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Total pilgrims :73,629
Tonsures : 27,525
Hundi kanukalu : 5.33 CR
Laddu sale... 3.91 Lac
Annaprasadam.1.75 Lac
Ashwini hospital..3,334
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Waiting Compartments..31.

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Nation News

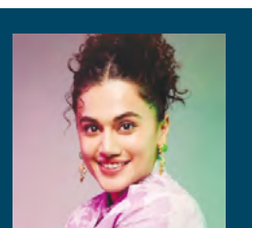
Mithun Chakraborty appointed advisor to Information & Cultural Affairs Dept

France halts use of stun grenades after boy's hand blown off in student protests



WORLD NEWS

Taapsee Pannu Serves Sparkle In Stunning Looks



CINEMA PAGE

SCAN FOR E-PAPER

INBRIEF

4 STUDENTS DIE AFTER ENTERING WATER TANK

Mathura : At least four students died, and another was critically injured after they entered a 12-foot-deep water tank at Vrindavan Gurukulam in Uttar Pradesh's Mathura district, with toxic gas suspected to have caused the deaths. The incident took place at Vrindavan Gurukulam, a residential institution where children stay and study. According to the information available, five students entered the tank and were subsequently pulled out after they failed to come back. All five were taken to the hospital, where four were declared dead, while one student is undergoing treatment. Police teams are present at the spot, and authorities are investigating the circumstances that led to the incident.

RBI TO ANNOUNCE REPO RATE DECISION

New Delhi : The Reserve Bank of India's Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) – led by Governor Sanjay Malhotra – is set to announce its bi-monthly interest rate decision on Wednesday amid challenging factors, including rising inflation and crude oil prices above $100 a barrel driven by Middle East tensions. The six-member committee will conclude its three-day review against a backdrop of escalating domestic inflation and shifting global macroeconomic pressures. Moreover, experts and economists have expected an increase in the repo rate for the first time since February 2023. However, the central bank has kept the repo rate unchanged at 5.25 per cent. Economists expect the RBI to begin a rate-hiking cycle, bringing forward their earlier call for a December hike.

Rahul, Priyanka, other MPs detained after being forcibly removed from protest site

Gandhi and other MPs and leaders were headed in buses to the Jantar Mantar protest site after they were stopped by the police from proceeding further.

NEW DELHI ■ (TSIT):



Leader of Opposition Rahul Gandhi and his sister Priyanka Gandhi Vadra were forcibly removed on Wednesday by police and were detained after they along with other leaders staged a sit-in at the roundabout near Shangri-La hotel in central Delhi. Gandhi and other MPs and leaders were headed in buses to the Jantar Mantar protest site after they were stopped by the police from proceeding further.

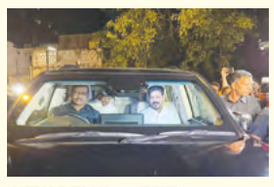
They staged a sit in at the roundabout itself, with Priyanka Gandhi lying on the road along with other women leaders, while carrying a copy of the Constitution.

Security personnel gathered in large numbers at the site and they first forcibly removed Rahul Gandhi, and put him inside a police bus after carrying him on their shoulders.Some of the Congress leaders including Amarinder Singh Raja Warring and Udai Bhanu Chib alighted atop the bus carrying Rahul Gandhi, while Mumtaz Patel sat on its bonnet.

A large posse of women police personnel then started removing Priyanka Gandhi and other women who were lying on the road. They were forcibly removed and put into buses and were taken away from the site.

Opposition MPs earlier held a lunch meeting at a restaurant in central Delhi, from where they headed to the Jantar Mantar protest site in buses. Several other opposition MPs were also detained by the police.

Delhi police stop CM Revanth over Rahul support



NEW DELHI ■ (TSIT):

Delhi Police arrested Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi and took him to Barakhamba Police Station, according to the information shared.Police also stopped Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy while he was on his way to express solidarity with Gandhi. The developments came as the "Vote Bachao, Desh Bachao" agitation continued for a second consecutive day in the national capital.

Revanth vows to continue fight to protect democracy

HYDERABAD TSIT BUREAU:



Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy said the struggle to protect the Constitution and people's voting rights would continue from the streets to Parliament until the Opposition's demands were addressed.

He alleged that the BJP-led Union government was attempting to divide citizens into those with voting rights and those without them. He further alleged that the Election Commission's Special Intensive Revision (SIR) process was being conducted at Prime Minister Narendra Modi's direction to serve political interests.

Revanth Reddy condemned the arrests of Congress leaders Rahul Gandhi, Priyanka Gandhi and Mallikarjun Kharge, describing them as an attack on democracy. He said the government was targeting Opposition leaders instead of addressing the issues raised by them, including the demand for Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar's resignation.

Drawing a parallel with the historic "Simon Go Back" movement, the Chief Minister said the present agitation under the slogans "SIR Go Back" and "GK Go Back" would continue until Gyanesh Kumar stepped down.

Recalling the farmers' agitation that led to the withdrawal of the farm laws, he said sustained public pressure could compel the government to accept the Opposition's demands. He warned that an escalation of the movement could ultimately put pressure on the Prime Minister to resign.

Revanth Reddy asserted that nobody could take away the voting rights guaranteed to citizens under the Constitution. He alleged that, after using the Enforcement Directorate, CBI and Income Tax Department against political opponents, the Union government was now using the Election Commission for political advantage.

Congress would resist any attempt to delete voters' names and manipulate electoral outcomes, he said. He also alleged that the police treatment of Rahul Gandhi and Priyanka Gandhi reflected the intolerance of Modi and Union Home Minister Amit Shah towards dissent."This is not merely a Congress agitation.

CM Naidu Meets FM Nirmala in Delhi

Visakhapatnam ■ TSIT:



Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu met Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman during his visit to New Delhi and discussed various issues concerning the State.

The Chief Minister discussed the action plan to be taken district-wise to take forward the Global Horticulture Hub project. He thanked the Union Finance Minister for attending the launch of the GHH project and for taking special interest in its implementation.

Naidu and Sitharaman also discussed issues relating to the Centre-State funding pattern for Externally Aided Projects and the respective financial contributions of the Union and State governments. State Finance Minister Payyavula Keshav and MP Sri Krishnadevarayalu accompanied the Chief Minister during the meeting.

India seeks early anti-terror pact adoption

United Nations ■ (TSIT):



While calling for the early adoption of the Comprehensive Convention on International Terrorism (CCIT), India has stressed the importance of legal measures to act against all those behind the Pahalgam terrorist massacre.

BJP MP Biplab Kumar Deb said on Tuesday that it was essential to hold to account the perpetrators, organisers, financiers, and sponsors of cross-border terrorism like last year's Pahalgam attack that killed 26 innocent civilians.

The Resistance Front, a proxy of the Pakistan-based Lashkar-e-Taiba, took responsibility for the attack. Speaking at the General Assembly's Sixth Committee that deals with international legal matters, Deb strongly reiterated India's right to defend its people against cross-border terrorism.

India has said that Pakistan is a state sponsor of cross-border terrorism, and after the Pahalgam attack, retaliated against terrorist bases operating there under its protection.

An early adoption of the CCIT that has been languishing for 30 years is required to strengthen the international legal framework against terrorism, Deb said. The CCIT proposed by India in 1996 has been blocked by some countries that make an invidious distinction between "good terrorists" and "bad", claiming it should not cover "freedom fighters" who they claim are under the first category.

Deb said that a distinction cannot be made between "good" and "bad" terrorism, and there can be no justification for targeting civilians.

Trump launches $6.6 billion US shipyard project



Washington, Oct 7 : US President Donald Trump and Defence Secretary Pete Hegseth announced a $6.6 billion public-private investment to develop what the administration says will be the largest new shipyard built in the United States since World War II, expanding production of nuclear submarine components and autonomous underwater vessels.

PM Modi gives new slogan for Viksit Bharat 2047

NEW DELHI ■ (TSIT):



But when a farmer's field lacks water, does the problem affect only one caste? When there is no electricity, does darkness fall only on one community? The answer is no. If the problem belongs to everyone, the solution must be for everyone,"

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday gave a new slogan -- "We Will Do It" -- for realising the dream of making India a developed country by 2047, saying the goal will be achieved through visionary policies and hard work.

Addressing the 'Viksit Bharat Sankalp Sabha' on his completion of 25 years as head of government, Modi also said that one of the biggest challenges the country faces is the division of society along the lines of votes.

The prime minister said the dream of a developed India that people are seeing today will surely come true. "There is no reason for India to stop. A hundred years ago, there were less than 40 crore of us; today, we are more than 140 crore. The 140 crore citizens together will build a developed India by 2047, and we certainly will. We Will Do It," he said.

"Viksit Bharat by 2047: We Will Do It. Top 3 Economy: We Will Do It. Self-reliant: We Will Do It. Global Manufacturing Hub: We Will Do It. Hosting the Olympics: We Will Do It. Step into space: We Will Do It.

This energy, this enthusiasm, this confidence is extraordinary," he said. Highlighting his government's achievements in different sectors, Modi said what once seemed unimaginable has become possible. Who would have thought that 25 crore people could rise out of poverty within a decade, yet India made it happen, he said.



Bathukamma and Dasara festivities to be organised grandly in Siddipet



Siddipet: Municipal officials have been directed to make elaborate arrangements for the Bathukamma and Dasara festivals in Siddipet town, with special focus on sanitation, street lighting and facilities at Bathukamma ghats. As per the directions of Municipal Commissioner Mallikarjun, a review meeting was held at the Municipal Conference Hall. D. Prerana Pand reviewed the arrangements and instructed officials to complete all preparations well in advance. She directed special attention to sanitation and regular inspections across all wards.

Modi's 25-year public journey a golden chapter, says B.B. Patil



Kamareddy: As part of the Seva Sankalpa Abhiyan, special programmes were organised in Kamareddy town to mark Prime Minister Narendra Modi completing 25 years in public life since he took oath as Chief Minister of Gujarat. At JPN Road in Ward No. 44, BJP leaders and party workers watched Modi's address to the nation. Later, a Seva Jyothi Kalasha Yatra was organised from the same location, proceeding through the main streets and reaching Nizamsagar Chowrasta. Speaking as chief guest, former Zahirabad MP B.B. Patil said Modi's 25-year political journey represents a significant chapter in the development of Gujarat and India. He said Modi demonstrated his administrative capabilities as Chief Minister and, as Prime Minister, has been working to enhance India's reputation globally. He said public service and building a new India remain Modi's key objectives, and called upon people to support the journey towards a Viksit Bharat.

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Whereas the undersigned being the Authorized officer of **M/s IndusInd Bank Bank Ltd.** under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (hereinafter the said Act) and in exercise of the Powers conferred under Section13(12) read with Rule 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 (hereinafter the said Rules) has issued demand notice to the below mentioned Borrower/Guarantors to repay the amount with 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower(s) having failed to repay the said amount with further interest within the said period, notice is hereby given to the Borrowers in particular and to the public in general that the undersigned has taken **Symbolic 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 date mentioned against the name of the Borrowers/Guarantors. Any dealings with the said properties shall be subject to the prior charge of M/s Indusind Bank Ltd., for the amounts mentioned against the borrowers and incidental expenses cost, charges and interest thereon. The borrowers attention is invited to Provisions of Sub-Section(8) of sec 13 of the Act, in respect of the time available to redeem the secured assets.

Sr. No.	Name of Borrower / Co-Borrower	Demand Notice Date / Possession Date	Outstanding Amount
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Date: 07.10.2026, Place: Nalgonda **Authorized Officer, For IndusInd Bank Limited**

Indian Overseas Bank
Adarsh Nagar Branch 5-9-305A, Paiga Plaza Building, Basheer Bagh, Hyderabad 500029 (TS) Telephone : 040-23421559, Cell:8925951301, Email : iob1301@iob.bank.in

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SCHEDULE OF PROPERTIES ALONG WITH BOUNDARIES

All That the residential house on Plot No. 3 Southern Part and Part in Plot No. 4 Northern Part admeasuring 126 Sq Yards or 105.33 Sq. Mtrs, in Survey No. 851/J (851/ఏ)) (Ground floor Plinth area 692 Sq Ft., with RCC) Situated at Korremula Vilage, Chowdariguda Gram Panchayat, Ghatkesar Mandal, Medchal Malkajgiri Dist, under SRO Narapally, Telangana -501218 and bounded by:North: Plot No.3 Northern Part,South: Part in Plot No.4 Northern Part,East: Neighbour's Land ,West: 30' Wide Road.

RESERVE PRICE Rs.31,36,000/- EMD Rs.3,13,600/-
BID INCREMENT Rs.1,00,000/-

Auction Date:27.10.2026, between 11.00 AM and 01.00 PM hours with auto extension of 5 minutes each till sale is completed
Submission of bid with EMD :26.10.2026 till 5.00 P.M.

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in Indian Overseas Bank, Secured Creditor's website i.e.**www.iob.in/e-Auctions.aspx and also https://baanknet.com.**This may also be treated as a Notice under Rule 8(6)/ Rule 9(1) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 to the borrower/s and guarantor/s of the said loan about holding of e-auction on the above-mentioned date.

Date: 05-10-2026 Place: Hyderabad — Authorized Officer, Indian Overseas Bank

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SCHEDULE OF PROPERTIES ALONG WITH BOUNDARIES

All that the part and parcel of the HOUSE having STILT + 2 UPPER Floors HOUSE ON PLOT BEARING NO.744/PART (NORTH SIDE PORTION), to an extent of 166.66 Sq. Yards or 139.32 Sq. Mtrs, with a Plinth area of 1250.0 SFT of STILT FLOOR, 1250.0 SFT OF FIRST FLOOR & 1250.0 SFT OF SECOND FLOOR, TOTAL PLINTH AREA OF 3750.00 SFT of R.C.C., bearing Survey Nos: 91 (P), 92, 93, 152 (P), 159, 160, 161, 162, 163(P), 164, 165, 167, 168/1, 168/2, 169, 170 & 171, in "NJR & KLR NAGAR", in the Lay-Out Permit No: 07/MP2/LO/HMDA/2014, Dated: 28-04-2014, Issued by the HMDA, Medchal Nagar MEDCHAL Under Village, Panchayat/ Municipality, Medchal Mandal, Medchal-Malkajgiri Dist, Telangana **Boundaries of Flat:**North: Open to Sky,South: Open to Sky,East : Corridor ,West: Open Land.

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Date: 05-10-2026 Place: Hyderabad — Authorized Officer, Indian Overseas Bank

Komatireddy Venkat Reddy Extends Rs.2 Lakh Aid for Child's Treatment



Hyderabad, TSIT: Telangana Roads and Buildings and Cinematography Minister Komatireddy Venkat Reddy on Wednesday provided Rs.2 lakh in financial assistance for the medical treatment of a child with hearing and speech impairments, assuring the family of further support.

Jampala Mahesh Kumar and his wife Rajitha, residents of Panigiri village in the erstwhile Nalgonda district, both have hearing and speech impairments. According to the press release, their child was born with similar impairments.

The couple approached the Minister after doctors reportedly indicated that treatment could help their child develop speech, but would cost several lakhs of rupees. Facing financial difficulties, the parents sought assistance to meet the medical expenses.

Responding to their appeal, Venkat Reddy held the child in his arms, reassured the parents and extended immediate financial assistance of Rs.2 lakh.

The Minister also promised to personally speak with doctors to facilitate appropriate medical care. He assured the couple that he would stand by the family and provide further assistance required for the child's treatment.

Collector Inspects Sheep Rearing Unit, Petrol Pump and Groundnut Oil Production Centre



The South India Times // Nagarkurnool : District Collector Hemanta Keshav Patil inspected a sheep rearing unit, a petrol pump being constructed and a traditional oil production and sales centre operated by Primary Agricultural Cooperative Societies in Nagarkurnool district on Wednesday.

The Collector first inspected the sheep rearing unit established by PACS near the district headquarters. He enquired about the health condition, age, number and rearing methods of the sheep, besides feed, veterinary care and preventive measures. Officials explained that the unit currently has sheep aged around five to six months and that they are expected to reach a weight of 28–30 kg within another one to two months before being prepared for sale according to market requirements.Patil instructed the officials to continuously monitor the quality and quantity of feed and the health of the sheep. He also directed them to coordinate with veterinary officials and ensure timely vaccination and disease-prevention measures.

Ravi Gugulothu Directs TGSWREIS to Strengthen Academics Student Welfare



Hyderabad, TSIT : Telangana Social Welfare Residential Educational Institutions Society (TGSWREIS) Secretary Ravi Gugulothu on Wednesday directed officials to strengthen academic standards, student welfare, safety and digital monitoring across Gurukul institutions.

Chairing a videoconference with Zonal Officers and District Coordinating Officers from the society's headquarters at DSS Bhavan, Masab Tank, he reviewed academic performance, competitive examination results, admissions, staffing, nutrition, health, infrastructure and administrative systems. Gugulothu emphasised that teaching should ensure students understand lessons and apply their knowledge, beyond completing the syllabus. He called for focused measures to improve reading, writing, English communication and presentation skills.He directed officials to strengthen libraries and Centres of Excellence supporting competitive examination preparation. Zonal Officers were asked to verify the availability and accessibility of laboratories, sports equipment and other educational resources.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **DUBA KAUSHIK, S/o. Duba Vasu Deva Raja Kumar,** R/o. Hill Colony, Nagarjuna Nagar Village, Peddavoora Mandal, Nalgonda District, have changed my name from **DUBA GEETHA KAUSHIK (Old Name)** to **DUBA KAUSHIK (New Name)** for all future purposes.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to the public at large that I, J. Srinivas Advocate, having office at House No: 17-705/1, Indira Nehru Nagar Malkajgiri, Hydera bad-500047, acting under instructions from and on behalf of my client Smt. Gatla Archana, W/o. Sri Gatla Nagesh Kumar, do hereby inform as under:
1) That my said client was in possession of the following original registered documents, which are now reported as lost/missing:
S1. No. Description of Document
1) Document No. / Year Date of Document Registered at Original registered document Document No. 2772 of 1995, date. 04-08-1995 SRO Malkajgiri Medchal Malkajgiri
2) Original registered Memorandum of Deposit of Title Deeds (link document), Registered document No. 3902 of 2014, date 19-12-2014, SRO, Malkajgiri
2) That it has come to the attention of my client that the above-stated original documents were found missing while shifting the house on 14-06-2026, and in spite of my client's best efforts, my client was unable to trace out the said documents.
3) That my client bonafidely apprehends that if the said original documents fall into wrong hands, they may be misused to the prejudice of my client's rights and interests in respect of the immovable property covered by the aforesaid documents.
4) That the general public is hereby cautioned and informed as follows:
1) No person shall deal with, rely upon, act upon, pledge, mortgage, create, or attempt to create any charge, lien, encumbrance, or third-party interest on the basis of the aforesaid lost original documents.
2) If any person is in possession of, or happens to find, the above-mentioned original documents, such person is hereby called upon to return the same forthwith to the undersigned Advocate at the address given below, so as to avoid any unnecessary legal complications.
3) Any person who, despite this public notice, deals with or enters into any transaction of any nature whatsoever on the strength of the aforesaid lost documents shall be doing so entirely at his/her own risk, cost, and consequences, and my client shall not be responsible or liable for the same in any manner.
4) My client reserves the right to initiate and pursue such civil and/or criminal proceedings, as may be advised and permissible under law, against any person found using, misusing, or attempting to misuse the said lost documents or any of them.
5) This notice is being issued through the undersigned Advocate for the information of the general public at large, so that no person may hereafter claim ignorance of the loss of the aforesaid original documents.

J. SRINIVAS, Advocate
Contact: 7799088997

Do not share OTPs, stay safe from cyber frauds, police urge public



Kamareddy: On the directions of Kamareddy District Superintendent of Police M. Rajesh Chandra, an awareness programme was conducted at Telangana Grameena Bank in Machareddy under the leadership of Machareddy Sub-Inspector Vijay, with the participation of the Police Cultural Team. Bank customers were advised never to disclose their OTPs, ATM PINs, bank account details or other confidential information to anyone. They were cautioned not to share OTPs even if callers claimed to be bank officials, and to remain alert regarding unknown links and suspicious messages. Police said victims of cyber fraud should immediately report by calling 1930. They also urged people to contact 1908 for information on prevention of drug abuse and 112 during emergencies. For women's safety, SHE Teams can be contacted at 8712686094. As part of road-safety measures, two-wheeler riders were advised to wear helmets compulsorily. Police Cultural Team in-charges Head Constables Ramancha Tirupati and U. Sesharao, along with Constable Sailu, created awareness through songs and informative performances.

Congress Extends Full Support to TWU Alliance Mahesh Kumar Goud



Hyderabad, TSIT: Telangana Pradesh Congress Committee president and MLC Mahesh Kumar Goud announced Congress's full support for the TWU alliance in the Telangana RTC recognised union elections, saying the party stood for protecting workers' rights and welfare.

Addressing a gate meeting at the Central Bus Station in Gowliguda as part of the alliance's campaign, Goud urged RTC employees to elect candidates contesting on the arrow symbol with a substantial majority.

AICC secretary Sachin Sawant, MLC Professor Kodandaram, INTUC State president Sanjeeva Reddy and several trade union leaders attended the meeting.

Goud said Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy was committed to workers' welfare and that the government was responding positively to RTC employees' concerns. He said Congress favoured a systematic RTC merger process that safeguarded employees' interests.

Highlighting the government's labour welfare measures, he said it had introduced a dedicated Bill for gig workers and taken decisions to provide relief to auto-rickshaw workers. He also cited the implementation of two pay revisions and the payment of salaries on the first day of every month.

Recalling the difficulties faced by employees during the 2019 RTC strike, Goud said Congress had not forgotten their suffering. He criticised the previous government's record on workers' welfare and urged employees to reject those who, he alleged, had betrayed their interests.

TPCC to Hold 'Chalo Lok Bhavan' Rally



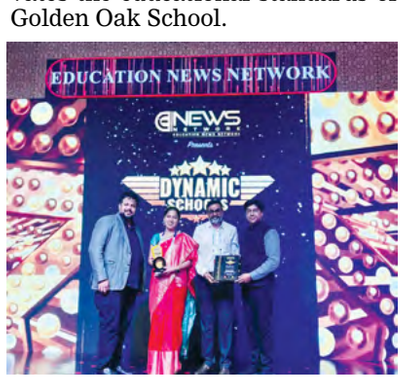
Hyderabad, TSIT: Telangana Pradesh Congress Committee (TPCC) has announced a "Chalo Lok Bhavan" rally on Thursday under the slogan "Our Vote–Our Right," calling for the protection of democracy, voting rights and constitutional values.

According to the party's announcement, the rally will begin at 10 a.m. from the Indira Gandhi statue on Necklace Road and proceed to Lok Bhavan. Chief Minister A.Revanth Reddy and TPCC president B.Mahesh Kumar Goud will lead the programme.

The TPCC said the protest would press for the resignation of Gyanesh Kumar, raising the slogans "Remove Gyanesh Kumar–Save the Nation" and "Vote Bachao–Desh Bachao." The party stated that its agitation would continue until its demand was met.The announcement was issued by TPCC general secretary G. Nagabhushanam

Golden Oak School receives Dynamic School Award

Hanamkonda: Golden Oak School, based in Hanamkonda, received the prestigious "Dynamic School Award" at the South India's Education Summit organised by Education Today in Hyderabad. The award recognises the school's distinguished services in the field of education and its efforts toward the holistic development of students. Chairman Ganta Ravikumar and Principal Deepthi Basani received the award on behalf of the school. The school management, teachers, students and parents expressed their happiness on the occasion. This award further elevates the educational standards of Golden Oak School.



SCRWWO Hyderabad Division inaugurates digital queue management system at Central Hospital, Lallaguda



Hyderabad: Smt. Asha Verma, President, South Central Railway Womens Welfare Organization, Hyderabad Division, inaugurated a state-of-the-art Digital Queue System at Central Hospital, Lallaguda. The initiative aims to systematically manage the issuance of medicines, avoid standing in queues and optimise pharmacy issuance across nominated counters. Dr. Nirmala Rajaram, Principal Chief Medical Director, South Central Railway, and Dr. Ch. Padma, Medical Director, Central Hospital, Lallaguda, commended the ongoing technical upgrades. Executive members of the welfare organisation, including Smt. D.Y. Sunitha, Vice President, SCRWWO Hyderabad Division, also graced the inauguration. SCRWWO Hyderabad Division sponsored the token dispenser machine along with three token display units and an announcement system, placed at two pharmacy counters and inside the waiting hall. Asha Verma said the system will empower beneficiaries with transparent token tracking, real-time status updates and reduced turnaround times for pharmacy access.

FORM NO.3 (See Regulations 15 (1)(a)
SUMMONS UNDER SUB-SECTION (4) OF SECTION 19 OF THE ACT, READ WITH SUB-RULE (2A) OF RULE 5 OF THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES, 1993.
BEFORE THE HON'BLE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-II, TRIVENI COMPLEX, ABIDS AT HYDERABAD

ORIGINAL APPLICATION No. 738 OF 2026

Between:
HDFC BANK LTD ,
Having its registered office at
HDFC BANK HOUSE, Senapati Bapat Marg, Lower Parel (West), Mumbai 400013
Having its branch office at
Suryodaya Towers, Begumpet, Secunderbad
Represented by its Authorized officer
Sri Aditya A.s D/o Asokan Aged 26 Years
R/o Hyderabad. ... APPLICANT
And
Mohammed Ateeq Hussain
S/o Mohammed Iqbal Hussain Aged about: 46, C/o 12-2-881/8, Zeba Bagh, Asif Nagar, Hyderabad 500028. .... DEFENDANTS
To
Mohammed Ateeq Hussain
S/o Mohammed Iqbal Hussain Aged about: 46, C/o 12-2-881/8, Zeba Bagh, Asif Nagar, Hyderabad 500028

SUMMONS

WHEREAS OA No. 738/2026 was listed before Hon'ble Presiding Officer/Registrar on 24-08-2026 WHEREAS this Hon'ble Tribunal is pleased to issue summons/notice (Paper Publication) on the said Application under section 19(4) of the Act (OA) filed against you for recovery of debts of ₹ 24,29,197.65 (Rupees Twenty Four Lakh Twenty Nine Thousand one hundered and ninety seven rupees and sixty five paise only) as on 06-04-2026.
In accordance with sub-section (4) of section 19 of the Act, you , the defendants are directed as under:
I) To show cause within thirty days of the serve of summons as to why relief prayed for should not be granted.
ii) To disclose particulars of properties or assets other than properties and assets specified by the applicant under serial number 3A of the original application.
iii) You are restrained from dealing with or disposing of secured assets or such other assets ad properties disclosed under serial number 3A of the original application, pending hearing and disposal of the application for attachment of properties.
iv) You shall not transfer by way of sale, lease or otherwise, except in the ordinary course of his business any of the assets over which security interest is created and/or other assets and properties specified or disclosed under serial number 3A of the original application without the prior approval of the Tribunal;
v) You shall be liable to account for the sale proceeds realized by sale of secured assets or other assets and properties in the ordinary course of business and deposit such sale proceeds in the account maintained with the bank or financial institutions holding security interest over such assets.
You are also directed to file the written statement with a copy thereof furnished to the applicant and to appear before Tribunal on 11-11-2026
Failing which the application shall be heard and decided in your absence
Given under my hand and the seal of this Tribunal on this the 24-08-2026

REGISTRAR,
Debts Recovery Tribunal – 2
1st Floor, Triveni Complex, Abids, Hyderabad.

CanFin Homes Ltd

Branch Office: 12-13-416/1, Third Floor, Mani Mansion, Street No-1, Taranaka, Hyderabad- Ph No-27005553, web: www.canfinhomes.com, e-mail: taranaka@canfinhomes.com
CIN:L85110KA1987PLC008699

CORRIGENDUM TO DEMAND NOTICE

The demand notice dated 31-07-2026 published in newspaper pertaining to mortgaged immovable property of following NPA cases under the provision of the SARFAESI Act 2002, and the Security Intrest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. Needs the following correction,

Sl. No.	Name of the Borrower	Inadvertently mentioned due demand amount	The correct due demand amount hence the same is read as
1	Mrs. Anantha Laxmi Akella	25,00,000/-	18,79,903/-
2	Mr. Ahmed Pasha and Mrs. Naseemunnisha Begum	40,00,000/-	40,88,910/-
3	Mr. Shaik Abbas and Mrs. Barrah Begum	27,00,000/-	23,76,395/-
4	Mr. Arram Harender and Mrs. Arram Anuradha	22,50,000/-	21,46,103/-

All other terms and conditions of the Demand Notice dated **31.07.2026** remain unchanged.

Date: 07-10-2026
Place : Taranaka

Sd/- Authorised Officer
CAN FIN HOMES LIMITED

FOR ADVERTISMENT PLEASE CONTACT: 9948480279, 7330778889

Indian Overseas Bank

Adarsh Nagar Branch 5-9-305A, Paiga Plaza Building, Basheer Bagh, Hyderabad 500029 (TS) Telephone : 040-23421559, Cell:8925951301, Email : iob1301@iob.bank.in

E AUCTION SALE NOTICE

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with provision to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor/ Indian Overseas Bank the physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Indian Overseas Bank/ Secured Creditor, will be sold on "**As is where is**" and "**As it is what is**" **Whatever there is**" and **Without Recourse basis**" on **04.10.2026** is **Rs. 63,80,241.40 (Rupees Sixty-Three Lakh Eighty Thousand Two Hundred Forty-One and Paisa Forty Only)** dues to the Indian Overseas Bank, Secured Creditor from Borrowers, **MOHD MOIN UDDIN & SHABANA BEGUM** The reserve price will be **Rs.57,80,000/- (Rupee Fifty Seven Lakh Eighty Thousand Only)** and the earnest money deposit will be **Rs.5,78,000/- (Rupees Five Lakh Seventy-Eight Thousand Only).**

SCHEDULE OF PROPERTIES ALONG WITH BOUNDARIES

All that Flat bearing No. 103, in the First floor, area of 1510 Sq Ft, including Common areas and Two Car Parking having Undivided Share of land 74 Sq Yds, in Sy No. 34, 37/A1, 37/A2, 37/A3, 37/A4, 37/A4/Part, and Plot Nos: 1026, 1027, 1028, 1029, 1030 total extent of 5173.25 Sq Yds Known as "Aishwarya Icon" situated at Muthangi Village, Patancheru Mandal, Sanga Reddy District, Telangana State - 502307 **Boundaries of Flat:**North: Open to Sky,South: Open to Sky, East : Corridor,West : Open Land.

RESERVE PRICE Rs.57,80,000/- EMD Rs.5,78,000/-
BID INCREMENT Rs.1,00,000/-

Auction Date:27.10.2026, between 11.00 AM and 01.00 PM hours with auto extension of 5 minutes each till sale is completed
Submission of bid with EMD :26.10.2026 till 5.00 P.M.

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in Indian Overseas Bank, Secured Creditor's website i.e.**www.iob.in/e-Auctions.aspx and also https://baanknet.com.** This may also be treated as a Notice under Rule 8(6)/ Rule 9(1) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 to the borrower/s and guarantor/s of the said loan about holding of e-auction on the above-mentioned date.

Date: 05-10-2026
Place: Hyderabad

Authorized Officer,
Indian Overseas Bank

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GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA

OFFICE OF THE SUB-COLLECTOR, KALLURU

PRELIMINARY DECLARATION

FORM-VI

(See sub rule (1) of rule - 19 and Section - 11(1) of the Act-30/2013)

Collector File No. G1/75654/2024 Date: 29-09-2026
LAO/Sub-Collector, Kalluru, Rc.No.A/122/2026 Date: 18-09-2026

Whereas it appears to the Government of Telangana/Collector that a total of Acs **11.04 1/4** Gts. Land is required in Nacharam Village of Enkoor Mandal Khammam District for public purpose, namely SRLIP (Seetha Rama Lift Irrigation Project) requisition submitted by the Executive Engineer, Irrigation Division No.6 Ashwapuram Kothagudem.

In exercise of the powers conferred by Section 10A(b) in chapter III.A of the RFCTLA, R&R (Telangana Amendment), 2016 (Act No. 21 of 2017), the Government of Telangana vide G.O.Ms.No.38 Irrigation & CAD (LA.R&R/A2), Dated: 30.06.2017 hereby, exempt the Seetha Rama Lift Irrigation Project from application of the provisions of chapter II and III of the Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2013.

The Additional Collector (Revenue), Khammam is appointed as Project Administrator for the purpose of Rehabilitation and Resettlement of the affected families vide proceedings no. G1/325/2019, Dated. 01.08.2025.

Therefore, it is notified that for the above said project in the Nacharam Village of Enkoor Mandal Khammam District land measuring more or less Acs **11.04 1/4** gts of standard measurement whose detail description is as following is proposed for acquisition:

SCHEDULE

Village:Nacharam, Mandal: Enkoor, District::Khammam

S.No.	Sy.No./ sd no.	Type of Land	Title of Land	Area under acquisition in Ac.gts.	Name and address of the interested person	Boundaries East	West	South	North	Trees & Structures
1	147/1/9	Dry	Patta	0.03 1/4	Siddiboina Pulla Rao S/o Sitaramulu	Arem Buchamma	Gravel Road	Daravath Hussain	Siddiboina Narasimha Rao	Teak-1
	TOTAL			0.03 1/4						
2	147/1/11	Dry	Patta	0.16 1/4	Dangi Kanti S/o Sarvan	Gutta	Dangi Kanti	Dangi Venkataram	Yalagala Narasamma	Neem-1
3	147/1/11	Dry	Patta	10 Sq. Yrd	Badavath Buchi W/o Lalu	Badavath Buchi	Dangi Kanthi	Vankudoth Sunitha	Badavath Buchi	
4	147/1/11	Dry	Patta	0.06	Dangi Venkatarao	Vankudoth Srinu	Dangi Venkataram	Dangi Venkataram	Dangi Kanthi	
5	147/1/11	Dry	Patta	0.19	Vankudoth Kishan S/o Jagya	Vankudoth Sunitha	Dangi Venkataram	Donka	Badavath Buchi	Neem-1 Water pipes-5
6	147/1/11	Dry	Patta	0.02 1/2	Vankudoth Sunitha W/o Huna	Vankudoth Mohan rao	Vankudoth Kishan	Donka	Badavath Buchi	
7	147/1/11	Dry	Patta	0.06 (597 Sq. Yrd)	Donka					
8	147/1/11	Dry	Patta	0.04 3/4	Vankudoth Koushik Kumar S/o Kishan	Sodia Susheela	Vankudoth Sunitha	Vankudoth Sunitha	Donka	
9	147/1/11	Dry	Patta	0.04 1/2	Sodia Susheela W/o Shankar	Tolem Rama rao	Vankudoth Koushik Kumar	Donka	Sodia Susheela	
10	147/1/11	Dry	Patta	0.17	Tolem Venkatamuttamma W/o Ramarao	Tolem Damayanthi	Sodiya Susheela	Tolem Rama rao	Donka	
11	147/1/11	Dry	Patta	0.06 1/4	Tolem Damayanthi W/o Muthyalu	Varsa Laxmi	Tolem Rama rao	Tolem Rama rao	Tolem Damayanthi	
12	147/1/11	Dry	Patta	0.00 1/4	Tolem Venkatamuttamma W/o Ramarao	Varsa Bhadraiah	Tolem Damayanthi	Tolem Rama rao	Varsa Laxmi	
	TOTAL			2.02 1/2						
13	147/1/13	Dry	Patta	0.05 1/4	Tolem Venkatamuttamma W/o Ramarao	Varsa Bhadraiah	Tolem Damayanthi	Tolem Ramarao	Varsa Laxmi	Bore-1, Motor-1
14	147/1/13	Dry	Patta	0.13 1/2	Varsa Kotamma W/o Bhadraiah	Mukthi Akkamma	Tolem Venkatamuttamma	Varsa Kotamma	Donka	
15	147/1/13	Dry	Patta	0.23 3/4	Mukthi Akkamma W/o Ramulu	Varsa Naveen Kumar	Varsa Kotamma	Mukthi Akkamma	Donka	Teak-1, Neem-1
16	147/1/13	Dry	Patta	0.16 1/2	Varsa Naveen Kumar S/o Bheemaiah	Varsa Manikyamma	Mukthi Akkamma	Varsa Naveen Kumar	Donka	Neem-1, Tumma-2, Taati-1
17	147/1/13	Dry	Patta	0.00 1/4	Varsa Manikyamma W/o Raghavulu	Varsa Manikyamma	Varsa Naveen Kumar	Canal	Varsa Manikyamma	Teak-4, Vepa-2
18	147/1/13	Dry	Patta	0.02 1/2	Vaagu					
19	147/1/13	Dry	Patta	0.00 1/4	Varsa Venkateswarlu S/o Pattaiah	Varsa Santosh	Varsa Govind	Varsa Venkateswarlu	Canal	
20	147/1/13	Dry	Patta	0.01 1/4	Varsa Vasantha Rao S/o Sitaramulu	Varsa Gopala Rao	Varsa Santosh	Varsa Gopala Rao	Canal	
21	147/1/13	Dry	Patta	0.02 1/4	Varsa Gopala Rao S/o Ganamaiah	Varsa Manikyamma	Varsa Vasantha Rao	Varsa Manikyamma	Varsa Gopala Rao	Vepa-2
22	147/1/13	Dry	Patta	0.08 1/2	Varsa Ramesh S/o Raghavaiah	Varsa Narasimha Rao	Varsa Gopala Rao	Varsa Bhadraiah	Canal	
	TOTAL			1.34						
23	147/1/15	Dry	Patta	0.02 1/2	Varsa Laxmanrao S/o Venkateswarlu	Varsa Naveen Kumar	Varsa Vasantha Rao	Varsa Laxmanrao	Canal	Vepa-3
24	147/1/15	Dry	Patta	0.00 3/4	Varsa Naveen Kumar S/o Bheemaiah	Varsa Naresh	Varsa Laxmanrao	Varsa Naveen Kumar	Canal	Vepa-4
25	147/1/15	Dry	Patta	0.00 3/4	Vagu					
	TOTAL			0.04						
26	147/1/16	Dry	Patta	0.02	Varsa Naveen Kumar S/o Bheemaiah	Varsa Naresh	Varsa Laxman Rao	Canal	Daari	
27	147/1/16	Dry	Patta	0.04	Varsa Naveen Kumar S/o Bheemaiah	Varsa Naveen Kumar	Daari	Vaagu	Daari	
28	147/1/16	Dry	Patta	0.08 1/2	Vagu and donka					
29	147/1/16	Dry	Patta	0.1	Varsa Naresh S/o Venkateswarlu	Daari	Varsa Naveen	Varsa Naveen	Daari	
30	147/1/16	Dry	Patta	0.02 1/4	Varsa Koteswara Rao S/o Yerrajah	Varsa Gopala Rao	Varsa Koteswara Rao	Road	Varsa Koteswara Rao	
31	147/1/16	Dry	Patta	0.00 1/2	Daari					
32	147/1/16	Dry	Patta	0.22	Varsa Venkateswarlu S/o Pottaiah	Varsa Ganga	Varsa Venkateswarlu	Varsa Venkateswarlu	Donka	
33	147/1/16	Dry	Patta	0.03	Vaagu	Vaagu	Varsa Ganga	Varsa Venkateswarlu	Donka	
34	147/1/16	Dry	Patta	0.08 1/4	Tolem Rattaiah S/o Pothaiah	Varsa Ganga	Tolem Nageswara Rao	Vagu	Tolem Rattaiah	
35	147/1/16	Dry	Patta	0.01	Tolem Nageswara Rao S/o Raghavulu	Tolem Bharatamma	Tolem Rattaiah	Vagu	Tolem Nageswara Rao	
	TOTAL			1.21 1/2						
36	147/1/17	Dry	Patta	0.02 1/2	Tolem Rattaiah S/o Pothaiah	Tolem Rattaiah	Malkam Laxmi	Tolem Laxmi	Tolem Rattaiah	
37	147/1/17	Dry	Patta	0.01 1/2	Tolem Nageswara Rao S/o Raghavulu	Forest Trench	Tolem Govind	Gravel Road	Varre	
38	147/1/17	Dry	Patta	0.01	Vaagu					
	TOTAL			0.05						
39	147/4/3	Dry	Canal	0.02 1/4	canal					
	TOTAL			0.02 1/4						
40	147/4/5	Dry	Canal	0.05	canal					
	TOTAL			0.05						
41	100/2/2	Dry	Assignment	0.16 1/2	Tati Koteswari D/o Ramulu	Tati Koteswari	Tati Koteswari	Siddiboina Narasimha Rao	Mand erekula Venkamma	Neem-2, Well-1
42	100/2/2	Dry	Assignment	0.02	Gutta					
	TOTAL			0.18 1/2						
43	100/3/2	Dry	Assignment	0.04	Siddiboina Pulla Rao S/o Sitaramulu	Siddiboina Pullarao	Siddiboina Pullarao	Siddiboina Narasimha Rao	Tati Koteswari	Neem-2, Kunkudu-1
	TOTAL			0.04						
44	99/6/2	Dry	Assignment	0.07 1/2	Siddiboina Pulla Rao S/o Sitaramulu	Gutta	Siddiboina Pullarao	Jarpula Bujji	Malkam Muthaiah	
45	99/6/2	Dry	Assignment	0.06	Siddiboina Narasimha rao S/o Sitaramulu	Gutta	Siddiboina Narasimha Rao	Malkam Muthaiah	Siddiboina Pullarao	
	TOTAL			0.13 1/2						
46	99/5/2	Dry	Assignment	0.05 1/2	Siddiboina Narasimha S/o Sitaramulu	Banoth Vijaya	Siddiboina Narasimha Rao	Siddiboina Pulla rao	Siddiboina Narasimha Rao	
47	99/5/2	Dry	Assignment	0.13	Malkam Muthaiah S/o Venkatappaiah	Gutta	Malkam Muthaiah	Siddiboina Pullarao	Siddiboina Narasimha Rao	Mango Tree-1, Water Pipes-12
	TOTAL			0.18 1/2						
48	99/4/2	Dry	Shivai	0.05	Malkam Muthaiah S/o Venkatappaiah	Gutta	Malkm Muthaiah	Siddiboina Pullarao	Siddiboina Narasimha Rao	
	TOTAL			0.05						
49	99/3/2	Dry	Shivai Jamedari	0.05	Malkam Muthaiah S/o Venkatappaiah	Gutta	Malkam Muthaiah	Siddiboina Pullarao	Siddiboina Narasimha Rao	
50	99/3/2	Dry	Shivai Jamedari	0.13	Siddiboina Pulla Rao S/o Sitaramulu	Gutta	Siddiboina Pullarao	Jarpula Bujji	Malkam Muthaiah	
51	99/3/2	Dry	Shivai Jamedari	0.01	Gutta					
	TOTAL			0.19						
52	99/2/2	Dry	Assignment	0.05 1/4	Jarpula Bujji W/o Redya	Gutta	Jarpula Bujji	Yalagala Narasamma	Siddiboina Pullarao	Taati-3
53	99/2/2	Dry	Assignment	0.00 1/2	Gutta					
	TOTAL			0.05 3/4						
54	99/1/2	Dry	kharaj Khata	0.09 1/2	Jarpula Bujji W/o Redya	Gutta	Jarpula Bujji	Yalagala Narasamma	Siddiboina Pullarao	
55	99/1/2	Dry	kharaj Khata	0.23 1/2	Yalagala Narasamma W/o Laxmaiah	Gutta	Yalagala Narasamma	Dangi Kanti	Jarpula Bujji	Neem-6, Taati-5
56	99/1/2	Dry	kharaj Khata	0.11	Dangi Kanti S/o Sarvan	Badavath Lalu	Dangi Kanti	Dangi Venkataram	Yalagala Narasamma	
57	99/1/2	Dry	kharaj Khata	0.03 1/4	Gutta					
	TOTAL			1.07 1/4						
58	99/1/3	Dry	kharaj Khata	0.01 3/4	Vankudoth Kishan S/o Jagya	Vankudoth Sunitha	Dangi Venkataram	Donka	Badavath Buchi	
	TOTAL			0.01 3/4						
59	96/2	Dry	Patta	0.01 1/2	Tolem Venkatamuttamma W/o Ramarao	Tolem Damayanthi	Sodiya Susheela	Tolem Rama rao	Donka	
60	96/2	Dry	Patta	0.08	Tolem Damayanthi W/o Muthyalu	Varsa Laxmi	Tolem Rama rao	Tolem Rama rao	Tolem Damayanthi	
61	96/2	Dry	Patta	0.16	Tolem Venkatamuttamma W/o Ramarao	Varsa Bhadraiah	Tolem Damayanthi	Tolem Rama rao	Varsa Laxmi	
	TOTAL			0.25 1.2						
62	148/2	Dry	Patta	0.05 3/4	Varsa Manikyam W/o Raghavulu	Varsa Rama rao	Varsa Ramesh	Varsa Bhadraiah	Varsa Narsimha Rao	
63	148/2	Dry	Patta	0.28 1/2	Varsa Narasimha Rao S/o Dhanamaiah	Varsa Laxmi	Varsa Ramesh	Varsa Laxmi	Canal	Vepa-6
64	148/2	Dry	Patta	0.04	Varsa Laxmi D/o Raghavulu	Varsa Vasantha Rao	Varsa Narasimha Rao	Varsa Narasimha Rao	Canal	Vepa-4
65	148/2	Dry	Patta	0.03	Varsa Vasantha Rao S/o Sitaramulu	Varsa Laxman Rao	Varsa Laxmi	Varsa Vasantha Rao	Canal	Vepa-4
66	148/2	Dry	Patta	0.00 3/4	Varsa Laxmanrao S/o Venkateswarlu	Varsa Naveen Kumar	Varsa Vasantha Rao	Varsa Laxman Rao	Canal	
67	148/2	Dry	Patta	0.06	vagu					
	TOTAL			1.08						
	GRAND TOTAL			11.04 1/4						

This notification is made under the provisions of Section-11(1) of The Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2013 (Central Act no.30/2013), as amended by the Right to Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement (Telangana Amendment) Act, 2016 (Act No.21 of 2017) to all whom it may concern.

A plan of the land may be inspected in the office of the District Collector &Sub-Collector, Kalluru on any working day during the working hours. The Government of Telangana / Collector-cum-Appropriate Government is pleased to authorize Officer Sub-Collector, Kalluru and his staff of Sub-Collector Office, Kalluru to enter upon and survey land, take levels of any land, dig or bore into the sub-soil & do all other acts required for the proper execution of their work as provided and specified in section-12 of the said Act.

Under section 11(4) of the Act, no person shall make any transaction or cause any transaction of land i.e. sale/purchase, etc., or create any encumbrances on such land from the date of publication of such notification without prior approval of the Collector.

Objections to the acquisition if any, and claims from all the persons interested/ affected for settlement by negotiation of the compensation, may be filed by the person interested in the land within 60 (sixty days) from the date of publication of this notification as provided under section 15 of the Act before District Collector./ Authorized officer.

Sd/- Sub-Collector, Kalluru Division
Sd/- Addl. Collector, Khammam
Sd/- District Collector, Khammam

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BHATTI RULES OUT POWER SECTOR PRIVATISATION



Hyderabad TSIT BUREAU: Deputy Chief Minister and Power Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka ruled out privatisation of Telangana's power utilities and alleged that inadequate coal supply planning and other lapses by the previous government were responsible for delays at the Yadadri Thermal Power Plant.

Addressing a press conference at Praja Bhavan, Bhatti countered former minister T. Harish Rao's criticism of the power sector, saying the Congress government was correcting inherited problems while maintaining uninterrupted electricity supply.

"There is absolutely no thought or discussion of selling the power sector," he said, rejecting allegations that GENCO, TRANSCO and the DISCOMs would be privatised or converted into listed companies. He reiterated the government's commitment to strengthening public sector institutions.

Bhatti said Telangana's peak electricity demand had reached 19,892 MW, approaching 20,000 MW. Despite the unprecedented demand and the impact of El Niño, the government was supplying electricity without power cuts, he stated. He congratulated employees and officials of GENCO, TRANSCO and the DISCOMs for maintaining supply.

Questioning the previous government's planning for Yadadri, Bhatti said construction had proceeded without adequately securing the quantity, quality and transportation arrangements for the coal required.

According to him, an agreement signed on April 20, 2016, provided for Singareni to supply seven million tonnes annually—half of the plant's 14-million-tonne requirement. An agreement with MSTC on December 9, 2016, envisaged importing the remaining seven million tonnes, but these arrangements were not implemented, he said.

A subsequent memorandum of understanding signed on April 27, 2022, committed Singareni to supplying the entire annual requirement, Bhatti stated. However, its G-9 grade coal production in 2022–23 was only 1.71 million tonnes, he said, questioning how the commitment could be fulfilled while meeting existing obligations to other power plants.

He alleged that the previous government failed to secure additional coal blocks and kept Singareni away from auctions. Between 2014 and 2024, 14 coal blocks were closed, reducing production capacity by approximately 15 million tonnes, he claimed.

Despite these constraints, Singareni's coal production rose from 52.66 million tonnes in 2014–15 to 62.07 million tonnes in 2025–26, Bhatti said.

The Deputy Chief Minister said the Congress government had taken steps to commence operations at the Naini coal block following discussions with the authorities and local communities. However, its coal was already committed to other plants and could not be diverted entirely to Yadadri, he explained.

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Registered Office: ICICI Bank Towers, Bandra-Kurla Complex, Bandra (East), Mumbai- 400051
Corporate Office: ICICI HFC Tower, JB Nagar, Andheri Kurla Road, Andheri East, Mumbai- 400059
Branch Address: Ground floor, Usha Kiran Complex, S.D. Road, Secunderabad -500003

The following borrower/s have defaulted in the repayment of principal and interest of the loans facility obtained by them from ICICI Home Finance Company Limited ("ICICI HFC") and the loans have been classified as Non-Performing Assets (NPA). A notice was issued to them under Section 13 (2) of Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act-2002 on their last known addresses, however it was not served and hence they are hereby notified by way of this public notice.

Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor/ (Loan Account Number) & Address	Property Address of Secured Asset/ Asset to be Enforced	Date of Notice Sent/ Outstanding as on Date of Notice	NPA Date
1.	Sudula Vinolia Varoodhini (Borrower), Sudula Sampath Raj Kumar (Co-Borrower), Block No. 19 Flat No. 3 Trt Dcarstress Ramnagar Near Srinivasa Hyderabad- 500020 Telangana, LHSEC00001424900	All The Part and Parcel of Bearing No. 100 On Ground Floor Ptin No. 1090140199 In The Building Known as "Guru Krupa Rani Nilayam" With A Plinth area of 800 Sq.fts Including Common area & Car Parking are of 100 Sq.fts Together With Undivided Share of Land Admeasuring 41.3 Sq.yds or 34.53 Sq.mts Out Od Total Land Area of 206.66 Sq.yds Forming Part and Parcel of Bearing No. 1-7-139/78 Situated at Risalagadda, S.R.K. Nagar, Musheerabad, Hyderabad (Earst While Zamisthanpur, Hyderabad) Telangana- 500020 and Bounded By North: open Space, South: Open Space, East: Enterence, West: Open Space.	30-09-2026 Rs. 24,17,458/-	05/04/ 2026

The steps are being taken for substituted service of notice. The above borrower/s and/or their guarantors (as applicable) are advised to make the payments of outstanding within period of 60 days from the date of publication of this notice else further steps will be taken as per the provisions of Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002.

Date: October 08, 2026
Place: Hyderabad

Authorized Officer,
ICICI Home Finance Company Limited

Muthoot Homefin (India) Ltd.

Corporate Office : Unit No. 19-NE, 19th Floor, The Ruby, Senapati Bapat Marg, Near Ruparel College, Dadar (West), Mumbai, Maharashtra- 400 028

POSSESSION NOTICE (As per Appendix IV read with rule 8(1) of the Security Interest Enforcement Rules, 2002)

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of **Muthoot Homefin (India) Ltd. (MHIL)** under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 (54 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, Demand Notice(s) issued by the Authorised Officer of the company to the Borrower(s)/Guarantor(s) mentioned herein below to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice. The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrower(s)/ Co-Borrower(s)/ Guarantor(s) 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 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. The borrower 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 Muthoot Homefin (India) Ltd. for an amount as mentioned herein under with interest thereon.
The Borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets

Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower(s)/ Co-Borrower(s)/ Loan Account No./Branch	Brief details of secured assets	Date of Demand Notice & Total Outstanding Dues (Rs.)	Possession Taken Date
1.	Hussain Gugulothu/ Jyoyhi Gugulothu/ WAR-NHL-000269/ Warangal	Existing House With Open Place Bearing GWMC H. No. 31-3-553, Admeasuring 78.50 Sq. Yards Or 65.63 Sq. Meters, With Its RCC Plinth Area 246.50 Sq. Feets, AC Sheet of 144.00 Sq. Feets, Situated at Komatipally. Hanumakonda City and District and Within The Limits of Greater Warangal Municipal Corporation And Registration District Hanumakonda Joint Sub-registrar Warangal (R.O.) and Bounded By:- East : H. No. 31-3-536 Of G. Lalsingh West 20-0" Wide Road, North: H. No. 31-3-553 Of Donee (Augulothu Hussain), South H. No. 31-3-551 of Bhukya Shankarnature Of The Property: Residential House	30-Jun-2026/ Rs. 10,30,171.98/- Rupees Ten Lakh Thirty Thousand One Hundred Seventy One And Paise Ninety Eight Only.	06-Oct-2026

Date: October 08, 2026
Place: Hanumakonda

Sd/- Authorized Officer,
Muthoot Homefin (India) Limited

SHRIRAM FINANCE LIMITED

Registered Office: Sri.Towers, Plot No.14A, South Phase, Industrial Estate, Guindy, Chennai-600032
Administrative office:6th Floor(level 2), Building No.Q2, Aurum Q parc, Gen 4/1, TTC, Thane Belapur Road, Ghansoli, Navi Mumbai-400710

SYMBOLIC POSSESSION NOTICE

Where as, the undersigned being the authorised officer of Shriram Finance Limited, (Shriram City Union Finance Limited, amalgamated with Shriram Transport Finance Company Limited, subsequently Shriram Transport Company Limited name Changed as Shriram Finance Limited, by it's Incorporation Certificate dt.13-11-2022) a corporate body registered and incorporated as a company under the Indian companies Act 1956, is doing Non-Banking financial activities, having its Registered Office: Sri Towers, Plot No.14A, South Phase, Industrial Estate, Guindy, Chennai – 600 032 and having its administrative office at 6th Floor (level 2), Building No.Q2, Aurum Q Parc, Gen 4/1, TTC, Thane Belapur Road, Ghansoli, Navi Mumbai-400710, under the provisions of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (said Act) and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) of the said Act read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 (said Rules) issued demand notices to the Borrowers details of which are mentioned in the table below to repay the amount mentioned in the said demand notices. The Borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken Symbolic Possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with rule 8 of the said Rules, on this **07.10.2026**

NAME OF THE BORROWER(S)/ Co-Borrower(S)/Guarantors	Amount due as per Demand Notice
1) RAJENDAR CHEGURI, S/O CHEGURI KISTAIAH, AGE:38 YEARS ,OCC:SELF EMPLOYEE, R/O :H.NO:2-93, MACHANPALLY (V), SHABAD (M), RANGAREDDY (DI), PINCODE: 509217, PH.NO : 8790068892.**2) CHEGURI ANURADHA,** W/O: CHEGURI RAJENDAR, AGE: 33 YEARS,OCC: HOUSE WIFE, R/O :H.NO:2-93, MACHANPALLY (V), SHABAD (M), RANGAREDDY (DI), PINCODE:509217, PH.NO:630329275.**3) KAVALI YADAGIRI,** S/O: MALLAIAH, AGE:55 YEARS, OCC:SELF EMPLOYEE, R/O:3-79, NARKUDA (V), SHAMSHABAD (M), RANGAREDDY (DI), PINCODE: 509218, PH.NO: 6303619730. ....Borrowers/Co-borrower/Guarantors/Legal heirs	**Rs.20,23,543/-** (Rupees Twenty Lakhs Twenty Three Thousand Five Hundred Fourty Three Rupees Only)

Description of Property: SHADNTF2201270017- DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY: Property on the name of CHEGURI ANURADHA, ALL THAT THE HOUSE PROPERTY HOUSE BEARING NO.2-93, ACC PLINTH AREA 850.SQ.FTS, TOTAL SITE AREA OF 120.SQ.YDS, SITUATED AT MACHANPALLY VILLAGE & GRAMPANCHAYATH, SHABAD MANDAL, RANGA REDDY DISTRICT,TS and Bounded as follows:TOWARDS EAST : CC ROAD.TOWARDS WEST : CC ROAD.TOWARDS NORTH: HOUSE OF SANJEEVA.TOWARDS SOUTH:HOUSE OF BUCHAMMA.

This notice is also hereby to caution the general public at large that the authorized officer of SFL is in the lawful Symbolic Possession of the immovable property mentioned herein above and the Borrowers or any person shall not after receipt of this notice transfer by way of sale, lease or otherwise deal with/ alienate any of the above mentioned secured assets referred to in this notice, without prior written consent of SFL.

Place: **MACHANPALLY**
Date : 07.10..2026

Sd/-Authorised officer,
Shriram Finance Ltd.

SOUTH CENTRAL RAILWAY

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Tender No.Y/SG/36/2026-27/21 Date 06.10.2026

PUB/700

On behalf of the President of India, Sr.Division Signal & Telecom Engineer, Hyderabad Division, South Central Railway, Secunderabad invites open tenders for the following works through **E-procurement** up to **11.30** Hours of **Dated.30.10.2026**

S.No.: 01 **Tender No.:** Y/SG/36/2026-27/21 **Name of the work:** Hyderabad Division: Provision of Intrusion detection system at vulnerable locations of HYB division. **Tender value (₹):** 5,16,89,240.35 **EMD (₹):** 10,33,800.00

For bid document and other details log in to **https://ireps.gov.in**. Any corrigendum issued online only.

Sr.Divisional Signal & Telecom Engineer, Hyderabad

NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER (through https://ireps.gov.in)

PUB/701

CE/C-II/SC Construction Organization, S.C.Railway, Secunderabad, respectively, invites e-tender on behalf of the President of India for the following works:

S.No.: 01 **NIT No.:** 48-CAO- C-SC-2026 Date: 01/10/2026 **Name of work:** South Central Railway- Construction Organisation: Secunderabad Divison: Secunderabad-Wadi Section: #SW1: Execution of Earth work in Embankment & Cutting, Blanketing to RDSO standards, Construction of Minor bridges & Road Under Bridges (RUBS), Construction of Station & Service Buildings, Approach Roads/Circulating Area, High Level Platforms, Drains and Execution of Miscellaneous Civil works in connection with new 3rd & 4th lines between Hafizpet Sanathnagar Stations from Km:168.00 to Km:176.000, Excluding Borabanda Station yard. #SW2: Supplying and Stacking of machine crushed clean hard angular and durable track stone ballast for new 3rd & 4th lines between Hafizpet-Sanathnagar Stations from Km:168.00 to Km:176.000. #SW3: Construction of Foot Over Bridges (FOBs) at Chandanagar, Borabanda and Bharatnagar Stations & Construction of Cover Over Platforms (COPs) at Chandanagar, Hafizpet, Hitech-City, Borabanda and Bharatnagar Stations. **Estimated Cost (₹):** 85,58,68,672.47 **EMD (₹):** 17117400.00 **Completion Period:** 18 (Eighteen) Months **Date of Opening:** 04.11.2026 15:00hrs

1. For bid document and other details, please login to website **https://ireps.gov.in.**
2. Tenderers can submit their offers online during tender submission period which is the Fifteen days period prior to closing of tender.
3. Tenderers should watch for any corrigenda (issued online only) up to the date of commencement of the tender submission period.

Chief Administrative Officer, Const., Secunderabad

Tender Notice No: LGD/L/11/ 2026-27-OT Date: 07.10.2026

PUB/702

Dy.CEE/LGDS acting for and on behalf of the President of India invites E-Tenders against **Tender No.LGD/L/11/2026-27/OT**-E-TENDER- closing date **03.11.2026** at 15:00 hrs. Bidders will be able to submit their original/revised bids up to closing date and time only. Manual offers are not allowed against this tender, and any such manual offer received shall be ignored.

Contractors are allowed to make payments against this tender towards earnest money (Bid Security) shall be deposited either in cash through e-payment gateway or submitted as Bank Guarantee bond from a scheduled commercial bank of India or as mentioned in tender documents. The Bank Guarantee bond shall be as per Annexure-VIA and shall be valid for a period of 60 days beyond the bid validity period. The original Bank Guarantee should be delivered in person to the official nominated as indicated in the tender document within 5 working days of deadline of submission of scanned copy of B.G. with the bid on e-tendering portal (IREPS) and / or non-submission of original B.G. within the specified period shall lead to summarily rejection of bid.

S.No.: 01 **Tender No.:** LGD/L/11/ 2026-27/OT **Description of work:** Expansion of M&E Stores, Development of RSP Stores, Construction of Cleaning facilities for Bogie and other components, Construction of PEB shed for MEMU maintenance, Upgradation & Development of infrastructure facilities for Wheel shop and Extension of Corrosion Shop Bay-VII towards East Gate Side-Electrical arrangements. **Advertised value (₹):** 3,15,82,682.80/- (Rupees Three Crore Fifteen Lakh Eighty-Two Thousand Six Hundrecd Eighty-Two and Paise Eighty Only) **Bid Security (₹):** 6,31,700/- **Period of Completion:** 12 Months from the date of issue of letter of acceptance **Date of Closing:** 03.11.2026 at 15:00 hrs.

Website Particulars: www.ireps.gov.in

For further Tender conditions / details (available in the tender documents) and for downloading of tender documents, corrigendum, please visit our website **http://www.ireps.gov.in/**

Dy.Chief Electrical Engineer, CWS, Lallaguda, Secunderabad

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For further tender conditions / details and for downloading the tender documents, Please visit website at https://www.ireps.gov.in or www.scr.indianrailways.gov.in

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CM Chandrababu Congratulates AP Asian Games Medal Winners

Visakhapatnam, TSIT : Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu congratulated sportspersons from Andhra Pradesh who brought laurels to the State with their impressive performance at the 2026 Asian Games.

The medal winners met the Chief Minister at the State Secretariat on Tuesday. Naidu appreciated their outstanding performances and the medals won in international competitions, and wished them greater success in future events. The athletes who met the Chief Minister included S. Charani, Ganesh Maniratnam,



Dheeraj Bommadevara and Vennam Jyothi Surekha.

SAAP Managing Director Bharani informed the Chief Minister that athletes from Andhra Pradesh had won a total of eight medals—three gold, two silver and three bronze—in three sporting disciplines at the Asian Games.

Naidu assured the athletes that the State government would provide full encouragement and the required infrastructure to help more sportspersons from Andhra Pradesh excel at national and international levels.

Cabinet Sub-Committee Reviews Public Litigation Policy

Amaravati, TSIT.

A Cabinet Sub-Committee constituted to finalise the Andhra Pradesh State Public Litigation Policy met at the Velagapudi Secretariat on Wednesday and reviewed the proposed guidelines. Law and Minority Welfare Minister NMD Farooq and Civil Supplies Minister Nadendla Manohar attended the meeting in person, while Home Minister Vangalapudi Anitha, Revenue Minister Anagani Satya Prasad and Health Minister Satish Kumar Yadav participated through video conference.

The committee held detailed discussions with senior officials of the Law Department and reviewed public litigation policies being implemented in other States. Law Department



Secretary Pratibha Devi briefed the ministers on the practices followed in States where such policies are already in force. Farooq said the State would soon formulate the Public Litigation Policy with a focus on reducing unnecessary litigation, ensuring timely dispute resolution, promoting alternative dispute resolution mechanisms, and strengthening transparency and accountability.He directed officials to focus on resolving pending court cases involving government departments and examine the creation of monitoring committees, nodal officers and an online portal for effective implementation of the policy. The Minister said the government was taking systematic measures to strengthen the Law Department and improve the management of government litigation.

Prisoner Wins Gold Medal for Academic Excellence

Rajamahendravaram, TSIT.

N. Suresh, a prisoner serving a sentence at the Central Prison, Rajamahendravaram, has achieved a remarkable academic distinction by securing the highest aggregate marks in the B.A. programme conducted by Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Open University for Andhra Pradesh and Telangana. Suresh was awarded the prestigious Prathibha Gold Medal and Book Prize by Telangana Governor Shiv Pratap Shukla at a programme held at the university campus auditorium in Jubilee Hills, Hyderabad, on Wednesday.

Despite being in prison, Suresh pursued higher education with determination and achieved outstanding results, setting an inspiring example for



other inmates. His achievement has brought pride to the Central Prison, Rajamahendravaram. Prison Superintendent Dr. V. Sanyasi Rao said the Prisons Department was promoting education, skill development and personality development among inmates to facilitate positive transformation in their lives. Suresh's achievement was a fine example of these efforts, he said. Dr. Sanyasi Rao thanked senior prison officials and former Superintendent S. Rahul for their guidance and encouragement.

IIM Visakhapatnam focuses on startups, skill development and nation building



Visakhapatnam: IIM Visakhapatnam has emerged as an important centre for entrepreneurship, skill development and capacity building, with a focus on contributing to the growth of Andhra Pradesh and the nation. Established about a decade ago with fewer than 100 students, the institute now has 1,600 students, with women accounting for 40 per cent. Its Rs.475-crore campus has received a GRIHA 5-Star rating. The institute conducted 132 capacity-building programmes in 2025-26, training around 6,200 officers. Its incubation arm, IIMV-FIELD, has incubated around 210 startups in six years, with nearly 70 per cent being women-led ventures across more than 20 States and 50 sectors. It will now mentor over 100 technology startups through its newly sanctioned Atal Incubation Centre. Under "Naari Sampannakaari," it supports 150 self-help group enterprises in Andhra Pradesh. IIM Visakhapatnam is also providing policy support to the State Government and reiterated its commitment to the Swarna Andhra 2047 vision.

Tight security for Tirumala Brahmotsavams



Tirupati/Tirumala: With large numbers of devotees expected during the Tirumala Srivari Navaratri Brahmotsavams, Tirupati District SP L. Subbarayudu and TTD Chief Vigilance & Security Officer K.V. Muralikrishna conducted a joint field-level inspection to ensure robust security, traffic regulation and parking facilities. They examined the Srivari Temple surroundings, four Mada streets, devotee galleries, Outer Ring Road, Alipiri Toll Gate and other key locations. Officials were instructed to manage limited parking without disrupting vehicle movement, arrange diversions and barricading, and monitor crowds through CCTV, drones and Command Control. Special focus was placed on devotee safety on Mada streets during Vahana Sevas, with clear entry and exit routes and strategically positioned staff. Tight security and swift checks were ordered at Alipiri Toll Gate.

As the festival runs from October 12 to 20, with a heavy influx expected on October 16 for Garuda Vahana Seva, officials directed advance implementation of crowd, traffic and security plans. Devotees were urged to follow instructions and cooperate.

AP steps up investment drive



Visakhapatnam, (TSIT) Andhra Pradesh is emerging as an investment-friendly destination with the State government focusing on faster clearances, improved infrastructure and speedy implementation of industrial projects, Union and State Ministers said at the first regional session of the 31st CII Partnership Summit–2026 held at IIM Visakhapatnam on Wednesday.

Union Civil Aviation Minister K. Ram Mohan Naidu said Andhra Pradesh was moving from the concept of 'Ease of Doing Business' towards 'Speed of Doing Business'. He said 216 mega projects involving proposed investments of Rs.8.67 lakh crore had come up in the State during the last two years. Visakhapatnam was being developed as a 'Gateway of Economy' with greater opportunities in industries, trade, tourism and logistics. The early completion of the Bhogapuram International Airport was cited as an example of the State's faster project execution.

State Minister for Investments and Infrastructure B.C. Janardhan Reddy said infrastructure development was being given top priority to attract investments. He said the State had a road network of around 1.6 lakh km and projects worth over Rs.1 lakh crore were under construction or at the DPR stage. The State was also developing ports, harbours and logistics infrastructure, including multi-modal logistics parks, integrated logistics parks and truck terminals. Visakhapatnam had significant potential in marine, seafood, pharma, petroleum and IT sectors, while North Andhra offered opportunities in aquaculture, agro-processing, engineering and minerals, he said.

Industries Minister T.G. Bharat said 31 MoUs involving investments of Rs.21,498 crore had been signed during the regional summit, with the potential to generate 56,945 jobs. Projects worth Rs.3,518.73 crore were also inaugurated or launched, creating another 9,449 employment opportunities. Since June 2024, investment proposals worth Rs.22.6 lakh crore covering 714 projects had been received in Andhra Pradesh, with the potential to generate around 19.3 lakh jobs. Of these, 247 projects worth Rs.4.7 lakh crore had reached the grounding stage.

Meaningful and purposeful education helps students achieve higher goals: TTD EO



Tirupati: TTD Executive Officer Muddada Ravichandra advised students to pursue education with discipline and determination and strive for personal growth while bringing greater recognition to TTD. Addressing students at the Students Council inauguration at Sri Padmavathi Women's Junior College, Tirupati, he said five years of sincere effort—two years of Intermediate and three years thereafter—can help students achieve their goals and reach higher levels. He encouraged students, particularly those from rural areas, to make the best use of opportunities, develop leadership qualities and focus on personality development. The EO said Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu has directed TTD to further strengthen quality services in education and healthcare. He inaugurated an e-learning seminar hall built at a cost of Rs.71 lakh, benefiting students preparing for competitive and entrance examinations. He later inaugurated the Students Council, administered the oath to newly elected representatives and felicitated faculty members who achieved 100 per cent results.

Tirumala Gram Sachivalayam issue to be resolved in a month



Tirumala: TDP leaders, including State Yadav Corporation Chairman Narasimha Yadav, Tirupati TDP In-charge J.B. Srinivas and SVBC Chairman Sridhar Varma, along with local residents, submitted a representation to the Tirupati District Collector seeking resolution of issues related to the Gram Sachivalayam in Tirumala. They explained that Tirumala has over 10,000 permanent residents, including elderly citizens, women, students, pensioners and persons with disabilities. Although a Gram Sachivalayam was established in Tirumala, the absence of an allotted Sachivalayam code has prevented residents from accessing government services, forcing them to travel about 31 km to Shettipalli. The Collector heard the grievances, contacted officials and instructed that the existing Sachivalayam not be closed. He assured that a special code would be allocated within one month, after which services would be delivered locally. Residents expressed satisfaction and hope over the prompt response.

Tirumala's Annaprasadam Crosses 90 Million Servings in 9 Months

TIRUMALA, October 7, 2026 — The Sri Venkateswara Annaprasadam wing of the Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD) has distributed more than nine crore (90 million) free meals between January and September 2026, cementing its place as one of the world's largest continuous food-service operations run by a religious institution.

What began on April 6, 1985, under then Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. T. Rama Rao as the Sri Venkateswara Nityannadanam Scheme with just 2,000 servings a day has grown into a round-the-clock operation that now serves nearly 1.8 lakh devotees every day, rising to over 3 lakh on peak days. The programme was converted into a trust in 1994 and today operates as the Sri Venkateswara Annaprasadam Trust.

Three main kitchens work in



shifts to keep the service running without interruption. The Matrusri Tarigonda Vengamamba Annaprasadam Centre serves over 80,000 devotees daily, offering upma, pongal, chutney and sambar for breakfast, and rice, curry, vada, sambar, rasam, buttermilk and sweet pongal for lunch and dinner. The Sri Akshaya Kitchen prepares wheat rava and suji rava upma, pongal, sambar rice, curd rice, tomato rice, sundal, milk, tea and coffee, and on crowded days also distributes buttermilk, almond milk, biscuits and juice packs. The Vakulamatha Kitchen focuses on bulk distribution to accommodation complexes, the Central Reception Office, Rambaghicha Rest House, Anjadri Nilayam and other pilgrim complexes.

A single day's cooking consumes 15.8 tonnes of rice (15,788 kg), 3.1 tonnes of sunflower oil, 2.86 tonnes of toor dal, 2.83 tonnes of suji rava and 2.82 tonnes of wheat (godhuma) rava, along with 4,375 coconuts, sugar, tamarind and spices.

Annaprasadam is not confined to dining halls. Food and beverages are carried to devotees waiting in the compartments of the Vaikuntam Queue Complexes, the Narayanagiri sheds and outside queue lines, in keeping with TTD's stated goal that no one should go hungry while waiting for darshan. The Sri Venkateswara Annaprasadam Trust now holds over Rs.2,900 crore in fixed deposits, funded entirely by devotee donations. Interest income from these deposits finances the daily preparation and distribution of free, high-quality meals.

TTD has upgraded the system with technology and infrastructure in recent years. It has introduced fresh coconut in chutney and curry preparation, launched the Vakulamatha Centralised Kitchen in 2024 to extend distribution to 28 additional locations, and opened PAC-5 (Venkadri Nilayam) dining halls with a seating capacity of about 1,500 people at a time. A new satellite automated kitchen capable of preparing food for 2 lakh devotees per day is in the planning stage, and QR code donation kiosks are being installed at the MTVAC kitchen for easy devotee contributions. More than 1,000 people, including TTD Annaprasadam staff and Srivari seva volunteers, work in coordinated shifts to ensure uninterrupted service from early-morning breakfast to late-night dinner. They manage everything from cooking and packing to serving in dining halls, queue lines and accommodation centres.

The Square reopens at Novotel Visakhapatnam



Visakhapatnam: The Square, the popular all-day dining restaurant at Novotel Visakhapatnam Varun Beach, has been reopened in a new look. Along with modern interiors, an extensive multi-cuisine buffet and a special Andhra cuisine section have been introduced. Varun Group Chairman V. Prabhu Kishore inaugurated the reopening programme. Speaking on the occasion, Prabhu Kishore said The Square has become a preferred venue for family celebrations, business meetings, weekend buffets and special occasions. He said that while the restaurant has been redesigned in a modern and welcoming manner, its familiar specialities have been retained for guests. Novotel Visakhapatnam Varun Beach General Manager Lakshmi Sridhar said The Square, located by the sea, is ready to offer a distinctive dining experience for family meals, business lunches, meetings and celebrations.

Bengal: Mithun Chakraborty appointed advisor to Information & Cultural Affairs Dept



Kolkata, Oct 7 : Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leader Mithun Chakraborty was officially appointed on Wednesday as Advisor to the West Bengal Information & Cultural Affairs Department.

The state government issued an official notification on Wednesday announcing the appointment.

The notification also clarified that the post carries a status equivalent to that of a state Cabinet Minister.

An indication in this regard was given by West Bengal Chief Minister Suvendu Adhikari last month while addressing a programme marking the birth centenary of Bengali screen legend Uttam Kumar.

An official notification on the matter was issued by the state government on Wednesday evening.

The notification stated that the appointment takes immediate effect and will remain in force until further orders.

The notification, signed by the state's Chief Secretary Manoj Kumar Agrawal, said that Chakraborty was appointed by order of the Governor and with the approval of the competent authorities.

Chief Minister Suvendu Adhikari is himself in charge of the Information & Cultural Affairs Department.

However, from the notification issued on Wednesday evening, it is not clear what responsibilities Chakraborty will perform as Advisor to the department.

Chakraborty, a former Trinamool Congress Rajya Sabha member, had severed all ties with Trinamool and also resigned from the Rajya Sabha after several leaders of the party were named in the multi-crore Saradha and Rose Valley chit fund controversies.

He later joined the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and has since played an important role in campaigning for BJP candidates in various elections, especially the 2024 Lok Sabha polls and the recently concluded West Bengal Assembly elections earlier this year.

Navaratri celebrations announced at Srikalahasti temple



Srikalahasti: Sri Kalahasteeswara Swamy Temple has announced that Devi Navaratri festivals will be celebrated with grandeur at Sri Kanakadurga Devi Temple, an affiliated temple situated on Kanakachalam. Local MLA Bojjala Venkata Sudheer Reddy released the publicity brochure related to the programmes on Wednesday. Speaking on the occasion, the MLA expressed the desire that the festivals be conducted with devotion, dedication and grandeur, and suggested all necessary arrangements be made to ensure devotees face no inconvenience. Temple Executive Officer B.K. Venkatesulu stated that arrangements are being made in accordance with the scriptures. Facilities such as darshan, prasadam, drinking water, sanitation and other essential amenities will be provided to devotees during the festivals. Temple Chairman Kotte Sai Prasad, Board Members Gurrappa Setti, TDP leaders, temple officials, staff and others participated in the programme.

AMARAVATI LITERATURE FESTIVAL 2026 CELEBRATES THE POWER OF STORIES



Amaravati: The second edition of the Amaravati Literature Festival (ALF) 2026, hosted by Easwari School of Liberal Arts (ESLA), SRM University–AP, brought together writers, scholars, translators, educators and young minds around the theme of stories and changing times. Inaugurating the festival, Guntur Collector C M Saikanth Varma said every person who walks into his office carries a story, noting the region has been telling stories for over 2,000 years. Tejaswi Podapati, Chairperson, Andhra Pradesh State Creativity and Culture Commission, emphasised the enduring power of words beyond screens. Vice Chancellor Prof. Ch Satish Kumar announced two literary awards from next edition, one national and one for Telugu literature. Keynote speaker Mini Krishnan highlighted translation as a bridge between India's languages. Day one featured conversations with Purnima Tammireddy, Avineni Bhaskar, Madan Meena and Sheela Tomy, alongside book stalls and creative engagements.

Seminar on Digital and AI Technologies for Railway Safety Held



Visakhapatnam, TSIT. South Coast Railway, in association with L2MRail, organised a seminar on the "Use of Digital and Artificial Intelligence Technologies for Railway Safety" at the Zonal Headquarters in Visakhapatnam on Wednesday. The seminar was presided over by South Coast Railway General Manager Sandeep Mathur, with Principal Heads of Departments and senior officials participating in the discussions.L2MRail, an IISc-origin deep-tech company specialising in railway safety technologies, made a detailed presentation on the application of digital and AI technologies for improving railway safety.

GITAM, Pfizer Offer Education and Jobs to Rural Women



Visakhapatnam, TSIT. GITAM Deemed University and Pfizer Healthcare India Ltd have jointly launched another batch of a B.Sc. Chemistry programme aimed at providing higher education and employment opportunities to women from rural areas of North Andhra. As part of the initiative, 50 women were selected from around 500 intermediate-qualified candidates through a series of interviews and screening processes. The selected candidates were given admission letters and employment appointment letters at a programme held at GITAM on Wednesday in the presence of their parents. The programme, being conducted under the Pfizer Autonomous Teams initiative, allows students to pursue a B.Sc. Chemistry degree while simultaneously working with Pfizer. The company will bear the students' educational expenses and support them until completion of the degree.

GITAM Registrar Prof. D. Gunasekharan said providing employment along with higher education would encourage more rural women to pursue advanced studies and become economically self-reliant. He appreciated Pfizer for supporting the educational and career aspirations of rural women. Pfizer Healthcare India Ltd Visakhapatnam head Katta Ravichander said candidates were selected purely on merit and would receive full financial support for the course along with employment opportunities. More than 350 women have already benefited from the initiative and secured employment with the company, he said.

GITAM School of Science Director Prof. Chandu Kavitha and Chemistry Department Head Prof. N.V.S. Venugopal appreciated the collaboration and urged Pfizer to extend similar support to GITAM postgraduate programmes. Programme coordinators Dr. G. Ravikumar and Dr. Alice Rinky Robert, along with Pfizer representatives Muralidhar Sharma and Ravikiran, participated in the programme.

Father's Name Should Not Be a Barrier to a Child's Future



Visakhapatnam, TSIT. No child should be denied education, identity documents, welfare benefits or government services due to the absence or non-disclosure of the father's name, Andhra Pradesh State Commission for Protection of Child Rights member Undavalli Gandhi Babu said. Addressing a national-level meeting organised by the Karnataka State Legal Services Authority and Children of India Foundation in Bengaluru, he called for a uniform, child-friendly policy to protect the rights, dignity and privacy of children.Gandhi Babu said children whose fathers are unknown, unavailable or cannot be disclosed often face difficulties in obtaining birth certificates, school records and government benefits. Administrative procedures should not become barriers to their fundamental rights, he stressed. He cautioned against entering fictitious father's names in official records merely to complete formalities, as this could create further identity-related problems for children.Sharing his field experience in the erstwhile Khammam district, he said several children born to vulnerable tribal women faced social and administrative difficulties due to the absence of paternal details. His voluntary organisation had provided legal assistance to affected women and children. "A child's future should not depend on whether the child can provide the father's name," Gandhi Babu said, urging governments and institutions to ensure equal access to education, identity, protection and welfare benefits for every child without discrimination.

Zoya launches spice-inspired high jewellery collection



Hyderabad: Zoya, the Tata Group's luxury jewellery atelier, has unveiled Her Again, a High Jewellery collection inspired by India's spices as keepers of memory. The collection draws on turmeric's golden warmth, mace's deep red, cardamom green, saffron and rose to explore a woman's journey back to herself. Rubellite, emerald, Madeira Citrine, Orissa rose garnet, golden heliodor and yellow sapphire form an unexpected, saturated palette shaped through thousands of hours of craftsmanship. Sitarist and composer Anoushka Shankar serves as the campaign's muse, embodying a creative practice rooted in Indian heritage yet globally resonant. Arun Narayan, CEO of Titan Company's Jewellery division, said India offers extraordinary inspiration, and Zoya reinterprets these influences into High Jewellery where meaning and emotional resonance matter as much as rarity and artistry.

KIMS Kurnool doctors correct male breast enlargement in 27-yr old



Kurnool: Doctors at KIMS Hospitals, Kurnool, have successfully treated a 27-year-old man who had developed significant breast enlargement, with the right side more prominent than the left, a condition medically known as gynecomastia. The patient, from Kurnool district, experienced considerable discomfort because of the chest enlargement. He found it difficult to wear T-shirts and felt uncomfortable attending public places and social gatherings. The condition had also affected him psychologically. After seeking treatment at several hospitals without finding a satisfactory solution, he approached the Department of Plastic Surgery at KIMS Hospitals, Kurnool. Following a clinical evaluation, doctors performed bilateral chest liposuction to remove excess fatty tissue and a right-sided subcutaneous mastectomy to remove excess glandular tissue, restoring a more natural and symmetrical chest contour. He recovered uneventfully and was discharged. Consultant Plastic Surgeon Dr. Navya said gynecomastia is relatively common in males and can impact self-confidence and social interactions.

APTRANSCO JMD Inspects Seva Sethu Camp at Gunadala



Visakhapatnam, TSIT : APTRANSCO JMD Surya Sai Praveen Chand visited the Seva Sethu Abhiyan camp organised at Gunadala under the APCPDCL jurisdiction to review the implementation of the Pradhan Mantri Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana. The JMD inspected various service counters, including registration, awareness, application submission, rooftop solar technical assistance and banking services. He interacted with consumers and enquired about their awareness of the scheme, installation procedures and subsidy benefits.

KIMS doctors remove hook from toddler's airway without surgery



Visakhapatnam: Doctors at KIMS Hospitals, Visakhapatnam, successfully removed a sharp metallic hook lodged in the airway of a 22-month-old boy who aspirated it while playing. The child was brought in by his mother, and a chest X-ray revealed the metallic foreign body in the lower airway. Given his young age and the object's sharp nature, the team performed an emergency rigid bronchoscopy. The hook was found in the right main bronchus and carefully removed without further injury. The child remained stable and was discharged after an uneventful recovery. Consultant Interventional Pulmonologists Dr. Chukka Bharat and Dr. Sri Lakshmi led the treatment, with support from paediatricians and anaesthesiology teams. Dr. Bharat warned that aspirated objects in young children are medical emergencies requiring prompt care, urging parents to keep small, sharp objects out of reach.

Yashoda opens exclusive trigeminal neuralgia clinic



Hyderabad, 7 October 2026: Yashoda Hospitals, Secunderabad, inaugurated an exclusive Trigeminal Neuralgia Clinic on the eve of World Trigeminal Neuralgia Day. Dr. Vijay Kumar, Unit Head, said the condition has a permanent solution through keyhole neuro endoscopic surgery, calling it the success story of 110+ smiles treated. Dr. R. N. Komal Kumar, Senior Neurologist, explained that trigeminal neuralgia resembles an abnormal electrical surge caused by a short circuit, where a blood vessel touches the nerve and triggers severe shooting pain. Dr. Ayya Durai R, Senior Neuro Surgeon, said minimally invasive endoscopic microvascular decompression offers 360-degree visualisation with minimal complications. Patients stay admitted for two days, require a tiny incision, need no hair removal, and recover faster. Surgery is deemed successful only when patients report no pain immediately after the procedure.

Kumaraswamy releases NICE toll figures, alleges Rs.5,500 crore collected



Bengaluru : Union Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy has intensified his criticism of the NICE project, alleging that the company has collected around Rs.5,500 crore through tolls, land transactions and other components despite the project's original estimated cost being substantially lower. Addressing reporters in Bengaluru, Kumaraswamy said NICE had collected Rs.4,756 crore through tolls between 2008-09 and 2025. He claimed another Rs.384 crore was realised through land sales and Rs.108 crore through a joint agreement, taking the total collection from different components to about Rs.5,500 crore. Kumaraswamy alleged that toll collection itself was contrary to the terms of the original agreements. According to him, the framework agreement signed on September 4, 2000, specified the work to be undertaken under different sections of the project and provided for toll collection only after completion of the stipulated works.He claimed that the original agreement involved 2,193 acres for the Peripheral Road, while the project had sought a much larger extent of land, including around 7,555 acres of karab land. For the 163-km road, he said, nearly 6,999 acres had been sought. Kumaraswamy further alleged that the framework agreement was subsequently modified through the Bangalore-Mysore Infrastructure Corridor Area Planning Authority (BMICAPA) in February 2024 without the matter being placed before the Cabinet.

Sting operation warning sparks political war of words in Karnataka



Bengaluru, : A reported warning by Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar to his Cabinet colleagues about possible sting operations has triggered a political controversy in Karnataka, with Congress leaders offering differing accounts of what was discussed at the Cabinet meeting and the Opposition attacking the government.Minister for Medical Education Dr Sharan Prakash Patil said the information reaching the media about a discussion on sting operations was incorrect. He maintained that no such discussion took place in the manner being reported. However, Deputy Chief Minister Dr G. Parameshwara gave a different response, saying the Chief Minister would have access to information from the Intelligence Department and would not make such a statement without some basis. The issue has provided the Opposition BJP with an opportunity to target the state government. Leader of Opposition R. Ashoka questioned why ministers needed to be cautioned about sting operations if there was nothing to worry about.

Demand to Protect Voters' Rights and Take Appropriate Action: S. Manohar



Bengaluru: KPCC General Secretary S. Manohar has urged for appropriate action to fully protect the rights of eligible voters, amidst a nationwide campaign calling for the dismissal of Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar.

In a letter addressed to Governor Thawar Chand Gehlot, Manohar alleged that BJP leaders are using the Election Commission machinery to deliberately remove the names of eligible voters—specifically those from Dalit, backward class, poor, and minority communities—by filing 'Form 7' applications. He has requested an impartial investigation into the matter and urged that voters' rights be safeguarded.

He stated that BJP workers and leaders are deliberately sending a misleading message to the state and appealed to the Governor to gather information regarding these irregularities and protect the voters.

He noted that the Congress party has repeatedly met the Chief Electoral Officer to urge that the BJP's attempts to strip eligible voters of their voting rights be halted, that genuine voters be protected, and that every citizen be ensured the right to vote.

Supply of Used Cooking Oil Facilitates Value Addition: S.E. Sudhindra



Bengaluru: S.E. Sudhindra, Chairman of the Karnataka State Bio-fuel Development Board, stated that the biofuel policy paves the way for investment in biofuel projects. He noted that, with the cooperation of the Minister for Health and Family Welfare, the initiative would facilitate value addition through the supply of used cooking oil.

At a meeting convened by Health and Family Welfare Minister Dr. U.T. Khader Farid at the Vidhana Soudha, discussions were held on formulating and implementing regulations to ensure that used cooking oil (UCO)—a key raw material for biofuel—is supplied exclusively to biodiesel production units.

It was brought to the Minister's attention that cooking oil is repeatedly used in hotels, restaurants, and food production units across the state's Tier-1 towns and urban areas, posing adverse health risks to the public. The issue of such used oil being diverted to smaller hotels was also highlighted. It was argued that strict laws must be formulated and immediately implemented to prevent the diversion of used cooking oil and ensure its supply to biodiesel manufacturing industries. Reference was made to the fact that the Department of Food and Civil Supplies has already issued a gazette notification permitting the distribution of biodiesel through dedicated retail outlets in the state.

It was anticipated that such measures would facilitate the supply of large quantities of used cooking oil to biodiesel production units, thereby boosting biodiesel output and aiding the Board in implementing action plans for the state's fuel self-reliance. Responding positively, the Minister suggested that if the Board formulated an appropriate policy—in coordination with the Department of Health and Family Welfare—to mandate the collection, storage, and exclusive use of used cooking oil for biodiesel production, it would be possible to completely prevent the oil from being reused in food preparation. He assured that he would discuss the matter with departmental officials, formulate the necessary legislation, coordinate with other departments, and take steps to ensure successful implementation. Officials present on the occasion included Ritvik Ranjanam Pandey (IAS), Secretary, Health and Family Welfare Department; Gurunath Hegde (IAS), Commissioner for Food Safety; Srinivas (IAS), Health Commissioner; Akram Pasha (IAS), Mission Director, National Health Mission; Shivashankar L. (KAS), Managing Director of the Board; Project Consultants Dr. Dayananda G.N. and Prasad Rabbapragada; Nimman Deep Singh, Advisor to the Chairman; and other officials.

Kumaraswamy's Baseless Allegations Expose His Political Frustration



Bengaluru: Ramesh Babu, KPCC Chairman Media and Communication Department, said that H.D. Kumaraswamy's allegation that former Chief Minister Siddaramaiah was removed from office by Congress leaders through a "sting operation" is nothing but a politically motivated and baseless attempt to create confusion within the Congress party. HDK is famous for hit and run case.The people of Karnataka know the political history of Shri Siddaramaiah, his stature, his mass support and his contribution to the State. His political position has never depended on secret operations or conspiracies. Congress is a democratic organisation where political decisions are taken through established constitutional and party processes.It is ironic that Shri H.D. Kumaraswamy, who has himself faced serious political controversies involving alleged recordings, phone tapping, sting operations and attempts to protect political positions, is now preaching lessons on political morality to others.His present statements appear less like concern for Siddaramaiah and more like an attempt to please his political allies in the BJP and safeguard his position in the Union Government. The people of Karnataka can clearly understand the political compulsions behind such statements.

Kumaraswamy should first put his own political house in order instead of manufacturing imaginary conspiracies within the Congress. Congress does not need certificates from Kumaraswamy about its leadership or internal democracy.The Congress party stands firmly united behind its leadership and its democratic traditions. Attempts to create divisions within Congress through politically motivated statements will not succeed. Kumaraswamy should remember: Karnataka's people are watching not only what he says, but also why he says it and whom he is trying to please.

CMRIT Hosts 7th Edition of State-Level Inter-Collegiate Sports Meet 'SPARDHA 2026'



Bengaluru : CMR Institute of Technology (CMRIT) inaugurated the 7th edition of SPARDHA 2026, its state-level inter-collegiate annual sports meet, bringing together over 5000+ athletes from 60 colleges across Karnataka, representing more than 100 teams. The four-day sporting extravaganza, being held from October 7 to 10, 2026, provides young athletes a vibrant platform to showcase their sporting talent, competitive spirit and teamwork. The sports fest was inaugurated by Shri. Jayadeep K.R. Reddy, Pro Chancellor of CMR University and CEO, CMR Group of Institutions, who formally inaugurated the event by watering a sapling. He was joined by Dr. Sanjay Jain, Principal, CMRIT, Dr. B. Narasimha Murthy, Vice Principal, Dr. Chitra, Dean, Mr. Shobhit, Sports Director, along with participating athletes.

Addressing the participants, Shri. Jayadeep K.R. Reddy said, "We are looking forward to see your talent, energy and competitive spirit shine today. And when you achieve something extraordinary, we'll be right there to celebrate it and share your success with the world." SPARDHA 2026 features 13 sporting disciplines, with students from colleges across Karnataka competing for sporting honours.

The competitions include Kabaddi, Football, Kho-Kho, Basketball, Badminton, Table Tennis, Chess, Volleyball, Tug-of-War and Throwball, with several disciplines featuring separate men's and women's categories.

TAAI marks 75th anniversary



Bengaluru : The 75th year Double Diamond Jubilee celebrations of the Travel Agents Association of India (TAAI), India's oldest and most prominent travel association, was hosted by the TAAI Karnataka Chapter at Bengaluru on the 6th of October 2026.

The event was held at the Holiday Inn Race Course road, Bengaluru, with the theme, "Honouring Our Legacy, Inspiring the Future." Recognised as the strongest voice of the travel and tourism industry, the association consists of more than 2500 travel agents, tour operators and allied service providers.

TAAI National Office Bearers – Mr. R. Sunil Kumar – President, Mr. Bettaiah Lokesh – Vice President, Mr. Shreeram Patel – Hon. Secretary General, Mr. Paras Lakhia – Hon. Treasurer and Mr. Amish Desai – Member National Managing Committee, graced the occasion. The President Mr. R. Sunil Kumar in his address reiterated the strength of TAAI and its 75 years of leadership, service, trust and excellence and the commitment of TAAI to lead the tourism industry with innovation, new vision, clear purpose and excellence.

He mentioned that TAAI consists of members of great calibre and that over 600 membership applications were on waitlist given the stringent vetting process adopted by the Region and Chapter Chairpersons across India that make up the overall membership of TAAI. This, he said, reflects the growing importance and stature of TAAI. The President also mentioned that the 75th year celebrations is culminating with the grand 69th convention of TAAI to be held at Kolkata from the 25th to 28th of October 2026.

Senior citizens' mental health, dignity stressed at Kadambams anniversary



Bengaluru : Mental health, substance-abuse prevention and dignified living for senior citizens must receive equal attention alongside physical healthcare, eminent leaders said at the 34th anniversary celebrations of Kadambams Group, held in Bengaluru to mark World Mental Health Day.

The programme featured the unveiling of the Sri Kadambams Ashwathnarayana Residential Elder Care Block, the inauguration of 'Adhya – Bhojana Shale', established in memory of Sri Meghalal Krishnamurthy, and the presentation of Bright Star Awards to achievers from various fields.

Addressing the gathering, Jagadguru Dr. Shivaratri Deshikendra Shivacharya Mahaswamiji of Sri Suttur Mutt expressed concern over the growing prevalence of substance abuse among youngsters. He said parents aspire to provide their children with education in prestigious and international-standard schools, but there is a need to remain vigilant about children being exposed to substance abuse. "We are living in a time when alcohol and drug addiction are increasing. There are several reasons behind substance abuse, and once a person becomes addicted, bringing them back to a normal life can be extremely challenging. Mental health problems can be treated today, and Kadambams has emerged as an important institution in the field of mental healthcare," he said. Sri Vasavi Peetha's Sachidananda Saraswati Swamiji said mental peace and emotional security are as important as physical health and should be regarded as fundamental aspects of a person's well-being. He stressed the need to create an environment where senior citizens are respected not merely as people requiring care, but as individuals whose experience and wisdom are valuable to society. R.P. Ravishankar, President of Akhila Bharata Arya Vysya Mahasabha, said organisations must work together with different sections of society to strengthen social service initiatives. He appreciated Kadambams Group's efforts in the sensitive areas of mental healthcare and elderly care, stating that such initiatives could bring meaningful positive change to society.

Sandesh R. Kadambam, Executive Director, Kadambams Group, said, "The journey of Kadambams is not merely the story of an institution's growth; it is a journey of bringing hope into the lives of thousands of individuals and families. In the next phase, we will give greater priority not only to mental health but also to ensuring a dignified and quality life for senior citizens."

Battis Wali Smile' takes Bandhan Mutual Fund's Salary Wala Plan Story Beyond Payday Happiness



Bangalore : At the end of every month, everyone at Bandhan Mutual Fund is asking - What comes after the 31st? For most people, the answer is simple: the 1st.

But at Bandhan Mutual Fund the answer is different: 32.After all, the 31st, or iktees, is often associated with one of the happiest notifications of the month - Salary Credited. And what usually follows that message is a wide grin, a battis wali smile.

Building on its Salary Wala Plan campaign, Bandhan Mutual Fund has launched 'Battis Wali Smile,' a new film that uses humour and a relatable cultural insight to make Systematic Withdrawal Plans (SWPs) easier to understand.At the heart of the film is a simple observation. While salaries may differ, professions may vary, and life stages may change, the joy of seeing money credited into one's account remains universal. It is a feeling that resonates equally with salaried professionals, business owners, freelancers and retirees. Salary Wala Plan connects that familiar experience to SWP, which allows investors to withdraw a fixed amount from their mutual fund investments at regular intervals, while the remaining investment continues to stay invested and gets an opportunity to grow.Speaking on the campaign, Vishal Kapoor, CEO, Bandhan AMC said, "The insight behind 'Battis Wali Smile' is incredibly simple and human. Most people understand the happiness and reassurance that comes with receiving money regularly. Through this campaign, we wanted to show that the feeling associated with a salary credit is something everyone values, regardless of whether they are salaried, self-employed or retired. By connecting that familiar emotion to SWPs, we hope to make the concept easier to understand and more relatable."

Watch 'Battis Wali Smile' here: https://youtu.be/nbFuYcXUqq4

The film was conceptualised by advertising agency All In.

Jane Sequeira, Creative, All In, said, "Salary day comes with a certain kind of smile. We thought, if SWP can give you a similar salary-like income regularly, why not give that feeling that comes with it a name? That's how 'Battis Wali Smile' came into being."

boAt Expands Its Charging Solutions Portfolio with the Apex Powerbank Series

Bengaluru : boAt, one of India's leading consumer lifestyle-tech brands, announced the launch of the Apex Powerbank Series, strengthening its presence in the charging solutions category as the company continues to expand its consumer-tech portfolio beyond audio. While personal audio remains at the heart of boAt, the brand has progressively expanded into adjacent consumer technology categories, including wearables, projectors, personal grooming and charging solutions. The expansion reflects boAt's broader ambition to build a more diversified consumer technology portfolio around how consumers connect, work, travel and experience entertainment.Charging solutions are emerging as an important part of this journey. As consumers increasingly carry multiple connected devices through the day, dependable and convenient access to power has become integral to the everyday technology experience. With Apex, boAt is building a differentiated charging portfolio around multiple consumer needs rather than approaching the category through a single-product offering. Gaurav Nayyar, CEO, boAt, said, ""Our ambition is to build boAt into a consumer technology brand that serves people across more moments of their day.

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CM Vijay's Rs 600 cr assets questioned by MHC

CHENNAI: The Madras High Court questioned whether Chief Minister Joseph Vijay's alleged failure to disclose assets worth Rs.30 crore would have made any difference to a voter who had already decided to vote for him. Justice V. Lakshminarayanan raised the question while hearing a petition filed by Chief Minister Vijay seeking dismissal of an election petition filed by a voter challenging his victory from the Perambur Assembly constituency.

The judge also questioned whether Vijay's failure to disclose Rs.30 crore worth of assets in his election nomination papers could amount to a corrupt practice when he had already declared assets worth around Rs.600 crore. In the May 2026 Assembly election from Perambur, Vijay secured 1,20,365 votes, while R. D. Shekar secured 66,650 votes. Vijay won by a margin of 53,715 votes. Voter S. Dinesh filed an election petition challenging Vijay's election from the Perambur constituency.

Subsequently, Vijay filed a petition seeking dismissal of the election petition filed against him. During the



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hearing, counsel for petitioner Dinesh submitted that candidates must not furnish false information or suppress material facts in their nomination papers. However, details of a property worth around Rs.30 crore in Panruti were allegedly suppressed in Vijay's nomination papers. Documents, including the survey number and sale deed, were also placed before the court.

It was further submitted that the petition contained specific allegations supported by evidence and not vague claims. The petitioner's counsel also pointed out that Vijay had declared the purchase of 50 cents of land at Vilpatti village in Kodaikanal, whereas Revenue Department records showed it as government poramboke land. The judge orally remarked that Vijay, being a popular actor, would have had several properties and questioned whether he himself would have prepared the list of assets. The judge noted that Vijay would have likely relied on a Chartered Accountant and questioned whether the election could be set aside if the CA had missed some assets.

The court further questioned whether non-disclosure of Rs.30 crore worth of assets could amount to corrupt practice when Vijay had already declared assets worth around Rs.600 crore. The court also asked whether such non-disclosure would have made any difference to a voter who had already decided to vote for Vijay, particularly whether a Perambur voter would have changed their decision over the failure to disclose Rs.30 crore worth of properties.

Complete works at Madhavaram Dairy soon: Vijay

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CHENNAI: During his visit to Madhavaram Dairy Complex, Chief Minister C Joseph Vijay instructed officials to complete the ongoing construction work on the campus within the stipulated time.

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During his visit, he inaugurated the annex building of the Central Laboratory for the State government, which was constructed for Rs 2.23 crore. This laboratory caters to the needs of Tamil Nadu cooperative societies and district-level milk producers, who can obtain accurate test results in accordance with international standards. The Chief Minister also visited the Madhavaram Dairy unit, which handles 4.50 lakh litres of milk per day.



He also reviewed the ongoing construction work and instructed officials to expedite the work within the stipulated time. Minister C Vijayalakshmi, MLAs ML Vijay Prabhu and N Senthilkumar, and Secretary to the Animal Husbandry and Dairy Development Department Anu George participated in the review meeting.

TN hospitals halt medicine covers after Hindi printing sparks language row

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COIMBATORE: Officials at the government hospitals in Coimbatore and Karur moved swiftly to halt the distribution of trilingual medicine covers following a fresh political controversy over Tamil Nadu's language policy.

The row erupted after packaging bearing dosage instructions in Tamil, English, and Hindi reached patients at state-run medical facilities, drawing sharp criticism from political leaders.

The issue further escalated after DMK leader T R B Rajaa shared photographs online showing the medicine covers distributed at the Karur facility, accusing authorities of covertly enforcing a three-language policy within the public healthcare network. "It seems like the three-language policy is being implemented in Tamil Nadu hospitals too! First Karur...Now the same situation in Coimbay as well..." the former minister said on his "X" social media platform. The hospital authorities, however, said the controversial packaging was neither new nor recently procured. They further clarified that the sponsored pouches printed via Chinthamani Cooperative Society have been in continuous use for over 18 months, including during the previous administration's tenure.

The officials also confirmed that immediate directives were issued to halt further distribution of the trilingual covers upon discovering the oversight. Tamil Nadu strictly adheres to a two-language policy using only Tamil and English in state education and public administration. It firmly rejects the Centre's three-language formula.

For a golden decade, 'Design in Taiwan, Make in TN', suggests diplomat

CHENNAI: More than 350 Taiwanese companies have invested in India, two-thirds of them in Tamil Nadu and Karnataka, creating more than 2,00,000 jobs, and the in just the first eight months of the year, the bilateral trade between India and Taiwan had already crossed last year's total figure, said Hsu Shu-chih, Director-General, Taipei Economic and Cultural.

Addressing the guests at the National Day Reception of the Republic of China (Taiwan) in Chennai on October 6, India's Act East Policy and Taiwan's New Southbound Policy are complementary to each other,



bringing both countries as important partners in both diplomatic and economic engagement in the Indo-Pacific region.

"Taiwan's strengths in semiconductors, information and communications technology (ICT), artificial intelligence (AI), advanced manufacturing, and green-energy technologies complement India's strengths in talent, market size, and manufacturing capabilities. By working together, Taiwan and India can build stronger and more resilient supply chains," he added.

Tamil Nadu has received substantial investments from Taiwanese companies, including by global behemoths like Foxconn, Pegatron, and Wistron in ICT sector; footwear majors Feng Tay, Pou Chen, and Evervan Group, to name a few.Pointing out the trade ties that the Southeast Asian country and the south Indian State have built over the years, Director-General Hsu reiterated his vision to make the coming years as the golden decade of Taiwan-Tamil Nadu relations: "Design from Taiwan, Make in Tamil Nadu."S Vijayakumar, the head of the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) Branch Secretariat in Chennai, who was the chief guest at the event noted that the bilateral relations between Taiwan and India have grown steadily in recent years, with economic and trade exchanges showing particularly significant progress. The official emphasized that India's Act East Policy seeks to create greater synergies in areas including the economy.

Honble Minister for Higher Education chaired a tripartite meeting on Annamalai University staff demands

Silent threats to kidneys: Experts warn on lesser-known risk factors

Thiruvananthapuram, : Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD) often progresses quietly, affecting nearly 10% of the global population before symptoms appear. While diabetes and high blood pressure remain the leading causes, nephrology experts warn that several lesser-known factors are silently damaging kidneys.

Dr Mohammed S. Khan, Associate Consultant at KIMSHEALTH, Thiruvananthapuram, said, "The global kidney disease crisis forces us to look beyond the usual suspects onto emerging threats caused by environment, lifestyle, and genetics."

Dr Gireesh M. S., HOD and Consultant at Ramaiah Memorial Hospital, added that nearly one in four adults may have some degree of kidney impairment, underscoring the need for early detection.

Key emerging risks include:

• Obesity: Excess weight forces kidneys to overwork, leading to scarring and reduced filtration. Lifestyle changes such as weight control and balanced diets can protect kidney health.

• Smoking: Nicotine and toxins in cigarettes reduce blood flow to kidneys and accelerate damage. Quitting can slow CKD progression.

• CKDu (Chronic Kidney Disease of Unknown Etiology): Affecting young farmers and laborers in regions like Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Kerala, Goa, Odisha, Maharashtra, and Chhattisgarh, CKDu may be linked to heat stress, dehydration, agrochemicals, and heavy metals. Regular screening in hotspots is vital.



• Frequent painkiller use: Over-the-counter NSAIDs can quietly harm kidneys when used repeatedly. Traditional or indigenous medications with undisclosed ingredients may pose similar risks.

• Supplements: Unregulated high-protein or fat-burning supplements can stress kidneys, particularly in individuals with undiagnosed kidney issues.

• Recurrent UTIs and kidney stones: These can lead to permanent kidney scarring if untreated.

• Genetics and autoimmune conditions: Family history and conditions like lupus contribute to 20–25% of CKD cases.

Dr Khan emphasized early detection, while Dr Gireesh stressed, "Regular check-ups and screenings are key. Many kidney problems remain hidden until significant damage occurs, so proactive health monitoring is crucial."

Both experts urge awareness of these silent threats to kidney health, especially for individuals with obesity, family history, frequent painkiller use, or occupational exposures.

GSK calls for stronger adult immunisation focus amid rising shingles burden

New Delhi, : Pharmaceutical major GlaxoSmithKline (GSK) has urged greater awareness around adult immunisation in India, highlighting that shingles prevention remains largely absent from health discussions among adults living with chronic illnesses. Citing findings from a global survey commissioned by the company, GSK said shingles — caused by the reactivation of the varicella-zoster virus responsible for chickenpox — can lead to severe, "day-disrupting" pain and significantly affect quality of life, particularly among older adults and those with weakened immune systems.

Shalini Menon, Executive Vice-President (Medical Affairs), GSK India, noted that while life expectancy in India is increasing, many people are living longer with chronic conditions such as diabetes, hypertension, cardiovascular disease, kidney disease and chronic lung disorders. These illnesses gradually weaken immune function, making ageing adults more vulnerable to infections like shingles.

"India is living longer but not necessarily healthier," she said, adding that awareness about the link between chronic diseases and declining immune health remains limited among older adults.

According to the survey findings:

Nearly 43% of Indian respondents who had experienced shingles reported severe, day-disrupting pain. More than one in three said the illness prevented them from working or attending social engagements.Patients with chronic kidney disease and cardiovascular disease reported the greatest disruption.Those with diabetes and cardiovascular disease described the highest emotional toll. GSK launched its shingles vaccine in India in early 2023 for adults aged 50 years and above. The two-dose vaccine is currently available in the private market at approximately Rs 11,000 per dose. While India remains at an early stage in adult vaccination adoption, the company has expanded approvals in other countries. In China, the vaccine is approved for adults aged 18 years and above. In the United States, regulators have cleared a pre-filled syringe version to improve convenience and administration efficiency.



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Responding to queries, Menon said the pre-filled syringe system is under consideration for India, though it is too early to confirm launch plans. She added that GSK is currently gathering real-world data on the vaccine's performance in India before exploring broader integration into public health channels.

The company is advocating for a "life-course immunisation" approach, positioning preventive adult vaccination alongside childhood immunisation programmes to reduce long-term healthcare costs associated with preventable infections.

To underline the urgency, GSK cited Japan's experience, where nearly 29% of the population was aged 65 and above by 2020. The demographic shift coincided with a more than 50% increase in shingles cases in that age group, prompting authorities in certain provinces to incorporate shingles vaccination into immunisation protocols. Health experts say that as India's population ages and chronic disease rates climb, preventive strategies such as shingles vaccination must become standard components of chronic disease management rather than optional discussions.

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EDITORIAL

Foreign oil, domestic inflation

Inflation isn't simply a rise in the price of goods in the market; it's driven by numerous domestic and global factors. When the price of goods or raw materials imported from abroad increases, impacting domestic market prices, it's called imported inflation. This challenge is even more serious for a country like India, as our economy relies heavily on imported crude oil for its energy needs. Fluctuations in global crude oil prices are therefore not limited to petrol and diesel prices alone; they impact transportation, industry, agriculture, food, and ultimately, the common man's pocket. India imports more than 85 percent of its crude oil needs. Therefore, rising oil prices in the international market directly signal higher import costs for India. When crude oil prices suddenly rise due to factors such as global war, geopolitical tensions, production cuts by oil-producing countries, supply disruptions, or increased demand, India has to spend more foreign exchange to purchase the same oil. This is the starting point where imported inflation pressures begin.

The most direct impact of rising oil prices is on fuel costs. As petrol and diesel become more expensive, transportation costs increase. Road transport is the backbone of trade and the supply chain in India. Fuel plays a vital role in transporting most goods from farms to markets, from markets to wholesale markets, and from there to shops. Therefore, freight costs can increase as diesel becomes more expensive. Transportation companies incorporate the increased costs into freight charges, ultimately passing them on to consumers.

The impact of oil is not limited to transportation. Many industries in the economy are energy-dependent. Fuel and energy play a significant role in the production costs of cement, steel, chemicals, fertilizers, and other energy-intensive industries. Rising crude oil prices directly or indirectly increase production costs. Industries may raise product prices to control their costs. Thus, the initial oil shock gradually spreads to different sectors of the economy. This could also impact food inflation. Diesel is useful for farmers in irrigation, agricultural machinery, and transportation. Fuel is also needed to transport agricultural produce from one place to another. If transportation and agricultural costs rise, prices of vegetables, fruits, grains, and other food items could be pressured. This is why a shock to the international oil market could reach household kitchens. The rupee exchange rate also plays a significant role in this process. Crude oil is generally traded in US dollars in the international market. If global oil prices rise while the rupee weakens against the dollar, crude oil becomes more expensive for Indian importers. This means India has to spend more rupees for the same amount of oil. This could further increase the pressure on imported inflation. A sustained rise in oil prices also impacts inflation expectations. When individuals and businesses anticipate further increases in fuel costs, they tend to increase their prices. This can have a cascading effect on wages, freight, services, and other commodity prices. Thus, an initial oil shock has the potential to escalate into widespread inflation. The Reserve Bank of India's estimates also consider the impact of rising crude oil prices on inflation; a frequently cited estimate is that a 10 percent increase in crude oil prices could exert approximately 20 basis points of upward pressure on consumer price inflation, although the actual impact varies depending on circumstances.

FLYDUBAI HIJACK

How Syria's Descent Into 'Jihadism' Has Now Become Everyone's Problem

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The news that the recent flydubai hijacking was undertaken by an Omani national has shocked much of the world, and with good reason. Oman has distinguished itself in the turbulent region it belongs to as well as in the international community as a model Arab state and a genuine bridge-builder. The Sultunate abhors extremism of any form and has played a significant role in attempts to bridge divides between Sunnis and Shiites, among Iran and the Gulf states, the Arabs and Israel, and between Iran and the US.

It is probably the country's geographical location that makes it a natural bridge between the Arab world and Iran. Oman is isolated from much of the Arabian Peninsula because of a formidable mountain range, while Iran is just across the narrow Strait of Hormuz. Oman thus becomes a bridge between the Shia and the Sunni world, helped by the fact that the majority of Oman's Muslims, including the late Sultan Qaboosbin Said Al Said, are followers of the Ibadi sect of Islam, which predates both the Sunni and Shia sects. Perhaps that is why Oman has distinguished itself by its independent foreign policy and role as an intermediary. While Oman's role in facilitating US-Iran talks that led to the nuclear deal in 2014 stands out the most, it has numerous other feats to its credit. It was Oman, under its late Sultan Qaboos, that was the architect of a Gulf security alliance that later found expression in the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC). In the 1970s, Oman publicly supported Anwar Sadat's peace overtures to Israel and was one of the only three Arab states that continued diplomatic relations with it after it recognised Israel. It then went on to play host to Israeli Prime Minister Itzak Rabin - the first public visit by an Israeli leader to an Arab Gulf state. More recently, in 2018, Oman officially hosted Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and his wife with a delegation of several ministers in Muscat. During the Iran-Iraq war, Oman maintained relations with both states and tried, albeit unsuccessfully, to bring both to the negotiating table. In 2014, Oman became the first Arab country to which Iranian President Hassan Rouhani paid an official visit. Every time tensions have flared with Iran, Oman has acted as a negotiator, urging peace, facilitating talks, and mediation between different sides. In fact, it was with Omani mediation that talks between Iran and the US were progressing in February this year when the US and Israel began attacking Iran. Since then, Oman has stepped up its diplomacy in the region. The Basic Law of Oman recognises the right to different forms of worship within the country, and Hindus, Sikhs, and Christians have coexisted alongside the native Ibadi Muslims here for decades.

As more details emerge of the flydubai incident, however, and major lapses come to light in both the UAE and Israel, it has been revealed that the copilot of Omani nationality was of mixed parentage. While his father was Omani, his mother was Syrian. It was in Syria that he - Hamam al-Hammimi - underwent radicalisation. While this now seems to be the order of things, it is rather a sad development. For Syria, once, in many ways, was like Oman.

While the Assad dynasty - first father Hafez Al Assad, and then his son, Basher Al Assad - had ruled Syria with an iron fist, they had managed to keep it peaceful, tolerant, pluralistic, and secular. While Syria has always been a Sunni majority country, the Assads belonged to the minority Alawite community - scattered across Turkey, Syria, and Lebanon, and often viewed as heretical in the region. Naturally, it had been in their interest not to encourage religiosity and to keep the country secular.

Under the Assads, with their tilt towards the Soviet Union first and then Russia, Syria achieved almost 100% literacy. Women enjoyed equal rights with men, and its many minorities - the Alawites, the Druze, the Syrian Christians, the Shiites - kept the country plural and secular. Syria had been at the forefront of pan-Arabism even though it was closely allied with Iran. Till the beginning of the Syrian civil war in 2011, it had been a strong champion of the Palestinian cause, hosted thousands of Palestinian refugees, and refused to make peace with Israel till it returned the Golan Heights that it had occupied since the 1967 war. Yet, the Syrian-Israeli border was one of the most peaceful and secure, with many Palestinians accusing it of accepting the status quo with no real intention of fighting Israel. Finally, Syria acted, even at enormous human cost, as a bulwark against Sunni radicalism. After brutally putting down a rebellion launched by Islamists in the 1980s, the Assads broke the backbone of Sunni extremism there.

Till the civil war broke out in 2012.

The civil war saw hundreds of thousands of Syrians killed and nearly fourteen million people - more than half the pre-war population - being displaced. Syria turned into an impoverished and fractured state, with various armed groups led by various powers controlling various parts of its territory. Iran, Israel, Turkey, Russia, and the United States were all drawn into the conflict either directly or indirectly over the years. Valid opposition to the Assads was hijacked by jihadi and extremist groups abundantly bankrolled by America's CIA and independent Gulf countries, and facilitated by states like Turkey and Jordan. The pluralistic state was dismantled, and in its place, in large swathes of the country's east and south, rose a monstrosity: the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria. Jihadi groups and aspiring, radicalised individuals flocked to it from different parts of the world. Their passage to Syria was facilitated by Turkey. Dissidents were burned alive, gender segregation was strictly imposed, women were made to veil themselves from head to toe and kept confined to the home.

Just as Pakistan facilitated the transfer of arms, personnel, and training to Afghan jihadists fighting the Soviet Union in Afghanistan in the 1980s, so did Turkey, Jordan, and individual Arab Gulf states support jihadism against the Assad regime in Syria. A PBS Frontline report detailed how Syrian 'rebel' fighters travelled through Turkiye and Qatar for training and coordination. In Turkiye, they met with American handlers and then traveled to Qatar to undergo military training.

At the peak of the conflict in 2014-2015, intelligence estimates, such as those from the CIA, pegged the Islamic State's total fighting strength at 30,000-80,000, with the fighters split between Syria and Iraq, combining both foreign and local recruits.

According to UN reports, more than 40,000 foreign fighters from 110 countries may have travelled to Syria and Iraq to join terrorist groups. As Iraq intensified the battle against the Islamic State, its members and fighters flocked to Syria.

Are Iran's 'Proxies' Rising Again? Inside Hamas, Hezbollah's Strange Resurgence

Col Rajeev Agarwal



When Hamas struck across multiple locations in Israel on October 7, 2023, there was a sense of disbelief, shock, and fear. Israeli intelligence had been tricked, and the military had been caught off guard. But Israel recovered in an instant and launched a massive counterattack into Gaza. Driven by a collective sense of rage and revenge over the brutal killing of 1,140 people and 251 hostages in the terror attack, Israel vowed to eliminate Hamas from the face of the Earth and raze Gaza to the ground. It was also felt that a crucial red line had been crossed this time and that the episodic nature of conflicts in Gaza or the West Bank, like in the past decade, could not be allowed to happen anymore. The threat had not only to be dealt with but eliminated forever. What followed thereafter was the most brutal and punishing military campaign by the Israeli Defence Forces (IDF), eliminating Hamas, entering and occupying Gaza, cutting off food, water, and medical supplies to Gaza, and destroying weapon caches and hideouts of Hamas deeply buried in an extensive underground tunnel network. The IDF operations, however, did not remain limited to Gaza. It took on all threats on its borders – Hezbollah in Lebanon, Palestinian Islamic Jihad (PIJ) and its affiliates in the West Bank, and the Shiite militias in Syria and Iraq. Over the course of the next two years, Israel and Iran exchanged missile and drone strikes more than once, culminating in the '12-Day War' in June 2025, when the US joined Israel and bombed Iran's nuclear sites. Even Houthis operating from Yemen were in the crosshairs of the IDF. And, as the Israeli Prime Minister said on 6th October 2024, on the eve of the first anniversary of 7th October, Israel was fighting a 'Seven Front War'. When the ceasefire finally took effect on 10th October 2025, Israel had succeeded to a large extent in its goals tactically, although a decisive strategic victory still eluded it. Hamas had been defeated and its key leadership eliminated, Hezbollah had been brought to its knees, President Assad in Syria had been ousted, and a former Islamic State (IS) terrorist, Al Sharaa, had been placed in command, PIJ was being hunted and destroyed in the West Bank, and even Iran had been targeted and its nuclear programme 'obliterated' in the 12-Day War. So, when Israel and the US launched preemptive strikes into Iran on February 28, 2026, the resistance should have been minimal and the victory quick and decisive. However, after seven months of war, the situation remains stalemated, Iran is defiant and holding on, the US has suffered heavy losses, and its pride has been hurt more than once as the Strait of Hormuz remains blockaded and the Gulf nations are utterly disappointed at the failure of American security guarantees. Although Israel has largely stayed out of the war in Iran after the first 40 days, its fight in its neighbourhood continues and, on most accounts, it still faces serious military challenges. The question thus arises - has Israel's initial success over its enemies across the 'Seven Fronts' in the Gaza war resulted in decisive gains? Has the Iran-led and supported 'Axis of Resistance' been defeated or is it resurgent once again? To explore these questions, a brief examination of each component of the Axis may be useful. Hamas

The primary target of Israel was Hamas, and it did achieve tremendous success over the next two years. Thousands of its cadres were killed. Its chief, Ismail Haniyeh, was assassinated in a targeted strike on 30th July 2024 in Tehran, while its main military leader, Yahya Sinwar, was killed in an encounter in Gaza on 16th October 2024. The 'Gaza Metro', the extensive tunnel network of Hamas in Gaza, was destroyed to a large extent and control over the Gaza crossings meant that Hamas was deprived of crucial supplies into Gaza. Has the Hamas threat been therefore eliminated? The answer is, sadly, 'No'. Both Israeli and US intelligence agree that Hamas has been able to recruit more than 20,000 fresh cadres over the past two years. Despite continued restrictions at the entry points, including the crucial Rafah Crossing into Egypt, as well as control over more than 70% of territory in Gaza, the IDF has not been able to eliminate the Hamas threat.

Gyanesh Kumar Row May Be Doing Something Unthinkable For India's 'Lost' Opposition

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After scattering in different directions over the past two years as state-level competitive politics saw opposition parties fighting each other in assembly elections, the INDIA bloc is back together with renewed vigour. The glue this time is Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar and the controversial Special Intensive Review of electoral rolls, which is currently under scrutiny in the Supreme Court. The INDIA bloc has launched a nearly two-month-long agitation, leading up to the winter session of Parliament, to demand his ouster. Much water has flowed under the bridge since the INDIA bloc was formed to fight the Modi juggernaut in the 2024 Lok Sabha polls. The 2.0 version looks and feels different. It has lost the DMK after Rahul Gandhi switched partners in Tamil Nadu following the surprise victory of actor Vijay and his TVK earlier this year.

The TVK joined recently, although it does not have any members in Parliament and is consequently more of a silent partner. And with the Punjab elections round the corner in early 2027, where the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) will be fighting the Congress and others, to retain its government for a second term, it remains outside the tent too, although its leaders are participating in anti-SIR street agitations with the Left parties.

A REBIRTH?

However, what it lost on the swings, it has gained on the roundabouts. There seems to be a renewed synergy in the INDIA bloc, which was visible in the impressive and enthusiastic turnout for the October 6 march to the Election Commission headquarters to kick off its campaign against Gyanesh Kumar and SIR. Not only has it coalesced into a unified bloc more strongly than during the 2024 Lok Sabha polls, but a key difference is Rahul Gandhi's rising stature in the eyes of fellow opposition leaders. Where once he was dismissed as immature, today there seems to be a greater willingness to accept his leadership, at least on the SIR controversy.

Rahul Gandhi can justifiably claim vindication for his 'vote chori' campaign. It had few takers when he first began, but has gained momentum following recent revelations of differences between the three Election Commissioners on SIR and the manner in which it is being implemented.

MAMATA'S SURPRISING COMMENT

Surprisingly, the certificate for Rahul Gandhi came from none other than Trinamool Congress chief Mamata Banerjee, who once fancied herself as the best candidate to lead the INDIA bloc till her hopes were dashed by a humiliating defeat in the West Bengal polls in April-May this year. At the recent meeting where the INDIA bloc chalked out its plans for its Gyanesh Kumar campaign, she turned to Rahul Gandhi and told him, "I am not egoistic. You can be Prime Minister."

Even Rahul Gandhi was taken aback by her declaration, and Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge hastily intervened to point out that this was not the time to discuss who would be Prime Minister. Mamata Banerjee's comment was premature, as Kharge pointed out. However, many INDIA partners seemed to be in agreement with her that the Congress should spearhead the anti-SIR agitation. Rahul Gandhi is riding this consensus to lead from the front, as evident in the manner in which he climbed on top of the police barricades near the EC headquarters.

LOOSE, BUT REAL COORDINATION

Another notable change is the quiet role of the Left parties, particularly the CPI(ML), in reaching out to non-INDIA members and movements outside mainstream politics. It is the bridge not only with AAP but, more importantly, with the Cockroach Janta Party and its formidable Gen Z following. Student wings of Left parties are actively in touch with CJP leaders and seem to be working in tandem with them, albeit separately, setting up a pincer-like formation to corner the CEC as well as the Modi government. The SFI all-India joint secretary, Aishe Ghosh, appealed on record to young people of all persuasions to join hands to strengthen the campaign. The response was positive from CJP leader Saurav Dass, who tweeted his party's acceptance on X.

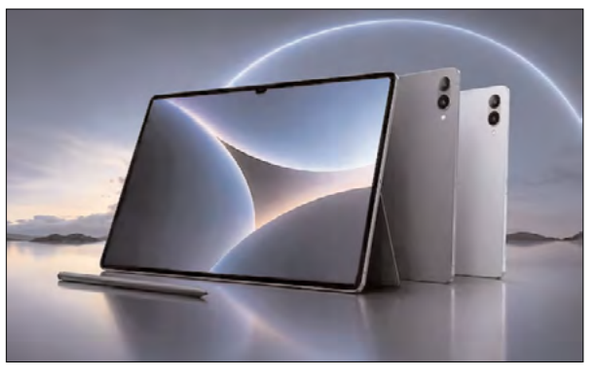
The AISA president, Neha Bora, who has become the face of Gen Z along with Abhijit Dipke of the CJP, is also in touch with CJP leaders. Note the speed with which Dass was dispatched to Delhi to lend CJP's support when Bora and the young journalist who accused a police officer of molestation were whisked away in police cars.

Airtel to hike postpaid plan prices by up to 10 pc with new plans



New Delhi: Leading telecom firm Bharti Airtel on Wednesday, October 7, launched new postpaid plans for customers with increasing tariffs by around 3-10 per cent, effective from Thursday. Moreover, it added a free international roaming benefit to the plans. However, the complimentary International Roaming pack offers 5GB of data, 60 minutes of calls, 25 outgoing SMS and free incoming SMS, all valid for 5 days, the telecom said in an exchange filing. The revised plans range from Rs 499 a month for an individual connection to Rs 1,799 for a family plan covering up to five SIMs. Moreover, customers will get one free international roaming trip per SIM each year under the new plans along with unlimited data and calling. Amit Tripathi, Director – Market Operations, Bharti Airtel, said that postpaid for us is about delivering the best-in-class experience in the Indian market. "We have the best network experience in the country, on which we offer our postpaid customers Fast Lane technology on 5G, and constant Spam and frauds protection. What is more, we offer the customers the best value – through access to entertainment and services that enrich their everyday lives; and now Free International Roaming for them. We are determined to constantly raising the game for customers and give them more and more reasons to choose Airtel Postpaid," according to Tripathi. The company has increased the price of Rs 449 to Rs 499 for the individual plan. Rs 749 family plan — which was Rs 699 earlier — will offer two SIMs. Apart from that, the Rs 999 plan will be available at a cost of Rs 1,049 for three SIMs. Similarly, for 4 SIMs the prices are Rs 1,249 and Rs 1,449. For five SIMs, the company will charge Rs 1,799 for a a plan subscription that includes Netflix Standard. Additionally, these plans also include Airtel's spam and fraud prevention features. Apart from that, the company said that effective Thursday, these postpaid plans are available for all customers opting for Airtel Postpaid. Meanwhile, existing Airtel customers, including old postpaid plans or on prepaid can easily upgrade to these plans. In a bid to improve the average revenue per user (ARPU), telecom players have been encouraging subscribers to migrate to higher-value plans by adding new services and discontinuing the lower-value ones. ARPU measures how much revenue a company earns per user or subscriber over a specific period. Earlier this year, Vi also increased prices for some of its postpaid family packs by 7% to 9%. Centrum Institutional Research said that the pricing environment in the telecom industry has become more favourable and, it is likely to see another tariff hike of 12-15 per cent over the next four to five months. Brokerages signal stable July-September results Brokerages have also signalled that in the July-September quarter, Airtel and Jio are likely to gain subscriber market at the expense of Vi. Elara Securities highlighted that the sector is likely to report a steady second quarter, driven by subscriber additions and growth in home broadband. Moreover, migration to higher-priced plans, upgrades to 4G/5G, conversion to postpaid and other premiumisation strategies are expected to support the ARPU for Airtel and Jio. For Reliance Jio, Centrum projected subscriber additions of 8 million QoQ to reach 541 million, with ARPU likely to grow by 1% QoQ to ?218 per month. This growth is expected to be driven by 5G FWA additions and a higher number of days in the quarter, translating into an estimated 2.6% QoQ revenue expansion. Bharti Airtel ARPU Bharti Airtel is expected to add 3 million subscribers QoQ to reach 380 million, with ARPU growing by 2.0 per cent QoQ to an industry-leading ?269 per month, supported by ongoing 2G-to-4G migrations and quarterly day count.

SAMSUNG GALAXY TAB S12 SERIES GOES ON SALE IN INDIA WITH EXCITING MULTI-BUY BENEFITS AND NO-COST EMI OPTIONS



GURUGRAM, India – October 7, 2026: Samsung India today announced the sale of the Galaxy Tab S12 Series—Samsung's most capable and versatile tablet experience to date, combining powerful performance, and the latest Galaxy AI in an ultra-thin design. The latest tablets will be available in Gray and Silver colour options. Customers purchasing the Galaxy Tab S12 series can avail themselves of a range of benefits, including multi-buy offers: INR 15000 off on Tab and smartphone purchases, including the Galaxy Z Fold8, Galaxy Z Fold8 Ultra, Galaxy S25 Ultra, or S25+; 15% off on select wearables; 30% off on the Pro Keyboard Cover; up to INR 5000 bank cashback; up to INR 5000 upgrade bonus; and no-cost EMI for up to 24 months through participating banks and NBFC partners.

Built for productivity

The Galaxy Tab S12 Ultra and Tab S12+ feature expansive Dynamic AMOLED 2X displays with peak brightness up to 1600 nits. Additionally, the Vision Booster feature on these tabs adjusts brightness in real time to ensure vivid visuals and comfortable viewing in any lighting.

With the 14.6-inch Ultra and 12.6-inch Plus model, users can split the screen into three sections in Multi Window layout for seamless multitasking. They can, for instance, take notes in Samsung Notes while streaming a lecture and accessing an AI assistant simultaneously.

At just 5.1mm slim, the Galaxy Tab S12 Ultra is Samsung's thinnest Galaxy Tab yet, while the Galaxy Tab S12+ measures a comparable 5.3mm. Both devices pack an energy-efficient 3nm processor that delivers 61% faster NPU processing, 19% faster CPU performance, and 17% improved GPU power compared to its predecessor. This ensures smooth performance for demanding tasks like rendering creative projects or multitasking with lectures and note-taking.

The all-day battery lasts up to 23 hours (2) on the Ultra and 21 hours on the Plus, with rapid charging from 0% to 100% in just 95 minutes using the 45W adapter. Their newly designed 3D Vapor Chamber efficiently dissipates heat for reliable performance during extended use. Engineered for durability, the Galaxy Tab S12 series is IP68-rated for water and dust resistance, ensuring resilience in various environments.

Sound is enhanced with 4-channel spatial audio that delivers a rich, immersive experience for streaming, tutorials, or editing. Both models come with an ergonomic S Pen for precise input. Productivity can be further enhanced with a Pro Keyboard Cover that turns these tabs into a professional workstation, complete with a Galaxy AI Key for instant access to AI assistants.

Loaded with apps

Running Android 17 with One UI 9, the Galaxy Tab S12 series integrates Galaxy AI for seamless task management. Note Assist summarises notes in real time, while a six-month trial of Google AI Pro provides access to Gemini for instant clarification and deeper exploration of topics.

The Samsung Browser enhances research efficiency by summarising open tabs and surfacing relevant sources. Adobe Photoshop is pre-installed for pro-grade image editing, Goodnotes offers clean note-taking with one year of free access, while LumaFusion enables professional-grade video editing at a 66% discount. Clip Studio Paint provides precision drawing tools for digital art with a six-month trial and 20% off the first subscription, and ArcSite converts rough sketches into precise CAD drawings. Exclusive benefits include four months of free Photoshop mobile plan access and discounts on subscriptions.

LG Electronics India Announces "Celebration of Trust" Diwali Offers on Home Appliances and Consumer Electronics



NEW DELHI, Oct 2026: LG Electronics India today announced its Diwali campaign, "Celebration of Trust," to celebrate a brighter Diwali with exclusive offers and the trust of LG. The festive offers span selected home appliances and consumer electronics, with benefits designed to make upgrading the home easier and more rewarding. Under Diwali offers customers can enjoy: Up to 26% cashback on select debit and credit cards, up to ?30,000, on select models Fixed EMI from ?888 onwards, on select models Zero down payment, with the rest payable in EMIs, on select models 3-year warranty on select LG TVs Free mini refrigerator worth up to ?14,190 on select side-by-side refrigerators Free maintenance worth ?4,200, as part of the 1st-year package, on select water purifier models 10-year warranty on the compressor LG BestCare AMC with up to 30% discount Speaking on the launch, Sanjay Chitkara Co-Chief Sales & Marketing Officer (CSMO) said: " We are humbled by the trust Indian households have placed in us for years. With our Celebration of Trust campaign, we aim to make this festive season even more rewarding by offering attractive cashback, easy EMI options, zero down payment, and extended warranties, helping more families bring home the latest upgrades with ease. We thank our customers for their continued faith in us and wish everyone a happy and prosperous Diwali". 2026 has been a special year for LG Electronics, LG has been recognised as India's Most Trusted brand in Washing Machines, Refrigerators, Microwaves and TVs. It also won India's Top Appliance Awards 2026 for excellence in innovation and is recognised as The Most Iconic Brand of India in Consumer Durables and Home Appliances.

Mivi One 5G Goes on Sale with Flipkart Big Billion Days; Price Starting at Rs. 11,999

Hyderabad, 07 October 2026: MIVI, the homegrown consumer technology brand, takes its first smartphone - the Mivi One 5G – on sale, exclusively on Flipkart as part of the Big Billion Days sale. Starting October 8, consumers can purchase the smartphone at a special festive price of ?11,999.

Positioned as "Pretty Powerful," MIVI One 5G brings together performance, design, and everyday versatility, giving consumers a smartphone experience built around the way they live, work, and stay connected.

The MIVI One 5G will be available exclusively on Flipkart, with early access beginning at 12 AM on October 8 for eligible Flipkart Plus, VIP, and Black members and eligible cardholders, followed by open access from October 9, 2026. The special BBD prices are effective prices including applicable bank offers, subject to Flipkart and partner-bank terms.

Highlights

- MIVI's first-ever smartphone will be available with effective BBD pricing starting at Rs. 11,999

During the Flipkart Big Billion Days Sale, MIVI One 5G will be available at special effective prices:Powered by the 4nm Qualcomm Snapdragon 4 Gen 2 5G Mobile Platform, MIVI One 5G combines responsive everyday performance with reliable 5G connectivity. The smartphone features a 6.75-inch HD+ 120Hz display, 50MP dual-camera system, 8MP front camera, and a 6000mAh battery with 18W fast charging, bringing together the essentials for streaming, photography, social media, gaming and everyday use. It runs Stock Android 16 and comes with 128GB storage across all variants, with 4GB, 6GB and 8GB RAM options. The device also features IP64 protection, a side-mounted fingerprint sensor and MIVI ClearTalk noise-reduction technology for clearer calls. It will be offered in five colour options: Blue, Pink, Green, Burgundy and Navy Blue. Himanshu Tandon, Chief Business Officer, Mivi, said, "The Mivi One 5G marks an important milestone in Mivi's journey as we enter the smartphone category. Our association with Flipkart enables us to take the product to consumers nationwide through a platform they know and trust. With dependable performance, 5G connectivity, a long-lasting battery and a clean Android experience, the Mivi One 5G reflects our focus on delivering meaningful everyday value, especially during the festive season."



"EVERY PERSON CARRIES A STORY":

Amaravati Literature Festival 2026 Celebrates the Power of Stories to Shape a Changing World



"Every person who walks into my office comes with a story." Reflecting on his experience as an administrator, C M Saikanth Varma, I.A.S., Collector District Magistrate, Guntur, offered this thought at the inaugural session of the second edition of the Amaravati Literature Festival (ALF) 2026, setting the tone for a festival that celebrates not merely literature, but the stories that shape people, places and societies. Hosted by Easwari School of Liberal Arts (ESLA), SRM University–AP, Amaravati, the festival brought together writers, scholars, translators, educators, cultural practitioners and young minds around the theme of stories and changing times. The conversations reflected a larger idea: while Amaravati is being imagined as a city of the future, the people, memories, ideas and experiences that become part of its journey will ultimately shape its identity. Speaking at the inaugural, Collector C M Saikanth Varma reflected on Amaravati's long history, noting that the region has been telling stories for over 2,000 years through its heritage, sculptures and cultural traditions. He recalled the legacy of writers such as Gurajada Apparao and Unnava Lakshmi Narayana, whose works questioned social realities and contributed to change. Drawing a connection between administration and storytelling, he observed that documents, government orders and the people who approach an administrator carry stories of their own. The responsibility, he said, is to work towards giving these stories a positive ending. Tejaswi Podapati, Chairperson, Andhra Pradesh State Creativity and Culture Commission, highlighted SRM University–AP's efforts to advance culture alongside technology, emphasising the enduring power of words. She observed that while computers have transformed how people experience the world, there remains a beautiful world beyond the screen: a world of books, imagination, language, ideas and human connection. The written word, she noted, can make people pause, think, and connect across generations. Prof. Ch Satish Kumar, Vice Chancellor, SRM University–AP, highlighted the festival's growing significance and announced that ALF will introduce two literary awards from its next edition: one at the national level and another recognising contributions to Telugu literature. Envisioned as prestigious Amaravati Literature Festival awards, the initiative seeks to create a lasting platform for recognising writers and literary contributions and building a distinctive literary legacy for Amaravati. Keynote speaker Mini Krishnan, noted editor and literary translator, emphasised the power of the written word to preserve memory, heritage and diverse cultural experiences. She highlighted translation as a bridge between India's many languages and communities, while underscoring the importance of human mentorship, emotion and critical thinking in an age increasingly shaped by AI. Prof. Vishnupad, Dean, Easwari School of Liberal Arts, Dr Sayantan Thakur, Assistant Professor and Head of the Department of Literature and Languages, and Dr Argha Basu, Assistant Professor SRM University-AP, Andhra Pradesh, Neerukonda, Mangalagiri Mandal, Guntur District, Andhra Pradesh - 522 240 | Phone: 0863 - 234 3000 | www.srmap.edu.in and Convener, ALF 2026, reflected on the festival's larger purpose. They highlighted the importance of dialogue, diverse perspectives, and a strong cultural dimension to Amaravati's development. The first day featured engaging conversations with Purnima Tammireddy, Writer, Translator and Independent Telugu Publisher, and Avineni Bhaskar, VLSI Engineer, Writer and passionate advocate of Telugu literature and culture; Madan Meena, Visual Artist, Researcher and Folklorist; and Sheela Tomy, acclaimed Malayalam writer and screenwriter.

Departmental Summit on Women and Child Development to be held in New Delhi on 8-9 October

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New delhi : In a significant step towards realizing the vision of a Suposhit, Surakshit and Sashakt Bharat as the foundation for Viksit Bharat@2047, the Ministry of Women and Child Development will host its Departmental Summit on 8th and 9th October 2026 at Sushma Swaraj Bhawan, New Delhi. The Summit is the second in the series of Departmental Summits envisioned by Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi to strengthen cooperative federalism, foster collective ownership of national priorities, and accelerate outcomes through closer Centre-State collaboration.

The Departmental Summit model brings together political leadership and senior officials from the Union and State Governments to deliberate on sectoral priorities, share good practices, address implementation challenges, and agree on time-bound actions for improved governance and service delivery.

- **THE TWO-DAY SUMMIT WILL FOCUS ON FOUR THEMES:**

1. Reimagining Anganwadi Centres for better nutrition and early education

2.Strengthening the protection system for vulnerable children

3.Women safety through effective implementation of institutional and legislative frameworks

4.Women empowerment through enhancing the effectiveness and outcomes of key schemes.

First-day discussions will cover the quality of Take-Home Ration and Hot Cooked Meals, Poshan Tracker data quality improvement, Early Childhood Care and Education, protection systems for vulnerable children including the impact of social media, and implementation challenges and solutions for women safety. The second day will be devoted to enhancing the effectiveness and outcomes of key schemes for women empowerment.

Participating States will share their experiences, challenges and their best practices, and try to arrive at consensus on agreed outcomes, reinforcing spirit of cooperative federalism and shared responsibility. The key outcomes and action plans to achieve these will be presented before the Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, during the valedictory session. The Prime Minister's guidance is expected to galvanise the collective resolve of the Centre and States and set the course for decisive and time-bound action on the agreed outcomes.

France halts use of stun grenades after boy's hand blown off in student protests



France has suspended the use of stun grenades for policing student protests that have swept the country, after a 15-year-old's hand was blown off earlier this week. Interior Minister Laurent Nuñez said he had requested the pause until the facts of Monday's incident in Lens had been "clarified", with conflicting accounts offered by protesters and officials. Several groups have complained of police using disproportionate force towards teenagers. The disruption continued early on Wednesday with more than 500 schools fully or partially shut, and Prime Minister Sébastien Lecornu is due to speak about the school protests in an evening address. Education Minister Édouard Geffray, appearing before France's National Assembly, said 24 schools had been "set alight or vandalised" to such an extent that they would be shut for several weeks, affecting 30,000 pupils. Hundreds of thousands of people took to the streets on Tuesday to call for better school conditions and in some cities tear gas and water cannon were deployed. The interior ministry said 488 people were arrested and 43 members of the security forces were hurt. Nuñez told French radio RTL that police watchdog IGPN had opened 18 investigations to determine whether officers had been "proportionate" during the demonstrations, which have spread from high school pupils to their parents, university students and unions. "There is a police action that raises questions for all of us within the Ministry of the Interior; it's what happened in Lens," he said, and confirmed the use of stun grenades was being suspended "until the facts surrounding this case have been clarified". The 15-year-old boy's hand was torn off after a so-called anti-encirclement grenade was fired in unclear circumstances near the Auguste Béhal high school in the northern city near Lille. Authorities have said he picked up the grenade which then exploded, but students have alleged he was hit directly after an officer fired. According to the local prefect, the incident took place when police were confronted by a group of 200-250 students throwing stones and fireworks. The stun grenade is considered a non-lethal weapon, but sends out small rubber pellets when it detonates. "When there is suspicion of disproportionate force, there are always judicial investigations," Nuñez said, affirming that the government was "here to protect high school students". The national secretary of policing union UNSA said he was sceptical about the decision to halt the use of stun grenades, saying it had been based "on emotion". "We are dealing with increasingly violent people," Jean-Paul Nascimento told FranceInfo, cautioning that without the weapon to disperse crowds there may be more clashes at close quarters. "That's where there will perhaps be even more injuries," he warned. Concerns have also been stoked by the case of a 14-year-old hit in the face with a tear gas grenade last week. The boy's lawyer said he had lost several teeth and suffered a fractured jaw in the incident at Saint-Ouen-l'Aumône, north-west of Paris, and a police officer has been charged. In a separate development, a 16-year-old suffered a serious hand injury outside a school in Strasbourg on Wednesday, reportedly while handling a mortar firework. Prosecutors also said an investigation for attempted murder had been opened after a 17-year-old student protester complained an officer "held his head underwater" while trying to arrest him near a river in the north-eastern city of Belfort. French reports say the boy has himself been charged with aggravated assault for allegedly attacking the officer. The prime minister has accused the radical-left France Unbowed (LFI) party of trying to "sow chaos" ahead of elections to select President Emmanuel Macron's successor in April. LFI leader Jean-Luc Mélenchon is currently second in the opinion polls behind Marine Le Pen of the hard-right National Rally. LFI national coordinator Manuel Bompard remarked that it had taken "several children being maimed for life for Nuñez to give up using grenades against high school students", while Le Pen said Macron was "always on the side of attacking the police". Sébastien Lecornu has condemned violence seen at some of the protests which began in mid-September - noting on Tuesday that 215 students, 85 staff, and 715 police officers had since been hurt. More than 6,500 people have been stopped or arrested in that time, according to the interior ministry. President Macron held an emergency meeting late on Tuesday with Lecornu and other key ministers to find a way out of the crisis after almost a quarter of all lycées were disrupted by the day's protests - with government figures putting the number of protesters at more than 250,000. Students' unions put the number at 450,000 and have said a fourth round of protests is planned for Thursday in Paris and other cities. The head of the USL high school union, Ryad Rani, told French radio on Wednesday: "We are telling M. Nuñez, calm your police officers down and call for restraint."

ZELENSKY CONDEMNS 'VILE' LARGE-SCALE RUSSIAN ATTACKS THAT KILLED 22



At least 22 people have died in overnight strikes across central and eastern Ukraine, in what Volodymyr Zelensky has described as one of Russia's "most vile" attacks. Ukraine's president said a residential building in Pryluky in the Chernihiv region was destroyed as a "birthday 'gift' to Putin", who turns 74 on Wednesday. Strikes also hit Kyiv, Dnipro, Kremenchuk, Zaporizhzhia and Oleksandriya. Zelensky said Ukraine had struck targets in attacks on Russia's Perm, Samara and Astrakhan regions in the past 24 hours, adding there was "also a response in the Black Sea", without providing further details. Moscow is yet to comment on the latest strikes. "The Russians wanted to strike painfully and demonstratively," Zelensky said, adding that 70 missiles were fired in total. In the social media post on Wednesday morning, Zelensky said five people had been killed and 26, including five children, injured in a strike on a five-storey apartment building in Pryluky. He added that people could still be trapped in the rubble. State Emergency Service of Ukraine later reported that death toll had risen to 16, including the bodies of four children in Pryluky. There have been 50 people injured, including seven children. Two people were also killed and eight injured after Russian missile strikes damaged five apartment buildings in Dnipro and four high-rise buildings in Kremenchuk, said Zelensky. Two people were also killed in the capital, Kyiv, and two others in Oleksandriya, he added. Ukraine's national police posted pictures online showing what it says is an unexploded Russian Iskander missile in the middle of a Kyiv district. BBC Verify has confirmed the images are genuine and the apparent missile fragments came down in an area of open land surrounded by high-rise apartment buildings. A video posted by the police shows people digging through collapsed remains of a residential building in Pryluky. Another verified video shows damage to cars and what appears to be rubble and a fallen tree in an area surrounded by apartment blocks in Kremenchuk. Zelensky renewed a call for allies to provide air defence support packages to Ukraine, saying its military only managed to shoot down "some" of the missiles launched by Russia overnight. According to Zelensky, one of the "key targets" of the attack was the country's energy infrastructure, which Moscow earlier said it would intensify strikes on following Ukraine's strikes on Moscow's energy facilities. In a separate post on Wednesday, Zelensky said Ukraine had struck four targets in retaliatory attacks in the past 24 hours, including two oil facilities and a training ground in the Perm, Samara and Astrakhan regions. "There is also a response in the Black Sea," the Ukrainian president wrote.

CHEMISTRY NOBEL AWARDED FOR SOLVING MYSTERY OF LIFE'S ASYMMETRY



The Nobel Prize in Chemistry has been awarded to French scientist Henri B. Kagan and Japan's Kenso Soai for providing a solution to the chemical mystery of life's asymmetry. The researchers discovered how nature exclusively makes the correct version of a molecule - rather than its mirror image. For example, amino acid molecules, the building blocks of proteins, exist as two forms that are each other's mirror image. But living organisms on Earth only function with one of those forms. The Nobel laureates answered the question: why does life favour just one of these mirror image molecules over the other. In organic chemistry, this property is known as "chirality", so chiral molecules have both right and left-handed forms. You can think of them as looking like our hands - not identical, but each a mirror image of the other. And while nature almost exclusively produces the version it requires to function, chemical reactions in a lab usually create a 50-50 mix of both left- and right-handed molecules. When it comes to making drugs, this is particularly significant, because each version behaves differently when it interacts with our bodies.

TRUMP TO SPEAK TO PUTIN ABOUT PLAGUE LAB WORKER'S DEATH IN RUSSIA



US President Donald Trump has said he will speak with his Russian counterpart Vladimir Putin soon about the death of a lab worker at a plague research centre in Siberia. "So far we are in very deep discussions," Trump said, adding that he would be able to report on his talks with Putin "probably" on Thursday. Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov said no phone call had been scheduled. Russian officials say they are investigating the cause of the 28-year-old's death and have not confirmed that the suspected disease is pneumonic plague - a serious lung infection, often described as the most virulent form of plague. They insist "there are no epidemic risks for the population". The US, however, has issued a formal diplomatic message to Russia requesting additional information. Peskov told reporters he was not aware of such a request. The head of the World Health Organization (WHO) has called for transparency from Russia. "Timely, complete and transparent information sharing under the International Health Regulations is essential to clarify conflicting reports and enable an accurate assessment of potential public health risks," Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus said. Speaking to reporters on Wednesday, President Vladimir Putin's spokesman said Russia's reporting of the death to the WHO was in line with standard practice. He accused the media of reporting "false information". Reports first emerged on Friday of almost 200 people being placed under observation in Siberia's Irkutsk region following the death. The lab worker, named in Russian media as Darya Shipilova, had reportedly fallen ill a couple of days earlier. Unconfirmed reports suggested that she had become ill after breaking a test tube containing the pathogen at the Anti-Plague Institute of Siberia and the Far East where she worked - or following a field trip to a region where plague occurs naturally among wild rodents. As the US and the WHO sought more information, the country's health watchdog, Rospotrebnadzor, issued a statement saying "there are no epidemic risks for the population of Irkutsk and the Irkutsk region". It said more than 90% of the people who had been in contact with the victim had "completed medical observation" and "no health disorders associated with infectious pathology were detected". In the immediate wake of the laboratory worker's death, Rospotrebnadzor had issued a statement saying the woman had died of "pneumonia of an undetermined etiology" and that testing found "no microorganisms related to her professional activities". However, after this announcement, a pro-government federal news outlet deleted five posts mentioning a possible plague case, and authorities in the town of Baikalsk deleted a message advising against travel to Shelekhov because of a possible plague infection.

Sri Lanka's ex-first lady arrested over alleged misuse of children's hospital donations



Sri Lanka's former first lady Shiranthi Rajapaksa has been arrested over allegations that a charity she is linked to misused donations raised for a children's hospital. Anti-corruption authorities arrested the 73-year-old wife of former President Mahinda Rajapaksa at their Colombo home on Wednesday. They are questioning her over the 10 million rupees ($30,300; £22,800) of donations collected by the Siriliya Saviya charity, meant to be spent on a specialised scanner for Colombo's Lady Ridgeway Children's Hospital. But officials say such a scanner had already been donated by the Chinese government. Shiranthi Rajapaksa has denied any wrongdoing and says the money has not been appropriated. She returned to Sri Lanka on Monday from Singapore, where she was receiving medical treatment. She had filed a court petition to try to prevent her arrest, but the hearing was set for 12 October. Ex-President Mahinda Rajapaksa's spokesperson, Manoj Gamage, has said the money is safe in Siriliya's accounts and that no fraud has occurred. Mahinda Rajapaksa served as president of Sri Lanka from 2005 to 2015 and for years, his family held a tight grip over the country's politics. He was hailed by many as a hero for bringing an end to nearly three decades of civil war when Tamil Tiger rebels were crushed in 2009, during his first term as president.But in 2022, protests broke out across the country as inflation surged and Sri Lanka ran out of fuel, food and medicine.



Israel marks three years since October 7 attack with memorials and protests

Ten people linked to Kenya's first-ever Ebola case quarantined as screening concerns grow



Ten people who came into contact with a man who died of Ebola in Kenya have been quarantined, health officials in the East African nation say. They are also trying to trace 57 other contacts of the Kenyan patient after he travelled from the Democratic Republic of Congo, dying in hospital in Nairobi on Monday. This is the East African nation's first-ever Ebola case and there is now growing concern about the country's screening measures. The Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention chief has told the BBC that despite being sick for a month, the patient passed through multiple cities in DR Congo, driving to Uganda and eventually flying to Kenya without his sickness being detected. "We know that he left Buta, a city in [northern] DR Congo, to drive to Kisangani. And from Kisangani, he took a flight to Beni. From Beni, he drove to Uganda. And from Uganda, he took a flight to Nairobi," Jean Kaseya told the BBC's Focus on Africa programme. "What are symptoms he was presenting? Why was he not detected?" he asked. The Ebola virus spreads through contact with infected bodily fluids such as blood or vomit. The current outbreak in DR Congo, which began in May, has been caused by the Bundibugyo species of Ebola, which is relatively rare, with no approved vaccine or treatment - though trials are under way. Kaseya said the Africa CDC was investigating the case, alongside the Congolese authorities. A team from the organisation was also due to meet the Kenyan health authorities. What is Ebola and why is stopping the latest outbreak so difficult? Kenya's health ministry official Patrick Amoth said the patient might have passed screening after taking medications that masked his symptoms. After arriving at the airport in Kenya's capital, he was transferred by a relative to a hospital in the city where he died, and was buried on Tuesday in line with health safety guidelines. Kenyan authorities have urged people not to panic, with the health ministry assuring of heightened surveillance at airports and border crossings. But Dr Dennis Miskellah, a representative from Kenya's main doctors' union, said the Ebola case did not come as a surprise to him and most health workers.

LeBron's Helicopter Commute Draws Dave Portnoy's Criticism Amid 76ers Move



LeBron James' quick return to New York after a Philadelphia 76ers scrimmage has given Dave Portnoy another reason to question how much time the NBA star plans to spend in Philly. James was seen leaving Philadelphia by helicopter on Saturday, October 3, and Front Office Sports has now reported that the aircraft is part of his existing Fanatics deal. The arrangement lets James travel between New York and Philadelphia without personally paying for each flight. Portnoy, the Barstool Sports founder, reacted to a post showing James' helicopter landing in New York. "This man hates Philly so much he can't spend more than 30 seconds in the city" Portnoy wrote on X.

■ LEBRON JAMES' FANATICS HELICOPTER DEAL EXPLAINS HIS PHILADELPHIA COMMUTE

James has already said he plans to keep homes in both places. When asked where he would live after joining the 76ers, he simply said, "Both. Multiple residences."

The helicopter now makes that choice easier. Front Office Sports reported that James' Fanatics agreement includes access to the company's corporate aviation. The deal was made in January 2024, well before he joined Philadelphia. A spokesperson for James also confirmed the arrangement.

"The deal we signed with Fanatics almost three years ago includes access to their corporate aviation," a spokesperson for LeBron James told Front Office Sports. "It's a feature in many of their deals with their largest athletes and we appreciate their partnership as LeBron splits his time between New York and Philadelphia."

A flight between New York and Philadelphia takes about 30 minutes by helicopter, compared with roughly 90 minutes to two hours by car. Flight records reviewed by Front Office Sports showed the Fanatics helicopter making 12 round trips between the two cities in one week. A one-way flight can cost around $4,000 to $10,000, but James does not have to pay that cost under the reported arrangement.

■ TYRESE MAXEY REACTS AS LEBRON JAMES KEEPS NEW YORK BASE

The unusual commute has already become a talking point inside the 76ers' facility. Tyrese Maxey joked about James leaving by helicopter while others stayed behind.

"I ain't gonna lie, that was funny.

One of us left in a helicopter, the other one was sitting on the curb," Maxey said. V.J. Edgecombe has also noticed how early James arrives at the facility. "He was in there before everybody," Edgecombe said, before adding, "As usual."

ROB BURROW WOULD BE PROUD OF KNIGHTHOOD - SINFIELD



Sir Kevin Sinfield has said his late friend Rob Burrow would be "laughing" but "enormously proud" to see him receive a knighthood. The former England rugby league captain and motor neurone disease (MND) campaigner was one of 60 people to receive honours from the Prince of Wales at an investiture ceremony at Windsor Castle earlier. Sir Kevin, who has raised more than £11m for charity, received a knighthood for his services to the MND community, as well as for services to league and union rugby. He said he was "massively humbled by the whole experience" and "very proud to accept it on behalf of the MND community and their families". The 46-year-old said the prince, who presented Sir Kevin and Burrow with their CBEs at Headingley Stadium in 2024, had been "fantastically supportive" of their campaign. William, alongside the Princess of Wales, surprised Sir Kevin on the third day of his 7 in 7: The Grand Finale challenge last week, during which he completed seven ultra-marathons in seven days. It was inspired by Burrow, his late Leeds Rhinos team-mate and friend, who died in 2024 after living with MND for four years. Sir Kevin said: "I think [Prince William] champions pulling communities together, and I have seen how the MND community have come together on the back of Rob's diagnosis and several other high-profile sportspeople over the last six or seven years. "So his support and, obviously, Princess Catherine's as well, they've been wonderful and bring a real credibility to what we're trying to do." Asked how Burrow would have felt to see him receiving a knighthood, Sir Kevin said: "I think he'd be laughing. " I think he'd be enormously proud of the support behind a campaign that he started, and we continue in his name. "I think he'd be really proud of it, the support, and the way people got behind what we tried to do, especially Prince William and Princess Catherine, and several other high-profile figures across the UK, and the world.

"History Will Be Kinder": Gautam Gambhir's Post For Ajit Agarkar Takes Internet By Storm



Team India head coach Gautam Gambhir shared a heartfelt post for Ajit Agarkar, who ended his tenure as the head of the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) selection committee last month. Gambhir, who worked closely with Agarkar on selection matters as well as creating the pipeline to funnel young talented players into the team, couldn't stop praising Agarkar for his work as the selection committee chief. With Agarkar as the chief selector, India won two T20 World Cups and one ICC Champions Trophy. Yet, as Agarkar neared the final phase of his appointment, he became a target for critics. Gambhir, understanding what Agarkar went through in the last few months, wrote in a post for the former pacer, "History will be kinder to you". garkar's largely successful tenure as the selection committee chief hit a low point after the much-debated retirements of Rohit Sharma and Virat Kohli from Test cricket. The controversy thickened after talks of Rohit being phased out of India's ODI team began, with reports suggesting that Agarkar wanted to give Yashasvi Jaiswal more opportunities at the top of the batting order. However, the BCCI stepped in, with secretary Davijit Saikia backing Rohit to continue playing for India in the ODI format, at least until the World Cup next year. It was reportedly this point which triggered a divide between the BCCI and Agarkar, prompting the two parties to part ways. As Gambhir sits down to process the development, there's no better person to understand the brutalities of the sport that Agarkar was made to go through. "Dear Ajit Bhai, an absolute honour to work with you. Those 3 ICC trophies are testimony of your conviction: Team first & Team ahead, always... I must say, History will be kinder to you. Thank you for everything. My heartfelt wishes for your future endeavours !!," Gambhir wrote on X (formerly Twitter).

Smriti Mandhana And Harmanpreet Kaur "Not Seeing Eye To Eye", Division In India Dressing Room: Report



It was a no-brainer that Smriti Mandhana would receive the honour of captaining the Indian women's cricket team after Harmanpreet Kaur's resignation from the position. But is it a case of the elevation coming too late in the day for the 30-year-old left-hander, who is the country's best batter right now by quite a distance? The call from Harmanpreet, who led India for the first time in 2016, to step down from captaincy across formats was taken following a review meeting with the BCCI. The 37-year-old from Moga ended her path-breaking leadership tenure on a high, having just captained India to a second consecutive Asian Games gold in Japan. Mandhana was the obvious choice to take over the mantle from Harmanpreet. Having made her debut way back in 2013, the elegant opener has risen to be among the leading batters in the game, tallying more than 10,000 runs across formats. Mandhana was always head and shoulders above the rest when it came to skill and now she has further elevated her craft by adding power to her all-round game. Out of Patience With BCCI Selectors It was no secret that she had run out of patience with the selectors, who chose to maintain status quo on captaincy even after India ended their ICC trophy drought with the ODI World Cup win at home last year. In a recent interview, she expressed her readiness to lead India and after the Asian Games gold, she went on to say that India should be aiming to win bigger tournaments. In between the 50-over high, India had made premature exits from back to back T20 World Cups, raising questions over the leadership starting with the shortest format. But the selectors did not bell the cat. But at the the review meeting in Guwahati, which was chaired by BCCI Secretary Devajit Saikia, it was made clear to Harmanpreet that a change of guard was inevitable. She eventually decided to take matters in her own hands.

Shreyas Iyer Shatters Virat Kohli's All-Time Record With Blazing Hundred Against West Indies



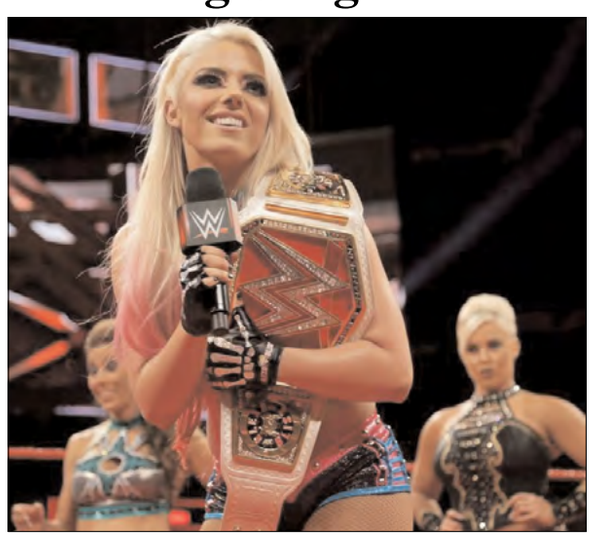
Shreyas Iyer led from the front as India registered a memorable eight-wicket victory over West Indies in the first T20I of the five-match series. Playing at the Ekana Stadium in Lucknow on Tuesday, West Indies posted 171 after being put in to bat. In reply, the hosts chased down the target in just 14.4 overs with eight wickets to spare. Captain Iyer was the chief architect of India's innings, smashing his maiden T20I century in just 42 balls and guiding his side home in style. Iyer hammered 10 fours and six sixes to reach the three-figure mark for the first time in T20I cricket for India. During his unbeaten knock, he also eclipsed Virat Kohli to achieve a major milestone. Before Iyer's heroics, Kohli held the record for the highest score by an Indian captain in a successful T20I run chase, having scored an unbeaten 94 against West Indies in December 2019. On Tuesday, Iyer surpassed that mark with an unbeaten 102 to claim the top spot. Former India captain Rohit Sharma occupies third place on the list with an unbeaten 85 against Bangladesh in November 2019.

Angel Reese's Chicago Exit Pays Off As Rachel DeMita Praises Her Career-Building Decision



Angel Reese's first season with the Atlanta Dream has already changed the direction of her WNBA career. The 24-year-old forward won Defensive Player of the Year, reached the semifinals for the first time and put together the best offensive season of her career. Former college basketball player Rachel DeMita believes the biggest reason may be a decision Reese made before leaving the Chicago Sky. Reese had made it clear that she wanted major changes around her in Chicago. She eventually moved to Atlanta, and the results have been hard to ignore. In Game 1 of the semifinals against the New York Liberty.

Alexa Bliss Gets Hit In The Face By A Slim Jim During Song Promo



Alexa Bliss has explained the bizarre moment from a recent behind-the-scenes clip where a Slim Jim hit her straight in the face. The WWE star was promoting her upcoming song with husband Ryan Cabrera when she missed a tossed meat stick during filming, and that led to the unexpected smack. Bliss later reposted the clip on Instagram Stories and gave a very simple explanation for what happened. She joked that she got "slapped in the face with meat," then quickly turned the post back to the couple's new song, which is coming on October 9 for their fans soon. Alexa Bliss explains the Slim Jim mishap The clip came from the promotion for "I'm Just Drunk (Lexi's texts)," the new track Bliss and Cabrera are releasing together. The song is scheduled for October 9, and you can pre-save it already. Bliss gave more context herself after the footage showed her trying to catch a Slim Jim that was tossed at her. She missed it, so the meat stick hit her face instead. Her Instagram Story caption was pretty much the whole explanation: "I got slapped in the face with meat Anyway, pre-save our song!" Bliss didn't stay on the hit for long. She laughed it off and used the post to send people toward the upcoming release. Bliss and Ryan Cabrera record the new song The project also had a few familiar faces from Bliss's WWE world. A studio clip shared by Bliss showed her and Cabrera recording vocals with WWE ring announcer Mike Rome and their friend Joseph Noble. In the footage, the group worked on an "Oh oh oh" part of the song. Bliss also joked in the caption that "no tequila was used in the making of this song," which plays with the drunken-text theme of the track. Cabrera is seen on guitar during Bliss's vocal section in another promo video for the release.

MAX VERSTAPPEN REVIVAL TO BE PUT TO THE TEST IN STEAMY SINGAPORE



Max Verstappen's resurgence in Malaysia will be put to the test just 300 kilometres south at the Singapore Grand Prix this weekend, where the Red Bull driver may need to overcome the elements and his own poor record at the Marina Bay Street Circuit. An imperious Verstappen took his first chequered flag of the year at the wide open and fast Sepang Circuit at the Bahrain Grand Prix in Malaysia on Sunday. But it was in a race delayed for an hour and a half after a chaotic formation lap saw cars, including Verstappen's, grind to halt because of a software glitch in the settings for running in wet conditions. "It was insane," said Verstappen. "At some points, we were five-wide on the straight because we couldn't understand it... I saw eight cars crawling and Lewis (Hamilton) stopped... It's not what you want for the sport." Rain could again play a part in the tropical city state, with thunderstorms forecast to affect both Saturday's sprint race and qualifying, and Sunday's night grand prix. Verstappen has never won at the twisty Marina Bay Street Circuit, where extremes of heat and humidity play a part in the most physically attritional race of the season on a circuit notoriously difficult for overtaking. Drivers can shed up to three kilogrammes (more than six pounds) during the longest outing on the calendar, where completing the 62 steamy laps often lasts the maximum two hours race time allowed. A floor upgrade coupled with Verstappen finally working out how to get the best from the new generation car led him to call the result at Sepang four days ago "amazing". Runaway championship leader Kimi Antonelli was second in the Mercedes and is likely to be challenging for the chequered flag again. He was the beneficiary of yet more bad luck for his teammate and main title rival George Russell, who was "beyond disappointment" after an agonising power unit failure when running third with five laps to go in Malaysia. "You've almost got to laugh... it's just so many times this season it's happened," said Russell, who has failed to finish three times in 16 grands prix so far in 2026.

Sri Vishnu garu as Comrade Kalyan will make everyone laugh. The movie is a full length entertainer.. everyone will definitely enjoy it: Director Janakiram Marella



'King of Entertainment' Sri Vishnu is going to entertain with 'Comrade Kalyan' as a period elements, humor, romance, and emotional entertainer. Directed by Janakiram Marella, this film is presented by Kona Venkat. Produced by Venkata Krishna Karnati and Seetha Karnati under the banner of Skanda Vahana Motion Pictures LLP. Mahima Nambiar is the heroine. With the already released glimpses and teaser songs, expectations have increased on the film. 'Comrade Kalyan' is going to be released in theaters worldwide on October 9. On this occasion, director Janakiram Marella shared the features of the film at a press conference.

THE TITLE IS 'COMRADE KALYAN'.. BUT DOES IT SOUND LIKE FULL ENTERTAINMENT?

The title of Comrade Kalyan comes from the story. Sri Vishnu Gari's strength is entertainment. That is strong in this. What happens when a person in a problem goes to that side is out and out entertaining.

ARE THERE MANY RISKY LOCATIONS?

We shot in many risky locations. As per the story, we went into the deep forest. We went to Agumbe Forest near Mangalore. It is the forest with the highest number of cobras in the world. Everyone in the unit took a lot of risks. I narrowly escaped a big accident on the first day of shooting. Our entire team worked very hard.

ISN'T IT A COMEDY STORY? WHY DID YOU TAKE SUCH A RISK?

Now the audience is looking for something original. They want to see a story in an original way and in a world that suits the story. We took such a risk to give good entertainment to the audience. This was possible only with the encouragement of producer Kittu garu, Kona Venkat garu, and our hero Sri Vishnu garu.

WHEN DID THE IDEA FOR THIS STORY COME ABOUT?

I have been working with Bobby garu since 2014. Since then I have known Kona garu. I did a web series called 'Pulimeka'. Then I told him this idea. He liked it. Later I told Sri Vishnu garu. That's how this project started.

HOW WAS IT WORKING WITH SRI VISHNU?

Sri Vishnu garu was very supportive. We trekked three kilometers for one shot. He supported me at every stage. He loves the film very much. He checks everything very carefully.

"Mayookha Will Impress Audiences as a Different Kind of Thriller"- Director Shree Tej S.K.

Mayookha" is an upcoming thriller starring Payal Chengappa in the lead role. and directed by Shree Tej S.K. Interestingly, Srikanth Kandragula, who previously produced several interesting films under the Cinema Bandi Productions banner, has changed his screen name to Shree Tej S.K. and is making his directorial debut with this film. The film is produced by Sasidhar Nalla under the Prashvitha Entertai9ment banner "Mayookha" is set for a grand worldwide theatrical release on the 9th of this month. Ahead of the release, director Shree Tej S.K. spoke about the film's highlights in a recent interview.



ON THE FILM'S RECOGNITION AT INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVALS:

"Our film Mayookha recently won the Best Mystery Movie award at the New York Film Festival and also received the Second Best award in the Thriller category. We never expected to receive this recognition. When we learned that our film had been selected for an award, the entire team was extremely happy. We have also applied for the Cannes Film Festival.

"If you look at our promotional content, you can notice storytelling and colour grading inspired by Korean and Hollywood films. The story is gradually revealed and reaches its peak by the second half. Today, audiences are watching a lot of thriller web series and films on OTT platforms. So, if we want to create content that appeals to them, we have to attempt something fresh and deliver it with quality. That is exactly what we tried to do with Mayookha."

ON PAYAL CHENGAPPA:

"We initially narrated the story to actress Maheshwari, who is known for Gulabi. She listened to two stories we had and liked both of them. She eventually chose the other story. Payal has done some entertaining films in Kannada and we felt she would be a perfect fit for the character in our story. She has already reached Telugu audiences through her web series.

"We believed that audiences would relate strongly to her character in this film and connect with the struggles she goes through. Payal Chengappa has delivered a wonderful performance as Mayookha. I am confident that she will receive good recognition for her performance."

ON WHAT MAKES THE THRILLER DIFFERENT:

"Thrillers of this kind have been made before, but what makes our film different is the screenplay and the way the story has been presented on screen. The presentation is fresh and engaging. In fact, the recognition we received at the New York Film Festival as Best Thriller gave us confidence that our attempt had worked.

I Will Not Stop the Fight Even If I Lose My Life: Actor and Filmmaker Shiraz Mehdi



Actor and filmmaker Shiraz Mehdi has made sensational allegations over the difficulties faced by small films in the Telugu film industry, claiming that a mafia-like system is operating in the industry and that small producers, directors and artistes are facing discrimination, exploitation and several hurdles.

Shiraz Mehdi alleged that his film 'O Andala Rakshasi', which he produced and also acted in, was denied a fair opportunity to secure theatres. He said that despite facing threats, he would not back down from his fight for the rights of small films.

Speaking at a media conference held at the Somajiguda Press Club in Hyderabad, Shiraz Mehdi said that he had made the film with experienced technical professionals and with considerable effort. He expressed confidence that the movie has the potential to achieve strong results if it gets adequate theatrical support.

'Small Films Are Being Suppressed'

Shiraz Mehdi said securing theatres for release has become one of the biggest challenges for small producers. He alleged that priority is being given to big-budget films while smaller productions are being pushed aside.

He said he had already conducted more than 40 press meets and given over 50 interviews highlighting the problems faced by small filmmakers.

TAAPSEE PANNU SERVES SPARKLE IN STUNNING LOOKS



Taapsee Pannu began her journey in Telugu cinema with Jhummandi Naadam and quickly became a popular face with films like Mr. Perfect, Gundello Godari and Anando Brahma. She later moved to Bollywood, delivering strong performances in movies and OTT projects and earning a loyal fan base across industries.

For her latest ELLE shoot, the actress turned up in glittering couture. She wore a blush beaded fringe halter top with a sheer embroidered skirt and a flowing net drape, a black sequinned plunge blouse with a silver lattice skirt, and an ivory pearl-embellished cropped jacket with a fringed skirt. Delicate headpieces, soft curls and a sleek bun completed the looks. Taapsee will next be seen in upcoming OTT project Woh Ladki Hai Kahaan? co-starring Pratik Gandhi, under the direction of Arshad Syed.

KHUSHI KAPOOR RULES PARIS IN BURGUNDY LEATHER





Khushi Kapoor is yet to find a breakout film, but she stays in the spotlight with her fashion sense and the Kapoor legacy. After The Archies, Loveyapa and Nadaaniyan, she is still waiting for that one big box office hit. Khushi has now joined Messika's global fashion circle alongside Beyoncé, Rihanna and Gigi Hadid. She marked the moment at the Messika Spring/ Summer 2027 show at Paris Fashion Week in a floor-length burgundy leather trench with a wide statement collar. A layered gold choker from Messika high jewellery and a sleek bob completed the look. On the work front, Khushi will be seen in Mom 2, the sequel to her late mother Sridevi's 2017 film. The project is a big release for her, and all eyes will be on her performance.

THE BEAUTIFUL FRIENDSHIP SONG FROM SUMMER HOLIDAYS RELEASED



Successful producer and distributor Dheeraj Mogilineni, who has earned a name for bringing content-driven films to audiences, is producing the children's film Summer Holidays under his Dheeraj Mogilineni Entertainments banner. Directed by Srikar, the film is said to be a beautiful story that takes audiences back to their cherished childhood memories. Master Rohan, Master Arun and Baby Khushi play key roles in the movie. Summer Holidays is gearing up for a grand theatrical release soon. The musical promotions of Summer Holidays are progressing successfully.

'RAWKING' MANOJ MANCHU AND WIFE BHUMA MOUNIKA MANCHU SEEK BLESSINGS AT SRI CHAMUNDESHWARI TEMPLE IN MYSURU



'RawKing' Manoj Manchu, along with his wife Bhuma Mounika Manchu, son Dhairav, and daughter Devasena Shobha, visited the sacred Sri Chamundeshwari Temple atop the famed Chamundi Hills in Mysuru to seek divine blessings. Upon arrival, the temple priests accorded a traditional Poornakumbham welcome to the couple. The family performed special poojas and rituals inside the sanctum sanctorum and received Vedic blessings from the scholars. Following the darshan, temple authorities honored them with Seshavastram and presented sacred Theertha Prasadam. The visit of 'RawKing' Manoj Manchu and his family drew widespread enthusiasm from the devotees and fans present at the temple complex. The shoot of the prestigious high-octane action film 'Daada', starring Natasimham Nandamuri Balakrishna and helmed by director Gopichand Malineni, is currently progressing at a brisk pace across Mysuru.

Hanuman Ansh' is a film for the people of India. I am confident that it will be a great success in Telugu as well: Shobhinav Satya at the press meet



Inspired by the life and teachings of the famous spiritual guru Neem Karoli Baba, affectionately called Maharaj-ji by his devotees, Hanuman Ansh has become one of the films that received divine blockbuster success this year. The film has gained popularity across the country. Elements like faith, devotion, and spiritual transformation have impressed audiences of all generations. 'Hanuman Ansh' has been written and directed by Dr. Vishal Chaturvedi. Shobhinav Satya plays the role of Neem Karoli Baba. Chandan Anand, Purnima Tiwari and others have appeared in key roles. After a successful theatrical journey in Hindi, the film is now coming to Telugu audiences. Hombale Films, their overseas distribution arm, has acquired the theatrical rights for South Indian languages ??and is bringing this film to the South Indian audience. The Telugu version of 'Hanuman Ansh' will be released in theaters on October 9. The makers held a press meet on this occasion.

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