “a little Tyson in him that some people haven't seen,” which tells you how he sees the newcomer's ceiling. It's personal for Keys, too. He knew the members before they came together, and he has described everybody in 946 as handpicked, so he doesn't treat it as a bunch of wrestlers thrown together for numbers.

His friendship with Hayes goes back to before either of them was in WWE. Reports say Keys also went to WWE and asked for Hayes to be brought in, and that fits with how the former NXT, North American and United States champion was handled.

'Aadarsha Kutumbam – House No. 47' Promises Entertainment on Par with Nuvvu Naaku Nachav and Malliswari: Victory Venkatesh



The much-awaited film Aadarsha Kutumbam – House No. 47, starring Victory Venkatesh and directed by the celebrated writer-director Trivikram Srinivas, is gearing up for a grand worldwide theatrical release on October 30, 2026. Produced by S. Radha Krishna (Chinababu) under the banner of Haarika & Hassine Creations, the film features Srinidhi Shetty as the female lead. Thaman S has composed the music, while Nara Rohith and Nivetha Pethuraj play pivotal roles.

The reunion of Venkatesh and Trivikram after 20 years has generated considerable excitement among audiences. The teaser, trailer and songs released so far have received an encouraging response. Ahead of the film's worldwide release, the team organised a grand release press meet on Thursday.

Victory Venkatesh: 'Aadarsha Kutumbam' Will Entertain Audiences Like Nuvvu Naaku Nachav and Malliswari

Addressing the media, Victory Venkatesh said, "It is always a pleasure to meet our media friends. You consistently bring positive energy, and I am delighted to see you come forward with the same enthusiasm to support Aadarsha Kutumbam. We have attempted something fresh with this film, and Trivikram has shaped it wonderfully. Audiences will have a great experience watching it in theatres. "We strongly believe that the film will not disappoint you and will entertain audiences on par with Nuvvu Naaku Nachav and Malliswari. We have tried to tell an interesting family story in a fresh and engaging way, and I hope audiences will embrace our effort and shower the film with their love."

■ TRIVIKRAM SRINIVAS: 'WE TOOK OUR TIME TO COME UP WITH A WONDERFUL STORY'

Speaking at the event, Trivikram Srinivas said, "Greetings to everyone. Let us meet in theatres tomorrow. I sincerely hope you will like Aadarsha Kutumbam, enjoy watching it on the big screen and truly savour the experience. "After Nuvvu Naaku Nachav and Malliswari, I wanted to return with a wonderful story, and that is why it took us this much time. We are now coming before you with Aadarsha Kutumbam, and I hope you will all enjoy the film."

■ NARA ROHITH: 'IT WAS A PLEASURE TO BE PART OF THIS COMBINATION'

Actor Nara Rohith said, "First of all, I would like to thank Trivikram garu for giving me such a good role in this film. Nuvvu Naaku Nachav and Malliswari, featuring the combination of Venkatesh garu and Trivikram garu, are wonderful films. I have watched them many times, and it is a pleasure to be part of a film featuring this celebrated combination.

"I thoroughly enjoyed the entire journey of working on this film and learnt many things during the shoot. The trailer has received a good response, and I am confident that audiences will enjoy the film as well."

■ SRINIDHI SHETTY: 'PLEASE WATCH OUR FILM IN THEATRES'

The film's leading lady, Srinidhi Shetty, said, "Greetings to everyone. I would like to thank all the media representatives who have come here to support us. Please visit theatres tomorrow and watch Aadarsha Kutumbam. I sincerely hope you will enjoy the film. My heartfelt thanks to everyone who has been part of this project."

Niharika Konidela's Pink Elephant Pictures Announces 'Pocket Rockets' — An Ambitious Dream. A Dangerous Gamble. Everything at Stake



Niharika Konidela's Pink Elephant Pictures, in association with Maximum City Studios, has announced "Pocket Rockets", an upcoming urban drama written and directed by Rudra Atri. With its production now wrapped and post-production underway, the film brings together a story of aspiration and risk, led by emerging performers and featuring a prominent presence from an established Telugu actor.

Trinadh Varma, known for his role in Committee Kurrollu, and debutant Nirmal headline the film, with Shriya Kontham, known for Shubham, playing the female lead. JD Chakravarthy appears in a pivotal role, adding an experienced screen presence to the ensemble.

At the centre of "Pocket Rockets" is a brilliant student from an underprivileged background who dreams of studying abroad. Faced with the financial challenges standing between him and that ambition, he turns to gambling, drawing the attention of a manipulative gambling shark. The premise places the protagonist at the intersection of aspiration and uncertainty, setting up a conflict in which the pursuit of a better future may come at the cost of the values that define him. Without giving away the finer details of the narrative, the film positions itself as an urban drama about the risks people take when opportunity appears beyond their reach.

The film is produced by Padmaja Konidela, Rahul Raghavendra and Rahul Nimmakuri, with Ramesh Manyam serving as executive producer. The technical team includes cinematographer Edurolu Raju, music composer Gyaani and editor Anwar Ali. Vishnu Vardhan Pulla is the production designer, Rajesh Lanka handles action choreography, and JD is the choreographer. The crew also comprises costume designer Anusha Devara, SFX supervisor Sai Maneendhar Reddy, co-director Murali Krishna Katta, makeup chief Pasupuleti Ravi Kumar, costume chief R. Bhupal Rao and production controller Rawindar Bekkam. Varahala Murthy is responsible for stills, while SK Naidu and Phani Kandukuri of Beyond Media handle publicity.

Pocket Rockets adds to the feature-film slate of Pink Elephant Pictures, the production banner founded by Niharika Konidela. The banner's theatrical production Committee Kurrollu, directed by Yadhu Vamsi, won Best Telugu Film at the 72nd National Film Awards, marking a significant milestone in its journey from digital storytelling and OTT productions to theatrical cinema.

STAR WRITER VIJAYENDRA PRASAD WISHES 'DAD'S LITTLE FRIEND'

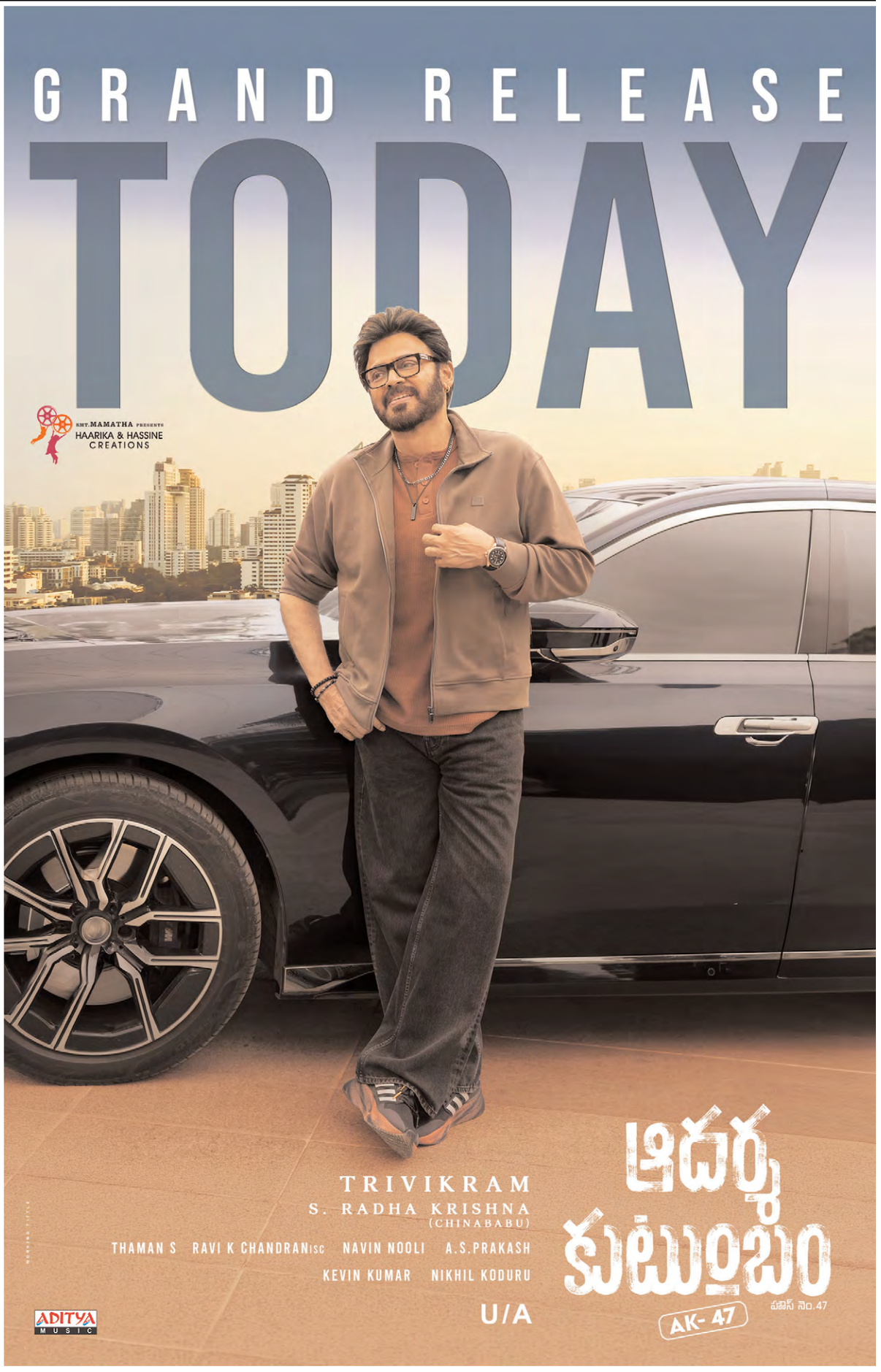


Star writer V. Vijayendra Prasad attended the teaser launch of 'Dad's Little Friend' as the chief guest and expressed his best wishes to the entire team, hoping the film would achieve great success. The film is scheduled for release on November 27.

The film's teaser was unveiled on Thursday at a special launch event attended by members of the cast and crew.

'Dad's Little Friend', produced by D. Deepak under the Vennela Silver Screen banner and directed by Sharath, stars Rajat Raghav, Kajal Chowdary and Hasini Sudheer in prominent roles, with Baby Parinitha Rudraraju playing a key character. The film's teaser was unveiled on Thursday at a special launch event attended by members of the cast and crew.

Speaking at the event, star writer V. Vijayendra Prasad praised the team and expressed his confidence in the film. He said, "It feels as though the director and producer were born to make a film with Parinitha. She is going to have a special place in the history of Telugu cinema. I hope Sharath has made the film wonderfully. I wish Rajat great recognition and financial success through this film. I hope 'Dad's Little Friend' becomes a huge success."



MAILU RAYI'; TITLE LAUNCHED BY MEGA BROTHER NAGABABU



Mailu Rayi' is the first production venture of Sri Hansika Peddireddy under the Hansi Productions banner. With Tavitiraju Talachintala as co-producer, the film is directed by talented filmmaker Raghu vardhan Kotla. Young actors Jagan Yogiraju and Navya Chityala play the lead roles, while senior actor Devi Prasad appears in a pivotal role. Laxman Meesala, Pavan Ramesh, Sunandini and Anju Valguman play other important characters.

The title launch poster of the film was unveiled by senior actor, producer, Andhra Pradesh Legislative Council Member and AP Green Chairman Nagababu. Speaking on the occasion, Nagababu said, "The title 'Mailu Rayi' is very intriguing. Producer Hansika has begun her journey with a good film. It is commendable that she has chosen to produce a film with an aspiring director and a young hero. Women bring tremendous responsibility and discipline to filmmaking. Swapna Dutt and Priyanka Dutt, daughters of Ashwini Dutt, my daughter Niharika, and Supriya Yarlagadda have already established themselves in the film industry. I hope Hansika follows in their footsteps and achieves many more successes.

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