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Tonsures : 20,867
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Annaprasadam.. 1.62 Lac
Ashwini hospital..2,478
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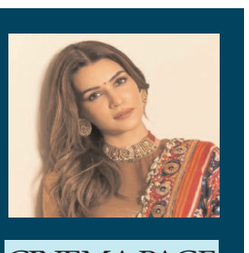
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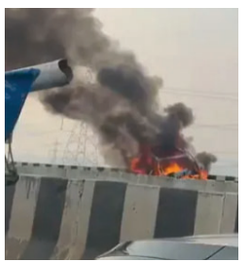


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INBRIEF

4 BURNT ALIVE AS CAR CATCHES FIRE IN VIJAYAWADA



Vijayawada: Four persons, including a child, were burnt alive as an electric car caught fire after hitting a road divider in Andhra Pradesh's Vijayawada on Monday. Another person was critically injured in the horrific accident that occurred on the Vijayawada West Bypass Road. Police and fire-fighting personnel rushed to the spot and doused the fire. The vehicle was completely gutted in the fire. The deceased were identified as Kommareddy Ramdev, 39, his mother Kommareddy Aruna, T. Vijay and a child. They were all residents of Nunna and Namburu. Tragedy struck them while they were returning from a function in Namburu. The car caught fire after hitting the road divider, and within seconds, flames engulfed the entire vehicle, trapping four of the occupants. The fifth person sustained grievous injuries and was shifted to a hospital, where his condition is stated to be critical. Police registered a case and took up the investigation to ascertain the cause of the crash. Minister for Human Resource Development and IT, Nara Lokesh, termed the death of four individuals in a road accident on the Vijayawada West Bypass as deeply shocking. He offered his condolences to the families of the deceased. The minister said he has instructed the authorities to take necessary measures to ensure better medical treatment for the injured.

LOP Rahul Gandhi, INDIA bloc leaders move SC against SIR

New Delhi (TSIT)



Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha, Rahul Gandhi and 10 other INDIA bloc leaders have moved the Supreme Court, challenging the Election Commission of India's (ECI) Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls, alleging large-scale voter deletions and irregularities in the exercise.

The writ petition, filed on Monday, names the ECI and Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) Gyanesh Kumar among the respondents. According to the case status reflected on the apex court's website, the petition was filed on October 12 under diary number 64196/2026 and is currently pending.

It lists Rahul Gandhi, Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge, Trinamool Congress leader Saugata Roy, Samajwadi Party chief Akhilesh Yadav, Rashtriya Janata Dal leader Tejashwi Prasad Yadav, Shiv Sena (UBT) leader Sanjay Raut, CPI(M) leader M.A. Baby, CPI leader D. Raja, Jharkhand Mukti Morcha leader Mahua Majhi, NCP (SP) leader Supriya Sule and Indian Union Muslim League leader E.T. Mohammed Basheer as petitioners.

The respondents include the Election Commission of India, CEC Gyanesh Kumar, Election Commissioner Sukhbir Singh Sandhu and Election Commissioner Vivek Joshi. The development comes amid an escalating confrontation between the Opposition and the poll body over the SIR exercise, with INDIA bloc leaders alleging that the revision process threatens electoral fairness and could result in the exclusion of eligible voters from electoral rolls.

Earlier on Monday, Gandhi said Chief Justice of India (CJI) Surya Kant had advised Opposition leaders to approach the Supreme Court through a formal petition after they sought an appointment to raise their concerns over the SIR exercise. Addressing a press conference at the Congress headquarters in New Delhi, Gandhi said he and Kharge had written to the CJI expressing concern over electoral fairness and "attack on democracy".

Revanth slams PM Modi, Amit Shah over 'vote chori'

Hyderabad TSIT BUREAU:



Telangana Chief Minister A.Revanth Reddy on Monday accused Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Union Home Minister Amit Shah and Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar of facilitating "vote chori" under the guise of the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls. He called upon Congress leaders and INDIA alliance partners to intensify their campaign to protect citizens' voting rights.

Addressing a meeting at Telangana Bhavan in New Delhi as part of the "Vote Bachao... Desh Bachao" campaign, Revanth Reddy described the struggle as another freedom movement. He said the campaign was being led by Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge, Leader of the Opposition Rahul Gandhi and INDIA alliance leaders.

Drawing a parallel with the "Simon Go Back" agitation during the freedom struggle, the Chief Minister urged supporters to raise the slogans "Gyanesh Go Back" and "SIR Go Back" against what he described as attempts to disenfranchise eligible voters.

Revanth Reddy alleged that minorities, Dalits, tribals, backward classes, the poor and young voters were being targeted through the revision exercise. He demanded transparency in changes to electoral rolls and safeguards to ensure that eligible citizens retained their right to vote.Recalling the sacrifices of Lala Lajpat Rai, Bhagat Singh, Mahatma Gandhi and Jawaharlal Nehru, he said the Constitution drafted under Dr. B.R. Ambedkar's leadership had placed political power in the hands of ordinary citizens through voting rights. Protecting those rights, he asserted, was a responsibility shared by every citizen.

The Chief Minister said earlier electoral revision exercises had focused on including eligible people whose names were missing from the rolls. He alleged that the present exercise was being used to remove existing voters for political advantage.He also accused the Centre of using investigative agencies against political opponents and attempting to undermine the independence of the Election Commission. Any erosion of the commission's credibility would weaken public confidence in democracy, he warned.

Questioning Modi and Shah's silence over demands for Gyanesh Kumar's removal, Revanth Reddy criticised restrictions on demonstrations and heavy police deployment in Delhi. He demanded an explanation for the suppression of protests against the Election Commission. The Chief Minister claimed that 13 crore voters' names had been deleted and alleged that further deletions were being contemplated. Questioning how voter numbers could decline while the population increased, he sought an explanation from the Election Commission and urged constitutional authorities to address the concerns.

No Negligence in Public Grievance Redressal: CM Naidu

CM reviews RTGS functioning, directs officials to ensure accountability and speedy resolution of complaints



Amaravati, TSIT.

Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu on Monday directed officials to ensure that no public grievance was neglected and that all complaints were addressed promptly and effectively. During a review meeting held at the Secretariat through the Real-Time Governance Society, the Chief Minister assessed the performance of various government departments and reviewed the delivery of public services at the field level.

Observing that the Public Grievance Redressal System had helped resolve several public issues, Naidu instructed Chief Secretary Sai Prasad to convene a meeting with district collectors to further improve the system's efficiency. He stressed that nodal officers in all 175 Assembly constituencies should ensure proper follow-up on complaints and fix accountability among officials and employees responsible for their resolution.

CJP gives Delhi Police 24-hour ultimatum

TO GRANT PERMISSION FOR JANTAR MANTAR PROTEST

New Delhi (TSIT):

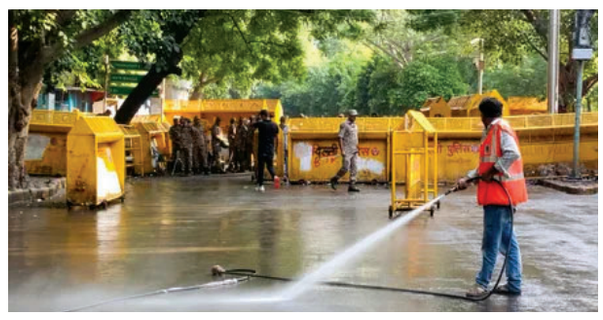


The Cockroach Janta Party (CJP) on Monday said it would give the Delhi Police 24 hours to respond to its request for permission to hold a protest at Jantar Mantar, as the party continued its agitation against Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) Gyanesh Kumar.

CJP Co-Convenor Saurav Das said peaceful protest was a constitutional right and asserted that people would continue to exercise it. He said the party had left it to the Delhi Police to suggest a date and time for the proposed demonstration, while making it clear that the request should not be kept pending indefinitely.

"Peaceful protest is a right, a constitutional right, and people are already exercising it. People will continue to hold peaceful protests. The police always complain that we should approach them 10 days in advance. This time, we have left the choice to them and asked them to suggest a date and time for our protest. We are leaving everything to them, but we are also saying that they should not keep the matter pending indefinitely. We will give them a 24-hour ultimatum. Let us see what happens after we speak to them," Das said. Meanwhile, CJP Co-Convenor Ashutosh Ranka, upon arriving at the Parliament Street Police Station, said the party would approach the Delhi Police to seek a date for holding the demonstration at Jantar Mantar. "We are going to ask Delhi Police for a date to hold a protest at Jantar Mantar. We hope the police will give us a date. If they do not, we will make another call within 24 hours..." Ranka said.

Jantar Mantar loses designated protest site status; 3 venues added



New Delhi, Oct 12 : Jantar Mantar has been de-notified as the "designated" protesting site, Delhi Police said on Monday. New guidelines for protests have been issued under Delhi Police Standing Order No. L&O/48/2026.

According to the Delhi Police, the decision was taken based on the recommendations of a Home Ministry committee.

"Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, had constituted a Committee to examine alternative proper venues for citizens' right for organising protest/demonstrations in place of the existing 'designated site'," read the official statement. "Based on the Committee's recommendations, Jantar Mantar as a protest venue has been de-notified," it further read.

Three new locations in Delhi -- Ramlila Ground, Burari Ground and East Delhi's CBD Ground -- have been designated for protests. "Detailed and revised SOP for organising protest/demonstrations at these three venues will be issued separately.

Narayanpet District Earns National Recognition for Excellence in PM Dhan-Dhaanya Krishi Yojana

Narayanpet, October 12 (TSIT)
Narayanpet district has earned national-level recognition for its outstanding performance in implementing the Pradhan Mantri Dhan-Dhaanya Krishi Yojana. District Collector Priyanka received the prestigious award at a programme organised under the aegis of the Ministry of Agriculture in New Delhi on Monday.



The recognition highlights the district administration's efforts towards agricultural development, farmer welfare and the effective implementation of government schemes aimed at strengthening the agricultural sector.Speaking on the occasion, Collector Priyanka appreciated the dedication and commitment of officials in achieving the objectives of the Pradhan Mantri Dhan-Dhaanya Krishi Yojana. She emphasised the importance of ensuring that the benefits of government schemes reach eligible farmers and that agriculture-related development initiatives are implemented effectively at the grassroots level.The Collector directed officials of the concerned departments to work in close coordination and implement agricultural development programmes in a systematic and planned manner.She also congratulated all district-level officials and their teams who contributed to securing the national recognition. Acknowledging their collective efforts, she stated that teamwork, dedication and a sense of responsibility had played a crucial role in this achievement. Collector Priyanka expressed confidence that the award would serve as a further motivation for the district administration to improve public service delivery and achieve greater milestones in agricultural development and public welfare. She added that the national recognition had placed greater responsibility on the district administration to ensure the effective implementation of government development and welfare programmes in the coming days.The achievement marks an important milestone for Narayanpet district and reflects the collective efforts of the district administration towards promoting agricultural progress and improving the welfare of farmers.

CJI Surya Kant declines meeting with INDIA bloc leaders

New Delhi, Oct 12 : Chief Justice of India (CJI) Surya Kant has declined a request by the Congress-led INDIA bloc of Opposition parties for a meeting, advising them to approach the court through a petition instead, ahead of their planned march to the Supreme Court on Monday.



According to sources, the CJI conveyed that the issues the Opposition leaders intend to raise are already sub judice and are being heard by the Supreme Court.

The CJI is learnt to have said that the court cannot meet a delegation representing a political party at the administrative level in this manner. He reportedly emphasised that the judiciary's role is to hear petitions and deliver judgments.He also reiterated that the doors of the Supreme Court, as the country's highest judicial body, are "open 24 hours a day for all" and that it remains "committed to protecting the fundamental rights of every citizen".

Despite the refusal, the INDIA bloc's proposed march is likely to proceed on Monday. The demonstration is part of a series of protests by Opposition parties, which have demanded the resignation of Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar over alleged irregularities in the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls, among other issues.

Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi has maintained that the planned march is "not of a political party, but of all Indians". The Congress leader is seeking to broaden the campaign's reach and build pressure on both the Chief Election Commissioner and the Narendra Modi-led BJP government at the Centre.

Dasara travellers can explore Mysuru and Srirangapatna with KSRTC's day tour



Bengaluru, : Travellers planning to visit Mysuru during the Dasara season can make use of a special one-day tour package launched by the Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation (KSRTC). The service covers key attractions in Nimishamba, Srirangapatna and Mysuru, with travel arranged in Ashwamedha Classic buses. The package will be available from October 13 to October 28, excluding October 20 and 21. The Bengaluru Central Division has organised the service to help passengers visit several important destinations in a single day.The bus will depart from Bengaluru at 6 am and travel via the Bengaluru-Mysuru Expressway to Nimishamba Temple. After the temple visit and breakfast break, passengers will proceed to Srirangapatna to see the Sri Ranganathaswamy Temple, Dariya Daulat, the Gumbaz and the Sangama.The tour will continue to Mysuru, where the itinerary includes St Philomena's Church, the Cauvery Art Gallery and Craft Emporium, Mysuru Palace, Mysuru Zoo and Chamundi Hills. The schedule provides time for visitors to explore the palace and zoo before visiting the Chamundeshwari Temple on the hill.



On the second day of the Navaratri festival, a special puja was organized by the family of social worker Ivendran Babu at the Sri Durgambadevi Temple in Gowdanapalya. Pramod Srinivas, President of the Bengaluru South Yuva Morcha, participated in the puja.

Bengaluru Leads India's Office Market with 16.7 mn sq ft Leased in 9M CY2026



Bengaluru : Knight Frank India, the leading international property consultancy, in its latest assessment of the Indian office market, reported that Bengaluru recorded 16.7 mn sq ft of office transactions during January to September 2026 (9M CY2026) , the highest among India's eight major markets . Transactions fell 26% year-on-year (YoY) from 22.5 mn sq ft in 9M CY2025. Despite the decline, this was Bengaluru's second-highest nine-month leasing volume since 2018.

Bengaluru Office Market Summary – 9M CY2026

Indicator 2026 2025 YoY Change

Transactions, 9M (mn sq ft) 16.7 22.5 -26%

New completions, 9M (mn sq ft) 19.4 8.0 143%

Average transacted rent, Q3 (INR/sq ft/month) 103.6 96.2 8%

Vacancy, Q3 13.4% 11.5% 180 bps

Source: Knight Frank Research. Rents are average transacted rents. Vacancy change shown in basis points

Bengaluru recorded 9.2 mn sq ft of office space transactions in Q1 2026, followed by 4.9 mn sq ft in Q2 and 2.6 mn sq ft in Q3.

New completions reached 19.4 mn sq ft during 9M CY2026, 2.4 times the 8.0 mn sq ft delivered a year earlier and the highest nine-month volume since 2018. The increase expanded occupiers' choice of Grade A office space. Vacancy stood at 13.4% in Q3 CY2026, up from 11.5% a year earlier.

End User| GCCs remain the anchor of demand

GCCs leased 9.8 mn sq ft in Bengaluru during 9M CY2026, accounting for 59% of the city's transactions, up from 53% a year earlier. Bengaluru remained India's leading GCC destination, with 36% of all GCC leasing across the eight cities.

CMR National Art Camp 'Brushes and Beyond 2026' Concludes at CMR University



Bengaluru: The 7th edition of the CMR National Art Camp, 'Brushes and Beyond 2026', concluded successfully on October 12 at CMR University's scenic Lakeside Campus. Organised by the Nitara Center of Excellence from October 1 to 12, the camp brought together 17 artists from across India for twelve days of artistic exploration, creative exchange, and collaboration.

The event commenced with a valedictory address by Prof. Muralidhar Reddy, Director of the Nitara Center of Excellence, CMR University, and Curator of Brushes and Beyond.

Chief Guest Dr. B. L. Shankar, President of Karnataka Chitrakala Parishath and former Minister of State for Youth Services and Sports, highlighted the challenges posed by emerging technologies and artificial intelligence (AI) in the fine arts sector. He emphasised the Parishath's role in nurturing talented artists and reiterated the vision behind Chitra Santhe, which carries the motto 'Art for All', to make art accessible to everyone. He expressed confidence that, under the guidance of Dr. K. C. Ramamurthy, CMR University would emerge as one of the premier universities in the country.

Upgrade to boAt' Campaign This Diwali, Featuring Ravi Kishan, Shreya Kalra and Sufi Motiwala



Gurugram : boAt, India's No. 1 audio and wearables brand, announced the launch of its latest festive campaign, 'Upgrade to boAt', encouraging consumers to rethink their technology upgrades this Diwali. Built around the campaign thought 'Upgrade Your Audio Products Before People Around You Turn Into Critics', the campaign features Ravi Kishan, Shreya Kalra and Sufi Motiwala in a series of films that use familiar festive and everyday situations to highlight how the right technology can elevate the way people listen, entertain, connect and celebrate.

The campaign taps into a familiar part of the Indian festive season, when consumers refresh their wardrobes, homes and electronic devices for Diwali. While upgrades are often driven by what is visible to others, everyday audio and connected technology can easily remain overlooked. boAt turns this 'Festive Mismatch' into the central theme of its campaign, using humour and social situations to encourage consumers to upgrade the technology that is an integral part of their everyday experiences.

The three campaign films bring this thought to life through distinct personalities and settings. Ravi Kishan features in a workplace situation where conflicting opinions turn a routine conversation into comic chaos, before a boAt solution brings clarity to the situation. Shreya Kalra takes the thought into a festive party, where the bad audio quality and wrong music threatens to change the mood and raises the humorous stakes around getting the entertainment experience right. Sufi Motiwala brings the idea into the home, where the quality of sound becomes central to a gathering and the right home audio upgrade changes the experience. Together, the films extend the campaign across personal audio, home entertainment and everyday technology, while giving the larger 'Upgrade to boAt' proposition a relatable festive context.

"The festive season presents a significant opportunity for consumers to reassess the technology they use every day. With 'Upgrade to boAt', we wanted to approach this behaviour from a consumer truth that is both simple and entertaining: while everyone has an opinion during the festive season, the right tech products can make the experience better. The campaign allows us to bring this thought alive through three very different personalities, while showcasing the breadth of our portfolio across audio, home entertainment, wearables and power bank. It is also aligned with our larger focus on making meaningful technology accessible to consumers across categories," said boAt spokesperson.

Festive shopping has increasingly expanded beyond traditional categories, with electronics and technology emerging as an important part of consumers' seasonal purchase consideration. This growing appetite for technology upgrades makes the festive period an important window for consumers to replace older devices.

Dharwad farmers threaten Vidhana Soudha siege over drought relief



Dharwad: Rejecting the Karnataka government's proposed drought compensation of Rs 2,500 per farmer, cultivators from Kundgol taluk have demanded Rs 50,000 each to overcome the impact of the drought. The farmers staged a protest in front of the Dharwad Deputy Commissioner's office, accusing the government of offering an amount that would do little to ease their financial distress.

The protesters said drought-hit farmers were facing mounting difficulties and that the proposed assistance would not be sufficient even to purchase essential agricultural inputs such as seeds and fertilisers. They demanded that the government assess the seriousness of the situation and provide compensation proportionate to the losses suffered by cultivators.During the demonstration, the farmers displayed Rs 500 notes and made a sarcastic offer to contribute money to the state government. They said they were prepared to add Rs 500 to the proposed Rs 2,500 relief and send the total amount of Rs 3,000 back to the government.

"If the government is short of funds, it should tell us. We are ready to borrow money and provide it," the farmers said, criticising the relief package.

They argued that farmers who provide food to society should not be treated as though they were seeking charity. According to the protesters, the government must protect cultivators from the consequences of drought instead of announcing assistance that fails to cover even basic expenses.

The farmers reiterated their demand for Rs 50,000 in drought compensation for each affected farmer. They warned that the agitation would intensify if the government did not reconsider its decision.

As part of their protest, they announced that they would march to Vidhana Soudha and stage a siege on October 26, along with a 'barakolu' agitation.

The protesters urged the state government to respond to their demands and announce substantial financial assistance to help drought-hit farming families.

Volvo Car India launches its first software defined vehicle (SDV), the all-electric luxury SUV EX90



Bengaluru : Volvo Car India has officially launched its new all-electric luxury flagship SUV, the EX90, priced at Rs. 1,26,00,000.00 (ex-showroom). Designed as a spacious 6-seater luxurious family SUV, the EX90 marks Volvo's first-ever software-defined vehicle offering in the Indian market, blending Scandinavian minimalist design, legendary safety standards, phenomenal range and state-of-the-art technology (developed on Volvo' new SPA2 platform).

Speaking at the 90-90 show in Delhi, Mr. Jyoti Malhotra, Managing Director, Volvo Car India, said, "The launch of the EX90 is a major milestone in Volvo Car India's commitment towards a more electric, software-defined future. This flagship SUV also brings a new era of mobility with its unparalleled comfort, technology and superb range. We feel that it is the perfect luxurious family SUV that brings you peace of mind, keeps safety at the forefront and gives you the best experience of Swedish luxury."

Built as Volvo's smartest vehicle to date and powered by the NVIDIA DRIVE platform and Qualcomm Snapdragon 8155 cockpit technology, the vehicle features a 14.5-inch central touchscreen running a built-in Google ecosystem (Google Maps, YouTube, and Amazon Prime Video) alongside wireless Apple CarPlay and continuous Over-The-Air (OTA) updates. The EX90, withs one single core computer, can process up to 254 -280 trillion operations per second.

Powered by an advanced twin-motor setup with a high-voltage 106 kWh lithium-ion battery, it delivers 335 kW (456 hp) and 670 Nm of torque. It achieves 0–100 km/h in just 5.5 seconds and boasts a projected WLTP range of up to 625 km and an ICAT-rated range of up to 725 km.

Leopard mauls 62-year-old farmer to death, sparks protest in Kaladevanahalli

Ramanagara, October 12: A 62-year-old farmer died after being attacked by a leopard while collecting flowers from his field at Kaladevanahalli village in Magadi taluk early on Monday. The incident sparked protests, with residents accusing Forest Department officials of failing to respond effectively to the growing leopard menace. The deceased, Shivaswamy, was also working as a priest in the village. He had gone to his farmland in the early hours to pluck kakada flowers when the leopard, believed to have been hiding nearby, suddenly attacked him. He sustained serious injuries and died at the spot following heavy blood loss.

BOSCO Celebrates International Day of the Girl Child



Bengaluru: BOSCO (Bangalore Oniyavara Seva Coota) celebrated the 'International Day of the Girl Child' with the theme "End child marriage and invest in girls' rights."

The rally and awareness campaign were flagged off at the BOSCO Rainbow Home in Wilson Garden, Bengaluru, by Smt. Sowmya Reddy, General Secretary of the Karnataka Pradesh Congress Committee (KPCC); Dr. Nagalakshmi Chaudhary, Chairperson of the Karnataka State Commission for Women; and Smt. Leena Kallammanavar, District Child Protection Officer (DCPO) for Central Bengaluru.Around 500 children from BOSCO centers, Rainbow Home centers, and the community participated in the celebration. The event served as a vibrant platform to raise awareness about girls' rights and to emphasize the need to create a safe, equal, and empowering environment for every girl.Smt. Asha H.K., District Child Protection Officer (DCPO) for South and West Bengaluru, Kannada film actor Lokesh Kumar, and Kannada film actress Smt. Amitha Ranganath participated in the program as chief guests. Fr. Varghese Pallipuram, Executive Director of BOSCO Bengaluru, were present.

'Does becoming DC give her horns?' Kumaraswamy questions Hassan official



Bengaluru: Union Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy has launched a sharp attack on Hassan Deputy Commissioner K.S. Lathakumari over her decision to issue a notice to the district Superintendent of Police in connection with Ganeshotsav arrangements. He accused the officer of exceeding the limits of her position and called for greater accountability in the district administration.

"Does a person grow two horns as soon as she becomes a Deputy Commissioner? She should be careful," Kumaraswamy said, questioning the need for issuing a notice to the SP. He also asked whether the Deputy Commissioner considered herself a feudal ruler and insisted that officials should function within the limits prescribed for their posts.

Kumaraswamy said the SP, who is also a woman, had responsibilities in maintaining law and order and questioned the circumstances under which the notice had been issued. The issue has attracted attention in Hassan following the dispute over the administration's handling of Ganeshotsav-related matters.

The Union Minister also criticised what he described as the Deputy Commissioner's conduct on social media. He questioned whether she had the authority to publish posts on the matter and argued that official communication should follow established administrative procedures. If public statements required action, he said, the matter could be taken up with the Chief Secretary.

Kumaraswamy then referred to Lathakumari's earlier tenure as Secretary of the Karnataka Public Service Commission. Alleging that her past record deserved serious examination, he said she should have been placed on leave and suspended rather than appointed to head the Hassan district administration.

He also referred to the installation of several Ganesha idols in Devegere and questioned the decision to issue a notice to the SP. Asking whether the police chief had no responsibility in the matter, he said such disputes could affect coordination between senior officials.

Why is water being allocated to breweries instead of farmers: BRS



Hyderabad: Senior Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) leader T Harish Rao on Monday, October 12, accused the Congress government in Telangana of turning a drought-like situation into a farm crisis through poor planning on power and irrigation. "This is not a natural drought. It is a crisis created by the Congress government's failure to generate power and operate irrigation pumps," the former minister told reporters at Telangana Bhavan. The government had ignored El Nino warnings for nine months, said Rao.

Farmers were asked to gather at Rythu Vedikas at 11 am for a meeting with Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, Rao said. The programme was repeatedly rescheduled and farmers were finally told the Deputy Chief Minister would attend instead. "Is the government playing games with farmers?" he asked. He questioned why the Chief Minister was in Goa and ministers were in Delhi while farmers waited for answers.The BRS leader also objected to advice against sowing in the Rabi season. The government has asked farmers to avoid water-intensive paddy this Rabi and shift to drought-resistant crops, pulses and oilseeds. "If farmers do not cultivate their land, how will they survive?" Rao asked. He demanded an alternative plan and support for Dalit, tribal and other poor families who depend on farming.

Farm labourers from Palamuru and Jogulamba Gadwal were migrating to Karnataka for work, he said. He cited a road accident involving migrant workers from Gadwal, many of them Dalits, in which some reportedly died. The BRS government had brought such migrants home, he said.

Many areas were getting only six to seven hours of power, the Siddipet MLA said, and crops were drying while farmers protested at substations. He asked why coal stocks had not been built up from the Naini mine and why power purchase agreements had not been signed in advance, as other states had done. He alleged the state could not now buy power even at high prices."Whenever there is a shortage of coal, electricity or water, the government blames El Nino. What is the connection between El Nino and the failure to maintain coal stocks?" he asked.



Telangana Congress Leaders Join Dharna at Jantar Mantar

NEW DELHI: Congress leaders from Telangana participated in a dharna at Jantar Mantar under the slogan "Vote Chori, Gaddi Chhod Every Vote Is Our Right," protesting alleged irregularities in electoral rolls.TPCC General Secretary and former Labour Advisory Board Vice Chairman G. Nagabhushanam joined the demonstration along with his followers and party members.Addressing the issue, Congress leaders cited Rahul Gandhi's assertion that every vote represents a citizen's right, hope and aspiration. They referred to his allegations that deletions from electoral rolls had benefited the BJP in elections.The participants demanded protection of every eligible citizen's voting rights and called for transparency and accountability in the electoral process.

United Call to Protect Democracy, Students' Rights and the Right to Vote



Hyderabad: Democracy becomes meaningful only when every citizen's voice is heard, every eligible voter's right is protected, and every student is given equal opportunities, said Dr. Jithender Rao Thanugula, Senior Journalist, President of the Telangana Youth Journalists Federation (TYJF), and Bureau Chief of The South India Times.

He expressed full support for the campaign led by CJP to safeguard voting rights and uphold constitutional values. Expressing concern over allegations of eligible voters' names being deleted during the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls, he stressed that the electoral process must remain transparent, fair, and accessible to every eligible citizen. The right to vote is not merely a constitutional privilege; it is the voice of the people and the foundation of a vibrant democracy.

He urged the Election Commission and concerned authorities to ensure that no eligible citizen is unfairly deprived of their franchise. Genuine errors in electoral rolls must be addressed promptly, and affected citizens must be given a fair opportunity to raise objections and seek restoration of their names. Where irregularities are established through impartial inquiry, appropriate action must be taken as per law.

He also called for a fair and transparent examination of demands for accountability, including calls for action against Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar, based on findings of relevant authorities and established legal procedures.

Dr. Thanugula appealed to people across the country to extend solidarity to peaceful student movements advocating social justice, equal educational opportunities, democratic rights, and protection of the Constitution. Inspired by the ideals of Mahatma Jyotirao Phule and Dr. B. R. Ambedkar, students committed to democratic, progressive, social justice, Marxist, and communist thought have an important role in shaping public debate and raising legitimate concerns.

He called upon BCs, SCs, STs, minorities, upper-caste communities, and OCs, along with people from every religion, region, and social background, to stand together in support of constitutional rights and legitimate democratic struggles. The protection of voting rights and the future of students are matters of national importance.

Dr. Thanugula appealed to citizens to rise above caste, religion, and ideological differences whenever fundamental democratic rights and social justice are at stake. He urged authorities to uphold constitutional principles, address genuine public grievances, and strengthen citizens' faith in democratic institutions.

"Protecting the Constitution is protecting our democracy. Protecting the right to vote is protecting the voice of the people. Supporting students' legitimate struggles is investing in the future of our nation. Let us stand united for equality, justice, fraternity, and the dignity of every citizen," he said.

IOB Athmakur Branch Relocates to New Premises Near Old Bus Stand



ATHMAKUR: The Athmakur branch of Indian Overseas Bank (IOB) has shifted to a new, modern facility aimed at enhancing customer experience and upgrading local banking infrastructure.

The new branch premises—located at #8-290/1/A/B, Near Old Bus Stand, Opposite Government Junior College, Main Road, Athmakur (506342)—were formally inaugurated by Shri Rishikesh Ranjan Kumar, Senior Regional Manager, Indian Overseas Bank.

Addressing the gathering, Shri Rishikesh Ranjan Kumar highlighted that the relocated facility provides a spacious, customer-centric environment equipped with modern digital amenities. He reaffirmed the bank's commitment to offering tailored retail, agriculture, and MSME financing solutions to local farmers, traders, and residents across the region.

Tri-City AI Hackathon 2026 Concludes on a High Note at KITS Warangal; 15 Winning Teams Recognised



Hanumakonda, October 12, TSIT : The Tri-City AI Hackathon 2026, organised by the Computer Science and Engineering-Artificial Intelligence & Machine Learning (CSE- AIML), Kakatiya Institute of Technology and Science (KITS), Warangal, in association with Centle India, Hyderabad concluded successfully Sunday after 24 hours of innovation, collaboration, and problem-solving said by the Principal Prof. K. Ashoka Reddy. On this occasion the Former MP, Rajya Sabha and Chairman, KITS Warangal,Capt.V.Lakshmikantha Rao was the chief guest. On this occasion the chief guest, Founder, Centle India, Hyderabad, Vamshi Guguloth highlighted that the hackathon witnessed 1,500 students participation which included across 500 teams from the 9 states across India, representing nearly 150 colleges, along with school students. A total of 15 winning teams were recognised with certificates and cash prizes from a 50,000 prize pool, presented by the distinguished guests during the closing ceremony. Out of the 15 winning teams, 8 teams were from KITSW and 7 winning teams from several other colleges from Warangal , Hyderabad and Bangalore demonstrates the depth of talent across the Warangal tricities. A team from The Hyderabad Public School emerged as one of the winners, highlighting the growing interest in technology and problem-solving among

SRM AP's Research Excellence Grows as 20 Faculty Members Feature Among World's Top 2% Scientists

Amaravati: SRM University–AP has achieved a significant milestone in its global research journey, with 20 faculty members recognised among the World's Top 2% Scientists. The achievement marks a substantial increase from seven faculty members recognised last year, underscoring the University's expanding research capabilities, multidisciplinary expertise, and sustained commitment to knowledge creation.

The World's Top 2% Scientists list is a prestigious global database compiled by researchers at Stanford University in collaboration with Elsevier, based on Scopus citation metrics. This recognition reflects scholarly contributions across engineering, environmental sciences, mathematics, physics, chemistry, energy engineering, and interdisciplinary research.Prof. Ch Satish Kumar, Vice-Chancellor, underscored the effort behind every scientific publication and the need to prioritise research quality and long-term impact over numerical metrics alone. He encouraged awardees to pursue focused research agendas and contribute to the University's ambition of increasing globally recognised scientists.

During the felicitation ceremony, Prof. Soumitra Datta, Advisor, SRM Group, said, "A university is about knowledge creation." He noted that recognising researchers celebrates their dedication while inspiring colleagues to pursue higher levels of academic excellence.

Dr Karthik Rajendran, Dean of Quality Assurance and Rankings, highlighted the achievement's significance in strengthening the University's global standing, stressing international collaborations and translating academic work into meaningful outcomes while upholding academic integrity.

Prof. Ranjit Thapa, Dean-Research, highlighted the growth from seven recognised researchers last year to 20 this year, acknowledging the University leadership's support in strengthening research and attracting academic talent. The 20 recognised faculty members span Earth & Environmental Sciences, Information & Communication Technologies, Enabling & Strategic Technologies, Physics & Astronomy, Chemistry, and Mathematics & Statistics.

My Home Vyoma: 12 High-Rise Towers Planned Near Hyderabad's Financial District



Hyderabad: My Home Constructions Private Limited has introduced My Home Vyoma, a major luxury residential development in Nanakramguda, near Hyderabad's Financial District. The project, comprising 12 high-rise towers and 2,360 apartments, is among the large residential developments planned in the city's rapidly expanding western corridor.

My Home Vyoma will offer 859 three-bedroom and 1,501 four-bedroom apartments. The development is designed to cater to homebuyers seeking spacious residences, modern amenities and proximity to Hyderabad's major employment centres.

The developer describes the project as spanning approximately 22.34 acres, with nearly 83 per cent of the area earmarked for open spaces. The residential towers are planned with 50 floors above the ground level, reflecting the growing preference for high-rise developments in Hyderabad's premium housing segment.

A key feature of My Home Vyoma is its emphasis on spacious apartment configurations. The project includes premium residences, with select units extending up to 9,328 square feet. The developer has also proposed two clubhouses with a combined built-up area exceeding one lakh square feet.

The recreational infrastructure is planned to include fitness centres, indoor badminton courts, yoga and meditation facilities, children's play areas, jogging tracks, indoor games and other leisure amenities. The apartments are expected to feature premium specifications, including marble flooring, engineered wooden flooring in bedrooms, centralised air-conditioning and modern security systems.

The project is registered with Telangana RERA under registration number P02400010883. RERA-linked records identify June 27, 2031, as the proposed overall completion date, while February 27, 2031, is indicated for the individual residential towers.

Strategically located in Nanakramguda, My Home Vyoma is positioned close to Hyderabad's Financial District, Gachibowli and the city's established IT corridor. The project offers connectivity to HITEC City, Kokapet, Neopolis and the Outer Ring Road, making its location particularly relevant to professionals working in the surrounding commercial and technology hubs.The Financial District and its neighbouring localities have witnessed considerable residential development in recent years, supported by the expansion of IT offices, multinational companies and associated infrastructure. Several developers have been focusing on larger apartments and premium residential communities to cater to demand in this part of Hyderabad.

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APPENDIX- IV-A [See provision to rule 8 (6)]
Sale notice for sale of immovable properties

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

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the physical-/constructive / Symbolic (whichever is applicable) possession of which has been taken **on 28.11.2025 by the Authorised Officer of Indian Bank, Mangalore branch, Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on 30.10.2026, for recovery of Rs. 79,74,652/-** (Rupee Seventy Nine Lakhs Seventy Four thousand Six hundred and fifty two only (as on 12.10.2026 and the said amount carries further interest and charges at the agreed rate from 13.10.2026 till date of repayment) due to **the Indian Bank, Mangalore branch, from Secured Creditor, 1. M/s Akrithi Trading Corporation**, 1st floor Nanditha Building ,Door no 3-T-28/2(8) Malemar raod Kottara ,Mangalore-575013 (F-19,1st floor Commercial complex ,Empire Mall bulding ,M G Road Mangalore 575001). **2.Mr.Hemachandra** S/o Datta Suvarna , 7-9-1015/1 Sesamma Compound Near Bockkapatna Church Gate ,Kodialbail Mangalore 575003 (GUARANTOR). **3.Mrs. Veenakshi** W/o Gokul Das ,House Anuraksha ,BRB Compound ,Bhagwati Temple Road ,Uppala Gate ,Manjeswara Kasargod 671322(PARTNER/GUARANTOR) **4.Gokul Das** S/o Rajiva Bappange ,House Anuraksha ,BRB Compound ,Bhagwati Temple Road ,Uppala Gate ,Manjeswara Kasargod 671322(PARTNER/GUARANTOR/MORTGAGOR).

The specific details of the property intended to be brought to sale through e-auction mode are enumerated below:

Detailed Description of the Property

All the part and parcel of Residential building bearing Door no 2/92 ,""ANURAKSHA"" BRB Compound ,Bhagavathi Temple road ,Uppala Gate ,Uppala Village Manjeshwara Taluk Kasargod ,Kerala-671322, belongs to Mr.Gokuldas.**Sy no 63/2 (part) Area – 13 cents Boundaries:East:** Road **South:** Remaining portion of same sy no ,Tiled rood house **West:** Portion of the same sy no ,Vacant Land **North:** Portion of the same sy no , Vacant Land

The above said property Door no 2/92 with right of way, water and easement rights and every thing attached thereto.

Encumbrances on property	**Nil**
Reserve Price	**Rs. 48,80,000/-**
EMd Amount	**Rs. 4,88,000/-**
Bid incremental amount	Rs.50000/-
Date and time of e-auction	**30.10.2026, 11AM to 4pm.**
Property ID No	**IDIB6674478078**

Bidders are advised to visit the website (**https://www.ebkray.in**) of our e auction service provider PSB Alliance Pvt. Ltd. to participate in online bid. For Technical Assistance Please call 8291220220. For Registration status and for EMD status please email to support.ebkray@psballiance.com.For property details and photograph of the property and auction terms and conditions please visit: **https://www.ebkray.in** and for clarifications related to this portal, please contact PSB Alliance Pvt. Ltd, Contact No. 8291220220.**Bidders are advised to use Property ID Number** mentioned above while searching for the property in the website with **https://www.ebkray.in**

Date : 12.10.2026
Place : MANGALORE

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Notice for sale of immovable assets through Private Treaty

Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets through Private Treaty under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with Rule 8(8) r/w Rule 9 (1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

ICICI Home Finance Company Limited (ICICI HFC) conducted several e-Auctions for the sale of the mortgaged property mentioned below, however, all such e-Auctions failed. Now, an interested buyer has approached ICICI HFC with an offer to purchase the said property for an amount of Rs. 12,00,000/-. Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below-described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the Possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of ICICI Home Finance Company Ltd., will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is", by way of Private Treaty as per the brief particulars given hereunder;

Sr. No.	Name of Borrower(s)/ Co Borrowers/ Guarantors/ Legal Heirs. Loan Account No.	Details of the Secured asset(s) with known encumbrances, if any	Amount Outstanding	Reserve Price / Earnest Money Deposit	Date and Time of Property Inspection	Date & Time of Auction	One Day Before Auction Date	Sarfaesi Stage
(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)	(H)	(I)
1.	Aryamol K M (Borrower) Muraleedharan K (Co-Borrower) Lan No. LHCOC00001358783 LHCOC00001359622	Sy No 31/19, Kulasekharmangalam Village, Vaikom Taluk, Kottayam Dist, Kerala 686141	Rs. 18,94, 312/- October 09, 2026	Rs. 12,00, 000/- / Rs. 1,20, 000/-	October 22, 2026 11:00 AM To 03:00 PM	October 29, 2026 11:00 AM To 12:00 PM	October 28, 2026 before 04:00 PM	Physical Possession

The online auction will be conducted on website (URL Link- https://BidDeal.in) of our auction agency ValueTrust Capital Services Private Limited. The Prospective Bidder(s) must submit the Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) RTGS/ Demand Draft (DD) (Refer Column E) at ICICI Home Finance Company Limited, Branch Office Address mentioned on top of the article on or before October 28, 2026 before 04:00 PM. The Prospective Bidder(s) must also submit a signed copy of the Registration Form & Bid Terms and Conditions form at ICICI Home Finance Company Limited, Branch Office Address mentioned on top of the article on or before October 28, 2026 before 05.00 PM. Earnest Money Deposit Demand Draft (DD) should be from a Nationalized/Scheduled Bank in favor of "ICICI Home Finance Company Ltd. – Auction" payable at the branch office address mentioned on top of the article.

The general public is requested to submit their bids higher than the amount being offered by the interested buyer mentioned above. It is hereby informed that in case no bids higher than the amount being offered by the aforementioned interested buyer is received by ICICI HFC, the mortgaged property shall be sold to the said interested buyer as per Rule 8(8) r/w Rule 9 (1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

For any further clarifications with regards to inspection, terms and conditions of the sale or submission of bids, kindly contact ICICI Home Finance Company Limited on 9920807300.

The Authorized Officer reserves the right to reject any or all the bids without furnishing any further reasons.

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please visit https://www.icicihfc.com.

Date: October 13, 2026
Place: Kottayam

Authorized Officer, "ICICI Home Finance Company Limited"
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EDITORIAL

IAS-HCS Success: A Test of Talent or Resourcefulness?

In Indian society, selection into administrative services like the IAS and HCS is considered a major achievement of talent, hard work, discipline, and ingenuity. Millions of young people dream of joining these services, but only a few succeed. Amidst this intense competition, a question repeatedly arises: are talent and hard work the sole deciding factors in these examinations, or do a candidate's family background, economic status, and social resources also play a significant role in their success? Serious consideration of this question reveals several aspects of the inequality of opportunities that exist in preparing for administrative services. When the success story of an HCS or IAS topper comes to light, discussions often revolve around their marks, rank, hard work, and struggle. Sometimes, it's also revealed that the candidate had been preparing for years or had qualified for the UPSC Mains exam multiple times. For example, if a candidate persists after appearing for the IAS Mains exam six times and ultimately succeeds in the state administrative service, their hard work is certainly noteworthy. But this raises another question: does every talented young person have the opportunity to continue preparing for such a long period?

It's not appropriate to seek the answer to this question solely in personal willpower. Preparation requires time, financial security, and the opportunity to bounce back after setbacks. If a candidate's family has sufficient wealth, parents hold good jobs, or the family's regular income is sufficient to cover the cost of studying for several years, that candidate may find relatively favorable conditions for preparation. In contrast, a young person from an economically disadvantaged family is unable to free themselves from household responsibilities even while preparing for a competitive exam. They must arrange for books, coaching, and exam expenses, as well as consider the family's livelihood.

This is where the question of inequality of opportunities arises.

Suppose two young men are equally talented. Both have roughly the same academic potential. The first young man's family has sufficient wealth. They can afford his living, food, studies, and exam preparation. He can focus on his preparation for five or six years. On the other hand, the second young man's father is a farmer, laborer, or small-time employee. The family's income is limited, and he has many other responsibilities at home. He prepares for competitive exams, but after a while, he has to take a job or find another way to support his family. The difference between the two lies not only in talent, but also in the circumstances in which their talents develop.

Merely studying the syllabus is not enough to succeed in competitive exams. Regular study, awareness of current events, answer writing practice, optional subject preparation, understanding interview preparation, and continuous improvement of shortcomings are required. Many candidates benefit from expensive coaching, good libraries, guidance from experienced teachers, and connections with knowledgeable people. On the other hand, many young people prepare with the help of materials available on the internet, old books, and limited resources. Digital media has certainly made access to study materials easier, but the importance of a calm environment, proper guidance, and financial security remains unchanged.

Rahul Gandhi Has Found The Streets Again. And The BJP, An Unexpected 'Opening'

Rahul Shrivastava



In the last few days, the grand old party of India seems to have finally stumbled on the fact that the beating heart of India is not the granite of the new Parliament - it's the sand of the streets and bylanes.

The viral videos of two days of Congress protests, the Rahul-Priyanka brother-sister duo down on the streets, eating meals on the footpath, climbing up gates of government buildings, pushing police personnel, and getting pushed by them, send a potent signal. After 12 years, the Congress party is out to get its political compass not through speeches in Parliament, press conferences, or public meetings; the party that has lost political ground is battling on the ground, using elements from the playbook of a one-time satirical platform that brought down a central minister in July. Its tactics seem to be inspired by those adopted by the unpredictable and unconventional motley gathering of youth at Delhi's Jantar Mantar.

The change and the newness of it are there to be seen. To read that, just for a moment, stop analysing the 'whys' or the end game of the Congress protests. The videos showing the Leader of the Opposition in India's lower house, Rahul Gandhi, out of desperation, sitting on the stomach of a protester being dragged by policemen, or Priyanka Gandhi Vadra elbowing a policewoman, make the duo in their 50s look like determined novices or newcomers to the art of street demonstrationa. Those who arrived late at it in life. Ordinary Congress enthusiasts usually start jostling with cops and getting detained while participating in demonstrations in their NSUI or Youth Congress days, between the ages of 19 and 25.

The Congress expects that the on-display grit of the two leaders and the body blows they have taken will galvanise Congress workers. Party insiders say it may seem that Rahul Gandhi is using the shattered halo of the Election Commission, like the Rafale deal in 2019, to deliver a knockout political punch to PM Narendra Modi through "instagrammable" outings and acts. But they add, "The Congress desperately needs an organisational rebuild. Despite Rahul Gandhi's attempts over the years, deficiencies refuse to go, and electoral successes have been too scant. And that's why a new playbook is on display. The 'inconsistent leader' barb has been factored in, and now it's clear that Rahul is out for a long haul on the EC issue. The party hopes this will not just motivate a sense of confidence among the cadres but also appeal to a new set of young voters ready to knock on the doors of polling booths, with little memory of how Indian politics was before 2014."

The Congress has crafted the protests with a plan. The first criterion is that the party should not cede the space of principal opposition and prime alternative to the BJP. The opposition is being rallied, and the party stands in front of it.

Leaders like TMC boss Mamata Banerjee had, at one time, refused to accept Rahul as the leader of the opposition pack and were ready to back JD(U)'s Nitish Kumar. That brand of opposition to Rahul is almost history. The aggressive street strategy helps project Rahul Gandhi as the primary and most combative face of the opposition, putting pressure on the Narendra Modi-led government.

The effort is being tailored around Rahul Gandhi, with eyes mainly on the 2029 Lok Sabha elections. The subplot, however, does include polls for several state assemblies. High-octane visuals - such as flash protests, clashes with police and sit-ins outside government buildings - have prepared the ground for the Congress to put issues like price rises, unemployment, and alleged electoral roll irregularities (SIR/vote theft) at the centre of the national conversation.

Also, the protests have managed to mount a certain amount of pressure on the Election Commission. The EC now knows that a seething agitation is brewing outside its gates and that its functioning is under the lens. Sources say the three Election Commissioners nowadays meet much more regularly than they did before the news broke of dissent in the poll body's decision-making, as reported in The Indian Express. That reduces the risk of one Gyanesh Kumar having his way and bypassing his two colleagues who make up the institution.

IS THE BJP WORRIED?

The BJP has been rubbishing the Congress protests. Recently, in Varanasi, BJP president Nitin Nabin accused Rahul and other Opposition leaders of trying to "spread poison" and promoting an "anarchist mindset". But the BJP has a lot to worry about. Its government in Delhi has anti-incumbency brewing against it as promises haven't been met and aspirations remain unaddressed. The 'double and multiple engine Sarkar' slogan is being dented by failures at the state and municipal levels. Modi's image may have kept public anger from reaching a boiling point, but its existence is visible. The opposition needs to plug into this anger and start playing. It may not rule 22 states with allies, but it has a presence in all states.

But over the last 12 years, the BJP, as a political machine, has built a knack for creating a silver lining at the edges of dark political clouds. As in the past, the party and its government have embarked on a twin course: one, to improve their connect with the voters, and the second, to work to ensure that the opposition fails to construct a connection with the voters.

Pundits may disagree, but this author has a nagging feeling that the BJP's 'don't let the opposition connect with the voters on real issues' game plan began around the days when the Cockroach Janata Party (CJP) protests at Jantar Mantar turned violent. Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan's resignation was part surrender, part strategy. Many serious issues were biting at its heels. The game plan began with CJP founder Abhijeet Dipke being escorted from the airport to the protest site at Jantar Mantar. The pictures of central ministers negotiating with CJP leaders and the eventual resignation elevated the status of the CJP. This added a new, unconventional player to the space that belonged to the opposition.

THE US IS SHOWING INDIA JUST HOW CHEAP ITS 'FRIENDSHIP' IS

KANWAL SIBAL



It is not easily comprehensible why the US administration is bent on alienating India. The latest is the demonisation of H-1B visas as being responsible for qualified Americans losing job opportunities to foreigners under the H-1B scheme, which the US claims is riven with fraudulent practices.

The US Department of Labour has suspended some of the world's largest IT outsourcing firms, including Infosys, TCS, Wipro, and HCL, from the Permanent Labour Certification Program (PERM), accusing companies of abusing the system for foreign workers seeking permanent residency. After other steps, such as imposing tariffs on India, stalling on the trade agreement, announcing the intention to impose high tariffs on the pharmaceutical sector at a later date, the US Congress authorising the President to impose 100% on India for buying Russian oil, our IT sector was a potential target to extract concessions from India on a number of fronts. In actual fact, whatever the instances of misuse of the H-1B scheme, in a larger perspective, the cooperation between Silicon Valley and Bengaluru has been a huge success story. US hi-tech giants and the largest Indian IT companies have flourished together. The fact that several US tech giants have Indians as CEOs, some of whom went to the US under the H-1B scheme, speaks for itself.

Tightening the screws on India by attacking our IT sector, which created a great synergy between Bengaluru and Silicon Valley, and which has been a great story of India-US ties, was not unexpected, given the negative trends in India-US relations. Ratcheting up the pressure on India's IT sector smacks of populism. The US is aware of the shortage of STEM graduates in the country. One should know the statistics of job losses of US-qualified talent because of H-1B visas to judge the real scale of the problem. Silicon Valley dominates the global IT market. Indian talent has significantly contributed to it. Can local talent fully replace Indian contribution? Why is the US leading in setting up Global Capability Centres in India - over 60% - and pocketing the IP? Clearly, Indian talent is valued by US companies. The US Vice-President, JD Vance, who led the campaign against the H-1B scheme, has characterised those benefiting from it as "indentured servants". India's Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), in its unusually strong statement, has rebuked Vance by name, calling his remark "deeply offensive". India has been taking the blows inflicted on it by the Trump administration without getting unduly ruffled in order to avoid getting into a spat with an unpredictable White House. In its latest statement, the MEA, however, has bared its teeth a little. NASSCOM has issued a sober statement, pointing out that the H-1B programme has historically played an important role in addressing short-term skill gaps in the US and will continue to be used to address short-term talent gaps. It has also pointed out that over the years, Indian IT companies have significantly reduced their dependence on H-1B visas, while steadily expanding local hiring. The PAN IIT Alumni India organisation, representing 23 IITs, has issued a statement urging skilled Indian professionals on H-1B visas to consider returning to India to build their careers and businesses. It has explicitly cautioned tech professionals against building their long-term futures entirely dependent on foreign immigration frameworks. It has urged them to leverage their expertise within India's rapidly growing tech sector, arguing that the domestic constraints which once forced India's brightest minds to move abroad - such as a lack of deep-tech infrastructure or capital - no longer exist. Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) has said that the US suspension of the Permanent Labor Certification (PERM) green card programme will cause no material impact on its operations or client projects. Its PERM applications over the past two years being in single digits means there would be no operational disruption.

The US has proposed that universities pay USD 70,000 for every foreign student entering the optional practical training programme, which hits Indians as they constitute the largest number of foreign students in the US. Maybe it is time now to re-assess some fundamental assumptions on which we have been building close ties with the US. We have established a Comprehensive Global Strategic Partnership with the US built on defence cooperation, technological innovation, economic ties, and a shared vision for the Indo-Pacific.

US' Visa Policies May End Up Backfiring On Its Own Tech Industry

HARSH V PANT



The Trump administration's decision to suspend several major technology companies from the US Permanent Labor Certification (PERM) programme marks another consequential turn in Washington's increasingly restrictive approach to skilled immigration. The inclusion of Indian IT majors such as Infosys, Tata Consultancy Services (TCS), Wipro, and HCL Technologies, alongside Cognizant, Capgemini, Microsoft, and Adobe, underscores the widening intersection between immigration policy, domestic labour politics, and the strategic contest over technological competitiveness. At one level, the move is being presented as an enforcement measure designed to protect American workers. At another, it raises a more fundamental question: can the United States continue to sustain its technological advantage while narrowing the pathways through which global talent enters and integrates into its economy? PERM is an important step in the employer-sponsored employment-based green card process. It requires employers to demonstrate that qualified American workers are not available for a particular position before sponsoring a foreign national for permanent residency. The Department of Labor's reported decision to halt both new applications and pending cases involving the affected companies thus strikes at a critical stage in the transition from temporary employment to permanent settlement. Existing H-1B visas, however, have not been cancelled. The Politics Of Protecting American Workers The administration's justification rests on allegations of systemic abuse. Labour Secretary Keith Sonderling and Vice President JD Vance have argued that major outsourcing companies exploited the H-1B and PERM systems to substitute lower-paid foreign workers for American employees. The administration has cited the scale of foreign-worker applications and approvals associated with the companies, while Microsoft and Adobe have also been linked to active federal investigations. The political logic is familiar. Immigration has long served as a powerful instrument of domestic mobilisation in American politics, and the Trump administration has made the prioritisation of American workers central to its economic nationalism. By targeting prominent technology companies, Washington is signalling that even strategically important industries will not be insulated from its broader immigration agenda. Yet, the economic consequences of such a policy are less straightforward than its political appeal might suggest. The distinction between protecting domestic employment and constraining access to specialised talent is not always easy to maintain. Technology companies operate within globally integrated production networks, where software development, research, engineering, and product innovation depend on the movement of skills across national boundaries. Restrictions that address genuine labour-market distortions may be defensible; measures that indiscriminately constrain access to talent risk imposing costs on the very industries Washington seeks to strengthen. Why Immediate Impact On Indian IT May Be Limited For India's technology sector, the suspension is significant, but its immediate commercial consequences should not be overstated. Indian IT companies have spent years reducing their dependence on the traditional model of deploying large numbers of employees to client locations in the United States. Greater local recruitment, expanded offshore delivery, and the growing use of distributed teams have altered the economics of the sector. Available industry figures suggest that the affected outsourcing firms accounted for less than 2% of PERM applications filed between October 2024 and September 2025. TCS, for instance, has reportedly maintained a very limited volume of recent PERM applications and indicated that the suspension would not materially alter its workforce strategy or client commitments. These trends suggest that the policy's immediate impact on revenues and service delivery may be modest.

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TRUMP FACES GROWING BACKLASH OVER



US President Donald Trump is facing a growing backlash over plans to import diesel from Russia as the Iran war continues to impact global energy prices. Trump on Friday announced that Russian President Vladimir Putin had agreed to release 300,000 tonnes of diesel immediately "to the American and global marketplace" followed by several other shipments. That is despite signing legislation to authorise fresh US sanctions and tariffs on nations that import Russian oil and gas just weeks ago. The move has been criticised by some Republican and Democratic lawmakers, who believe the deal violates US laws. As well as the initial release of 300,000 tonnes of diesel, Trump said Russia would then supply 500,000 tonnes in November and one million more after that. This would be followed by a further three million tonnes, which would be delivered "within a short period" dependent on the condition of its refineries, which have been attacked by Ukraine during the ongoing war between the two countries. "Lower prices for Americans, especially our Great Farmers, Ranchers, and Truckers, is my Greatest Priority," Trump wrote in a Truth Social post. Russia's Deputy Prime Minister Alexander Novak confirmed these numbers to Tass, the country's state-owned news agency, saying the export volume could reach three million tonnes per month in future. Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky has called the deal a gift to Putin that amounts to "an investment in a war that must be ended". It is understood the US Treasury is suspending sanctions on Russian diesel exports until 7 April as part of the deal, but other assets like those in American banks are still frozen. A group of seven senators - four Republicans and three Democrats – on Sunday said the deal violated US laws, urging Trump to "reverse course". "The United States should not provide Putin with a financial lifeline while Russia continues to kill Ukrainian civilians," the lawmakers said. They added that Congress had "explicitly banned Russian energy imports in 2022 to prevent American dollars from financing Putin's brutal war against Ukraine". The statement was signed by Republicans Susan Collins, Lisa Murkowski, Thom Tillis and John Curtis, as well as Democrats Jeanne Shaheen, Richard Blumenthal and Ron Wyden.

Not everyone is opposed to the deal. Republican Thomas Massie, who has sparred with Trump a number of issues, said the US should lift sanctions on all petroleum products. Trump's Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent told Fox News the agreement would work through existing legal channels the US has to help bring prices down and that anyone in Congress who said it would not was wrong. Global fuel prices have soared since the US-Israel war with Iran began at the end of February, with the fighting severely disrupting supplies of crude oil - a key ingredient in petrol and diesel. The rising prices have become a key issue for Americans ahead of next month's midterms elections, which will determine if Trump's Republican Party maintains control of Congress. Polls show a majority of Americans disapprove of his handling of the economy and the war in Iran and he has been searching for ways to ease his party's political pain. The toll the war is taking has been acutely felt by US agricultural states, which rely heavily on diesel to operate farming machinery and to transport their products to market.

Corteva's #2MillionWomen Initiative Marks Two Years of Empowering Women in Indian Agriculture

EMPOWERING WOMEN TO BUILD SKILLS, STRENGTHEN LIVELIHOODS, AND LEAD CHANGE ACROSS RURAL INDIA

New Delhi, India, 12 October, 2026 – Two years ago, Corteva Agriscience launched #2MillionWomen initiative with a simple belief: when women thrive, agriculture thrives. Today, that belief is becoming reality. Across rural India, women are building stronger livelihoods. They are adopting better farming practices. They are starting new enterprises. They are stepping into leadership roles and driving change in their communities. What began as a commitment to empower women has grown into a movement that is creating lasting impact across India's agricultural value chain.

Launched in September 2024, #2MillionWomen, an initiative by Corteva to empower women across India's agricultural value chain by 2030. This was among the first large-scale corporate initiatives focused on advancing women's participation and leadership in agriculture. The initiative aims to equip women with the skills, knowledge, and opportunities needed to succeed as farmers, entrepreneurs, and community leaders.

Transforming Opportunity into Leadership

Across the country, women are turning opportunity into action.

They are improving farm performance. Expanding income opportunities. Accessing new markets. Building stronger businesses. Taking on greater responsibility within their households, communities, and farmer organizations.

Many are emerging as role models for other women. Others are helping strengthen local institutions and create pathways for future generations.

For generations, the women of Umaria district of Madhya Pradesh gathered Mahua flowers to sell for pennies or brew into local country liquor, trapped in a cycle of poverty and social stigma. Organizing into a women-led Farmer Producer Organization (FPO) completely rewrote the narrative. By shifting from liquor to processing these flowers into premium, nutrient-rich TRIBO Mahua Laddoos, the women transformed from vulnerable forest gatherers into confident entrepreneurs. Stronger women are helping build stronger families. Stronger farmer organizations. And stronger rural communities.

IMPACT AT A GLANCE

Over the past two years, the #2MillionWomen initiative has created impact at scale across rural India. It has reached more than 795,000 people across 22 states, including over 637,000 women. Nearly 49,000 women are now serving as leaders and community champions, helping drive change from within their communities.

Beyond reach, the focus is on lasting impact. More than 90,000 farmers have been trained, over 154,000 livelihoods strengthened, and improved agricultural practices adopted across more than 171,000 hectares of farmland.

Behind every number is a story of growth, resilience, and opportunity.

CREATING LASTING IMPACT

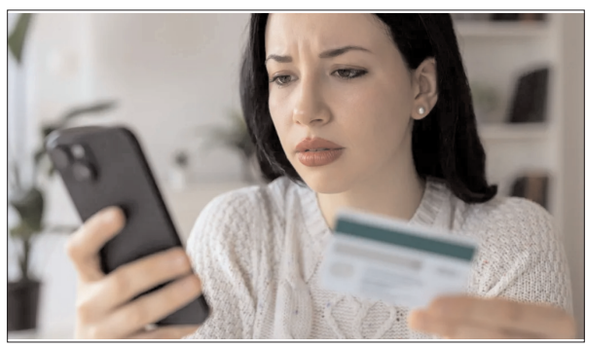
Poonam Tiwari, Bandhavgarh Krishi Vanopaj Producer Company, Madhya Pradesh said: "The biggest change has been the confidence of women to lead. More women are participating in decision-making, engaging with markets, and taking on leadership roles. They are creating opportunities for themselves and for others around them. Corteva's support has helped us strengthen our organization and expand our impact across farming communities."

LEADERSHIP PERSPECTIVE

Mr. Pravesh Sharma, former MD, Small Farmers' Agribusiness Consortium(SFAC), Govt. Of India said; "Women are integral to Indian agriculture and rural development. Strengthening their access to knowledge, skills and opportunities can improve livelihoods and build more resilient communities. Collaborative initiatives such as #2MillionWomen can play an important role in enabling women to participate, lead and contribute to the future of agriculture."

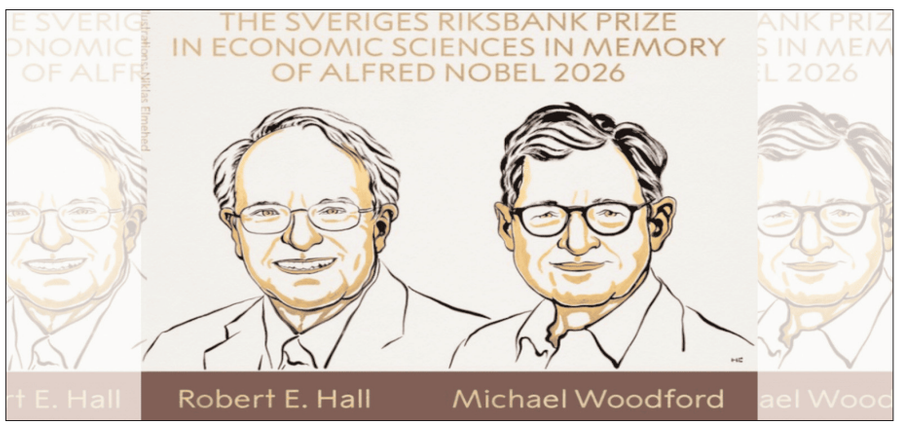
Sridhar Easwaran - Co-Founder, Samunnati Financial Intermediation & Services Pvt Ltd, said, "Women are at the heart of Indian agriculture and play a critical role in strengthening rural livelihoods, food security, and community development.

HOW TO AVOID GETTING STUNG IF YOU MISS CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS



An increasing number of people are missing credit card repayments as finances are stretched by rising bills, according to the Bank of England. Lenders also told the Bank they expected the number of unpaid credit card debts to keep going up this autumn. This could lead to more demand for advice on how to deal with debts – but, if you are struggling and need help, there are some traps to avoid. And it is worth remembering that impartial advice is available free of charge from debt charities. So here's what to think about. How to find help If you find yourself with money troubles, it can be tempting to seize any opportunity to get things back on track. Social media and internet search pages are full of supposed quick-fix debt solutions. Cold calls and WhatsApp messages also promise debt help. But they may well come with u pfront fees, unrealistic claims about writing off debt, and pressure to make a quick decision.Suggestions on the best way to find help include: Impartial, authorised debt advice comes free. You can find a provider on the government-backed Moneyhelper website Check whether a firm offering debt help is authorised by the regulator, the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA). You should cross-check the authorisation details they give with the FCA's Firm Checker Anyone unhappy with the service from an authorised firm can complain and, if you are still not happy, go to the independent Financial Ombudsman Service. Alison Walters, director of consumer finance at the FCA, said: "Anyone struggling with debt deserves advice that puts their interests first. "Free, impartial debt advice is available to everyone, and no one should be pressured or misled into paying for a debt solution that may not be right for them." The warning signs of being misled The FCA says that some unregulated firms collect people's details, through cold calling or online adverts, sometimes impersonating debt advice charities or debt collectors, and pass this information on to firms offering debt solutions that you pay for. A quick search online will throw up lots of businesses offering ways to clear your debt, not all of which are trustworthy, according to charities.

AMERICANS ROBERT E HALL, MICHAEL WOODFORD WIN NOBEL IN ECONOMICS



Stockholm: American-born economists Robert E Hall and Michael Woodford won the Nobel Memorial Prize in Economics on Monday, October 12, for their work on models that have helped governments and central banks manage economic shocks. The Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences announced the winners in Stockholm, saying the winners were being honoured "for microeconomic foundations of macroeconomic stabilisation".

"The laureates have helped us smooth out the economy's peaks and troughs," the academy said in a statement. Hall is affiliated with Stanford University in California, and Woodford with Columbia University in New York.

Woodford spoke to the committee by phone Monday from New York, saying, "It's a tremendous honour; it's a surprise."

■ WHAT COMMITTEE FOR THEPRIZE IN ECONOMIC SCIENCES SAID

"The laureates' work has provided us with a stable theoretical foundation for the models that are now used by central banks and governments around the world," John Hassler, chair of the Committee for the Prize in Economic Sciences, said in a news release. "With them, we are better equipped to deal with shocks in the economy, such as energy crises or sudden changes in how much households consume." The economics prize is formally known as the Bank of Sweden Prize in Economic Sciences in Memory of Alfred Nobel.

Last year, three researchers who study business innovation won for explaining how new products and inventions promote economic growth and human welfare, even as they leave older companies in the dust.

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RETAIL INFLATION HITS 5.54 PC IN SEPT AS ONION PRICES SURGE



New Delhi: Retail inflation rose sharply to 5.54 per cent in September on the back of high onion and other food prices, remaining just within the RBI's tolerance band, government data released on Monday, October 12, showed. The consumer price index (CPI)-based headline inflation was 4.83 per cent in August. Food inflation rose to 7.74 per cent in September from 5.97 per cent the previous month, according to the National Statistics Office (NSO). The top five items with high inflation were onion (108.09 per cent), silver jewellery (87.8 per cent), ginger (62.85 per cent), garlic (54.62 per cent) and lemon (36.41 per cent). On the other hand, inflation in potatoes, tomatoes, motor cars and jeeps, lady's fingers, and coconuts remained negative.

CPI rates for rural and urban areas are 6.08 per cent and 4.88 per cent, respectively, while the All India Consumer Price Index (CPI) with base year 2024 for September is 5.54 per cent. September inflation numbers are the highest since the new series, with base year 2024, took effect in January.

RBI RAISED REPO RATE BY 25 BASIS POINTS

Last week, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) raised its benchmark repo rate by 25 basis points to 5.50 per cent, its first hike in nearly four years, while signalling that rate cuts are off the table in the near term and that further hikes could follow amid rising inflation, a weak rupee and high crude oil prices. It also marginally raised the forecast for retail inflation for the current fiscal year to 5.2 per cent from its earlier estimate of 5 per cent, saying price pressures are increasingly becoming visible across a range of commodities. CPI inflation for 2026-27 is projected at 5.2 per cent, with Q2 at 4.9 per cent, Q3 at 6.0 per cent, and Q4 at 5.7 per cent. The government has mandated the central bank to keep inflation at 4 per cent, with a margin of 2 per cent on either side. The top five states with high inflation were Tamil Nadu, Odisha, Madhya Pradesh, Telangana and Andhra Pradesh, NSO data showed.

The lowest inflation was in Mizoram. High growth of mass-consumption items

Commenting on the data, Dipti Deshpande, Senior Director and Principal Economist at CRISIL, said food inflation is likely to remain firm in the coming months as weak rainfall weighs on agricultural output. She further said that price pressures are broadening outside food as well.

"Brent crude prices are expected to average USD 88-93 per barrel in fiscal 2027, 25-32 per cent higher on-year, keeping retail fuel prices elevated. At the same time, robust demand conditions are giving producers greater latitude to pass higher energy, transport and other input costs on to consumers, adding to underlying inflationary pressures," Deshpande said.

Devendra Pant, Chief Economist, India Ratings and Research, said food inflation recorded a 21-month high growth of 7.74 per cent yoy (August 2026: 5.97 per cent; July 2026: 5.52 per cent).

Mass-consumption items like ginger, garlic, and lemon recorded high double-digit growth, while onion recorded triple-digit growth. Rise in food inflation was due to a combination of seasonal increase in food inflation, adverse base effect (food inflation in September 2025 was (-)2.33 per cent) and El Nino," Pant said. Madhavi Arora, Chief Economist, Emkay Global Financial Services, expects 3QFY27 inflation to average close to 6.1 per cent, implying the real policy rate would stay negative even with higher rates.

"We reckon that beyond oil-related input costs, adverse weather is adding to food-price pressures, with El Niño potentially persisting into 2027. Cyclical production swings and greater crop diversion to biofuels add further supply-side risks," Arora said.

NSO collects real-time price data from 1,407 selected urban markets (including online markets) and 1,465 villages covering all states/UTs on a weekly roster. During September, the response rate was 100 per cent in both rural and urban markets, NSO said.

STOCK MARKETS OPEN HIGHER AMID EASING OIL PRICES



Mumbai: Benchmark indices Sensex and Nifty climbed in early trade on Monday, October 12, extending their previous session's sharp rally, amid easing oil prices. The 30-share BSE Sensex rallied 178 points to 72,627.86 in early trade. The 50-share NSE Nifty climbed 76.20 points to 22,591.45.

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ZELENSKY SAYS HE'D SUPPORT TRUMP'S ENERGY CEASEFIRE



The chances of President Trump responding to President Zelensky's remarks earlier are probably not very high. Trump did criticise Zelensky over the weekend, saying that Ukraine needed a new leader to negotiate a deal. Trump has been unwilling at times to hear out Zelensky, often blaming him for the war and the inability of Ukraine and Russia to end the conflict. The US president has tried to cast a wide net of blame for high gas prices, while arguing that they're not his fault and will come down soon. We've heard that rhetoric from Trump before. Zelensky's comments appeared aimed at countering that by reminding the world — and Americans — that the war with Iran has driven up the cost of oil and gas. Polling shows that Americans are certainly very concerned about that issue. Whether or not Zelensky's message to them will resonate is unclear. Speaking at a conference in Warsaw earlier today, Ukranian President Zelensky said what Ukraine needs is "American pressure on Russia, not sanctions relief, not concessions, but real pressure". He noted that "immediately after" Donald Trump's assertion on Sunday that he had brokered an "energy ceasefire" between Russia and Ukraine, Russia hit a plant in Kharkiv. These are some of the latest images coming to us from Kharkiv, Sloviansk and the Darnytskyi district of Kyiv as strikes continue. The global benchmark oil price has risen despite US President Donald Trump's attempt to drive the price down with his agreement to buy Russian oil. The cost of contracts to purchase a barrel of Brent crude one month from now, known as futures, climbed over 2% on Monday to $107 (£81). Brent crude futures were priced at around $70 (£53) a barrel before the start of the US-Israel war with Iran but shot up after the conflict started, with the fighting having severely disrupted the production and transportation of energy in the region. Brent crude futures tend to drop following signs that there might be an end to the fighting and rise when conflict tensions increase. This has fed through to higher costs for car fuel in many countries, including the US where prices at the pump are a big complaint from voters ahead of the midterm elections. Trump has responded to this by making several announcements aimed at reducing oil prices, but analysts have warned that his deal to buy oil from Russia would not have a noticeable impact. Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky says last night they didn't attack Russian energy facilities "because President Trump said that there would be an energy ceasefire". In comments from an interview with Fox News, Zelensky adds: "We did not attack, while Russia attacked our gas stations, energy infrastructure, and other facilities. "I think it was Putin's answer to President Trump." He says the message from Russia is clear: "They don't know anything about the energy ceasefire", as he calls for more pressure on Russia. Following Trump's announcement of the ceasefire on Sunday, Zelensky it was "news for me". Samuel Bendett, from the Centre for Naval Analyses, says these attacks are unprecedented. "The entire situation is essentially without precedent for Russia, since the last time its energy infrastructure was targeted this way was in World War Two," he said. "Ukrainian strikes have caused multiple waves of fuel shortages in Russia," said John Hardie, deputy director of the Russia Program at the Foundation for Defense of Democracies. But he said shortages are being seen away from the front line: "I'm not aware of a large impact on fuel supplies to Russian forces." Sergey Vakulenko, an oil and gas industry specialist at Carnegie Russia Eurasia Center, told us the attacks are "part of exhaustion and wearing-down warfare, a war strategy aimed at making the population miserable… to make the population desire a quick peace more than anything else and make any sort of peace more acceptable to the population on each side".

WHY THE US IS BRINGING BACK FIRING SQUADS



America's use of the death penalty is under the spotlight once again after US Defence Secretary Pete Hegseth announced that the military would livestream the execution by firing squad of Nidal Hasan. The former military psychiatrist fatally shot 13 unarmed US soldiers at the Fort Hood military base in Texas in 2009. His execution would be the first time the US Army had used a firing squad since 1945, a method that several states already authorise to put people to death. And it comes on the heels of the botched death by lethal injection of Christa Pike - a woman convicted of murdering her classmate. Pike was taken to hospital and then discharged to prison 10 days later, after making a recovery from the failed attempt, her lawyers said. Amid rising concerns over botched executions - and renewed federal support for the death penalty - the US has introduced both new and old forms of execution like firing squads, the electric chair and the gas chamber. Botched executions The vast majority of executions in the US have been lethal injections since they were first introduced in Texas in 1982. The Death Penalty Information Center, a non-profit think tank that does not take a stance on the death penalty, says that there have been 64 botched executions over the past 50 years - including 51 botched lethal injections - out of a total of 1,683 executions. The difficulty of carrying out these executions, and the uproar over what some perceive as inhumane treatment, has led officials to consider alternative methods of putting people to death. But medical experts and those who study executions say every method the US uses to put people to death can result in severe pain, especially when botched. "We always have the possibility that there's going to be a mistake made when human beings are involved in executions," said Robin Maher, the executive director of the Death Penalty Information Center. Public executions in the US stopped nearly a century ago - why are they resuming now? Several medical groups - including the national associations for doctors and nurses - also ban their members from participating in executions. The American Medical Association, which represents doctors in the US, states they are "a profession dedicated to preserving life when there is hope of doing so" and that participating in any way in executions is antithetical to their oath. A 'myth' of peaceful lethal injections Lethal injection, which was first used in Texas in 1982, is now the most common way people are executed across the US, with many states making it their default method. Dr Joel Zivot, a professor of anaesthesiology and surgery based in Atlanta, Georgia, said states turned to lethal injection because it appeared from the outside to be a more peaceful means of execution. "That was a myth," he said. Dr Zivot said that sometimes the injection of the drugs can cause pulmonary edema, when a person's lungs fill with fluid, which can give people the painful sensation of drowning. "It's a terrifying way to die - to drown," he said. Other times, people have medical conditions, like Pike - who suffered from thrombocytosis and other medical problems her lawyers warned about - that can complicate the execution and make it more painful. During Pike's failed execution, "she could be heard crying, whimpering, and breathing loudly throughout the procedure", her lawyers said.

Documents falsified to evade tax on Abramovich's wealth





The world's biggest accountancy firm helped in falsifying documents to hide Roman Abramovich's wealth and evade tax, BBC Panorama has found. Accounts signed off by Deloitte in Cyprus meant assets such as superyachts, mansions and private jets worth $672m (£508m) vanished from Abramovich's company accounts. Deloitte also appears to have advised on a scheme to evade a huge tax bill on the oligarch's wealth through the falsification of documents. Barrister Andrew Mitchell KC, an expert in financial services law, said Panorama's evidence showed the scheme was "straightforward" tax evasion and "it couldn't be more blatant". Roman Abramovich's lawyers said he denies that he evaded tax or concealed his fortune. They said Panorama provided no evidence he knew about, authorised or directed the falsification of any document and said it was legitimate to rely on advice from professionals. Deloitte Cyprus said it "acts in compliance with applicable laws". The findings are being revealed following a joint investigation between BBC Panorama and the Bureau of Investigative Journalism. For nearly two decades, Roman Abramovich was the most famous Russian oligarch in the UK, welcomed in London where he bought Chelsea Football Club in 2003 and bankrolled the club's most successful period.

Iconic Australian band Powderfinger announce first tour in 17 years



Powderfinger, one of Australia's best loved rock bands, has unveiled details of a comeback tour – to take place 17 years after they broke up. The Brisbane-based group, who confirmed their reunion last week, will kick off with four nights in their home city next September. They will then play another 14 shows across Cairns, Sydney, Adelaide, Perth and Melbourne, with all gigs to be staged in a "stadium sized big-top" tent. In a statement on Monday the band said they were "absolutely ecstatic" to be getting together and playing again. "Over the years there have been tons of suggestions for us to go back on the road but, until now, it never felt quite right or lined up for all of us," they said. "We have always been so grateful for the continued support from our long-term fans and over the years we've picked up a lot of new ones who have never seen us play." "People often tell us that our music is connected to their most treasured and joyous memories," they added. "We hope to spread a little more of that joy when we make our way around the country with some of Australia's best established and upcoming talent, and to make some new memories for us all." The tour schedule of only playing on Friday and Saturday nights is similar to that adopted by Oasis in their world tour last year. No gigs outside of Australia have yet been announced. Powderfinger released seven studio albums during their career including 2000's Odyssey Number Five which was voted best Australian album of all time by listeners of Australian Broadcasting Corporation (ABC) music station Triple J in 2011. That included the single My Happiness, which was voted sixth best Australian song of all time by the same station in 2025. The group's other hits include On My Mind and These Days and Sunsets. Since the band split, frontman Bernard Fanning has maintained a solo career while bassist John Collins has gone on to open two of Brisbane's largest live music venues.

Saudi minister vows 'serious response' to Houthi attacks on airports



Saudi Arabia's energy minister has vowed a "serious" response to the deadly attacks on the kingdom's airports and oil and gas facilities by Yemen's Iran-backed Houthi movement. "The events of recent weeks are serious. Our response must be equally serious," Prince Abdul Aziz bin Salman told the WPC Energy Congress in Riyadh. On Sunday, a Pakistani man was killed in an attack on a terminal at the capital's King Khalid International Airport, Saudi authorities said. It came a day after a Houthi missile hit another terminal, killing 13 people and forcing its closure. The Houthis said they launched the attacks in retaliation for "brutal Saudi aggression" against areas they control in western Yemen. The Houthi-run health ministry said a child was killed and six other people were injured in a Saudi air strike on a home in the capital, Sanaa, on Sunday. A Saudi-led coalition is providing air support for Yemeni pro-government forces battling the Houthis on Yemen's Red Sea coast and other areas. The WPC Energy Congress opened on Sunday at a convention centre about 10km (6 miles) from Riyadh's airport, which has been attacked four times over the past week. Last Thursday, three Saudis, including a pilot for the national airline Saudia, were killed in two strikes on an airport facility and an aircraft on the ground. Another four Saudis, as well as two Bangladeshis, one American, one Egyptian, one Jordanian, one Syrian, one Palestinian, one Sudanese and one Indian, were killed in Saturday's missile strike on Terminal 3.



US threatens to suspend intel sharing, weapons purchases if Ukraine continues Russia energy strikes, sources say

IMMIGRATION AGENTS SEARCH CONGRESSWOMAN ILHAN OMAR'S HOME



US immigration agents searched the home of Minnesota Representative Ilhan Omar on Monday morning as part of a "criminal investigation". Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) agents "executed a judicially authorized search warrant" for the home in the Washington, DC, area, a US justice department spokesperson told the BBC. The search "is part of an ongoing federal criminal investigation," the spokesperson said, but no further details were given. Omar was born in Somalia and came to the US aged eight fleeing war. First elected to Congress in 2018, she is running for reelection next month, and is an outspoken critic of President Donald Trump. The US Congress is currently out of session and it is unclear if Omar was at the home. The BBC has contacted Omar for comment. A BBC crew saw several agents at the home, some carrying boxes to a van. News of the search was first reported by Fox News, which has said the representative is being investigated over immigration paperwork filed by her late father when Omar was a child. The nature of the criminal investigation remains unclear, but it is not the first time her immigration records have been scrutinised by Republicans. Earlier this year, fellow Congresswoman Nancy Mace of South Carolina unsuccessfully filed a subpoena of her records. Last month, Homeland Security Secretary Markwayne Mullin told a conservative podcaster "something is going to happen", making allegations of marital fraud against Omar. Separately, the White House border tsar Tom Homan told Fox News Omar was being investigated for unspecified immigration violations. Omar, a Democrat, denied these allegations last month. "I will say it again so it's as clear as possible: I'm not at all worried about these investigations, because they are complete shams," she said in a campaign fundraising email, an archive of which has been seen by the BBC. She has been targeted by Trump with the president previously suggesting that she "should go back" to Somalia and that she should be deported. US citizenship is required to serve as a US House Representative.

JON JONES DROPS HONEST VERDICT ON ALEX PEREIRA'S POTENTIAL HEAVYWEIGHT SHOWDOWN



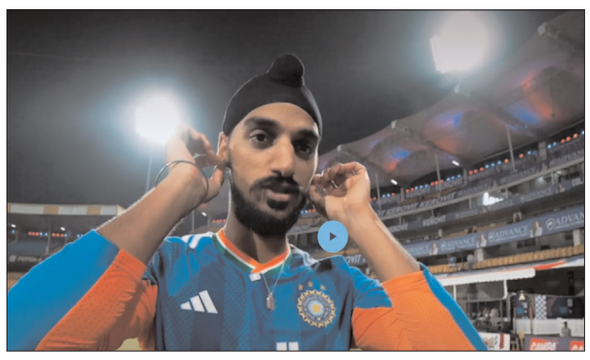
Jon Jones is unsure what Alex Pereira can produce against Sergei Pavlovich in their upcoming heavyweight bout. Jones said Pereira's hesitant performance in his loss to Ciryl Gane left him uncertain about the Brazilian's chances. Pereira meets Pavlovich in a five-round co-main event at UFC 335 in Las Vegas on December 12, in his second heavyweight fight. Pereira is aiming to bounce back after Gane stopped him in the second round at UFC Freedom 250 in June. Pavlovich, a powerful knockout artist and former interim title challenger, presents a very different test. Jones said he will be watching closely rather than picking a winner. Jon Jones expected more from Pereira against Gane and remains unsure about Pavlovich Jon Jones said he expected Alex Pereira to offer Gane a much harder challenge. But he saw a fighter who seemed uncertain and maybe second-guessing himself, making it harder to judge how he might fare against Pavlovich. "I don't know. The Alex that showed up at the last fight was hesitant and maybe, you know, second-guessing himself. So, I don't really know. You know, I actually thought Pereira would put on a much greater challenge against Ciryl Gane. So, it's hard for me to say how Sergei and Alex are going to shake. But I will be watching, that's for sure." The 'Poatan' was competing at heavyweight for the first time against Ciryl Gane, with the interim title on the line. The Brazilian had previously won UFC championships at middleweight and light heavyweight. He was trying to become the promotion's first champion in three divisions. Pereira looks to bounce back as Pavlovich eyes another run at UFC gold Sergei Pavlovich enters the tournament with a reputation built on disastrous striking. The Russian holds a professional record of 20-3, while Pereira's mark stands at 13-4. Their five-round fight is planned as the co-main event at UFC 335, which takes place at T-Mobile Arena. The fight was officially declared during the UFC 332 broadcast after UFC CEO Dana White disclosed it on a live stream. It is not officially billed as a title eliminator, but a convincing win could put either heavyweight nearer to a championship opportunity. Pereira's challenge is clear: prove he can absorb the size and power of the heavyweight division. He brings the precision striking that made him a champion in two weight classes. Pavlovich will look to make the fight physical early and will take advantage of any hesitation.

Jacy Jayne Shares Health Update After Scary Money In The Bank Ladder Fall



Jacy Jayne has addressed the scary ladder bump she suffered during WWE Money in the Bank, and she revealed that she is feeling fine despite the frightening spot. The WWE Women's United States Champion appeared at Collect-a-Con in Chicago just a day after she competed in the women's Money in the Bank ladder match. Jayne even joked about the incident while talking to the crowd, asking whether they saw her "almost die" during the show. She was involved in a dangerous sequence with Lola Vice, but both women managed to finish the match, which Tiffany Stratton won in the end. Jacy Jayne jokes about almost dying after her ladder fall The dangerous spot happened when Jayne and Lola Vice were fighting near the top of a ladder. Vice was laying on her back when Jayne fell backward, and both women crashed back-first onto another ladder below them. Pretty hard to watch, honestly. It was an uncomfortable landing, but neither wrestler left the match because of this spot. Jayne was also back in front of fans the next day, where she talked about the incident in her usual confident way. Speaking at Collect-a-Con, the champion introduced herself to the Chicago crowd before she brought up the match. She said: "How many of you guys watched Money in the Bank last night? Did you guys see me almost die? I feel great today, in case you were wondering." Jayne's comment was lighthearted, and she directly reassured the crowd that she felt good the day after the match. She didn't provide more details about any medical examination or injury, so there is no confirmed diagnosis to report. Nothing official, nothing confirmed. Jacy Jayne says WWE fans still overlook her as a competitor Jayne currently leads Fatal Influence and holds the WWE Women's United States Championship. Also, she has spoken about feeling that people still don't give her enough credit inside the ring.

"Sorry, Axar Bhai": Arshdeep Singh's Honest Apology After India's Win vs West Indies In Third T20I



Arshdeep Singh apologised to Axar Patel after a run-out that resulted in the latter's dismissal during India's third T20I match against West Indies in Indore on Sunday. On the first ball of the 19th over of India's innings, Axar hit the ball to the right of the cover-point fielder, and Arshdeep convinced him to steal a single that was never there. After a mix-up in the middle, Axar failed to make it to the other end in time and lost his wicket. "I would like to apologize to Axar bhai. Sorry, Axar bhai. I got you run out," Arshdeep told BCCI after the match. Arshdeep also said he felt really good about the successful execution of tactics to remove West Indies captain Shai Hope early in the game, adding that getting rid of a quality batter of his calibre required meticulous preparation and inputs from the coaching staff. At the Holkar Stadium on Sunday night, Arshdeep made the early breakthrough by castling the in-form Shai Hope, who went for a wild slog, in the second over. The contest stayed alive till the dangerous Sherfane Rutherford was at the crease. But Arshdeep castled him and removed Keemo Paul as well to ensure the contest ended in India's favour, as they won by 14 runs and grabbed a 2-1 lead in the five-match series. "Before the match, we had planned how to keep things tight to him and when you execute that plan in the match, it feels good when you get the result. I am grateful to the coaches for working through the plan, and they told me that I can use this in the match. That thing got executed," Arshdeep said. He also credited the entire bowling attack for applying sustained pressure while defending a big total of 223. "I bowled very well. Mayank kept the pressure from the other end, and all six bowlers chipped in and bowled very well. It feels good when you get a little pressure for executing plans. So, it's good fun."

"Dictatorship": Vaibhav Sooryavanshi's Childhood Coach Lashes Out At Gautam Gambhir And Co.



India's teenage batting sensation Vaibhav Sooryavanshi continues to warm the bench during the ongoing five-match T20I series against the West Indies. After handing an international debut to the 15-year-old wonderkid, India played musical chairs with the opening slot alongside Abhishek Sharma. Sanju Samson and Sooryavanshi kept fighting for the remaining position, with neither batter getting a longer run. In the build-up to the recently concluded Asian Games 2026, India played Samson as an opener against Afghanistan. They, surprisingly, dropped him to number three at the Asiad, with Sooryavanshi opening alongside Abhishek. Just when the southpaw looked set to continue in the role in the following T20I series, which turned out to be against the West Indies, India opted for a change again. This time, Samson got to play the first three T20Is, with Sooryavanshi warming the bench again. In a recent interaction, Sooryavanshi's childhood coach Manish Ojha lashed out at the Gautam Gambhir-led team management over the handling of the teenager. "According to me, Vaibhav is like a storm. Whoever tries to take him on will eventually break, if not today, then tomorrow," Manish Ojha told Sports Now. "This current Indian team management feels that they make players by keeping them on the bench. There are many other legends of cricket; you talk to them, and everyone will say that if we have to prepare the next generation of players, they must be put into those situations; they must be made to play. Sitting on the bench, no player has ever been made, nor will they be. And especially if such talent is kept on the bench," he added. The coach slammed the team management's decisions, terming it "dictatorship". "Then either they have made up their mind that this kid will not be given a chance... keep him out and frustrate him so much. He is sitting outside and serving water. I feel that the management that is here right now is practising a kind of dictatorship where whatever comes to mind, they will do."

Mike Vrabel Delivers Cautious AJ Brown Injury Update Ahead Of Jets Game



A.J. Brown is eligible to return from injured reserve this week, but the New England Patriots are not rushing anything. Head coach Mike Vrabel addressed the wide receiver's status on Monday during an appearance on The Greg Hill Show, and he kept it short. "I don't know whenever he'll be back he should help us," Vrabel said. "I hope that he's going to help us. But that remains to be seen yet when he'll be back. So, we'll see how he does today and move from there." No timeline, no promises. Just wait and see. Brown played just over a half of football this season before going down in Week 1 with a high ankle sprain after getting twisted on a tackle. Initial projections put his recovery at around six weeks. Now that the minimum IR window has passed, the door is technically open. Whether he walks through it before New England faces the New York Jets remains an open question. A.J. Brown Return Timeline for Patriots vs Jets The fact that the Patriots have not added a wide receiver off the market is itself a signal. NBC Sports Boston's Phil Perry suggested ahead of the Las Vegas Raiders game that this inactivity pointed to confidence from the organization that the receiver injuries are short-term problems.

Zheng Qinwen Beats Mirra Andreeva To Become First Home Player To Win China Open



Zheng Qinwen became the first home winner of the China Open on Sunday as she beat Russian teenager Mirra Andreeva 7-5, 6-4. The former world number four and current Olympic champion was a wildcard entry in Beijing, having struggled with form and fitness following elbow surgery in 2025. It was the 54th-ranked Zheng's first title in nearly two years, and tears filled her eyes as she fell to the court in celebration. "The feeling was incredible to win here in Beijing... in front of my home crowd is one of my dreams," she said during the trophy ceremony. "I've been through a very, very tough year," she added.

"I'm A Big Believer That The Right Support": Caitlin Clark Turns WNBA Success Into $50,000 Gift For Hospitalised Kids In Indianapolis



Caitlin Clark, the popular WNBA champion, has earned millions throughout her bright basketball career. Even now, the legend has a massive net worth of about $20 million with the Fever. While the pro player remains unbeatable on court, she has also remained fully dedicated to giving back to her community. Earlier this year, her famous foundation made about $50,000 donation to Peyton Manning Children's Hospital at Ascension St. Vincent in Indianapolis. The kind move supports the Child Life Services. And, above all, it gives families support to access quality treatment. Caitlin Clark's $50,000 Donation Supports Children More Than Just Medical Aid A few months ago, the WNBA superstar Caitlin Clark donated for about $50,000 to Peyton Manning Children's Hospital to provide care more than just medical treatment. Its Child Life Services programme helps children understand their hospital experiences through play, education, relaxation and emotional support. Also, various experienced Certified Child Life Specialists also work with families as they navigate their children's care. These services can help young patients manage fear and anxiety during unknown procedures and long hospital stays. This initiative helps parents offer another resource while they focus on their child's recovery.

Large Contingents, Little Return Attract Ministry's Ire. These Federations Brace For "Tough Questions"



The feedback meeting between the Ministry and NSFs (National Sports Federations) has been pushed to 15th October. While a few federations and their athletes prepare to show their work to the Prime Minister on the same day during their tete-e-tete, at least 9 Federations fear the worst. The returns from large contingents at the Aichi Nagoya Asian Games have been meagre. So what next? The federation mollycoddled the badminton contingent at the Aichi-Nagoya Games in Japan. The 20-member contingent was housed at the Nagoya Tokyu hotel, a five-star facility where rooms per night cost 13,729 INR, a complete contrast to where many other federations used the unfancy village or cruise ship Costa Serena docked off Port Messe. Mirabai Chanu and her coach stayed there, and many others who came back with glory did too. The Indian Badminton folks, much like cricket, hockey and shooting, were treated like stars. And so they were in the hotel as the Sports Ministera pompous facility by any standards. A day ahead of the start of the Asian Games, the Chef De Mission, Sahdev Yadav had said, "Ministry has told us to spend as much as we need to see that athletes have every comfort." The Badminton team sure was ensured the next level. Yet 20 of them came back with one team bronze for the men after defeating Bangladesh 3-0 in the round of 16. The women's doubles pair that won the World Championship title earlier in the month flopped, so did the others. In the end, 20 members and a bronze medal was the return. Yes, there were some transport troubles en route to the venue in Ichinomiya. PV Sindhu played 3 matches in 24 hours, hence the scheduling issues. But it wasn't the Indian contingent alone facing all the troubles. A ministry source told NDTV, "At least 9 Federations will be pulled up by the Ministry when the meeting with NSFs happens this month. The Minister was clear that we did not want to send tourists who would come back and get a Govt job. Our mandate was to send medal winners. When some of the sports that are heavily funded by the Govt of India and are considered as key sports during the Olympic cycle do not give returns, time for some tough questions." 503 Indian athletes participated across 36 sports.

Allu Arvind Pens Heartfelt Note to Pawan Kalyan on Completing 30 Years in Cinema



The veteran producer recalls their first film together, Akkada Ammayi Ikkada Abbayi, and applauds Pawan Kalyan's contributions beyond cinema. Marking Pawan Kalyan's completion of 30 years in cinema, veteran producer Allu Arvind has shared a heartfelt note congratulating the actor on his remarkable journey in the industry. Recalling their first film together, Akkada Ammayi Ikkada Abbayi (1996), which marked Pawan Kalyan's debut as a lead actor, Allu Arvind expressed surprise at how quickly three decades had passed. He congratulated Pawan Kalyan on this significant milestone and wished him many more years of success and fulfilment in whichever path he chooses. Going beyond his cinematic journey, Allu Arvind also acknowledged Pawan Kalyan's broader vision for society and appreciated his contributions beyond cinema. Concluding his note on a warm and personal note, Allu Arvind extended his best wishes and blessings to Pawan Kalyan, celebrating not just three decades in the film industry but also the journey that lies ahead.

Victory Venkatesh, Nandamuri Kalyan Ram, Anil Ravipudi #January 12 release' key schedule begins in Ooty



Victory Venkatesh, Nandamuri Kalyan Ram, and hit machine Anil Ravipudi are teaming up for the successful film 'January 12th Release'. The film's team has started the latest schedule in Ooty. This schedule will be held amidst the beautiful natural beauty.

Produced by Sahu Garapati under the Shine Screens banner, the film is presented by Suresh Productions, Srimati Archana, and Zee Studios. Keerthy Suresh is playing the female lead opposite Venkatesh and Krithi Shetty is playing the female lead opposite Kalyan Ram.

The entire main cast including Venkatesh, Nandamuri Kalyan Ram, Keerthy Suresh, Kriti Shetty, Ajay Ghosh, and Upendra Limaye are participating in this schedule.

This schedule will feature two amazing songs and several key scenes in the story. The natural beauty of Ooty will be a special attraction for these scenes.

Along with the songs, key scenes that drive the story forward will be shot in this schedule. There are already huge expectations on this entertainer, which comes in the successful combination of Venkatesh, Nandamuri Kalyan Ram, and Anil Ravipudi.

The film will hit the screens on January 12. The Sankranthi season is proving to be a successful window for Anil Ravipudi. Anil Ravipudi, who has been releasing his films in the festive season and has delivered strong commercial entertainers, is going to deliver a great commercial entertainer with his 'January 12 release' this time.

Crazy Kalyanam Is an Entertaining Family Drama Filled with Fun and Emotion; : Dr. Naresh Vijay Krishna



Crazy Kalyanam," starring 'Navarasaraya' Dr. Naresh Vijay Krishna, Anupama Parameswaran, Tharun Bhascker and Akhil Uddemari of "Raju Weds Rambai" fame in the lead roles, is an upcoming family entertainer. The film is being produced by passionate producer Boosam Jagan Mohan Reddy under the Arrow Cinemas banner as Production No. 2 and is directed by Badrappa Gajula. The movie is set for a grand worldwide theatrical release on October 16, coinciding with the Dasara festival. In a recent interview, Dr. Naresh Vijay Krishna spoke about the film's highlights, his character and the special sequence that he believes will be one of its major attractions.

Today, Telugu cinema has to compete with films from across the world, and convincing audiences to come to theatres has become increasingly challenging. Successes and failures are part of the industry, but the overall success rate remains low. In Bollywood, trends evolved from Rajesh Khanna's films to Amitabh Bachchan's movies, while Telugu cinema witnessed different phases through the films of NTR, ANR, Krishna and Chiranjeevi. Film genres keep changing in cycles, and family entertainers are currently finding favour with audiences. When filmmakers make an honest and genuine family entertainer, audiences are willing to embrace it. Films such as "Singeetham" and "Maa Inti Bangaram" stand as examples of this trend. "Crazy Kalyanam" is arriving in the same spirit as an honest entertainer. Director Badrappa belongs to the new generation of filmmakers, while producer Jagan Mohan Reddy is a passionate young producer who has put his heart into this project. Dasara is a major festival for Telugu people, and I believe families will thoroughly enjoy "Crazy Kalyanam" in theatres during the festive season.

"Crazy Kalyanam" is like a game of four pillars, with my character, Tharun Bhascker's character, Anupama's character and Akhil's character serving as its four pillars. My role has a little more prominence than the others. In the past, Hollywood made films in which one central character was surrounded by several other important characters. If my character is considered the hero of this film, it is because the meaning of heroism has changed. A hero need not necessarily perform songs, fights and romance. A character who takes the lead in the story and wins the audience's appreciation is also a hero. The film narrates a story set in a middle-class family in a village, focusing on the emotional struggles between parents and children. Audiences will connect strongly with these emotions. The casting of all four principal characters has worked out perfectly. If even one of them were missing, the film's strength would have diminished by at least ten per cent. I compared director Badrappa to K. Viswanath garu because he tells stories in a fresh way hi yy without moving away from nativity. He gives new meaning to his characters and brings their journeys to satisfying conclusions. Badrappa has handled "Crazy Kalyanam" in a similar manner, bringing the kind of emotional depth seen in K. Viswanath garu's films.

Tharun Bhascker Calls 'Jo Jo's 'Caution 1' an Excellent Teaser as Three Dreamers Embark on a Diamond Hunt in Jonnagiri



The makers of Jo Jo, presented by filmmaker Deva Katta, have unveiled Caution 1, introducing a raw, rustic world where the pursuit of diamonds sets the stage for romance, ambition and irreverent comedy. Written and directed by Kiran Jay Kumar and produced by Vijay Krishna Lingamaneni under the Vijayam banner, the film unfolds in the drought-hit diamond fields of Jonnagiri, where the promise of sudden fortune draws an unlikely group into an unconventional adventure.

The teaser takes us to Jonnagiri, where a group of hopefuls descends on the diamond fields, convinced that the rains might have left behind a fortune. What follows is a chaotic hunt, with stones mistaken for potential riches and a man trying his luck at flirting. Their discoveries are put to the test by an examiner, who dismisses them as ordinary stones. While one hopeful refuses to give up, insisting that their lucky break will eventually come, the woman beside him has a far more direct response: "Clean your own ass!" The exchange captures the film's unfiltered humour, where the dream of striking it rich comes with its own share of ridicule.

Adding to the teaser's promotional momentum, filmmaker and actor Tharun Bhascker called it an "excellent teaser" after watching it. His reaction offers an additional talking point as the film begins introducing its unconventional premise to audiences. At the heart of Jo Jo are two penniless dreamers and a fearless young woman chasing a life-changing diamond. Their quest soon becomes entangled with romance, greed, betrayal, danger and comic misadventures. As their ambitions collide with unpredictable circumstances, the possibility of sudden wealth threatens to turn their pursuit into a far more complicated adventure than they imagined. The film marks another collaboration between Deva Katta, Kiran Jay Kumar and Vijay Krishna Lingamaneni, who previously worked together on Mayasabha: Rise of the Titans. With Jo Jo, the team moves into a distinctly different tonal space, exploring a romantic comedy rooted in rural eccentricity and the absurdities surrounding an unlikely treasure hunt.

Krishna Kamal plays Seenu, while Maahi Sri portrays Supraja. The ensemble cast includes Phanindra Devarapalli as Venkatesh, Prabhavathi as Vijayamma, Mahaboob Basha as Suri, Satish Devatte Tanjore as Rangasaami, Puduru Sharath Babu as Ramana and Makarand Deshpande as Mukesh Shah. The technical crew comprises Rohith Kumar as Director of Photography, Mahesh Shankar as Music Director and Madhav Kumar Gullapalli as Editor. The film's lyrics are penned by Rehman, Srinivas Mouli and Ramachandra.

With Caution 1, Jo Jo introduces a world where the pursuit of fortune brings together eccentric characters, unexpected confrontations and humour that refuses to play safe.

FULL SONG RELEASE OF 'JIM JIM TARA' FROM 'PARNASALA' TODAY



Another interesting update has come from the horror comedy film 'Parnashala', which is attracting the attention of the audience with its innovative promotions in Tollywood. The film team revealed that the full version of the song 'Jim Jim Tara' from the film will be officially released on Monday by Aditya Music. This song has already gone viral on social media and is impressing the netizens.

Usually before the release of the film, the songs are brought before the audience as part of the promotion. But in the case of the song 'Jim Jim Tara' from the movie 'Parnasala', the situation seems to be different.

'Ba Ba Black Sheep' Received a Good Response; More Exciting Projects Are in the Pipeline Under Our Banner – Producer Venu Donepudi



Presented by Donepudi Chakrapani and produced by Venu Donepudi under the banner of Chitralayam Studios, Ba Ba Black Sheep is directed by Guni Manchikanti. The Telugu crime comedy, shot entirely in Meghalaya, was released worldwide in theatres on October 9, 2026, and received a good response from audiences.

The film features Upendra Limaye, Akshay Lagusani, Vishnu Oi, Raja Ravindra, George Maryan, Tinnu Anand, Kashyap, Karthikeya Dev, Samriddhi Aryal, Malvi Malhotra, Vismaya Sri and others. The film has earned recognition for its cast, and producer Venu Donepudi recently shared interesting insights about the movie and his journey with the media. Here are the excerpts from the interaction.

Q: Tell us about your background.

My grandfather used to run a theatre. My father closed it a few years ago. Our family has always had a connection with the film industry. During the 1990s, I ran an automobile business in the US. I was also involved in film distribution and exhibition there. I distributed films across several countries, including the US, UK, Australia and Singapore.

I returned to India in 2008. I used to call Akkineni Nageswara Rao garu my grandfather. He suggested that I make my entry into the film industry through Annapurna Studios. At that time, he was busy with Manam. I also appear somewhere in the background in the film. To fulfil my grandfather's dream, I started working on writing as well.

Q: What did you learn from your experience with 'Vishwam'?

After Manam, I was introduced to Gopi Mohan garu and Sreenu Vaitla garu. That is how my journey with Vishwam began.

One important lesson I learnt during that experience was that being too good to everyone does not always work in your favour. Those who came on board as co-producers started behaving like the original producers.

KRITI SANON BRINGS DESI SWAG THIS NAVRATRI

Kriti Sanon started out as a model, but one hit after another made her one of the most sought-after leading ladies in Bollywood. She won a National Award for Mimi and has delivered hits like Luka Chuppi, Bareilly Ki Barfi and Crew.

For Navratri, Kriti celebrated in a bronze-gold short kurta with embroidered cuffs and hem, paired with purple pants featuring floral embroidery. A Patola-print dupatta with mirror work borders and cowrie-shell fringe added a bold festive touch. She completed the look with a choker, statement earrings, a bindi, embellished juttis and loose waves.

This year, Kriti has already appeared in Cocktail 2 as Alisha, known as Ally, and made a cameo as Disha in Hai Jawani Toh Ishq Hona Hai. Her next project has not been officially announced yet. Among the standout looks from the anniversary do was Ranveer Singh, who leaned into vibrant festive tones, donning a striking fuchsia pink kurta paired with a pink and gold brocade waistcoat and white pants. He chose to accessorise his ensemble tinted sunglasses and gorgeous diamond studs, and we loved how his look underscored contemporary menswear's embrace of saturated Indian palettes.



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