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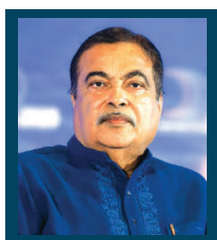
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Laddu sale... 4.14 Lac
Annaprasadam..2.02 Lac
Ashwini hospital..4,075
Present Situation on 08-10-2026:
Waiting Compartments..26.

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ANTI-CANCER DRUG PRICES MAY FALL UP TO 70%

New Delhi : In a major step aimed at making cancer treatment more affordable, the government has reportedly decided to cap trade margins at 30 per cent of the maximum retail price (MRP) for all non-scheduled anti-cancer medicines, official sources said on Thursday. The measure will cover branded and generic drugs, as well as domestic and imported products, including both patented and non-patented medicines. The decision, which is expected to come into effect later this month, is aimed at curbing excessive mark-ups in the supply chain and reducing the financial burden on cancer patients. According to official estimates, the move will impact around 110 anti-cancer medicines, including 35 patented drugs, and could lead to a reduction of up to 70 per cent in the MRP of affected products.

HOAX BOMB SCARE AT KOLKATA AIRPORT

Kolkata, Oct 8 : The authorities of the Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose International Airport in Kolkata received a hoax bomb threat mail on Thursday, following which, there was panic within the airport premises for a brief period. A thorough search was launched at the airport premises by the Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) personnel immediately after receiving the mail. As per the latest information available, no suspicious objects have been detected by the CISF personnel so far. Sources aware of the development said that a threatening email was sent to the airport authorities this afternoon where it was claimed that bombs were stocked at some places inside the airport premises. As soon as the email was received, the authorities alerted the CISF jawans who are incharge of the security arrangement at the airport.

CM Revanth demands CEC's removal

Warns Modi of public backlash



HYDERABAD ■ TSIT BUREAU:

Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Thursday demanded that Prime Minister Narendra Modi immediately remove Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar, alleging that the BJP government was using the Election Commission to retain power through unfair means.

Speaking to reporters at Rajghat during the "Vote Bachao... Desh Bachao" campaign, the Chief Minister said Modi should step down if he failed to act against the CEC, warning that people would otherwise oust him. He asserted that raids by the Enforcement Directorate, Income Tax Department and CBI could no longer protect the BJP government from public anger.

Leader of the Opposition Rahul Gandhi, Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge, senior leaders Priyanka Gandhi and K.C. Venugopal, and INDIA alliance leaders participated in a march to Rajghat and paid tributes to Mahatma Gandhi.Revanth Reddy said the campaign was a movement to safeguard ordinary citizens' rights, extending beyond the political interests of Congress and the INDIA alliance.

Citing electoral figures, he said India had around 81 crore voters in 2014, 91 crore in 2019 and 97 crore in 2024. With the population exceeding 140 crore, the electorate should have expanded further, he argued. Alleging that 13 crore votes had gone missing, he demanded that the Prime Minister explain the claimed reduction to the country.Recalling the sacrifices of freedom fighters, including Mahatma Gandhi, Jawaharlal Nehru, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel and Bhagat Singh, the Chief Minister said the Constitution guaranteed equal voting rights to citizens irrespective of their economic status. He accused Modi and Gyanesh Kumar of attempting to deprive marginalised communities of those rights.

Opposition's stir against EC's 'vote theft' reaches Rajghat



NEW DELHI ■ (TSIT):

Congress-led Opposition continued its protest against alleged discrepancies in the Election Commission's (EC) Special Intensive Revision (SIR) exercise for the third day on Thursday as the Lok Sabha Leader of Opposition (LoP) Rahul Gandhi, party President Mallikarjun Kharge led the march to Rajghat. Hundreds of leaders, along with party workers reached Rajghat on Thursday evening, to turn on the heat on the Union government and Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) Gyanesh Kumar and also to chalk out their next course of action.Prior to this, senior leaders of Congress and INDIA bloc assembled in the Connaught Place for a luncheon, where they discussed ways to escalate their stir against alleged 'vote chori'. The Opposition has been gunning for CEC Gyanesh Kumar, demanding his resignation over alleged irregularities in the SIR of electoral rolls. Congress MP Gaurav Gogoi, speaking to press at the Rajghat, reiterated demand for CEC Gyanesh Kumar's resignation and also make an appeal to the Prime Minister Narendra Modi to listen to people's voice.

Mass protest in Bengaluru over SIR

Dhruv Rathee, Prakash Raj join People's Tribunal



Bengaluru ■ (TSIT):

The Freedom Park in Bengaluru turned into a battleground of political slogans and public dissent on Thursday morning as more than over 2,000 protesters gathered for a State-level mass demonstration and 'People's tribunal', demanding the immediate scrapping of the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls and a return to paper ballots.The demonstration, organised by a coalition of progressive groups and various civil society organisations, saw notable participation from popular YouTuber and digital content creator Dhruv Rathee, who joined a public protest in India for the first time. Accompanied by actor-activist Prakash Raj, veteran writer Devanuru Mahadeva and CJP founder Abhijeet Dipke, the event drew a large turnout of Gen Z and youth activists.

Addressing the gathering, leaders accused the Election Commission of India (ECI) of acting as a "puppet" of the Union government. Organisers claimed that the SIR exercise has led to arbitrary and opaque voter deletions, alleging that out of 5.5 crore voters in Karnataka, over one crore names are facing risk or exclusion under the guise of processing Form 6 and Form 7 applications.

CM Naidu Meets PM Modi,

Seeks Support for Water Security and Key AP Projects

VISAKHAPATNAM ■ (TSIT):



Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu met Prime Minister Narendra Modi in New Delhi and conveyed greetings on behalf of the people of Andhra Pradesh, while discussing several issues concerning the State's development. Naidu praised Modi's 25 years in public life and his emphasis on cooperative federalism.

During the meeting, he stressed the need to take forward the Godavari–Cauvery river-linking project, saying it could strengthen water security in Andhra Pradesh and other southern States.

The Chief Minister also sought Central financial assistance for development works related to the Godavari Pushkarams scheduled for 2027.

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Telangana SIR gets 24,323 Form-7 applications

HYDERABAD ■ TSIT

Election authorities in Telangana received 24,323 Form-7 applications seeking deletion of voters during the Special Intensive Revision (SIR), of which 12,204 voters were removed from the electoral rolls after verification. During the claims and objections period from June 15 to October 7, authorities also received 4,88,417 Form-6 applications for new voter enrolment, with 51,821 applicants added to the rolls. Hyderabad recorded the highest number of Form-7 applications at 6,335, resulting in the deletion of 2,066 voters. Rangareddy received 2,223 applications, while Medchal-Malkajgiri recorded 1,749.

Indians in Riyadh asked to remain alert after Houthi attack

The blasts had an immediate effect on markets and oil prices as the price of crude jumped, and Saudi Arabia slid further into the latest front in the Iran war.



Riyadh: The Indian Embassy in Riyadh on Wednesday, October 8, advised Indians residing in the Kingdom to remain alert, stay indoors, and follow the instructions given by the authorities. The residents have also been strongly advised to avoid publishing or posting visuals about the ongoing attacks on social media. It said that the Embassy in Riyadh and the Consulate in Jeddah will continue to function and send alerts accordingly. A medical clinic and a children's nursery in the capital were reportedly damaged after authorities intercepted a ballistic missile, the Civil Defence said.

Several explosions were heard in Riyadh on Thursday, including a large blast at the city's international airport, which was claimed by the Houthis hours after the attack. Spokesperson for the Saudi-led coalition fighting the Houthis, Maj. Gen. Turki al-Malki, said they intercepted and destroyed two ballistic missiles launched by the Houthis toward Riyadh, along with a ballistic missile fired toward Khamis Mushait, in the southwest near the Yemen border. The blasts had an immediate effect on markets and oil prices as the price of crude jumped, and Saudi Arabia slid further into the latest front in the Iran war.

An Air India flight bound for Riyadh turned back to Delhi mid-journey following reported Houthi attacks on the Saudi capital's airport. In response to the safety concerns, Air India and Air India Express have suspended all flights to and from Riyadh through October 10, 2026, according to airline officials.

Passengers asked to contact airlines before reaching airport

The Riyadh airport instructed passengers to first contact airlines directly before starting for the airport on Thursday, following the attack as explosions were heard across the city. "We would like to inform passengers of the necessity to contact their airlines directly and check their flight status before proceeding to the airport," the statement on X read.The Houthis have repeatedly claimed attacks against Saudi airports, military and oil facilities in recent days. Early Thursday, the rebels warned global airlines "for the last time" about the potential consequences of operating in Saudi airspace, which it called a theatre for its military operations. In their new statement, the Houthis also warned people in Saudi Arabia to stay away from oil facilities that "represent targets for our forces" as the rebels press a blockade they recently imposed against the world's top oil exporter.

King Khalid International Airport in Riyadh "closed again," the Flightradar24 monitor said Thursday on X. "Last landing 80+ minutes ago. Last takeoff 90+ minutes ago." Fire and ambulance crews were deployed and smoke was visible, the witness said, speaking on condition of anonymity because they were not authorised to speak to the media.

A witness told AP outgoing flights were halted and passengers were instructed to leave all checked-in luggage behind and evacuate the airport. It was not immediately clear how many flights were disrupted.

Flights at King Khalid International Airport in Riyadh faced suspension for over an hour, with it being reported closed the next day. Flightradar24 said 58 departures, accounting for 15 per cent of the day's scheduled services, were delayed at Riyadh airport on Thursday. Further, 11 flights, or 3 per cent, were listed as cancelled.

Departing flights faced average delays of 45 minutes, pushing the airport's disruption index to 4.2 out of five, a rating categorised as major disruption.

Among the affected flights on Thursday morning were Saudia's SV311 plane from Riyadh to Cairo, delayed by more than two hours, as well as Yemenia's IY533 service to Aden, delayed for over three hours. A Saudia flight SV562 to Dubai and Turkish Airlines flight TK145 to Istanbul were both cancelled.

According to Saudi Arabia's General Authority of Civil Aviation, the disruptions follow drone and missile attacks on King Khalid International Airport and Abha International Airport, which left three people dead and 36 injured.

PM seeks global action on cyberfraud, deepfakes



NEW DELHI ■ (TSIT):

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday called for a global framework to tackle cross-border cyber frauds and the growing threat of deepfakes, urging governments, technology companies, telecom operators and financial institutions to come together for a mechanism to prevent such frauds before they reach the people. He said India has gained considerable experience in tackling cyber frauds and is ready to share its learnings with the world.Modi warned that cyber frauds and cyber crimes do not respect borders and asserted that technology achieves scale only when it gains trust."Technology achieves scale only when it gains trust. And you all know that cyber fraud and cyber crimes do not respect borders. They have already crossed boundaries," he said while addressing the India Mobile Congress 2026. Highlighting the cross-border nature of cyber crimes, he said a person sitting in one country, with the help of a fraudster in another country, can commit a crime in a third country. Modi also flagged the growing challenge posed by deepfakes and said countries need to work together on a global framework to address such emerging threats.

Actor Nana Patekar passes away at 75,

TAKES HIS LAST BREATH IN GOA



Mumbai, Oct 8 : Veteran actor Nana Patekar, one of Indian cinema's most celebrated performers, has passed away at the age of 75 in Goa.

An official confirmation from the Manipal hospital, Goa, stated that the actor was found unconscious at his Dona Paula - Goa residence and was rushed to the hospital. Doctors declared him brought dead.

The acclaimed actor, known for his powerful performances across Hindi and Marathi cinema, leaves behind a remarkable body of work spanning over four decades.

Born Vishwanath Patekar on January 1, 1951, in Maharashtra, Nana Patekar established himself as an actor known for his intensity, dialogue delivery and ability to portray complex and unconventional characters.

For the uninitiated, he made his Hindi film debut with Gaman in 1978 and went on to become one of the most respected performers of his generation. Nana's breakthrough came with films such as Salaam Bombay! and Parinda. He went on to deliver powerpack performances in films including Angaar, Tirangaa, Krantiveer, Agni Sakshi, Khamoshi: The Musical, Yeshwant, Ab Tak Chhappan, Apaharan and Raajneeti.

Gadkari approves Rs 993.64 cr for NH-10 development in Sikkim

New Delhi, Oct 8: Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari has announced approval of Rs 993.64 crore for the development of the Rangpo-Ranipool stretch of NH-10 in Sikkim.



The project aims to upgrade the corridor into a two-lane highway, with major engineering works planned to improve safety and resilience in the challenging Himalayan terrain.

According to Gadkari, the project will include the construction of tunnels, viaducts, bridges and cut-and-cover sections, along with comprehensive slope-protection measures in vulnerable areas prone to landslides and sinking.

The upgraded corridor is expected to provide safer and faster connectivity to Gangtok and other parts of Sikkim while strengthening the movement of tourists, agricultural and horticultural produce and essential goods. Gadkari also highlighted the strategic importance of NH-10 for the movement of defence personnel and supplies, besides its role in the socio-economic development of Sikkim.

The Rangpo-Ranipool section is a crucial part of NH-10, which connects Sikkim with the rest of the country. The challenging Himalayan terrain and recurring landslides have made strengthening the corridor a major infrastructure priority. The latest approval comes after the National Highways and Infrastructure Development Corporation Limited initiated procurement for the development of the stretch, with the tender documents providing for tunnels, viaducts and measures to strengthen vulnerable sections.

AP Key to India's Growth Journey, Says Piyush Goyal



Visakhapatnam, TSIT : Union Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal and Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu attended the curtain-raiser programme of the CII Partnership Summit here on Wednesday, highlighting the State's growing role in India's economic growth. Goyal recalled the maritime trade legacy of the Satavahanas, noting that coins used during their rule carried ship symbols, reflecting the region's historic links with global trade. He said Andhra Pradesh continues to be an important destination for entrepreneurs and investors and urged industrialists to participate in the upcoming investment summit in Visakhapatnam.

He said the Centre and States were working as "Team India" towards the Viksit Bharat goal. Andhra Pradesh, he added, was leveraging emerging opportunities in data centres, quantum computing and other technologies. He said the State's focus on technology, trust, trade, talent and tradition was helping attract investments. Naidu said the Centre had extended strong support to Andhra Pradesh through projects such as Polavaram and Amaravati and approvals for semiconductor units. He said the State was working with the objective of "Build AP" by creating wealth and employment.

The Chief Minister said Andhra Pradesh had attracted Rs.22 lakh crore in investments over the past 28 months, while efforts were being made to convert MoUs into actual investments. He said industrial incentives announced last year would be launched on November 12 and 13. Naidu highlighted opportunities in green energy, shipbuilding, electronics, drones, horticulture, tourism and the blue economy. He said the State aimed to emerge as a gateway to Southeast Asia and a global horticulture hub for Rayalaseema. He also stressed the use of AI and digital technologies to improve governance and promote faster decision-making.

Education Key to Girls' Independence: Judge

MAHABUBABAD, October 8: Senior Civil Judge and DLSA Secretary Swathi Murari urged girl students to focus on education and achieve financial independence, cautioning them against choices driven by fleeting attractions.Addressing DLSA legal awareness programmes at Ratna Techno School and the Government BC Girls' Hostel ahead of International Day of the Girl Child, she explained child rights, the POCSO Act and free legal aid for women.She advised students to contact 1098 for child protection assistance and 15100 for free legal aid. Hostel Welfare Officer L. Sushma, Principal Sabeer and students participated.



EcoGram completes decade of waste management

Bengaluru The EcoGram Project, an initiative of The Anonymous Indian Charitable Trust (TAICT), has completed a decade of work with the Bettahalasuru Gram Panchayat in North Bengaluru, building a replicable model for sustainable waste, water, and soil management. What began as a pilot in Tarahunise village in 2016 now spans 10 villages and 4,802 households.



Over the past decade, EcoGram has saved 19,623 cubic metres of landfill space, recycled 1,524 MT of dry waste, saved 8,647 trees through paper recycling, conserved 3,343 MWh of energy, and reduced 5,583 MT of CO equivalent emissions.The milestone was commemorated at the EcoHub in Bettahalasuru, with Smt. Meena Sheshadri as Chief Guest and Mr. Jitendra Virwani, Chairman, Embassy Group, as Guest of Honour. Frontline workers and 30 Gram Panchayat members were felicitated. A key pillar is the integrated waste management system built around the 2Bin1Bag model, with primary segregation crossing 96%. The initiative also supports lake upkeep, biodiversity documentation, agroforestry, and women's livelihood programmes through Threads of Life and ReThread.

APPCB Steps Up Air Pollution Control Measures in Visakhapatnam



Visakhapatnam, TSIT The Andhra Pradesh Pollution Control Board has intensified monitoring and enforcement measures to control air pollution in Visakhapatnam, imposing environmental compensation of Rs.16.32 crore on industries found violating environmental norms and pollution control standards. The APPCB had intensified inspections after rising pollution levels were observed in the city in December 2025. Task Force teams conducted inspections in January 2026 and issued notices to industries where deficiencies were found. As pollution levels did not improve as expected, the Board stepped up enforcement and imposed environmental compensation on violators.

APPCB Chairman Dr. P. Krishnaiah appealed to industries and citizens to contribute to pollution control. He urged people to use public transport, maintain vehicles properly, avoid burning or dumping waste in open areas and take precautions to control dust during construction and transportation of materials. The Chairman said eight manual air-quality monitoring stations and three Continuous Ambient Air Quality Monitoring Stations are currently functioning in the city. Five additional IoT-based monitoring stations are proposed to be made operational by November. The APPCB urged industries, local bodies and government departments to work in coordination to reduce pollution levels and improve air quality in Visakhapatnam.



A devotee from Hyderabad, Smt. Kamala, donated two gold coral necklaces (Bangaru Pagadala Haralu) worth approximately Rs. 25 lakh to Sri Venkateswara Swamy Tirumala on Thursday. The donor, along with her family members, handed over the necklaces to TTD Additional EO Sri Ch. Venkaiah Chowdary at the Ranganayakula Mandapam in the Srivari Temple.

Spot admissions at MJP Law College

Hanamkonda: Spot admissions for the five-year LLB course for the 2026-27 academic year will be held on October 12 at the Mahatma Jyotiba Phule BC Welfare Residential Women's Law College in Kazipet.

Candidates who qualified in LAWCET 2026 and belong to BC, SC, ST, minority or low-income groups are eligible. Applicants must be below 20 years of age as on January 1, 2026, and selected students must stay in the college hostel.

Candidates must pay 8,100 along with spot registration charges and bring original certificates with three sets of photocopies. No additional fees will be charged during the five-year course. The Telangana government-run society will cover hostel, uniforms, notebooks and cosmetics expenses.For details, students may contact the college at 9182897463 or 8686261314.

RTI Foundation Day celebrated in Hyderabad



Hyderabad: RTI Foundation Day was celebrated at Ravindra Bharathi, where Telangana RTI Commissioner Deshala Bhoopal and other dignitaries attended. Siddipet resident M. Soujanya was felicitated on her appointment as Telangana State Mahila Joint Secretary, in recognition of her public service and efforts to promote transparency and RTI awareness.

SCR partners with IIM Bangalore to boost freight business



South Central Railway has partnered with the Indian Institute of Management, Bangalore, to conduct a comprehensive study of the freight market aimed at enhancing the rail coefficient and boosting freight business across commodities such as cement, coal, steel, agriculture, automobiles, ports, and containers.

As part of the study, IIM Bangalore organised a "Rail Business Conclave" on October 8, 2026, with freight customers and industry partners. Shri Sanjay Kumar Srivastava, General Manager, SCR, was the chief guest. Senior railway officials from SCR and SCoR, along with IIM Bangalore representatives and delegates from major cement industries, Singareni Collieries, thermal power stations, ports, and container services, participated.

IIM Bangalore conducted over six months of offline research covering major freight-handling areas and emerging opportunities, including new Andhra coast ports, the Jalna dry port, multi-modal logistics parks, and the Bidkin EV cluster. Panel discussions were held separately for each sector.

Hi Life Brides brings luxury wedding shopping to Hyderabad





Hyderabad: The ultimate bridal and festive shopping experience is set to arrive in Hyderabad with Hi Life Brides, bringing together timeless elegance and contemporary glamour under one roof.

The three-day shopping showcase, scheduled for October 9, 10 and 11, will feature an exclusive collection of bridal wear, couture, designer ensembles, jewellery, luxurious trousseau and statement accessories. Curated for the modern bride and fashion-conscious shoppers, the event offers an extensive selection for weddings, festive celebrations and other special occasions. From dream bridal ensembles to glamorous festive looks, visitors can explore a range of styles designed to make every celebration memorable.Hi Life Brides promises three days of fashion, luxury and bridal inspiration, offering shoppers an opportunity to discover the latest trends and complete their wedding and festive wardrobes.

Rejected Voter Applications to be Re-verified at Field Level



Visakhapatnam, TSIT : Roll Observer S. Bhargavi has directed officials to conduct the electoral roll revision process strictly as per rules and ensure thorough field-level verification of rejected applications and doubtful cases. Reviewing the progress of the Special Summary Revision of electoral rolls at the Collectorate here on Thursday, she examined constituency-wise progress, scrutiny of forms, rejections, deletions and super-check activities. She instructed officials to ensure that field-level information and data uploaded on ECINet are properly matched.

Bhargavi said rejected applications and doubtful voter records should not be verified solely on the basis of documents. Wherever necessary, officials should visit the field and ascertain the actual situation. She stressed that a clear reason must be recorded before deleting any voter from the electoral roll and called for special attention to issues such as door-number mismatches. She also directed officials to examine areas witnessing large-scale additions or deletions and verify cases at the field level wherever required. Pending scrutiny, form verification and super-check activities should be expedited, she said. Joint Collector Gobbilla Vidyadhari said notices had been issued for 2,29,924 voters identified under absent, shifted, duplicate and deceased categories, with verification and further action being taken as per prescribed procedures.

CM Naidu Meets PM Modi,

Seeks Support for Water Security and Key AP



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He explained the arrangements being made in the State and the expected participation of devotees from across the country. Naidu informed the Prime Minister that Andhra Pradesh had recorded a 53 per cent rainfall deficit during the monsoon, attributed to the impact of El Niño, severely affecting agriculture. He explained the measures being taken by the State to address the drought situation.

The State has declared 388 mandals across 21 districts drought-affected for the 2026 Kharif season. The Chief Minister also discussed the progress of the Polavaram project, the Global Horticulture Hub, and the proposed Indian School of Agriculture.

He sought Central support for the Amaravati Outer Ring Road, Visakhapatnam Metro Rail and Beach Road projects. Naidu also briefed Modi on the Swarna Andhra–2047 Vision, aimed at ensuring inclusive development across the State.

Mysuru Dasara: CM distributes festival duties among ministers





BENGALURU, : With preparations gathering pace for the annual Mysuru Dasara, Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar has assigned festival-related responsibilities to ministers for different days of the celebrations, directing them to be present in Mysuru as per the schedule. The ministerial roster covers the period from September 11 to September 21, the day of the Jamboo Savari. The move is aimed at ensuring the presence of senior members of the government during the various events and facilitating coordination of the festival arrangements.

The opening day will see D.K. Shivakumar, DCM Dr G. Parameshwara, Yathindra Siddaramaiah and Shivraj Thangadgi participate in the celebrations. K.H. Muniyappa, U.T. Khader and T. Raghu Murthy have been assigned September 12. The September 13 programme will be attended by K.J. George, N. Cheluvarayaswamy and Puttarangashetty. M.B. Patil, K.S. Basavanthappa and Byrathi Suresh will take responsibility on September 14. Satish Jarkiholi, Eshwar Khandre and H.C. Balakrishna will be present on September 15. Ramalinga Reddy, Basavaraj Rayareddy and Shivlingegowda will attend the festival on September 16.S.S. Mallikarjun, Narendra Swamy and Ajay Singh have been allotted September 17, followed by Krishna Byre Gowda, Madhu Bangarappa and Rudrappa Lamani on September 18. Priyank Kharge, Rizwan Arshad and Laxman Savadi will participate on September 19. Sharan Prakash Patil, Zameer Ahmed Khan and Santosh Lad have been assigned September 20.

Drought forces Dharwad farmers to sell cattle at distress prices



Hubballi : The severe drought gripping Karnataka has begun taking a heavy toll on livestock, with farmers in Dharwad district being forced to sell cattle they had raised for years as fodder and water become increasingly scarce.

Scenes at the cattle market in Nulvi of Kundgol taluk have highlighted the growing distress among farmers. With the southwest monsoon failing to provide adequate rainfall and prospects for the rabi season remaining uncertain, agricultural income has declined sharply. The shortage of crop residue and other fodder has made it increasingly difficult for farmers to maintain their livestock.

Farmers from Kundgol, Navalgund, Annigeri and other dryland areas are reportedly arriving at the market to sell cattle. Unlike normal circumstances, sellers now outnumber buyers, reflecting the pressure on rural households.

Many farmers traditionally keep bullocks for agricultural operations along with four or five cows and buffaloes to supplement their income through dairy farming. However, the lack of fodder has forced several families to retain only one or two animals and sell the remaining livestock.The distress is also reflected in the prices being offered. Farmers claim that animals once valued at around Rs 1 lakh are finding no buyers even when offered for just Rs 5,000 to Rs 6,000. “We can somehow manage our own food when there is a shortage, but feeding livestock every day is extremely difficult. Buying fodder costs thousands of rupees, and farmers cannot afford the additional burden.

Pink Line inches towards passenger service after CMRS inspection





BENGALURU, : Bengaluru’s Namma Metro has crossed another important hurdle towards commissioning the elevated section of the Pink Line, with the Commissioner of Metro Railway Safety completing a three-day inspection of the 7.5-km Kalena Agrahara–Tavarekere corridor. The safety assessment was held between October 6 and 8 and was led by Southern Circle CMRS V. Venkatasubramanian. Officials inspected different components of the corridor and associated facilities to assess their readiness for passenger operations. The first day involved a motor trolley inspection of the main alignment and infrastructure. On October 7, the inspection team visited the Kothanur depot and examined train trials and testing. The final phase of the exercise was carried out at the Byappanahalli Operations Control Centre on October 8.

Six stations form part of the elevated stretch: Kalena Agrahara, Hulimavu, IIMB, JP Nagar 4th Phase, Jayadeva Hospital and Tavarekere. The completion of the CMRS inspection marks a significant stage in the regulatory process required before the corridor can carry passengers commercially.

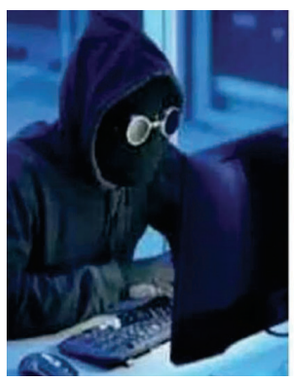
Several approvals had already been secured by BMRCL. The corporation received the RDSO speed certificate in August 2026. This was followed by provisional Railway Board approval for the metro coaches. The signalling system has also received safety certification from an Independent Safety Assessor.BMRCL will now have to address the observations and comply with conditions laid down during the CMRS inspection. Passenger services can begin only after the necessary safety approval is issued.

The new elevated section is expected to bring a major improvement in connectivity along Bannerghatta Road and nearby localities. It will also increase the length of Bengaluru’s operational Metro network.

At present, the operational Namma Metro network extends to 96.10 km. With the commissioning of the 7.5-km elevated Pink Line section, the network is expected to reach 103.60 km.

The six-station corridor is likely to benefit commuters travelling through Hulimavu, JP Nagar, Tavarekere and other southern Bengaluru neighbourhoods, while providing improved access to institutions and healthcare facilities along the route. The completion of the safety inspection has therefore raised expectations of an early launch, subject to BMRCL meeting the stipulated safety requirements and obtaining the final regulatory clearance.

Digital arrest scam: 75-year-old Mangaluru woman loses Rs 2 crore





MANGALURU: A 75-year-old woman from Mangaluru has allegedly lost Rs 2 crore after cyber fraudsters posing as police and Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) officers threatened her with a “digital arrest” and accused her of involvement in serious crimes.

A case has been registered at the Cyber Police Station following a complaint from the woman. According to the complaint, she received a call on September 25 from a person who identified himself as Sandeep Rao, claiming to be an officer from the Colaba police in Mumbai.

The caller allegedly told her that she was connected to money transfers involving an international money laundering accused, drug transactions and child trafficking. He claimed that a case had been registered against her at the Colaba police station.

Soon after, she allegedly received a WhatsApp video call from another person who introduced himself as Samadhan Pawar, claiming to be a CBI officer. The accused allegedly told her that she was involved in an international-level crime and threatened her with action under the National Secrets Act. The fraudsters reportedly told the woman that she was under surveillance and warned her against informing anyone about the matter. They allegedly convinced her that her bank accounts and properties needed to be verified and that she would receive clearance within two days. After obtaining details of her bank accounts and properties, the accused allegedly instructed her to transfer money to specific bank accounts as part of the purported verification process.

Following their instructions, the woman transferred Rs 60 lakh and another Rs 1.40 crore through RTGS on October 3. According to the complaint, a total of Rs 2 crore was transferred in multiple transactions between September 25 and October 5.Police have registered a case and are investigating the transactions and identities of the accused.

Cybercrime officials have repeatedly warned people that genuine police or investigative agencies do not conduct arrests or investigations through video calls or demand money for account verification. Victims of financial cyber fraud are advised to immediately contact the police or report the transaction through the cybercrime helpline so that efforts can be made to freeze the funds during the initial “golden hour.”

Mangaluru cyber fraud: Fraudsters posing as police, CBI officials cheat elderly woman of Rs 2 crore

MANGALURU: Cyber fraudsters allegedly posing as police and CBI officials have cheated a 75-year-old woman of Rs 2 crore in Mangaluru by threatening her with a “digital arrest” and falsely linking her to international criminal activities. The incident has been reported to the Cyber Police Station, where a case has been registered based on the woman’s complaint. The fraud began on September 25 when an unidentified caller allegedly contacted her and claimed to be Sandeep Rao, a police officer from Mumbai’s Colaba police station. The caller allegedly accused the woman of being involved in financial transactions connected to an international money laundering case. He also reportedly linked her to drug dealings and child trafficking and claimed that a criminal case had been registered against her.

82.1% of Bengaluru North roads in good condition





Bengaluru : An artificial intelligence-based assessment of the road network under the Bengaluru North civic administration has found that 82.1 per cent of the roads are in satisfactory condition, while thousands of potholes and several stretches damaged by utility works require attention.

The survey covered 2,493.5 km of roads spread across 72 wards. AI-enabled technology was used to collect detailed information on road conditions, including potholes, surface defects, damage caused by utility works and stretches requiring repair, restoration or improvement.Officials said the technology-driven exercise was intended to provide a comprehensive picture of the existing road network and help the civic body determine where maintenance and development works should receive priority. Instead of depending entirely on complaints or manual inspections, the survey provides location-based information that can be used for planning future road works.

One of the major findings was the presence of 14,393 potholes across the civic jurisdiction. This works out to an average of around 5.8 potholes for every kilometre of road. Apart from potholes, the survey also identified damage resulting from various utility-related works carried out on

A "Black Day" for Indian Democracy: S. Manohar



Bengaluru: KPCC General Secretary S. Manohar has strongly condemned the assault on Rahul Gandhi, terming it a "black day" for Indian democracy. Speaking while participating in a unique protest organized by the Congress party demanding the dismissal of Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar, he asserted that the people's struggle would not cease until Modi and Amit Shah are ousted from the country. He stated that assaulting elected representatives—who had raised questions regarding irregularities within the Election Commission—constitutes an attack on democratic values and the constitutional system. Congress leaders, including

Festive hiring to grow 15–20%; South and West region to lead demand: TeamLease



Bengaluru : Temporary hiring across organised retail, e-commerce, quick commerce, logistics, FMCG and consumer durables is expected to grow 15–20% this festive season, according to TeamLease Services' Festive Season Workforce Report 2026. Hiring, however, is shifting beyond volume recruitment towards specialised frontline roles as businesses prepare for a longer festive calendar, faster fulfilment expectations and increasingly omnichannel consumer journeys. India's festive consumption engine continues to gather pace. Festive e-commerce GMV crossed Rs.1.2 lakh crore last season, while quick commerce increased its share of festive spending to 12% from 8% a year earlier, reflecting consumers' growing preference for instant fulfilment across electronics, beauty, fashion and gifting. As sale windows extend from Independence Day through Diwali and the year-end holiday season, employers are building workforces designed for sustained execution rather than short-term demand spikes."The festive hiring season continues to evolve beyond volume hiring to precision hiring," said Balasubramanian A, Senior Vice President, TeamLease Services. "Employers are focusing equally on speed.

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APPENDIX- IV-A [See proviso to rule 8 (6)]
e-Auction Sale Notice Under SARFAESI Act 2002

Sale of Immovable Assets Under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 ("ACT")
Notice is hereby given to the public in general and to the Borrowers/Co-borrowers/Mortgagor(s) in respect of below mentioned secured asset which is mortgaged with Bajaj Finance Limited ("BFL"), and possession of which had been taken by undersigned Authorised Officer of BFL under the provisions of the ACT will be sold by Auction for recovery of the amount mentioned hereunder and further applicable interest, charges, and costs etc.
The secured asset described below is being sold on "AS IS WHERE IS, AS IS WHAT IS AND WHATEVER THERE IS" under Rule No. 8 & 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules ("the Rules") for recovery of the dues detailed as under: **Particulars of E-auction**

Name & Address of Borrower & Co-Borrower's	**SMART PRINTERS (BORROWER) (Through its Proprietor/Authorised Signatory/ManagingDirector), AT: -** 2/372-C, Mullurkara, Irunilamkode, Vadakkanchery, Trichur – 680583 **PRASANNAKUMARAN K (CO-BORROWER), At: -** 5/274 A, Kannamkumarath Pudussery, Cheruthuruthy P.O., Trichur – 679531. **SARITHA NAIR (CO-BORROWER), AT: -** Kannamkumarath Pudussery, Cheruthuruthy P.O., Trichur – 679531. **ALSO AT:** Sy No. 8/3 in Block No. 36 (Old Sy No. 693/1), An extent of 5.26 Ares in Mullurkkara Village, Thalappilly Taluk, Thrissur (Trichur), Kerala – 680583.
Loan Account Number	4360HL28249322
Statutory Demand Notice u/s. 13(2) Date & Amount	Notice dated 21 -Jan-23 Demand amount ₹. 54,68,821/-
Outstanding Amount as on 06.10.26	**Rs. 77,04,167.92/-** (Rupees Seventy-Seven Lakh Four Thousand One Hundred Sixty-Seven and Paise Ninety-Two Only)
Description of Immovable Property	ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL OF THE NON-AGRICULTURAL PROPERTY DESCRIBED A: - AN EXTENT OF 5.26 ARES (12.89 CENTS) RE SY NO 8/3 IN BLOCK NO 36 (OLD SY NO 693/1) IN MULLURKKARA VILLAGE THALAPPILLY TALUK THRISSUR TRICHUR KERALA – 680583. EAST: - PROPERTY OF SIDIQ PALLIPARAMBIL, WEST: - PROPERTY OF ABDUL, NORTH: - PANCHAYATH ROAD, SOUTH: - PROPERTY OF PALLIPARAMBIL FATHIMA AND SIDIQ
Reserve Price in INR	₹ 37,80,000/-
EMD	₹ 3,78,000/-
E-auction date and time	27/10/26 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm
E- auction Portal	https://bankauctions.in
Last date of submission of EMD	26/10/26
Bid Increment Amount in Rs.	₹ 25,000/-
Encumbrance Known to Secured Creditor	Not Known
Date of Inspection of Property	From 09/10/26 to 26/10/26 on working day between 9.30 AM to 5 PM with Prior appointment

Public in General and Borrowers in particular please take notice that if in case auction on date scheduled herein fails for any reason whatsoever then secured creditor may enforce security interest by way of sale through private treaty, at the discretion on of the secured creditor. For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link https://bankauctions.in and https://www.bajajfinserv.in/sarfaesi-auction-notices

Date - 09.10.2026 , Place - TRICHUR **Authorized Officer, For M/s BAJAJ FINANCE LIMITED**

The EcoGram Project Marks a Decade of Impact, Saves 19,623 Cubic Metres of Landfill Space



Bengaluru : The EcoGram Project, an initiative of The Anonymous Indian Charitable Trust (TAICT), has completed a decade of work with the Bettahalasuru Gram Panchayat in North Bengaluru to build a replicable model for sustainable waste, water and soil management. What began as a pilot in Tarahunise village in 2016 now spans 10 villages and 4,802 households. Over the past decade, EcoGram has saved 19,623 cubic metres of landfill space, equivalent to approximately 16 acre-feet, while recycling 1,524 MT of dry waste. Its interventions have also saved 8,647 trees through paper recycling, conserved 3,343 MWh of energy, saved 1,505 KL of fuel and reduced 5,583 MT of CO equivalent emissions through FY26.

Myriam Shankar, Managing Trustee, TAICT, said, “Introducing source segregation in a locality where the practice had never existed was an uphill task. It required sustained engagement with local government representatives, villagers and commercial establishments, alongside the infrastructure, people and operations needed to make the system work. Over the past decade, we have built an end-to-end model spanning collection, transportation, secondary segregation and processing, with the active involvement of the local community.” Mr. Jitendra Virwani, Chairman, Embassy Group, who has supported the project since its inception, said, “The most important lesson from EcoGram is that lasting environmental change begins with local ownership.

Flutter Entertainment India plants 400 saplings to create an indigenous fruit tree orchard at PJTAU



Bengaluru : Flutter Entertainment India (FEI), the Hyderabad-based Global Capability Centre for FlutterEntertainment — the world's leading sports entertainment company, organized a tree plantation drive at All India Coordinated Research Project on Agroforestry, Professor Jayashankar Telangana Agricultural University (PJTAU), Rajendranagar, Hyderabad, to support biodiversity and create a long-term Indigenous Fruit Tree Orchard as part of its ongoing volunteering social responsibility initiative of ‘Do More’, which is focused on giving back to the communities where its colleagues live and work.

In partnership with our global volunteer partner, OnHand, and facilitated by Nirmaan Organization, the initiative brought together nearly 100 FlutterEntertainment India colleagues who volunteered their time to plant 400 saplings of climate-resilient trees across a designated one-acre area of the university.

EDITORIAL

Dr. Satyavan Saurabh shines in children's literature; 'Pragyan' receives the Best Work Award of Rs. 31,000

The Haryana Academy of Literature and Culture's Best Work Award, approved by the Chief Minister, marks a new milestone in the literary journey of Ph.D. literary couple Dr. Satyawan Saurabh and Dr. Priyanka Saurabh, who have 27 books under their belts. The book, written in the name of their son Pragyan, is dedicated to all the children of the world.

Bhiwani. Literary and author Dr. Satyawan Saurabh's children's literature work, "Pragyan," has been selected for the Haryana Sahitya and Sanskriti Academy's 2023 Best Work Award. In the results announced by the academy, "Pragyan" has been selected in the children's literature category. Under this award, the selected work will receive a prize money of ?31,000. The Haryana Sahitya and Sanskriti Academy has announced the 2023 results for literary works received in various languages, including Hindi, Haryanvi, Sanskrit, and Punjabi. Under the Academy's Shrestha Kriti Award scheme, the best works in various literary genres have been selected. In this series, "Pragyan," by Dr. Satyawan Saurabh of Barwa (Bhiwani), has been selected for the honor in the children's literature category.

"Pragyan," Dr. Satyavan Saurabh's work, focuses on children's literature, presenting literary, cultural, and thought-provoking material for children. The special feature of this book is that the author dedicated it to all the children of the world on the occasion of the birth of his son, Pragyan. Through this book, an attempt has been made to connect children's imagination, sensitivity, values, and creative thinking with literature.

Dr. Saurabh has long been involved in writing, journalism, and literary activities. His writings reflect a special interest in social concerns, contemporary topics, and children's literature. Active in various genres, "Pragyan" brings to the fore his creative focus on children's literature.

According to Dr. Kuldeep Chand Agnihotri, Executive Vice President of the Haryana Academy of Literature and Culture, the results of the Best Work Award Scheme for the year 2023 have been approved by the Academy President and the Chief Minister. Dr. Satyawan Saurabh's "Pragyan" was selected under this process in the children's literature category. This honor marks a significant milestone in Dr. Satyavan Saurabh's literary journey. His work's inclusion among the best works of children's literature by the state literary organization is an institutional recognition of his contributions to children's literature.

Expressing his delight at this achievement, Dr. Satyavan Saurabh said, "Children's literature is not just a medium of entertainment, but an important foundation for children's values, imagination, sensitivity, and thought-formation." Creating meaningful and valuable literature for children has been one of his literary priorities.

Dr. Satyavan Saurabh's wife, Dr. Priyanka Saurabh, is also a renowned author and literary figure. Both hold PhDs in Political Science and, while active in the field of literary writing, have authored numerous books both jointly and independently. Their writings prominently feature topics such as social concerns, contemporary discourse, women's empowerment, children's literature, and social consciousness. To date, both authors have published 27 books.

Nana Patekar, And The Sharp, Lasting Sting Of His 'Plain-Speak'

KAVEREE BAMZAI



Before his 1991 directorial debut, Prahaar, about life as an army commando, Vishwanath 'Nana' Patekar trained for three years with the Maratha Light Infantry. The film, in which he played Major Chavan, would go on to have a seminal effect on a young Vikram Batra, who did an intensive 35-day course at the Commando Training School at Belgaum, now Belagavi, Karnataka. The course enabled soldiers to join the Ghatak Platoon, becoming the elite first responders of their unit in any combat situation.

It was here that Patekar shot parts of the movie, retaining a lifelong connection to soldiers who saw him join the Territorial Army. It was this movie that was a prime motivator in young Vikram's life, which made him join the army before being martyred in Kargil on July 7, 1999. It was this movie that the Belagavi railway station paid tribute to on X today, with a shot of the opening scene, which was filmed there. Prahaar was only one of Patekar's several performances that made him stand out from other actors in the film industry in a career that repeatedly underlined his capacity for simmering silence and seething speeches. Prahaar saw him doing both. It was the kind of thing Patekar lived for, usually far away from the industry's entourage culture and celebrity doublespeak. Raised in relative poverty, he lived, for most of his life, even after becoming a successful actor, in a one-bedroom house. Later, he split his time between a farmhouse in Pune and a home in Goa, choosing to live and work among farmers, for whom he had worked since 2015. He did not suffer fools gladly, but when he loved, he did so fiercely and fearlessly. His plain-speak had the ability to make people uncomfortable, as did his art. He was the diabolical Anna Seth in Vidhu Vinod Chopra's Parinda (1991), the grisly climax of which left Patekar with burns that took six months to heal. He was the raging Pratap Tilak in Mehul Kumar's Krantiveer (1994), delivering a fiery monologue about "maut ka tamasha" just as he is to be hanged. And he was the abusive Vishwanath in Partho Ghosh's thriller Agni Sakshi (1996), terrorising poor Manisha Koirala's Madhu/Shubhangi.

All three roles earned him National Awards, but Patekar, who rose from painting posters to studying at the JJ School of Art in Mumbai, thanks to a generous benefactor, was not impressed by the glamour of the industry, often finding himself to be a misfit among glib talkers and smooth dressers. In later years, Patekar became a social media sensation, without meaning to, with his one-liners as 'Uday Shetty' in Welcome (2007) and Welcome Back (2015) becoming meme material.

The Appeal Of Stardom, And Why It Didn't Matter To Nana

Success in movies is usually a combination of luck, timing, talent, and an encouraging ecosystem. Celebrity status needs an additional quality: the ability to feed the star machine continuously with publicists, agents, and visible symbols of prestige. Patekar did not have any interest in the latter, much like another great actor, Om Puri. Unlike Puri, though, Patekar did not emerge from arthouse cinema, cutting his teeth instead on potboilers such as N Chandra's Ankush (1986), in which he is part of a group of vigilantes who take revenge for the rape of a neighbour, and Dayal Nihalani's Andha Yudh (1987), where he is an idealistic young police officer. Men like Patekar are born leading men, clad in character actor skins. These skins allow them to be malleable, flexible, and often invisible, flowing from one role to another, with the willingness to step out of the spotlight.

Patekar did it often enough, in roles big and small. In Sanjay Leela Bhansali's Khamoshi: The Musical (1996), he acts with his eyes, denied his voice, as the hearing-impaired father, Joseph Braganza. In Shimit Amin's Ab Tak Chhapan (2004), he channels Daya Nayak's naivete and bullheadedness as encounter specialist Sadhu Agashe. And in Prakash Jha's Raajneeti (2010), for instance, he is calm and composed, bereft of the bluster he was usually given, as he advises his young nephews, Prithviraj and Samar. Few films captured his late-stage sadness as Natsamrat (2016), a film adaptation of the Marathi play by Mahesh Manjrekar. It shows him as stage actor Ganpat Belwalkar, who divides his property between his two children, whose ingratitude leaves him and his wife homeless and broken.

As the Prince said in Hamlet: "What a piece of work is a man, How noble in reason, how infinite in faculty, In form and moving how express and admirable." And "yet to me, what is this quintessence of dust?" Patekar seemed to have been preparing himself for death by living every moment but also reflecting on it, through his life and through his work. Consider his monologue in Anil Mattoo's Yeshwant (1997) about the common man's life. "Subah ghar se niklo, bheed ka ek hissa bano. Shaam ko ghar jao, daru piyo aur bacchee paida karo, aur subah talak phir ek baar mar jao (Leave home in the morning, become part of the crowd. Go home in the evening, drink, make babies, and then wake up in the morning to die another day)," says his character Inspector Yeshwant Lohar.

His own comments about death a few days ago only deepen the sense of an ending. A life lived in full, full of achievements, replete with mistakes, but in every way complete. Veteran Indian actor Nana Patekar, known for his intense, fiery performances on stage and in film, has died at the age of 75 in Goa.

One of the most recognisable faces of Indian cinema, Patekar won three National Film Awards and became known for playing difficult and often volatile characters. He was also a prominent figure in Marathi language cinema and theatre.

He was admitted to a hospital after being found unconscious at his home in Goa in the early hours of Thursday.

"Despite 45 minutes of continuous CPR, he could not be revived," Dr Shekhar Salkar of Manipal Hospital in Goa told ANI news agency. Tributes have poured in from actors and politicians across India.

Dr Salkar later told PTI news agency that the hospital team found Patekar at his home "unconscious and almost unresponsive".

The team continued giving him CPR even while taking him to the hospital, located about 10 minutes away, but he was dead by the time they reached there, he added.

Dr Salkar said Patekar had suffered a cardiac arrest, but it was not clear what had triggered it.

Family, friends and fans paid their last respects to the actor at Goa Medical College, ahead of his funeral which was to take place later in the day with full state honours at his farm house in the western city of Pune in Maharashtra state. In the evening, his remains were flown to Pune by air ambulance, where the state's chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis paid his last respects, before Patekar's body was taken to his farm in Donje village for last rites to be performed.

Earlier, Prime Minister Narendra Modi led tributes to the actor, praising Patekar's versatility and outspoken personality.

Patekar portrayed characters that would "remain etched in the memory of generations", Modi wrote on X, adding that his death had left "a vast void in the artistic world".

FORM 6 CONTROVERSY: Read the Supreme Court judgment carefully



The controversy surrounding the Election Commission of India's September 26 press note on Form 6 highlights a larger problem in public discourse: complex judicial observations are often reduced to political claims and counterclaims without examining the precise language of the judgment.

The ECI had stated that the declaration attached to Form 6 for the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) had been upheld by the Supreme Court. Critics subsequently argued that the Commission had misrepresented the Court because the Supreme Court clarified that it had not upheld any "modification" of Form 6. At the heart of the controversy, however, lies an important distinction between modifying Form 6 itself and requiring an additional declaration to accompany it. Form 6 remains the statutory application for inclusion of a name in the electoral roll. Requiring a new applicant to submit an additional declaration in the context of an SIR does not necessarily mean that the statutory form itself has been altered. The two concepts should not be treated as interchangeable.

The Supreme Court's observations in the Bihar SIR judgment are relevant in this context. The Court recognised that a Special Intensive Revision is different from the ordinary revision process and that the Election Commission has the authority to prescribe additional documentation suited to the particular requirements of such an exercise. The judgment also examined the documentation prescribed by the Commission and found the requirements to be connected with the objective of maintaining the integrity of electoral rolls. This distinction is crucial. The Court may not have endorsed a "modification" of Form 6, but that does not automatically mean that every additional document required to accompany the form was rejected. Indeed, the Court's discussion of the Commission's power to prescribe documentation for an SIR must be read in its entirety rather than through isolated phrases. The ECI's press note, therefore, should be assessed on what it actually stated. If the Commission said that the declaration attached to Form 6 was upheld, that is materially different from claiming that the Court had approved a modification of Form 6 itself. The issue also points to a broader democratic responsibility. The Election Commission must communicate judicial decisions with maximum precision, particularly on matters as sensitive as electoral rolls. At the same time, political parties, commentators and media organisations have an equal responsibility to distinguish between what a judgment actually says and what they believe it implies.

Electoral integrity deserves rigorous scrutiny. But scrutiny is meaningful only when it is based on the complete record. In a constitutional democracy, disagreement with an institution is legitimate; attributing misrepresentation to it requires something more than a semantic dispute. The Form 6 controversy should therefore be settled not through competing slogans, but through a careful reading of the judgment. Modification of a statutory form and an additional declaration accompanying that form are two different propositions. Confusing them risks turning a question of legal interpretation into an unnecessary institutional confrontation.

DUE PROCESS MUST PREVAIL IN THE ELECTION COMMISSION DEBATE



The Supreme Court's refusal to pass an interim order seeking the suspension of Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar is a significant reminder that serious allegations concerning constitutional institutions must be tested against evidence, procedure and law rather than political rhetoric.

The petitions before the Court alleged that important decisions concerning the Special Intensive Revision of electoral rolls were taken unilaterally without the concurrence of the other Election Commissioners. The petitioners relied substantially on a media investigation. The Supreme Court, however, declined to act on the report alone and issued notices to the Election Commission and its members, allowing the institution an opportunity to place authentic records before the Court.

This approach is important for the health of constitutional democracy. A newspaper report may raise legitimate questions and trigger public scrutiny, but it cannot by itself become a substitute for evidence in judicial proceedings. Allegations against a constitutional authority demand careful examination, particularly when the requested relief could disrupt the functioning of an institution entrusted with conducting elections.

The Election Commission has maintained that differences expressed during internal deliberations are normal and that final decisions on the SIR were taken unanimously. Whether that position withstands judicial scrutiny will depend on the official records placed before the Court. The Court has also made it clear that if any decision is ultimately found to have violated the law or the required decision-making procedure, appropriate relief can still follow.

The larger issue, however, extends beyond the immediate dispute. Electoral rolls are the foundation of representative democracy. Ensuring that voter lists are accurate, updated and free from duplicate, ineligible or non-existent entries is essential to maintaining public confidence in elections. At the same time, any revision exercise must be transparent, lawful and sufficiently protective of genuine voters' rights.

Political parties are entitled to question the manner in which electoral rolls are revised, and the Election Commission must remain open to scrutiny. But political disagreement should not automatically be equated with institutional wrongdoing.

The Supreme Court's measured approach—seeking records, issuing notices and declining premature intervention—strikes an appropriate balance between accountability and institutional stability. In matters concerning elections, democracy is best served not by immediate conclusions, but by facts, transparency and due process.

GST Council scraps arrest powers, raises prosecution to Rs 5 cr



New Delhi: The GST Council on Thursday, October 8, approved scrapping the arrest powers of GST officers and raised the threshold to launch prosecution to Rs 5 crore from Rs 1 crore. "The rate structure is settled, so the Council has turned to how the tax works day to day," the finance ministry said, adding that GST rate changes will now happen once a year.

On input tax credit claims, the 57th GST Council decided to set up a Committee of Officers to examine how to protect a genuine buyer who holds a proper invoice, has received the goods, and has paid his supplier in full. "The Committee of Officers will complete its study within three months, and an agenda will be placed before the next Council meeting," the ministry said. The GST Council revoked GST officers' arrest powers.

The threshold for prosecution goes up from Rs 1 crore to Rs 5 crore. The minimum punishment stands removed, and the punishment- whether fine, imprisonment, or both- is left to judicial discretion in every case, as per the council decision. The general penalty, which applies where no specific penalty is provided, comes down from Rs 25,000 to Rs 10,000, the ministry said. The Goods and Services Tax (GST) Council on Thursday recommended a series of changes aimed at easing compliance, reducing procedural burdens and simplifying the GST regime, while leaving the existing tax rate structure unchanged.

Among the key decisions, the Council scrapped the arrest powers of tax officers and raised the threshold for prosecution to Rs 5 crore from Rs 1 crore. It also recommended common standards for GST notices and proceedings and decided that no notices would be issued for monetary amounts of Rs 10,000 or below. Pending notices below the threshold will also be withdrawn. The Council approved easier compliance norms for small sellers on e-commerce platforms and recommended allowing employers to claim input tax credit on GST paid on employee insurance cover. It also shortened the time limit for acknowledging refund claims from 15 days to 10 days. Talking about the reform finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman "Expects this set of GST process reforms to stabilise over next one year".

"About 99 pc issues related to rate, processes have been addressed by next-generation GST reforms," FM added.

Following are the key decisions taken at the 57th GST Council meeting chaired by FM Nirmala Sitharaman

Arrest powers: GST officers' powers to arrest have been revoked. Prosecution threshold: The threshold for launching prosecution has been raised to Rs 5 crore from Rs 1 crore. Punishment: The minimum punishment for offences has been removed, with courts to decide whether to impose a fine, imprisonment or both.

General penalty: The general penalty, applicable where no specific penalty is prescribed, has been reduced to Rs 10,000 from Rs 25,000. GST notices: Common standards will be followed for GST notices and proceedings, with no notices issued for amounts of Rs 10,000 or below; pending notices below the threshold will also be withdrawn.

Dreame Technology Announces Great Indian Festival 2026 Sale with Its Best-Ever Prices on Smart Home and Personal Care Products



New Delhi, India, October 08, 2026: With the Amazon Great Indian Festival just around the corner, Dreame Technology, a global leader in smart home innovation, is bringing its smart home and personal care range to consumers with exclusive offers on Amazon India. Starting today, the sale will feature attractive deals across Dreame's portfolio of robotic vacuums, wet and dry vacuum cleaners, cordless stick vacuums and grooming solutions, giving consumers an opportunity to upgrade their everyday routines with smart technology. The products will also be available at the same festive prices on the Dreame India website, Croma and Reliance Retail.

As Indian households gear up for the season, Dreame's range brings together intelligent automation, advanced cleaning technologies and convenient product experiences designed to make everyday home care simpler. Consumers can avail attractive deals, along with No-cost EMI, additional bank and cashback offers across select products during the sale period.

Manu Sharma, Managing Director, Dreame Technology, India, said, "The festive season is a time to come together, celebrate and make time for what matters most. At Dreame, we believe technology should do more than simplify everyday tasks — it should help people live smartly, giving them greater convenience and more time to focus on the things that matter. Through the Amazon Great Indian Festival Sale, we are making our smart home and personal care solutions more accessible to Indian consumers, enabling them to bring greater intelligence and ease into their everyday routines. As we continue to strengthen our presence in India, our focus remains on delivering thoughtful innovations backed by a seamless ownership experience for our consumers."

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Dreame Mova J20: Was 10,999, now 7,999

Paytm, Mobikwik shares fall amid UPI MDR rollout delay reports



New Delhi: Shares of Paytm, One Mobikwik Systems and other fintech firms ended lower on Thursday, October 8, amid reports that a proposal to defer the rollout of merchant discount rate (MDR) on UPI to January 1, from October 15, is under consideration. One 97 Communications, which owns the Paytm brand, tanked 10 per cent to Rs 1,560.60 during the day on the BSE. It finally ended at Rs 1,640, down 5.42 per cent.

One Mobikwik Systems shares dropped 8.43 per cent to Rs 234.40 in intraday deals. The stock later ended 4.57 per cent lower at Rs 244.30. Pine Labs declined 4.95 per cent to Rs 168.75 during the day before ending at Rs 169.75, down 4.39 per cent. Network People Services Technologies dropped by 3.39 per cent to close at Rs 1,791.30.

Last month, the government allowed charging MDR under which transactions above Rs 2,000 will attract a fee of 0.4 per cent.

Shares of fintech firms jumped when the announcement was made last month amid hopes that this will generate additional revenue. According to reports, a proposal to defer the rollout of merchant discount rate on Unified Payments Interface (UPI) to January 1 from October 15 is under consideration, with a decision expected in the next few days.

Meanwhile, economic think tank GTRI said on Thursday that the government should withdraw the proposed UPI charges, scheduled to take effect on October 15, and keep the digital payment system free for merchants and consumers. Last month, the government allowed charging MDR under which transactions above Rs 2,000 will attract a fee of 0.4 per cent.

Anytime Fitness India Marks 200+ Club Milestone with Nationwide Member Celebrations Across 45+ Cities



Anytime Fitness India marked a major milestone in its Indian growth journey as the fitness brand crossed the 200-club mark, serving over 2 lakh members across 45+ cities. The milestone was celebrated across the country on October 5, with members and club teams coming together for cake-cutting celebrations, giving the occasion a strong community-led character. The achievement also marks another step towards the brand's larger vision of reaching 500 clubs across India by 2030.

Mr. Vikas Jain, Managing Director, Anytime Fitness India, said, "Crossing 200+ clubs is a proud milestone for Anytime Fitness India, but what makes it special is the people behind that number. Our members are the true ambassadors of this journey. Their goals, challenges, progress and everyday commitment have shaped the community we have built across India. We have grown because more people are making fitness part of their everyday lives, and that gives us even greater confidence about where we are headed next."

The milestone was further amplified through a large-scale marketing and PR campaign featuring print and digital media activations across Ahmedabad, Bengaluru, Delhi, Gurugram, Hyderabad, Jaipur, Kolkata, Lucknow, Mumbai and Noida. Built around the playful "Rest Day" message, the campaign placed members at the centre of the celebration and recognised the role they have played in shaping Anytime Fitness India's growth over the years.

For a fitness brand, a club count tells only part of the story. Behind the 200+ clubs is a growing community of members, franchise partners and fitness professionals who have helped make fitness part of everyday life for people across the country. The 200+ club milestone also sets the stage for the next phase of the brand's expansion. Anytime Fitness India has set its sights on 500 clubs across the country by 2030, with Tier 1 and Tier 2 markets forming an important part of its growth strategy. Demand from emerging cities continues alongside established metropolitan markets, creating opportunities for the brand to take organised and professionally managed fitness closer to more consumers.The expansion strategy is centered on identifying the right locations, working with strong local franchise partners and developing clubs that maintain consistent standards while offering members a welcoming community experience. The brand's growth also extends beyond its club network through initiatives such as FitCraft and Be Fit Fest, which bring together trainers, members and fitness enthusiasts around training, nutrition, recovery and active living.

Enjoy Great Deals on Sennheiser Products During the Amazon Great Indian Festival 2026



New Delhi, 08th October 2026: Sennheiser, a global leader in audio innovation, has announced exclusive offers on its premium product lineup for the upcoming Amazon Great Freedom Festival Sale 2026 starting October 8, 2026. Customers can enjoy discounts of up to 60% on select Sennheiser products, including the MOMENTUM 4, Profile USB Microphone/Profile Streaming Set, MOMENTUM True Wireless 4, HD 490 PRO/ HD 490 PRO Plus, HDB 630, and MKE 600. Additionally, shoppers can avail of No Cost EMI options for up to 24 months, along with exclusive bank offers.

MOMENTUM 4

Discover true audiophile sound with Sennheiser's MOMENTUM 4, engineered for exceptional comfort and signature high-fidelity audio. Powered by Sennheiser's audiophile-inspired 42mm transducer system, it delivers rich, detailed sound paired with Adaptive Noise Cancellation and Transparency Mode that adjusts automatically to your surroundings. Personalize your listening with built-in EQ, presets, sound modes, and sound personalisation, all accessible via the Sennheiser Smart Control App. Enjoy outstanding battery life with up to 60 hours of playback and fast charging, along with crystal-clear calls thanks to four digital beamforming microphones and automatic wind noise suppression. A lightweight design with a padded headband and deep-cushioned earpads ensures long-lasting comfort for all-day wear. Available at an offer price of ?17,990 (inclusive of bank discount), against an MRP of ?34,990.

Capture studio-quality audio with the Sennheiser Profile USB Microphone, a premium USB-C condenser microphone designed for podcasters, streamers, voiceover artists, and content creators. Featuring a cardioid condenser capsule for professional sound with excellent off-axis rejection, the Profile delivers exceptional vocal clarity while minimizing unwanted background noise. With intuitive onboard controls for Gain, Mix, and Volume, a soft-touch mute button, real-time headphone monitoring, and an adjustable self-locking tilt mechanism for precise positioning, it offers effortless plug-and-play performance across MacOS, Windows, iPadOS, and Android devices. Available at an offer price of ?6,990 (inclusive of GST), against an MRP of ?12,900, with a 46% discount. And the Profile Streaming Set available at an offer price of ?11,990 (inclusive of GST), against an MRP of ?19,900, with a 40% discount.

MOMENTUM TRUE WIRELESS 4

Experience next-gen audio with Sennheiser's MOMENTUM True Wireless 4, combining signature sound, lossless audio, and future-ready tech. Powered by the TrueResponse transducer system, it delivers high-fidelity 24-bit/96kHz sound with Adaptive Noise Cancellation, Transparency Mode, and personalized audio via the Smart Control App. Enjoy up to 30 hours of playtime, Qi wireless charging, intuitive touch controls, and crystal-clear calls through a 6-mic setup, all in a sleek, all-day comfort design. Available at an offer price of ?14,990 (inclusive of bank discount), against an MRP of ?29,990 during the Amazon Great Indian festival.

Crafted for precision-driven creators, the Sennheiser HD 490 PRO combines an open-back design and ultra-wide soundstage with an uncoloured frequency response for accurate, detailed sound reproduction. Its low-frequency cylinder system delivers a defined low end, while two interchangeable ear-pad sets support both producing and mixing. Lightweight, pressure-free ergonomics make it comfortable for extended studio sessions, while its open-frame architecture helps minimise resonance and distortion. Available at an offer price of ?24,490 (inclusive of GST), against an MRP of ?40,000, with a 39% discount. Also available in the HD 490 PRO Plus variant, offering the same professional-grade audio performance with additional accessories for an enhanced studio setup. Available at an offer price of ?27,990 (inclusive of GST), against an MRP of ?45,000, with a 38% discount.

HDB 630

Designed for discerning audiophiles, the Sennheiser HDB 630 combines a closed-back design with a 42 mm audiophile-tuned transducer to deliver neutral, detailed sound with lifelike mids and a wide soundstage. Its support for aptX HD and aptX Adaptive, along with USB-C and analogue connectivity, enables high-resolution listening up to 24-bit/96 kHz. The included BTD 700 Bluetooth USB-C dongle enables high-resolution wireless audio, while the advanced parametric equalizer and crossfeed feature allow users to precisely tailor their listening experience. Adaptive noise cancellation helps minimise distractions without compromising clarity, while up to 60 hours of battery life supports extended listening sessions. The HDB 630 is available at an offer price of ?36,490 (inclusive of bank discount) during the Amazon Great Indian festival.

MKE 600

Bring focused, professional-grade audio to your video shoots with the Sennheiser MKE 600, a highly directional shotgun microphone designed to handle demanding filmmaking challenges. Its supercardioid/lobar pickup pattern captures sound from the direction of the camera while effectively reducing noise from the sides and rear. A switchable Low-Cut filter helps minimise wind noise, while phantom or battery powering offers flexibility across cameras and camcorders.

RUSSIAN STRIKE ON BUSES KILLS AT LEAST 30

At least 30 people have been killed in a Russian glide bomb attack on two civilian buses in the eastern front line city of Kramatorsk, rescue officials say. Authorities said three people were also killed in the village of Bilenke, part of the Kramatorsk community. Another 18 people were wounded, said Donetsk regional head Vadym Filashkin, accusing Russia of targeting buses carrying passengers to kill as many civilians as possible. Kramatorsk and neighbouring Slovyansk are part of a so-called fortress belt that Moscow is trying to seize as part of Russian President Vladimir Putin's claim to the entire Ukrainian industrial region of Donbas. Ukraine's President Volodymyr Zelensky said: "This strike will not go without our response." In a post on Telegram, he said: "Russia is trying to destroy all life in Donbas, and the world needs to react to this. React harshly - exactly as the Russians deserve for all the deaths they have caused." Images posted by local prosecutors showed the burning metal shell of the bus along with debris and some of the victims on the road. Moscow is yet to comment on the latest attack. It follows a dramatic surge in Russian attacks across the country and a heavy increase in civilian casualties. According to the UN, Ukraine saw more civilians killed by August this year than were killed in all of 2025. In one single attack that destroyed a five-storey block of flats in Pryluky east of Kyiv early on Wednesday, 22 people were killed, including five children. Three of the children were only one year old. UK Foreign Secretary Ed Miliband, meeting Zelensky in Kyiv on Thursday, said the attack in Pryluky showed Putin's "evil intent and evil strategy". He announced "more sanctions on Russia, on the war machine of Putin, on the shadow fleet, on the oil companies, on the crypto, on the financing of the war" and told Zelensky the UK would stand with Ukraine "as long as it takes for you to prevail in this conflict". After the deadly attack on Kramatorsk, Donetsk regional head Filashkin appealed to anyone who was still in the eastern front line region to move to safer parts of Ukraine. Given the sharp deterioration of security in the two neighbouring cities, he said all public transport had been ordered to stop. The safety of civilians was paramount, and "we have no right to risk the lives of passengers and drivers", he said. Moscow has often cited the "liberation" and "protection" of the predominantly Russian-speaking Donbas as justification for the full-scale invasion of Ukraine. It is made up of two regions - Luhansk and Donetsk - and with most of Luhansk under Russian control, the Kremlin is also aiming to capture remaining 20% of Donetsk territory still held by Ukraine. For much of the war Kramatorsk acted as a logistics and supply hub for the Ukrainian military, however it has now come under almost daily Russian attack as its military moves closer to the east of the city. Glide bombs in particular have been launched at Slovyansk and Kramatorsk. The bombs are fitted with winglets so they glide towards their target rather than simply fall. In late August as many as nine glide bombs were fired at Kramatorsk in one day. Kramatorsk City Council described the strike as a "horrific crime committed by the Russian army against the civilian population". "Once again, the Russians have struck a location where there are absolutely no military targets," it said. Russia is also launching constant air raids on the capital Kyiv, with sirens ringing throughout the day. Kyiv's mayor Vitali Klitschko said attacks on Thursday had killed three people, with 14 others injured. Two of the eight injured are in a critical condition. The attacks are forcing schoolchildren out of classes into shelters, shuttering businesses, and disrupting public transport. Russian attacks on Ukrainian infrastructure, particularly on its energy grid, are causing power outages already and are even affecting the water supply. Local water authorities in the capital warned on Thursday that pressure was dropping across the city's right bank due to power cuts. Zelensky offered his condolences to families and loved ones affected by the latest attack and said Ukraine's partners needed to provide "concrete action through new defence packages for the protection of Ukraine". Ahead of the Pryluky attack, the Ukrainian leader had warned this week of intelligence suggesting plans for a major Russian onslaught, and in Kyiv families responded by heading to metro stations for shelter. Such warnings are for now one of the only defences Ukrainians have. Interceptor missiles are in short supply around the world, so Ukraine has little chance to stop incoming Russian ballistics. Both Russia and Ukraine have intensified long-range strikes on each other in recent months, with Russian attacks targeting Ukrainian data centres and logistics warehouses.



ITALY APPROVES ELECTIONS OVERHAUL AS OPPOSITION ACCUSE MELONI OF 'SCAM'



Italy's parliament has approved fiercely contested changes to the country's electoral system championed by Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni ahead of elections due next year. Lawmakers voted 227 to 164 in favour of moving to a fully proportional system, which Meloni has argued will boost the chance of clear winners and more stable government. Opposition parties say her right-wing coalition has designed the proposals to improve its chance of retaining power and, in a heated debate on Thursday, accused it of pushing through the "fraudulent" reform to flout democracy. Meloni had warned she could resign and trigger an early election if the plans were rejected, with the secret ballot seen as a test of her authority. Meloni's coalition has overseen a rare period of political stability for Italy since her election in 2022, and last month her government became the country's longest-running since World War Two. The voting reform will see the country move away from its current hybrid voting system, in which about a third of members are chosen through a first-past-the-post vote and the rest through proportional representation. Parties proposing to form a coalition will be required to put forward their joint candidate for prime minister, and their political programme, before any general election. A party or coalition which emerges with the largest share of the votes - provided this exceeds 42% - will be awarded 105 additional seats in parliament (70 in the lower house and 35 in the senate), which could turn a narrow victory into a more comfortable majority. Centre-left members held up signs with slogans including "No to the scam" and "fraudulent law" during a debate ahead of the vote, and accused the government of forcing through the new voting rules. "Go ahead and change the electoral law, we will win in any case under any voting system," said Democratic Party (PD) leader Elly Schlein. Five Star leader and former Prime Minister Giuseppe Conte told AFP news agency that the move was "a mess, a convoluted scheme, devised solely to find a formula to gain an advantage in the upcoming elections". The proposals have also exposed tensions within the ranks of Meloni's coalition, too, with the Brothers of Italy (FdI) party and its allies, the far-right League and centre-right Forza Italia. Analysts had predicted that Thursday's final vote was unlikely to fail - particularly given the number of lawmakers who would risk losing their eligibility for a parliamentary pension if their term was ended early as a result of the threatened snap election. "To those who hoped to see the centre-right divided," Meloni wrote on social media after the vote, "today we respond with facts: we are united, cohesive, and determined to carry forward the commitments made to citizens." She added: "We are introducing rules designed to promote the stability and parliamentary coherence of any government, regardless of its political colour." Meloni's term officially comes to an end in October 2027, although she could bring elections forward to the spring.

Arizona congressional candidate says she was raped while repairing campaign sign



A congressional candidate in Arizona has said she was raped in a car park as she repaired campaign signs late at night in her district. Bernadette Greene-Placentia, a Democrat, told the Phoenix New Times she was knocked unconscious during the alleged attack in the Phoenix suburb of Sun City on 14 August, waking up to find a man on top of her. She said she did not initially notify police until filing a report with the Maricopa County Sheriff's Office two weeks later. Her Republican opponent, Abraham Hamadeh, urged authorities in a statement to "investigate these serious allegations thoroughly, including finding all possible camera footage of the time and place". "No American should become a victim of a crime in their own community," said Hamadeh, who is running for a second term in office. Greene-Placentia told the Phoenix New Times she was "embarrassed" and "just wanted to forget", but felt compelled stand up for other victims. The candidate said she often speaks on the campaign trail about fighting for Arizonans. She told the Phoenix New Times: "I didn't feel like I could keep saying that if I weren't also fighting for women that are victims of sexual assault." The BBC has contacted the Maricopa County Sheriff's Office for comment. A sheriff's spokesman told the New York Times the investigation was ongoing. After the attack, Greene-Placentia said she withdrew from the public for two days, staying in an apartment separate from her husband and skipping a campaign event.

'EVERY DAY THERE IS KILLING':

GAZANS FACE ISRAELI STRIKES DESPITE CEASEFIRE AS PEACE DEAL STALLS

In her tent in central Gaza early one morning last month, 31-year-old Fida al-Toutah, a mother of five, was combing her daughter's hair when the sound of gunfire erupted. "My mother shouted at us to get down," her son Ezz recalled, weeping as he spoke. He only realised Fida had been hit when he saw the bloodied hands of his younger brother, who had been clinging onto his mother as the bullets came in. "Our mother was so kind and generous. What did she do wrong?" Ezz said. Fida died on 21 September from a gunshot wound to the head. She is among more than 1,400 people in Gaza who have been killed in Israeli attacks since the start of the ceasefire on 10 October last year, according to Gaza's Hamas-run health ministry, whose figures are considered reliable by the UN. The ceasefire saw thousands of Palestinians held by Israel released in return for all of the 48 remaining hostages held in Gaza, and an agreement to end the war - which was triggered by the Hamas-led attack on Israel on 7 October 2023, when about 1,200 people were killed and 251 taken hostage. On the ground in Gaza, it meant that Israel's large-scale bombardment stopped, which brought substantial relief and an increase in humanitarian aid and medical supplies entering the territory. But



even during the ceasefire, Israel has continued launching strikes in Gaza almost every day. In the past week alone more than 30 people have been killed, according to Gaza's health ministry. Israel says it is targeting Hamas operatives, and accuses Hamas of continued violations of the ceasefire. "It [the ceasefire] is all lies. Every day there's a shooting. Every day there is killing and death lurking around," said Ahed, Fida's husband. In response to the BBC's questions about Fida's killing, the Israel Defense Forces (IDF) said they had no record of the incident. The total death toll from Israeli attacks since the start of the war in Gaza three years ago now stands at more than 74,000, according to the Gaza health ministry. Outside Fida's tent, her brother Ibrahim pointed to the holes he said were made by a volley of bullets fired by Israeli forces.

"This tent is just a piece of cloth. Imagine that a military vehicle came down here and fired a spray of bullets," he said. "There was also gunfire coming from the sky, from above, from quadcopters, and it was directed at unarmed civilians." Fida is the fourth of Ibrahim's siblings to be killed since the start of the war. "We left our neighbourhood Zeitoun to survive, but death is following us," he said.

Venezuela's ex-leader Nicolás Maduro charged with conspiracy to commit torture



Prosecutors in the United States have accused Venezuela's former leader Nicolás Maduro and his wife, Cilia Flores, of conspiracy to commit torture. The fresh charges against the couple were made public on Thursday and are in addition to the drug-trafficking and weapons charges already brought against them, which they have denied. Maduro, 63, and Flores, 69, have been in custody since January in a detention centre in Brooklyn, where they were taken after US forces seized them in a pre-dawn raid on their compound in the Venezuelan capital, Caracas. Human rights groups in Venezuela and former prisoners have long denounced what they have described as "systematic torture" in Venezuelan jails. The new accusations relate to the alleged torture of US citizens who were being held in Venezuela while Maduro was in power. The superseding indictment unsealed on Thursday accuses the former presidential couple of "entrenching themselves in power" by presiding "over a system of repression that relied on violence against political opposition, arbitrary detention, and the torture of detainees, including United States citizens".



Residents airlifted to safety after flooding in central Chile

Most UK diplomats to leave East Jerusalem consulate, Israel says, as Miliband says 'vital services' to remain



=Most diplomats will leave the British consulate in occupied East Jerusalem, Israel says, but the UK insists the building "will not be closing", and will operate as a "UK Mission". "We did not want it to come to this," Israeli Foreign Minister Gideon Saar wrote on social media, as he said 20 diplomats and the consul general would leave Israel while a task force of seven could remain in the building "with a very limited scope of activity". UK Foreign Secretary Ed Miliband responded that some staff had been "temporarily withdrawn" for security reasons, but stressed the mission will "work with the Palestinian people". Israel said in September it would shut the consulate, in retaliation for UK sanctions on Israeli settlements in the occupied West Bank which are illegal under international law. The UK government had made last-ditch efforts to persuade Israel not to close the British consulate ahead of Thursday's deadline, after the Israeli government said it would close the consulate within 30 days of the UK sanctions announcement. The consulate, which was first established in 1838, handles UK relations with Palestinians in Jerusalem as well as in the West Bank and Gaza. It is distinct from the UK embassy in Tel Aviv, which is the UK's main diplomatic hub with Israel. Israeli Foreign Minister Gideon Saar said the country had implemented measures announced on 8 September in response to UK sanctions. "The British Consulate in Jerusalem is closing its operations today. Accordingly, the sign of the British Consulate in Jerusalem has been removed," he wrote on social media. However, the British flag could still be seen outside on Thursday morning, and several staff were seen entering. Saar said talks with the UK government had resulted in agreement on certain principles, including that "the consul general and 20 diplomats (including the consul general) are ending their duties and will leave Israel." But Saar acknowledged that the building is "the property of the British government" and said Israel had authorised "a task force of only seven diplomats with a very limited scope of activity" to operate in the building. As a result of this agreement with the UK, he said, "no steps will be taken against Israel".

"MOST HANDSOME MAN THAT'S EVER BEEN SEEN"

Cody Rhodes Praises Vidyut Jammwal On Street Fighter Set

Cody Rhodes has said that meeting Vidyut Jammwal on the Street Fighter set left him phoning his wife about it. "I think I've met the most handsome man that's ever been seen," the wrestler told her. He and Andrew Schulz spent much of a podcast appearance describing the Indian actor as a monk, as the Jackie Chan of India and as the GOAT. Jammwal plays Dhalsim in the film, which is out on October 16. Rhodes plays Guile, and Schulz plays Dan Hibiki in it.



CODY RHODES RANG HOME AFTER THE FIRST MEETING

The first impression went beyond the usual courtesies between cast members. Rhodes said that everybody who met Jammwal on the production went away and told somebody else about it, and that he was one of them. He described calling Brandi Rhodes about it the same day, and the line he used with her is the one being shared. The two of them also agreed that "his body's absolutely shredded" and that he is "one of the most handsome guys ever."

The meeting itself was not what Rhodes expected. He admitted that he initially assumed Jammwal was in costume, because of the clogs and the jewelry, and said he was not sure at first whether the actor spoke English. "He's a quiet guy until you open him up," Rhodes said.

Vidyut Jammwal left gifts for the cast and a scroll on Cody Rhodes' bus

The part of the account that landed hardest was not about looks. Jammwal gave Rhodes the skull necklace he had been wearing, which Rhodes had noticed on the first day.

He left more than that behind. "He wrote a handwritten scroll and left it on my bus on my last day," Rhodes said, adding that Jammwal also gave him two shawls because his daughter was born during filming. Rhodes summed up the actor in four words. "Just the kindest, nicest," he said, before confirming that Jammwal is a practicing monk rather than that being a joke about him.

VIDYUT JAMMWAL TOLD THEM PROTEIN IS A MYTH

The conversations on set went somewhere neither of them expected. Asked how he maintains his physique on a diet with no meat, Jammwal told them that "protein is a myth." The reply stopped the conversation. "I was like, sorry, say that again," one of them recalled, and they said it was a new subject every day with him. They also pressed him on his background. Jammwal told them that Kalaripayattu, the oldest form of martial art, began in India, and that ten generations of his family have practiced it. "If you look up his stunt work, it's f***ing unbelievable," they said. Jammwal has invited both men to come to India, and Rhodes said WWE has wanted to run something there for years.

WWE HAD VERY DIFFERENT PLANS FOR EL GRANDE AMERICANO; DETAILS REVEALED



Chad Gable has revealed that WWE had much bigger plans for his El Grande Americano character before a shoulder injury changed the angle. Speaking on INSIGHT with Chris Van Vliet, Gable explained that he was supposed to keep pushing the fake "best luchador in the world" act while taking shots at lucha libre. The character started as a parody in 2025, with Gable using a fake accent and very exaggerated behaviour. After his injury last summer, Ludwig Kaiser took over the mask and later changed how the character was shown. So Gable came back to face Kaiser in a Mask vs. Mask match.

GABLE PLANNED TO KEEP ATTACKING LUCHA LIBRE

The original idea was not for El Grande Americano to become a respectful tribute to lucha libre. Gable said the plan was to keep building heat around the character after Rey Mysterio was injured before their planned WrestleMania 41 match.

Gable explained that he was working the angle through both El Grande Americano and his regular Chad Gable character. His match with Vikingo also had the same insults toward lucha libre, and nobody in the arena was really safe from them.

"So from there, I continued kind of this assault right on the whole lucha libre culture and all this stuff, and I did it as both characters."

Gable said the character could have gone in several directions while he kept claiming to be the best luchador around.

NEW-LOOK INDIA WOMEN GO DOWN 0-4 TO RUSSIA IN KOLKATA FRIENDLY

A new-look Indian women's national team held their own for much of the first half before conceding a 0-4 defeat to Russia in the first of two international friendlies at a rain-soaked Kishore Bharati Krirangan on Thursday. Iana Sheina's moment of brilliance gave the visitors the lead in the 40th minute, and substitute Kira Petukhova struck twice in the 60th and 65th minutes. Iana Svistunova completed the scoring in the 81st minute as Russia's sustained pressure wore down the Blue Tigresses after the break. Head coach Crispin Chettri used the occasion to test his emerging players, handing international debuts to Babysana Devi Thingbaijam, Malati Munda, Cindy Colney, Shubhangi Singh, Dhurga Perumal and Sibani Devi Nongmeikapam. Goalkeeper Monalisha Devi Moirangthem made her first start and earned her third cap overall. The 69th-ranked Blue Tigresses faced a considerable challenge against 27th-ranked Russia in what was India's first-ever women's international match in Kolkata. Yet, for much of the opening half, the hosts defended with discipline and created opportunities that could have changed the course of the contest. Russia enjoyed more possession and territorial control, pushing players forward to stretch India's defensive shape. The Blue Tigresses responded with a compact block, tracking runners and closing passing lanes, while Monalisha stood firm behind them. India's best opening came around the half-hour mark when the ball dropped kindly for Malavika P for a potential close-range finish. Russian goalkeeper Natalia Silina reacted quickly, charging out to deal with the danger before the forward could capitalise. Lynda Kom Serto also had an opportunity later in the half, but India were unable to turn their moments of promise into a goal. The breakthrough instead came through Sheina's individual quality.



Team India Picked Bhuvneshwar Kumar Again After 4 Years, Coach Reveals What Changed

When you make a comeback to the Indian cricket team after four years at the age of 36, that too as a specialist pacer, there is bound to be a buzz. The same is the case with Bhuvneshwar Kumar. The veteran pacer last played for India in November 2022. He will again be seen in action in the blue jersey starting this month against New Zealand. Bhuvneshwar Kumar's vast experience, coupled with his strong IPL form over the past two seasons, has led to his recall to India's T20I squad for the New Zealand series, assistant coach Sitanshu Kotak said in Ranchi on Wednesday. The 36-year-old veteran pacer, who last played for India during the November 2022 series against New Zealand, has earned a well-deserved return to the national side after impressive performances for Royal Challengers Bengaluru in the IPL, having played a key role in RCB's back-to-back title triumphs in 2025 and 2026. Bhuvneshwar took 45 wickets across the two seasons (17 in 2025 and 28 in 2026). India will face New Zealand in a T20I series after the ongoing five-match engagement against the West Indies, and Kotak suggested that the selectors may have felt the need to add experience to an otherwise young bowling group. "One thing is obviously with the selectors, but I can give you an answer based on what I think. In England, I personally felt that with Bumrah not being around and a lot of young bowlers playing, you can't beat experience," Kotak said at the pre-match media interaction ahead of the second T20I against the West Indies. "The young bowlers are good, they are performing well and getting selected, but at some stage you also need some experience. "That might be one reason. Another thing is that Bhuvneshwar has been doing really well in the IPL for the last two seasons. So the selectors must have thought that, for New Zealand conditions and all, obviously he has been doing well and we need some experience.



Third Year Running: Pakistan Super League Refuses To Avoid IPL Window

The Pakistan Super League (PSL) will run concurrently with the Indian Premier League (IPL) for the third successive year, with the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) on Thursday confirming March 18 to May 2 as the window for the 12th edition of its premier T20 competition. The PCB finalised the window after consultations with the owners and representatives of the eight franchises at a PSL Governing Council meeting in London on September 1. The PSL window again overlaps with the IPL, which is traditionally held during the same period. The PCB had shifted the PSL's 2025 window from February-March because of international commitments and other events, resulting in the two leagues being played simultaneously. The PCB said details of the schedule, venues and ticketing arrangements would be announced later. The next phase of preparations will include direct signings, player retentions, a trade window and the player auction. The PCB is yet to release the audited financial details of the 11th edition, although there have been reports of broadcasters falling short of revenue targets and some franchises expressing dissatisfaction over their financial returns from the league. The board also recently sold the broadcasting rights for its 25-match home international season across all three formats for Rs 350 crore, significantly below its reported initial asking price of Rs 600 crore.



Carlos Alcaraz, Jannik Sinner, Naomi Osaka Commit To Australian Open '1 Point Slam'

The Australian Open will revive its innovative "1 Point Slam" in 2027 with Carlos Alcaraz, Coco Gauff, Naomi Osaka and Jannik Sinner among those agreeing to take part Thursday. The sudden-death contest was played for the first time at Melbourne Park this year ahead of the opening Grand Slam of the year, pitting 24 professionals alongside 24 amateurs and celebrity wildcards. Each match consisted of just one point – win and you advanced, lose and you were out. Against the odds, amateur Jordan Smith sensationally upset the star-studded field at a packed Rod Laver Arena to collect a Aus$1 million (US$670,000) prize.



"Cringe": Nassourdine Imavov's UFC PI Exit Sparks Savage Response From Sean Strickland



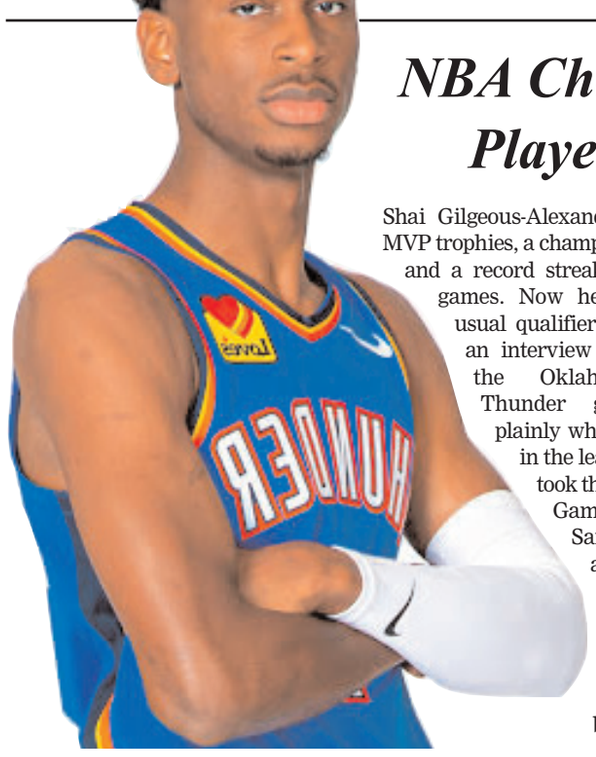
UFC middleweight champion Sean Strickland has dismissed Nassourdine Imavov's gym confrontation at the UFC Performance Institute as "fake content" and "the definition of cringe." The French contender was filmed being restrained by security while pressing Strickland to sign for their long-discussed title rematch. A fight now in doubt amid a bitter pay dispute between the champion and the promotion. Negotiations remain stalled. Strickland has openly threatened to vacate the belt and explore boxing. What looked like a clear middleweight title rematch has turned into a messy standoff.

Sean Strickland responds after Nassourdine Imavov pulled up on him at the UFC PI today: "Cringe... his training partner knows our schedule because he's trained with us. But instead chose to go to the PI with the nicest underpaid staff and full security to get content. It was all fake content. If anything it's just mildly uncomfortable. 4 guys with iPhones and security lol I just felt awkward."

IMAVOV INTENSIFIES THE PRESSURE AS STRICKLAND'S CONTRACT STANDOFF POSTPONES THE TITLE FIGHT

Nassourdine Imavov, the No. 1 contender at 185 pounds, has been aggressively lobbying for his title shot after beating Chris Curtis in August to cement his position. He first visited Strickland's gym, posting a video in which he said, "I'm here in your gym. Sign the contract. Do you need a pen? Or do you need balls?" The following day, he located the champion at the UFC PI in Las Vegas, where the two almost engaged in a physical altercation before staff intervened.

NBA Champion Shai Gilgeous-Alexander Makes Bold "Best Player In The NBA" Claim Ahead Of 2026-27 Season



Shai Gilgeous-Alexander has two MVP trophies, a championship ring and a record streak of 20-point games. Now he wants the usual qualifier dropped. In an interview with TIME, the Oklahoma City Thunder guard said plainly where he ranks in the league. He also took the blame for a Game 7 loss to San Antonio and spoke about the teammates who make his numbers possible. The reigning back-to-back MVP did not soften a word of it. The Thunder open the 2026-27 season against those same Spurs on Oct. 20.

SHAI GILGEOUS-ALEXANDER MAKES SURPRISING "BEST PLAYER" CLAIM

Speaking from the back of an SUV outside his offseason home near Toronto, Shai Gilgeous-Alexander appears to be confident. "I think I'm the best player in the NBA," he said. "I think the production that I have night in and night out is best-player-in-the-NBA production. I think the efficiency that I do it at is best-player-in-the-NBA efficiency."

The $285 million star's statline somewhat supports his claim. He swept the regular-season MVP, scoring title and Finals MVP in a single year, a feat only Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, Michael Jordan and Shaquille O'Neal had managed. In March he passed Wilt Chamberlain with 126 straight games of 20 or more points. Not everyone loves his style at the free-throw line. Victor Wembanyama set off the debate in December by praising "pure and ethical basketball" after a Spurs win. Gilgeous-Alexander is not bothered. "And if a narrative on social media is the worst that comes from this game for me, well, I'd take that a million times out of a million times," he said. Shai Gilgeous-Alexander Makes Honest Admission About Thunder's Roster Oklahoma City fell to San Antonio in seven games, and the 6-foot-6 guard pointed at himself. "The MVP of the league waited until Game 7 to have a good game," he said. He also defended center Chet Holmgren, who finished the finale with four points. "I don't think it's on Chet," he said . "I carry a lot of the weight." Jalen Williams and Ajay Mitchell had missed key games in that series. "These guys rebound, dive on loose balls, do all the dirty work," he continued. "They essentially play off of me." After each MVP award he has bought his teammates gifts, from Rolexes in 2025 to Audemars Piguet watches in May.

BHARATEEYUDU 3:

War Mode – Kamal Haasan and Shankar Set the Stage for Senapathy's Resurgence



Nearly three decades after Bharateeyudu introduced Senapathy to Telugu audiences, and two years after Bharateeyudu 2 brought the iconic vigilante back into the present, the franchise is now preparing to reveal the story behind the man himself. The journey that began with Kamal Haasan and Shankar in 1996 has grown into a larger narrative spanning generations, with the glimpse of Bharateeyudu 3 pointing towards a compelling new chapter in Senapathy's past. Its period setting, freedom-struggle backdrop and glimpses of the forces that shaped him have already created strong curiosity around what lies ahead.

The Bharateeyudu 3 glimpse, unveiled as part of Bharateeyudu 2, marked a striking departure from the contemporary world of the franchise. Set against the backdrop of the freedom struggle, it presented a younger Senapathy and opened a window into the historical circumstances behind the character audiences have known for decades. The glimpse also introduced Kajal Aggarwal in a significant role and featured S. J. Suryah, while its period setting, action and dramatic visuals offered an early indication of the scale and tone of the third chapter.

That period setting is central to the identity of Bharateeyudu 3. The original Indian, known as Bharateeyudu in Telugu, established Senapathy as a former freedom fighter whose uncompromising sense of justice eventually led him to wage a personal war against corruption. The third chapter turns back to the experiences that shaped those convictions, taking the audience deeper into the making of the man behind the legend. Director Shankar has previously confirmed that the film contains a substantial period portion, opening up a different dimension of Senapathy's journey.

The film is now moving into a crucial stage of production, with editing currently underway and the remaining portions of the shoot scheduled to begin in 10 days. A release date announcement is also expected soon, setting up the next major milestone for Bharateeyudu 3.

At the centre of the film is Kamal Haasan as Senapathy, with S. Shankar directing and also providing the story. The screenplay is by S. Shankar, B. Jeyamohan, Kabilan Vairamuthu and Lakshmi Saravana Kumar. The film features S. J. Suryah, Priya Bhavani Shankar, Kajal Aggarwal, Siddharth, Rakul Preet Singh, Nedumudi Venu, Vivek, Kalidas Jayaram, Gulshan Grover, Samuthirakani, Bobby Simha, Brahmanandam, Zakir Hussain, Piyush Mishra, Guru Somasundaram, Delhi Ganesh, Jayaprakash, Manobala and Ashwini Thangaraj. Anirudh composes the music, Ravi Varman handles cinematography and T. Muthuraj serves as production designer.

Subaskaran Allirajah has emerged as one of the prominent producers of contemporary Indian cinema, with Lyca Productions becoming a force behind ambitious, large-scale filmmaking. From Kaththi and 2.0 to Mani Ratnam's Ponniyin Selvan epic, his productions have consistently brought together leading creative talent and stories of remarkable scale. His vision has extended beyond commercial ambition to films that have left a lasting mark on Indian cinema. Bharateeyudu 3 continues that legacy, bringing Kamal Haasan and Shankar together once again under his leadership at Lyca Productions. GKM Tamil Kumaran heads Lyca Productions, while Sundar Raj serves as the Executive Producer, further driving the project's production. Titled Indian 3 in Tamil, Hindustani 3 in Hindi and Bharateeyudu 3 in Telugu, the film carries Senapathy's story into a period that has so far only been glimpsed by audiences. With editing progressing and the remaining shoot approaching, the project is steadily moving towards completion. The next chapter now promises to take audiences deeper into the struggle, sacrifice and experiences that shaped Senapathy, while the release date announcement is set to reveal when this new chapter of the franchise will reach the big screen.

'COMRADE KALYAN' IS A HILARIOUS FUN ENTERTAINER



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

Speaking at the press meet, hero Sri Vishnu said.. Hello everyone. 'Comrade Kalyan' is releasing on October 9. Everyone can happily go to this movie with their families during the Dussehra season and enjoy it to the fullest. Children will also like this movie very much. All the content we have released has received a very good response. We are promoting the movie well during the time we have. I hope you will enjoy watching the movie in the theater. I was very excited when I did this character in it. I have also said some big dialogues in it. You will definitely enjoy listening to them.,The point chosen in this story is a bit serious. This point can be made in any language around the world. It seemed very interesting that we added a Naxal backdrop to it. It came out as a very good entertainer commercially. You will all like it.

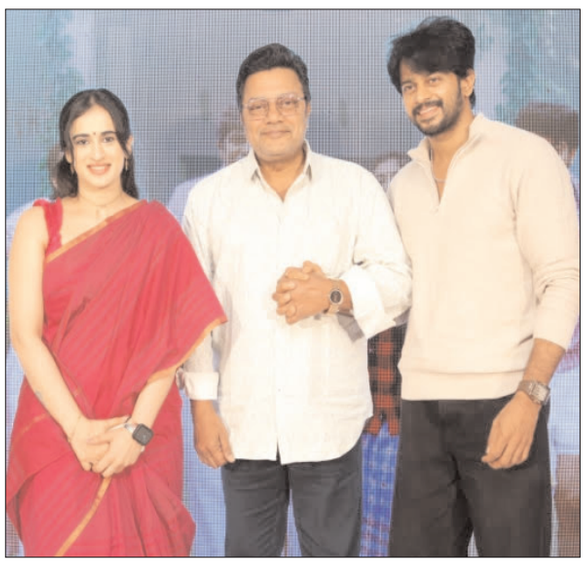
Kona Venkat said..Hello everyone. Today our 'Comrade Kalyan'.. from tomorrow he will become 'Comedy Kalyan'. Every hero has fans. Fans of all heroes also like Sri Vishnu. The title 'Andarivadu' suits Sri Vishnu. He gets along very well with all heroes and all fans. Sri Vishnu is a person who wants the best for everyone. Everything came together for this film. Every content we released received a very wonderful response. This film is a two-year journey. For this film, we reshot in all states like Orissa, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu. We made this film in new locations that no one has explored. This is the first film experience for producer Krishna. He made this film without compromising anywhere. I want the audience to give Krishna the first experience, the best experience. Sri Vishnu is increasing his audience for his film. He is in everyone's homes. He has fans for his comedy timing. He plans every film very carefully.

"Good Time" movie pre release event



Produced by Ramesh Zilla and directed by Chanakya Zilla, the movie "Good Time" is presented by Echo Craft Media under the banner of Movie Brats. The film stars Nikhil Gajula, Anyukta Nalani, Hrithik Shetty and Dhanraj in lead roles. The movie "Good Time" is coming for grand theatrical release on 9th of this month. Director Anil Vishwanath and heroine Kamakshi Bhaskar hosted the pre-release event of this film in Hyderabad on Wednesday.

Dialogue King Sai Kumar as a guest at the grand thanksgiving meet of the movie "Premane Oorilo..



Directed by Manoj Kumar, the film 'Premane Oorilo' is jointly produced by Chandu Srinivas, Suresh Kondeti and Mamatha Devendra M under the banners of Maharatna Productions, SK Pictures and Vanilla Entertainments. Sri Ram, Ramika Shiva and Tapaswini Poonachha are playing the lead roles in this film. The film, which was recently released, is being successfully screened with a super hit talk with the support of all sections of the audience. In this context, the grand success meet of the film 'Premane Oorilo' was organized in Hyderabad. Dialogue King Saikumar participated as a guest in this program.



Meghalaya CM Conrad K. Sangma Appreciates 'Baa Baa Black Sheep', the First South Indian Film Shot Entirely in Meghalaya



Telugu crime comedy 'Baa Baa Black Sheep', which has been shot entirely in Meghalaya, is gearing up for a grand worldwide theatrical release on October 9, 2026. The trailer, teaser and two songs released so far have received a positive response from audiences. In this backdrop, Meghalaya Chief Minister Conrad K. Sangma released a special video congratulating the team of 'Baa Baa Black Sheep'.

Calling it "a proud moment for our state," Conrad K. Sangma said that 'Baa Baa Black Sheep' is the first South Indian film to be shot entirely in Meghalaya and that the film will take the beauty of the state to audiences beyond its hills. Referring to Meghalaya's mist-covered hills, breathtaking waterfalls, pristine rivers and living root bridges, he said, "Cinema is another wonderful opportunity to share our land with the world." Sangma congratulated producer Venu Donepudi, Chitralayam Studios, the cast and the technical team.

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