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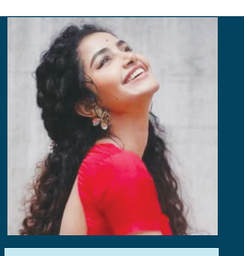
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INBRIEF

4 SCHOOLCHILDREN FOUND DEAD IN CHENNAI LAKE AFTER GOING MISSING

Chennai, Oct 4: Four schoolchildren who went missing from their homes on Saturday were found dead in Thiruneermalai lake on Sunday, police said.The victims, two boys and two girls, were friends and lived on Krishna Street in Lakshmipuram, Chromepet. Police identified them as K. Devadarshan, 12, D. Yuvanesh, 10, and Pooja and Khushi, both 13. Devadarshan was a Class 7 student at a government school, while Pooja and Khushi were studying in Class 8 at a government school. Yuvanesh was a Class 6 student at a private school. According to police, the children were last seen playing together near their homes on Saturday afternoon. They later left the neighbourhood and did not return, prompting their families to launch a search.The parents contacted relatives and friends and circulated the children's photographs in local WhatsApp groups, while residents were urged to provide any information about their whereabouts. As the children remained untraceable late into the night, the parents of the two boys lodged a missing persons complaint at the Chromepet police station.

AISA members claim Neha Bora picked up by police, released in Narela

The officer claimed some protesters attacked police personnel on duty & bit them

NEW DELHI ■ (TSIT):



AISA national president Neha Bora was released at the Narela Industrial Area police station after being picked up during the organisation's protest march towards Jantar Mantar on Sunday, AISA members claimed. She was released without her phone and bag, they said, adding that a team of lawyers was being sent to the police station to assist Bora.

Earlier, AISA members had claimed that the student leader was picked up by the Delhi Police in a private vehicle without an official number plate and taken to an unknown location. They also alleged that no woman police officer was present inside the vehicle when Bora was taken away, calling it a violation of procedure. The allegations are baseless, a senior police officer said.

The officer claimed some protesters attacked police personnel on duty and bit them. The developments came as AISA activists attempted to return to Jantar Mantar for the third consecutive day, demanding the resignation of Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) Gyanesh Kumar, and proceeded towards Jantar Mantar even as the area was fortified with heavy police barricading and security deployment.

The mobilisation began from Andhra Bhawan Circle on Ashoka Road, with protesters marching towards Jantar Mantar and raising slogans while attempting to reach the designated protest site amid a heavy police presence.

The protesters and security personnel clashed briefly as police tried to prevent them from crossing the barricades. Visuals of the march showed Bora attempting to climb over a barricade as police officials tried to stop her.The protest is part of the larger agitation happening across cities over the alleged irregularities in the Election Commission's functioning, conduct of the SIR exercise and mass deletion of voters.

SLBC Tunnel Crosses Difficult Shear Zone Work to Gather Pace Uttam

Hyderabad ■ TSIT BUREAU:



Excavation in the Srisailam Left Bank Canal (SLBC) tunnel has advanced beyond a major geological hurdle, paving the way for faster progress with additional equipment, Irrigation and Civil Supplies Minister N. Uttam Kumar Reddy said on Sunday.

Reviewing irrigation projects with elected representatives and senior officials from the erstwhile Nalgonda region, the Minister said the successful passage through the difficult shear zone marked a significant milestone. He commended engineers and workers for negotiating the unstable stretch while maintaining safety precautions.The project team reported approximately 700 metres of excavation over the past five to six months—450 metres from the outlet and 250 metres from the inlet. The 43.968-km main tunnel was reported to be nearly 79 per cent complete, with about 9.1 km of excavation remaining.

- SLBC tunnel excavation reaches 79% completion after crossing a major geological hurdle.
- Uttam Kumar Reddy targets May–June 2028 breakthrough, aiming to deliver water by June 2028.

Uttam directed officials and the contractor to deploy additional equipment, improve excavation cycles and maintain close safety monitoring for crews working more than 20 km inside the tunnel. He sought a credible, closely monitored schedule to meet the June 2028 water-delivery target.The project is expected to supply over 30 TMC of water to upland areas in the region, addressing longstanding water scarcity.

Col. Parikshit Mehra, an Indian Army tunnel expert leading the operations, explained that excavation at the inlet had initially proceeded cautiously because of weak ground, rock bursts and the need to prevent another accident. The diversion around the stranded tunnel-boring machine had taken workers through particularly poor geological conditions.To stabilise the stretch, the team installed 140-mm seamless pipes as an umbrella canopy ahead of excavation. Reinforced ribs, staged excavation, probe drilling and additional support measures helped manage risks. Improving rock conditions were now allowing operations to return towards normal working conditions, he said.Officials reported a sustained combined excavation rate of seven to seven-and-a-half metres a day, with current progress around eight metres daily.

Kerala orders probe into 2006 case linked to CEC

Kerala ■ TSIT:



Kerala Home Minister Ramesh Chennithala on Sunday ordered a Vigilance and Anti-Corruption Bureau (VACB) inquiry into allegations linked to Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar's tenure as the state's Public Works Department Secretary in 2006.The case relates to the death by suicide of Malaysian civil engineer Lee See Been, who was associated with the PATIBEL consortium involved in the upgradation of MC Road under the Kerala State Transport Project (KSTP).Lee's purported suicide note reportedly mentioned Kumar, who was serving as PWD secretary at the time. A preliminary Vigilance inquiry was conducted in 2006 but did not reach a conclusion.

The fresh inquiry follows a complaint by KPCC leader Malayinkeezhu Venugopal, who alleged that the original investigation was derailed due to external influence and that allegations of irregularities in the KSTP project were not properly examined.

Chennithala has directed the Vigilance Director to conduct a detailed inquiry into the allegations of external influence and take appropriate action based on the findings, according to the Home Minister's Office.The Home Department has also sought the files related to the earlier preliminary Vigilance inquiry, officials said. The allegations against Kumar include alleged irregularities in the award of public works contracts during his tenure as PWD secretary.

US-China rivalry needs a Goldilocks approach, says Jaishankar

NEW DELHI ■ TSIT:



External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar on Sunday likened the US-China rivalry to a "Goldilocks scenario", saying countries would not want the relationship to become "too hot" or "too good", but remain at "the right temperature". "In the context of a US-China rivalry, I think we are looking at what is often called a Goldilocks scenario: You don't want it to be too hot; you don't want it to be too good.

9 Lakh Houses for Poor by 2029

Foundation laid for 3 lakh houses at Burripalem; Centre assures another 6 lac

Vijayawada ■ TSIT:



Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu on Sunday said the State government was committed to providing pucca houses to every houseless poor family in Andhra Pradesh by 2029. He said a house would not only improve the living standards of poor families but also enhance their dignity and confidence.

Mr. Naidu, along with Union Rural Development Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan, laid the foundation for the construction of three lakh houses across the State at Burripalem in the Tenali Assembly constituency under the 'Pattabhishekam for the Poor' programme.

The Chief Minister said the Centre had initially sanctioned 75,000 houses under the regular quota, but three lakh houses were sanctioned following a special request from the State government. He said the Union Minister had assured that another three lakh houses would be sanctioned after completion of the present phase and a further three lakh houses next year, taking the total to nine lakh houses. Naidu said the construction of three lakh houses was not merely a housing programme but an initiative aimed at transforming the lives of three lakh families. He said the coalition government had already handed over 5.5 lakh houses to beneficiaries since assuming office.

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Kharge calls all elections illegal; demands dissolution of Lok Sabha, state assemblies

Kharge alleged that the EVMs were being misused and said that "their own people" are saying this.

KALABURAGI (KARNATAKA):



Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge on Saturday demanded dissolving the Lok Sabha and state Assemblies, saying that "all the elections were illegal" and even Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Home Minister Amit Shah and Chief Ministers of all the states were "illegal". He said fresh polls should be conducted on ballot papers.

Four workers killed in boiler blast at Sri City company in Andhra's Tirupati

"Today, the entire country is being run on illegal elections. Modi is an illegal Prime Minister, Shah is an illegal minister, and all the chief ministers who have been elected anywhere are illegal. All of them should be dissolved, elections should be held, and elections should be conducted through ballot papers," he told reporters here. Kharge alleged that the EVMs were being misused and said that "their own people" are saying this.

He alleged that the ongoing SIR of the electoral roll has many irregularities and is undermining democracy, pointing out that the government is making many mistakes in the process. He said the opposition would continue to hold agitations across the country against the SIR exercise and alleged misuse of the electoral process.

Kharge referred to the INDIA bloc meeting held on September 30, in which members of 20 parties and their legal cell participated, and said everyone agreed that the SIR was going wrong for the country and was adversely affecting poor people, the uneducated, workers and, particularly, minorities. He questioned what kind of free and fair election it would be if 500 votes were removed from a booth, as he alleged that attempts were now being made to add names.

The Congress President alleged that many people, particularly members of the BJP and RSS, were going to wards, panchayats and villages where they wanted votes to be deleted and were filling up forms there. He called it "completely wrong".

Kharge recalled that no leader in the past, including Jawaharlal Nehru, Indira Gandhi, Lal Bahadur Shastri, Narasimha Rao and Rajiv Gandhi, had ever done anything like this in a democracy. "But the misuse that you are making is hurting our youth, poor people, Dalits and deprived sections," he said.

Kharge pointed out that while an affluent person could somehow get his work done, if something went wrong, a poor person had to leave his work and go to get it corrected or renewed.

Accusing Prime Minister Narendra Modi of destroying democracy, the Congress president referred to the law under which the CEC and Election Commissioners are granted immunity from legal action for decisions taken while in office under Clause 16 of the Chief Election Commissioner and other Election Commissioners (Appointment, Conditions of Service and Term of Office) Act, 2023. "Therefore, Modi ji and his implementers have brought in a law and are destroying democracy.

Navy sailor held for leaking data to Pakistani operative

COIMBATORE ■ (TSIT)



An Indian Navy sailor accused of "transmitting" classified maritime intelligence to a Pakistani operative was arrested, officials said on Sunday (October 4). According to official sources, the espionage operation involved a social media "honey-trap".TIDCO sets process in motion for Rs 400 cr Coimbatore FinTech HubThe Andhra Pradesh Police Counter Intelligence (CI) cell arrested 31-year-old Pradeep Mukherjee on October 3 at INS Agrani, a naval leadership training facility in Coimbatore.

Mukherjee, a West Bengal native who joined the Navy in 2014, was actively posted with the Eastern Naval Command in Visakhapatnam.

At the time of his arrest, he was attending a management development course and had been at the Coimbatore facility for approximately one week.

A female Pakistani intelligence operative reportedly contacted Mukherjee several months ago. Over time, the handler leveraged the online relationship to extract sensitive data regarding strategic naval assets, fleet movements, and the operational framework of the Visakhapatnam base. The CI cell, a specialised unit tasked with countering cross-border espionage and terror threats, initiated the investigation after detecting suspicious digital footprints linked to the sailor, subsequently placing him under surveillance.

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Ecologically damaging saga of retrospective environmental clearances continues: Congress

NEWDELHI: Congress leader Jairam Ramesh on Sunday slammed the Modi government over the issue of retrospective environmental clearances, and said the "ecologically damaging saga" continues. The Congress general secretary in-charge communications shared the screenshot of a media report which claimed that the Union Environment Ministry has directed its central and state-level expert bodies to resume processing 'post-facto' environmental clearance (EC) proposals, two months after the Supreme Court permitted it to take such pending, rejected or returned



proposals to their logical conclusion in accordance with law.

Indian Navy Sailor held for leaking classified defense data to female Pakistani operative

"The ecologically damaging saga of retrospective environmental clearances continues," Ramesh said on X. On May 16, 2025, a two-judge bench of the Supreme Court had categorically rejected such clearances, the former environment minister said, adding that this was a bold verdict and 100 per cent right.

However, on November 18, 2025, a three-judge bench of the Supreme Court led by the Chief Justice himself by a 2-1 majority overturned the earlier Supreme Court decision, Ramesh said and stressed that this was, to put it most mildly, just wrong. Thereafter, on July 29, 2026, another three-judge bench of the Supreme Court headed by the present Chief Justice unanimously struck down the facility for retrospective environmental clearances provided by the Modi government initially on March 14, 2017 and later reaffirmed in an Office Memorandum on July 7, 2021, he pointed out.

This was a most welcome development but the verdict also allowed those cases where such approvals had already been granted to be taken forward, Ramesh said.

That exemption diluted the impact of the judgment which essentially condoned the past but shut the door for such violations of law in future, he said.

Union Minister of State for Agriculture Ramnath Thakur Interacts with Oil Palm Farmers in Srikalahasti

Srikalahasti, October 4: Union Minister of State for Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Sri Ramnath Thakur visited oil palm plantations in Vedam village of Srikalahasti mandal and held a face-to-face interaction meeting with farmers under the programme "Face-to-Face with Oil Palm Farmers–Discussion on Farmers' Problems, Suggestions and Cultivation Experiences." The programme was attended by Horticulture Commissioner Dr. Prabhat Kumar, Tirupati District Joint Collector Sri R. Govinda Rao, RDO Sri Bhanuprakash, Additional Director of Horticulture Sri M.K.V. Srinivasulu, DDH (Oil Palm) Sri Jamadagni, District Horticulture Officer Jaya



Bharath Reddy, DMIO Tirupati, as well as Sri Kola Anand, BJP State President Sri Chenchayya Naidu, Market Committee Chairman, and Telugu Desam Party public representatives. General Managers of Godrej Agrovet, FFF Oil Palm and other companies also participated in the programme and explained oil palm cultivation, yields and the technical support being provided to farmers. The Minister inspected the oil palm plantations and discussed cultivation details, yields and income with the farmers. He expressed great satisfaction after learning about the yields achieved and the income earned by farmer Sri Bala Reddy in particular. On the occasion, Horticulture Commissioner Dr. Prabhat Kumar suggested that farmers can earn additional income by growing intercrops in oil palm plantations.

He advised farmers to follow scientific management practices in oil palm cultivation and to utilise available resources efficiently. Additional Director of Horticulture Sri M.K.V. Srinivasulu explained the benefits of oil palm cultivation and encouraged farmers interested in taking up oil palm farming. He also received feedback on experiences, problems and suggestions from farmers already cultivating the crop.

Congress Infighting Reaches DK Shivakumar as Kolar and Chikkaballapur MLAs Clash

Bengaluru : Internal differences among Congress Legislators in Kolar and Chikkaballapur districts have now reached Chief Minister DK Shivakumar, creating a fresh political headache for the State leadership. Two separate disputes involving Congress leaders in the neighbouring districts have intensified in recent days.

In Kolar, the differences reportedly involve Kolar MLA Roopakala Shashidhar, Bangarpet MLA Narayanaswamy and other Congress leaders. At the same time, Chikkaballapur district is witnessing a public confrontation between former Minister and Chintamani MLA MC Sudhakar and Chikkaballapur MLA Pradeep Eshwar.

The issue came up during a meeting with the Chief Minister on Sunday. Kolar district Legislators including Nanjegowda, Bangarpet MLA Narayanaswamy, Kothur Manjunath and Roopakala Shashidhar, along with Chikkaballapur district Legislators MC Sudhakar



and Subbareddy, met DK Shivakumar to discuss matters concerning the Kolar District Central Cooperative Bank.

According to sources, the Chief Minister also took note of the differences among the Kolar Congress Legislators and is learnt to have cautioned the leaders to resolve their differences and avoid allowing the dispute to escalate further.

The situation in Chikkaballapur has become particularly contentious following a series of public exchanges between Sudhakar and Pradeep Eshwar. The Chikkaballapur MLA has openly targeted the former Minister and Chintamani MLA, taking the political confrontation beyond internal party discussions.

The dispute intensified after Pradeep Eshwar reportedly posted on social media that he would reveal explosive information concerning Sudhakar's properties. The statement has triggered speculation within Congress circles about the possibility of a wider political confrontation between the two leaders.

With disputes emerging simultaneously in Kolar and Chikkaballapur, the developments have put the Congress leadership in a difficult position. The Chief Minister's intervention is expected to focus on preventing the internal clashes from affecting the party's functioning in the two districts and maintaining coordination among its Legislators.

Flydubai Incident Raises Questions About the Changing Face of Terrorism: Was Mr. Thomas's Warning Years Ahead of Its Time?

BY SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT, TSIT

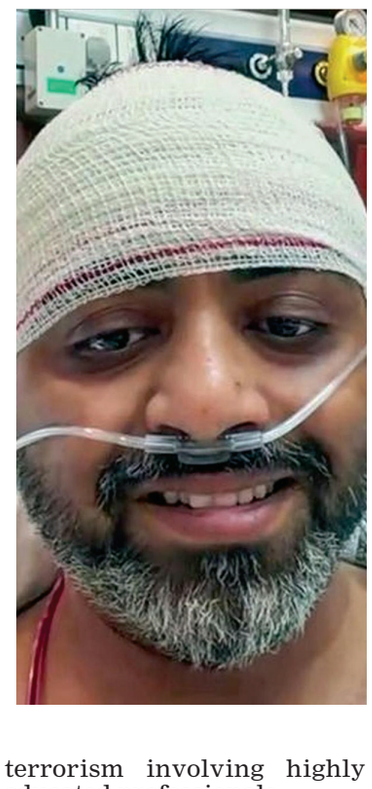
The recent incident involving a Flydubai passenger aircraft has once again raised serious questions about the changing nature of terrorism and the possibility of extremist organisations exploiting individuals from respected professional backgrounds.

The incident became a potential catastrophe when an Omani national serving as a co-pilot allegedly attacked the Indian captain, Smit Machchhar, during the flight. The captain's courage and quick response helped prevent what could have been a major disaster. Authorities have described the incident as a terrorist attack, and investigations are continuing into the suspect's background, motives and possible connections.

A new form of terrorism?

Traditional terrorism was often associated with bomb blasts, armed attacks and indiscriminate killings. Today, however, extremist organisations can potentially exploit people with professional qualifications, specialised knowledge and access to sensitive institutions.

This has led security experts to increasingly examine what is sometimes described as "white-collar terrorism" or



terrorism involving highly educated professionals.

India has also seen investigations in which doctors and other educated professionals were accused of links to extremist networks. The 2025 Delhi Red Fort bombing investigation brought renewed attention to this issue, with investigators alleging that medical professionals were connected to a suspected terror module.Such cases demonstrate why counter-terrorism agencies cannot restrict their attention to traditional militant profiles. At the same time, a person's profession must never be treated as evidence of terrorism; guilt must be established through credible investigation and due process.

Mr. Thomas raised the issue earlier

Against this background, the writings of investigative journalist Mr. Thomas have attracted renewed attention. According to the author's account, Thomas published an article on 17 October 2025 examining what he described as the emergence of a new form of terrorism in which extremist organisations could exploit people from respected professions.

His argument was that terrorist organisations were no longer necessarily dependent only on conventional militants. Instead, they could attempt to recruit or influence people with professional expertise, education and access to institutions.

The recent Flydubai incident, according to supporters of Thomas's analysis, provides another reason for authorities to examine this possibility more seriously.

Thomas's analysis of the Hamas attack

Thomas has also written about the geopolitical circumstances surrounding the Hamas attack on Israel on October 7, 2023.

One of the central arguments attributed to his analysis was that the attack should be viewed within the broader geopolitical competition involving Iran, Israel, the Arab countries, India, China and emerging international connectivity projects.

He particularly examined the significance of the India-Middle East-Europe Economic Corridor (IMEC), announced in 2023 by India, the United States, Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, Israel and the European Union.

The proposed corridor was intended to strengthen connectivity between India, the Middle East and Europe through infrastructure involving railways, ports and other transportation links. Thomas argued that the strengthening of relations between Israel and Arab countries, together with the proposed connectivity corridor, had important geopolitical implications for Iran and other regional powers.He further argued that Hamas's relationship with Iran should be considered when examining the broader strategic background to the October 7 attack.

LAMBCON 2026 Concludes Successfully in Hyderabad; "Yashodamma Mother's Milk Bank" Launched at Yashoda Hospitals, Hitech City

Hyderabad: The 6th UNICEF South Asia Chapter LAMBCON 2026 — a three-day comprehensive Lactation Management, Milk Banking and Breastfeeding International Conference — concluded successfully at Yashoda Hospitals, Hitech City, with the participation of over 1,000 national and international healthcare professionals and delegates.

The conference, organised by Sushena Health Foundation (SHF) and Dhaatri Mothers' Milk Bank with national and international partners including UNICEF India, was held in Hyderabad from October 2 to 4, 2026. The event was inaugurated by Hon'ble Telangana Governor Shri Shiv Pratap Shukla, along with former Union Health and Family Welfare Minister Shri Ashwini Kumar Choubey and Yashoda Hospitals Group Chairman Sri Gorukanti Ravinder Rao.

"Yashodamma Mother's Milk Bank" Launched

On the occasion, the "Yashodamma Mother's Milk Bank" was launched at Yashoda Hospitals, Hitech City, by Hon'ble Telangana Governor Shri Shiv Pratap Shukla. The milk bank's nurses have received specialised training in collaboration with the Sushena Foundation and Dhaatri Mothers' Milk Bank, with guidelines and standard operating procedures adapted from established best practic-



es. By providing safe donor human milk to babies who need it, the milk bank will strengthen the quality of care and support the health and wellbeing of the mother–infant dyad. This marks the 11th human milk bank established by the organisation in Hyderabad.

Theme and Programme

This year's theme was "From Evidence to Impact: Transforming Newborn Care Through Breastfeeding and Human Milk Banking." The programme included basic and advanced lactation and milk banking workshops, followed by two days of scientific sessions. Over 13 workshops were conducted across Hyderabad, including one at Yashoda Hospitals, Hitech City, titled "Special Situations in Breastfeeding," which saw more than 650 delegates register. Nearly 400 people registered for the conference. The faculty included medical experts from AIIMS New Delhi and PGIMER Chandigarh, along with public health experts from UNICEF and Union and state governments.

Deccan Declaration and Four-Pillar Action Plan

LAMBCON 2026 unveiled India's first breastfeeding revolution with the historic Deccan Declaration, establishing Hyderabad as a Formula-Free City. Hon'ble Telangana Governor Shiv Pratap Shukla hailed it as "a beacon of hope," while former Union Health Minister Ashwini Kumar Choubey called it "a revolution protecting our youngest citizens." The four-pillar action plan mandates lactation counselors at every delivery point, human milk banks in every NICU, workplace support for nursing mothers, and public breastfeeding spaces.

Call for More Milk Banks

Dr. Santhosh Kumar Kraleti, Founder and Secretary of SHF, emphasised that India requires over 1,000 milk banks across 1,000 hospitals, while currently only 65–70 exist. Dr. Srinivas Murki, Past President of SHF, announced the launch of a lactation helpline at LAMBCON 2026.

Yashoda Hospitals, led by Group Chairman Mr. G. Ravender Rao, committed to establishing the milk bank at Hitech City. UNICEF India's Chief of AP, Telangana and Karnataka, Zelalem Taffesse, praised breastfeeding as "one of the most cost-effective health interventions." The awards ceremony honoured mothers and healthcare professionals advancing maternal-infant health.

Through partnerships with Dhaatri Mothers' Milk Bank and CLMC, the foundation advances its vision — "Healthy Mothers, Thriving Future" — positioning Hyderabad as a regional model for breastfeeding-friendly urban development nationwide.

About Sushena Health Foundation and Dhaatri Mothers' Milk Bank

Sushena Health Foundation began as an initiative of health professionals committed to addressing healthcare gaps through practical, community-based solutions, with a strong focus on maternal and newborn care. One of its key initiatives, Dhaatri Mothers' Milk Bank, began as a pilot project in 2017 to promote breastfeeding and provide safe donor human milk to babies who need it. The Foundation's leadership includes Dr. Santhosh Kumar Kraleti, Founder and General Secretary, and Dr. Srinivas Murki, President. Team members include Dr. Tejo Pratap (Treasurer and Founding Member), Dr. Chakravarthy Mazumdar, Dr. Srinivas Bulkapuram and Ramakanth Bhuthpur.

9 Lakh Houses for Poor by 2029



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177 houses through 3D printing

The Chief Minister and the Union Minister inspected a Rs.14-crore pilot project to construct 177 houses using 3D concrete printing technology at Burripalem. Officials from the Central Building Research Institute (CBRI), Roorkee, and the Union Ministry of Rural Development explained the technology. They said houses could be constructed in about 10 days, reducing construction time and cost while ensuring structural strength. Naidu said modern technology would be increasingly used in housing construction and measures were being taken to ensure that the interiors of 3D-printed houses remained relatively cooler than outside temperatures.

Rs.52,000 crore worth of house sites

Naidu said house sites worth around Rs.52,000 crore had been provided to poor families after resolving long-pending land issues in Visakhapatnam, ijayawada, Mangalagiri and other areas.

He said the government was also focusing on rural infrastructure, irrigation and horticulture development. Rayalaseema, he added, was being developed as a global horticulture hub.

AP to become 'Shining and Advanced Andhra'

Union Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan said Andhra Pradesh was moving towards becoming "Shining Andhra, Advanced Andhra and Achieving Andhra". He appreciated the State's adoption of 3D concrete printing technology and said the initiative could become a model for the country.

He reiterated the Centre's commitment to sanctioning another six lakh houses and extending full support to the State's development. Union Minister Pemmasani Chandra Sekhar, Ministers Kolusu Parthasarathy and Nandendla Manohar, BJP State president PVN Madhav, public representatives and senior officials attended the programme. The Chief Minister and the Union Minister also handed over a house-site patta to beneficiary Lakshmi.

Chouhan Hails AP Natural Farming



Vijayawada,TSIT : Union Agriculture and Rural Development Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan and Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu on Sunday visited the natural farming field of farmer Janaki Ram at Burripalem during their Tenali tour. The leaders interacted with Janaki Ram and enquired about his farming practices and cultivation costs. Chouhan appreciated the farmer for cultivating crops without chemical fertilisers and pesticides using Beejamrutha and Jeevamrutha.

Chouhan said Andhra Pradesh was emerging as a model for natural farming and praised Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu for promoting the practice on a large scale.

The State has set a target of bringing 50 lakh acres under natural farming, he said. Janaki Ram explained that natural farming reduced paddy cultivation costs to around Rs.7,000 per acre, compared with nearly Rs.25,000 under conventional farming. Chouhan said lower input costs and better market prices for natural produce would benefit farmers. He said Prime Minister Narendra Modi was promoting natural farming to improve soil health and public health. Earlier, Chandrababu Naidu paid floral tributes to the statue of Super Star Krishna at Burripalem.

AP Labour Minister Vasamsetti Subhash Offers Prayers at Sri Kalahasteeswara Swamy Temple



Srikalahasti: Andhra Pradesh State Minister for Labour, Factories, Boilers and Medical Insurance Services, Sri Vasamsetti Subhash, visited Sri Kalahasti Kshetram and had darshan of Sri Gnanaprasunamba Sametha Sri Kalahasteeswara Swamy, performing special pujas.

On the occasion, Temple Executive Officer Sri B.K. Venkatesulu, Temple Chairman Sri Kotte Sai Prasad and Governing Body Member Sri Gurrappa Setti accorded a traditional temple welcome to the Hon'ble Minister.

Subsequently, arrangements were made for the Minister's darshan of the deity. Vedic scholars performed Vedic blessings (Veda Ashirvachanam), and the Minister was presented with tirtha-prasadam and the sacred seshavastram of Swamy.

TTD Executive Officer Muddada Ravichandra Visits Kanipakam Temple, Offers Prayers to Lord Varasiddhi Vinayaka



Kanipakam: Sri Muddada Ravichandra, IAS, Executive Officer of Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD), visited the Swayambhu Sri Varasiddhi Vinayaka Swamy Temple at Kanipakam and had darshan of Sri Swamy.

Temple Executive Officer Sri Penchala Kishore welcomed him, arranged the darshan, and presented theertha prasadams, seshavastram and a portrait of Sri Swamy. Temple Board Members Nagaraju Naidu and Naresh, AEO Ravindra Babu, Protocol AEO Dhanapal, Superintendent Vasu and others participated in the programme.

GITAM Hyderabad Scholar Awarded Ph.D. for Breakthrough Research in Medical Image Analysis



Hyderabad: GITAM Deemed to be University, Hyderabad, has conferred a Ph.D. in Computer Science and Engineering upon Dr. Kandula Revathi for her doctoral research titled "Development and Performance Evaluation of Novel Algorithms for Medical Image Retrieval and Classification."

Dr. Revathi conducted her research under the guidance of Dr. S. Vijaya Kumar, Assistant Professor at the School of Computer Science and Systems Engineering, GITAM Hyderabad. Her work focused on developing advanced algorithms for medical image retrieval and classification by integrating deep learning, feature optimization, neural networks, and image segmentation to enhance Computer-Aided Diagnosis (CAD) systems. The proposed methods achieved classification accuracy of up to 97.29%, marking significant improvements over the baseline approaches evaluated.

Prof. D. S. Rao, Pro Vice-Chancellor; Dr. D.V.V.S.R. Varma, Resident Director; and Dr. S. Mahaboob Basha, Head of the Department of Computer Science and Systems Engineering, congratulated Dr. Revathi on her achievement and lauded her research contribution. They also commended Dr. S. Vijaya Kumar for his guidance and extended their best wishes to Dr. Revathi for continued success in her academic and research career.

Journalists Must Adapt to Changing Trends, Enhance Professional Skills: Puthalapattu MLA K. Murali Mohan



Tirupati, October 4: Puthalapattu MLA Sri K. Murali Mohan has urged journalists to adapt to the changing trends in journalism and enhance their professional skills accordingly. He was speaking as the chief guest at the concluding session of a two-day refresher training programme for rural correspondents of Tirupati district, organised by C.R. Media Academy.

Recalling his days as a journalist and his association with Sri Alapati Suresh Kumar, Chairman of C.R. Media Academy, the MLA appreciated the Academy's efforts in improving the professional skills of rural journalists through such refresher classes. He said programmes of this nature benefit society and distributed certificates and books published by the Media Academy to the participating journalists.

Presiding over the meeting, C.R. Media Academy Chairman Sri Alapati Suresh Kumar stated that public interest is the true measure of the importance of a news story. He emphasised that the benefit a news report brings to the people depends on the sincerity of the journalist who writes it.

IJU Secretary General and senior journalist Sri D. Soma Sundar, Visalandhra Bureau In-charge of Tirupati Dr. M. Prasad and others participated in the meeting. On the second day of the refresher classes on Sunday (4 October 2026), senior journalists spoke on various topics. Senior journalist and writer Sri A. Raghava Sharma said that as long as Telugu newspapers survive, the Telugu language will also survive. He observed that emotions such as joy, sorrow and anger are generally expressed in short sentences in spoken language, and expressed the view that modern language means writing in a cultured manner without ridiculing individuals or professions. The simpler the language used, the closer one gets to readers, he said. Noting that Telugu has dialects of Telangana, Rayalaseema, Central Andhra and North Andhra, besides special dialects in certain districts, he advised that dialect words should be used in newspapers according to context and appropriateness. He said poetry reflects refined taste and can be suitably used in human-interest stories, but is not appropriate in crime reports, adding that in news writing, ease of understanding is more important than linguistic beauty.

DSCDO Power Row in Mahabubabad: Questions Raised Over Alleged Attempts to Retain Official Charge After New ED Appointment

- DSCDO Power Row in Mahabubabad: Questions Over Attempts to Retain Official Charge
- Alleged efforts to seek support from former officials after appointment of new ED
- Questions raised over 2025 additional-charge order, subsequent approvals and records
- Former official reportedly refuses to back any move involving “false or backdated documents”
- Demand for probe into entire file trail from September 22, 2025 to September 11, 2026

Mahabubabad, October 5: The controversy over the allocation of official responsibilities in the Mahabubabad SC Corporation has taken a fresh turn, with questions being raised over alleged attempts by a former officer to retain or regain official charge even after the government appointed a new Executive Director (ED).Following the appointment of V. Upendra as Executive Director of the Mahabubabad SC Corporation, questions are now being raised in official circles over why former officials were allegedly approached for support in securing another opportunity to continue in an official capacity as DSCDO. According to sources, K. Srinivasa Rao, who had earlier functioned as District Scheduled Caste Development Officer/Executive Director on additional charge, is alleged to have approached officials who had previously dealt with the matter, seeking their support for another arrangement with his post of Executive Officer. The allegations, however, require verification from the concerned officials and official records.

Questions Over September 22, 2025 Order

An order issued by the then District Collector's office on September 22, 2025, vide A1/38/2024, reportedly entrusted Srinivasa Rao with full additional charge of the District Scheduled Caste Development Officer post with Executive Director and not Executive Officer. However, a Commissioner of SC Development Department circular dated October 25, 2021 reportedly stated that employees working in government corporations and similar institutions should not be appointed to government posts on full additional charge. This has raised questions over the legal and administrative basis on which the 2025 additional-charge arrangement was made.As Srinivasa Rao belongs to the Statistics Department and was reportedly working in the SC Corporation on deputation, officials are now expected to clarify whether the 2021 circular applied to his case and, if not, what specific rule or government order supported the arrangement.

Why Approach Former Officials After Appointment of New ED?

The government issued G.O.Rt. No.233 dated September 11, 2026, posting V. Upendra as Executive Director of Mahabubabad on promotion. With the appointment of a regular ED, questions naturally arise over the continuation of earlier temporary arrangements and the extent of any residual authority of the previous officer. The post of DSCDO, which was kept as full additional charge to the ED of the SC Corporation, will automatically cease after the new ED takes charge. But Srinivasa Rao, who claimed to be EO in the SC Corporation, still holds the post of DSCDO Mahabubabad without any official orders, raising questions over why the district administration remained calm on an issue being raised publicly. Can any officer occupy an official position (DSCDO Chair) without official orders? This, officials note, happens only in Mahabubabad District.

Despite the new appointment, allegations are now circulating in official circles that efforts were allegedly made to obtain support from officials who had handled the matter earlier and tried to misguide the district administration. If such efforts were indeed made, officials are asking: If there was a valid government order, why was support from former officials necessary? If the officer had a valid claim to the post, why was the relevant government order or authority not produced? Why approach a retired official for support in a matter that should be decided purely on the basis of rules and official records?

"I Have Retired — Do Not Involve Me"

Sources further claim that a former official who had earlier handled key aspects of the matter was also approached. The former official reportedly declined to support any such move and is said to have warned against involving him in any attempt to prepare false, fabricated or backdated documents. According to the same sources, the former official allegedly made it clear that if any such irregularity was committed in his name or with his involvement, he would consider taking appropriate legal action. The allegation requires independent verification and examination of the relevant records.

Old Order Being Relied Upon for a Fresh Claim?

The September 22, 2025 Collector's order has now become a key document in the controversy. If the 2021 Commissioner's circular required such additional-charge arrangements to be submitted to the Commissioner for subsequent approval, officials need to clarify whether such approval was actually obtained. Several questions therefore remain unanswered: Was the 2025 additional-charge arrangement subsequently approved by the Commissioner? Were the required permissions obtained after the stipulated period? Up to what date was the additional charge legally valid? What authority, if any, remained with Srinivasa Rao after the appointment of the new ED? Were proper handing-over and taking-over procedures followed after the new ED assumed charge?

Open the Files, End the Controversy

Officials and employees are reportedly demanding a comprehensive examination of the entire file relating to the matter. The proposed scrutiny would cover the September 22, 2025 additional-charge order, the corresponding note file, proposals sent to the Commissioner for approval, subsequent approvals, decisions taken under FR-49, the deputation extension reportedly issued in February 2026, the September 11, 2026 ED posting order, the handing-over and taking-over records and all subsequent proceedings.

A detailed examination of these records by the District Collector and senior officials of the SC Development Department could establish whether the arrangements were made strictly in accordance with the applicable rules.

Silk Vestments Offered to Lord Varasiddhi Vinayaka on Final Day of Kanipakam Brahmotsavams



Kanipakam, October 4: On the occasion of the annual Brahmotsavams of the Swayambhu Sri Varasiddhi Vinayaka Swamy Temple at Kanipakam, silk clothes (pattu vastralu) were offered to the Lord on the final day of the Teppotsavam (float festival).

The silk vestments were presented by the Abhivrudhi Committee of the Sri Swayambhu Mogileeswara Swamy Temple, Mogili, Bangarupalyam Mandal. The presentation was made by Committee Chairman Kamalanath Reddy and hereditary Dharmakarta Vijay Kumar, along with archakas, Trust Board members and local leaders.

The visiting team was warmly welcomed by Kanipakam Devasthanam Chairman Mani Naidu and Executive Officer Sri Penchala Kishore. Special darshan arrangements were made for them, and they were presented with teertha prasadam, shesha vastram and a photograph of the deity.

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O. A. No.3183/2025

Between: Canara Bank , Lavelle Road Branch, Bangalore - 560 001. **...Applicant**
And
NUV Vellore LLP and Others
...Defendants

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...Defendants

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Whereas, this Applicant has instituted an application under Section 19 of the Recovery of Debts and Bankruptcy Act, 1993, against you for recovery of a sum of **Rs.4,35,08,264.72** (Rupees Four Crore Thirty Five Lakhs Eight Thousand Two Hundred Sixty Four and Paise Seventy Two Only) together with the agreed rate of interest at 13.90% p.a, compounded monthly with costs and other reliefs. You are hereby required to show cause within 30 days from the date of this publication or on **06.11.2026 at 10:30 a.m.** in the forenoon in person or by a pleader/ Advocate duly instructed as to why the relief prayed for should not be granted.

Take notice that in case of default, the application will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and the seal of this Tribunal on this the **28.09.2026**

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EDITORIAL

PRIVACY IN THE DIGITAL AGE: RIGHTS AND GROWING CHALLENGES

Today, a person's digital identity has become as important as their physical existence. What we search for, where we go, what we buy, who we communicate with, and what topics we are interested in—all of these leave a digital trail. The question then is not only who has our information, but also how much control we have over it. In this context, the issue of privacy in the digital age has emerged as a serious constitutional and social challenge concerning individual freedom, dignity, and autonomy.

Privacy is an individual's right to control others' access to their personal information, identity, and private life. This right gained historical significance in India when the Supreme Court, in K. S. Puttaswamy v. Union of India (2017), recognized privacy as a fundamental right protected by the Constitution. The Court linked privacy to life and personal liberty, dignity, and autonomy. It also clarified that any intrusion on privacy must comply with constitutional standards such as law, legitimate purpose, and proportionality. The proliferation of digital technology has broadened both the scope and challenges of this right. First, the state's growing surveillance capabilities pose a significant challenge to privacy. Technologies such as facial recognition, biometric identification, location tracking, and digital communication analysis can be useful in crime control and national security. However, without adequate legal limits and independent oversight, these same technologies can become a means of mass surveillance. Striking a balance between security and privacy is therefore a crucial responsibility of democratic governance.

On the other hand, the massive collection of personal data by private digital companies is also a matter of concern. Social media, e-commerce, search engines, and mobile applications collect vast amounts of data about our behavior. By combining this information from different sources, detailed behavioral profiles of individuals can be created. This makes it possible to personalize services, but this process also creates the potential to influence consumer preferences, behavior, and decisions. Thus, data becomes not just information but a source of economic and social power. Privacy threats aren't limited to large-scale data collection. Incidents like doxing involve the disclosure of a person's address, phone number, photo, or other personal information without their permission. This can lead to online harassment, threats, and physical safety threats. Similarly, deepfake technology has added a new dimension to identity and reputation abuse. Artificial intelligence can be used to create content that appears authentic, using a person's face or voice. This can impact privacy as well as a person's dignity and reputation. Additionally, data breaches and cyberattacks pose a serious threat to citizens' privacy. Theft of financial information, health records, identity documents, and other sensitive information can lead to identity theft, financial fraud, and blackmail. Compounding the problem is algorithmic profiling. When automated systems make decisions about people based on personal data, inaccurate or biased data can lead to discriminatory outcomes. If such decision-making processes are not transparent, it becomes difficult for individuals to understand or challenge decisions made against them.

DAY 2 OF ANTI-SIR PROTEST:

Yogendra Yadav, Neha Bora Detained Amid Chants of 'Gyanesh Kumar Murdabad'

Antara Baruah



New Delhi: All India Students' Association president Neha Bora, psephologist-activist Yogendra Yadav, transparency activist Anjali Bhardwaj and senior advocate Prashant Bhushan were among the dozens of protesters detained on Day 2 of 'Jantar Mantar 2.0'. The protest had barely kicked off when it mutated into a show of force and brute violence by the Delhi police, going by accounts of the day. Even before the majority of protesters had arrived, when only the media and curious bystanders were present on the roads leading to Jantar Mantar, the deployment of security forces was heavy. Rapid Action Force (RAF) personnel stood holding tear gas launchers with shell containers slung over their shoulders. The protest – organised to demand chief election commissioner (CEC) Gyanesh Kumar's resignation – was due to start at 1 pm, and within half an hour the police had put up a banner on the barricades outside one entry point to Jantar Mantar, announcing that section 163 of the BNSS had been put into force. Typically at protests, as was seen during the last round of protests led by the Cockroach Janta Party (CJP), there is a sea of protesters. There is sloganeering, the holding up of placards and the possibility of camaraderie is in the air. But this time, behind the barricades, was a sea of Delhi police, RAF and Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) personnel. An RAF officer was also recording protesters and media persons with what appeared to be a GoPro camera. Upon being asked what it was, he did not respond and put it back in his pocket. Other than for a brief few minutes, the afternoon's soundtrack was largely the Delhi police's monotone, mechanical announcements. "Please cooperate with the police and maintain law and order. Police sarkari ko nuksaan alag se kanuni karvayi hogi. Yahan se hat jaayein [Obstructing police and officials will invite separate proceedings. Move away from here]." The protesters, largely groups of students from universities in Delhi, were choked, pushed and shoved. After the detentions had taken place, there were only a handful of students who remained. Later, on Saturday evening, journalists held a demonstration outside the Parliament Street police station demanding an FIR against a police officer who is accused of sexually assaulting a woman reporter when she was filming Bora's detention in the afternoon. Unlike on Friday, when thousands of people turned up at Jantar Mantar to demand that CEC Kumar resign, around 150 people turned up at the site on the afternoon of Day 2. Even as the government deployed a large number of security personnel, it did not shut down metro stations or impose a clampdown on internet access on Saturday. Sarthak, a student from JNU, had his shirt ripped by the police. Mohammad Kaif's phone was snatched from him as he tried to record the violence, and his arm twisted. Kaif is a journalist and works as a cameraperson. It's a very small matter. In a democracy, we are allowed to register our dissent through various means. One of them is peaceful protesting. But the police are robbing us of our mediums. On social media, we are made to feel like criminals for posting. Those expressing solidarity with the workers in Noida have been arrested under the NSA [National Security Act]," said Sarthak. "We are only a democracy in name. Why is the ITBP here? Who is looking after our borders?" Unfazed by the violence, Sarthak said they would return to Jantar Mantar tomorrow. 'Government cannot choose its voters' The protesters marched from Patel Chowk to Jantar Mantar, which was barricaded from all sides. They managed to breach the first layer. The slogans that broke through the thrum of the Delhi police's announcements were "Dilli police vardi utaro, RSS ki chadi dalo" ["Take off your uniform, Delhi police, and wield the RSS's baton instead'], "jab jab Modi darta hai police ko aage karta hai" [Whenever Modi is scared he deploys the police], "Gyanesh Kumar murdabad" [Down with Gyanesh Kumar] and "Gyanesh Kumar istifa do" (Gyanesh Kumar, hand in your resignation), with the latter two referring to chief election commissioner (CEC) Gyanesh Kumar. There were sporadic chants of 'Inquilab Zindabad' as well, a reminder that this protest was not by the CJP, who have prevented protesters from using the term. But just as the protest picked up momentum, as the procession was marching into the Jantar Mantar roundabout, the police began cracking down on the peaceful protesters. At no point in the day did the protesters outnumber the security forces. Initially, prior to the arrival of Bora and other activists, buses were leaving with just three or four people. One group of protesters of about five or six people arrived chained together, their hands connected through a string of steel chains. The idea was to evoke a sense of the collective – they were literally bound together. Two of these protesters then lay down on the ground, which is when the police dragged them by their feet, pulling them towards a bus. The four women behind them were also dragged, and similarly roughhoused. Another protester, who was also part of a chain, stood outside the bus. The police wrenched him from the ground into the bus through the window, forcing him to clamber in through the gaps between the bars. Many of these detained, including Yadav, Bhushan and Bhardwaj, were taken to Badarpur in southeast Delhi.

A couple of protesters at Jantar Mantar noted the lack of organisation. According to them, Bora had sent the call to arrive at the site too late, as a result of which people were unaware of the protest. However, nearly all protesters The Wire spoke to were remarkably well-informed about why they had gathered there. "The election commissioners have opposed the SIR [special intensive revision]. [Former chief election commissioner] S.Y. Quraishi has given plenty of interviews. They have chosen a nuclear option for a small exercise. We have never seen this in the history of India. The EC is supposed to register and facilitate voters," said 25-year-old Deva, a lawyer. Their friend, who did not want to be identified, votes in Asansol. "My name was cut, and I checked the list. Most of the names in my constituency who had been cut were Muslims. So, I came to protest," she claimed. "The SIR needs to be scrapped. The government cannot choose its voters." Anger against the Election Commission and CEC Kumar over the SIR of voter rolls has flared up in the wake of the Indian Express's landmark investigation exposing a measure of dysfunction at the very top of the poll body over the revision exercise. Opposition parties apart from the CJP have also called for CEC Kumar to step down over the newspaper's revelation that commissioners Vivek Joshi and Sukhbir Singh Sandhu objected to or complained about being in the dark over various aspects of the contentious SIR.

SATYAGRAHA TRIED TO UNITE THE SCATTERED VOICES INTO ONE THREAD

Saurabh Varshney

Democracy is not limited to elections, Parliament, and governments. The true power of democracy also lies in the voice that questions the system for its rights, justice, and respect. In India's democratic history, Mahatma Gandhi's Satyagraha has been an important example of transforming this question into the power of non-violent struggle and moral persuasion. At a time when movements and protests continue to emerge in different parts of the country on various issues, the launch of a digital platform called "Satyagraha" by Congress leader and Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha, Rahul Gandhi, can be seen in this context. This platform comes at a time when the opposition is gradually uniting against the ruling party. However, the Samajwadi Party and the Aam Aadmi Party are not openly supporting Rahul Gandhi, as elections are coming up in Uttar Pradesh and Punjab.

Sensing public opposition, Rahul Gandhi launched this digital platform on October 3rd. Through this platform, an attempt has been made to bring together issue-based movements and struggles in different parts of the country onto a common digital platform. On the platform, people can share information about their movements and issues and, through an interactive map, can also gain information about similar struggles in other parts of the country.

In his message, Rahul Gandhi stated that people across the country are fighting for their rights, and that their voices are often left alone. Citing the struggles of various groups, including youth, students, farmers, tribals, Dalits, and women, he urged people to share their problems and movements on this platform. He stated that when information about different struggles is available in one place, people involved in a single issue will be able to connect with similar struggles elsewhere. The crucial question here is whether digital platforms can truly transform fragmented voices into effective social force. The answer lies not just in political appeal, but in how widely the platform reaches people and how the complaints and movements received are organized. In a vast and diverse country like India, movements have been taking place at various levels on numerous issues such as land, forest rights, education, examinations, employment, women's rights, social justice, Dalit and OBC rights. Sometimes, local struggles fail to reach national discourse. Limited media access, a lack of resources, and a lack of coordination among movement groups can be reasons for this. The stated role of the "Satyagraha" platform is to provide visibility and communication to such struggles. But the success of any digital platform isn't determined solely by its name or purpose. Its credibility will depend on how verified the information it provides, how diverse parties are allowed to present their perspectives, and how grievances are presented without political propaganda. If information about a movement is widely disseminated without adequate verification, it risks blurring the distinction between fact and fiction. Therefore, transparency and fact-checking will be crucial criteria for this initiative. Rahul Gandhi, as Leader of the Opposition, has spoken of raising the voice of the people in Parliament, as well as on the streets and through other means. This is inherently part of the political role. The opposition's responsibility is to question the government and raise public issues in Parliament. On the other hand, engaging in movements can be an important avenue of opposition politics. However, here too, it is important to distinguish between a genuine public grievance, a political difference, and an allegation that has not yet been proven.

The name "Satyagraha" itself is deeply rooted in the legacy of Mahatma Gandhi. For Gandhi, Satyagraha was not merely a means of protest, but a method of struggle rooted in truth, nonviolence, self-discipline, and moral insistence. In today's digital age, it is easy to broaden a movement through social media and online platforms, but it is far more difficult to maintain the true spirit of Gandhi's Satyagraha. This is the most important difference between digital outrage and Satyagraha. Today, complaints often surface that conflict is increasing in politics, rather than dialogue. The sharp political language between the ruling party and the opposition, polarization on social media, and the tendency to immediately view any issue through a political lens pose challenges to democratic dialogue. In such an environment, if a platform becomes a medium for voicing people's grievances, it carries with it an equally significant responsibility.

It would be insufficient to dismiss this initiative as merely a political digital campaign by the Congress or Rahul Gandhi, nor would it be appropriate to consider it a self-representative representation of all the struggles in the country. Its true evaluation will come over time. How many genuine movements join it, how many local issues reach the national discourse, how many complaints are institutionally addressed, and how reliable the platform's information remains. The answers to these questions will determine its usefulness. Dissent is not a weakness in a democracy. Listening to dissent, understanding its causes, and finding peaceful solutions are signs of the strength of a democratic system. If the "Satyagraha" platform truly succeeds in bringing voices that are not adequately heard under normal circumstances, it could become a new digital medium for civic participation. But this will require political commitment, along with factual objectivity, transparency, and a culture of dialogue.

'NO AMOUNT OF WHATABOUTERY CAN JUSTIFY' PROCESS DISENFRANCHISING MILLIONS OF INDIANS CITIZENS: SUPREME COURT JUDGE



New Delhi: Justice Ujjal Bhuyan, Supreme Court judge, has come down harshly on the special intensive revision of voter rolls – a process overseen by the Election Commission resulting in the ouster of 13 crore names from the lists.

Justice Bhuyan was delivering the valedictory address at the 19th NALSAR-Justice BR Sawhney Memorial Moot Court Competition at NALSAR University of Law, Hyderabad. His words amount to the strongest reprimand of the process by a sitting apex court judge yet.

"If any process results in disenfranchising millions and millions of Indian citizens making them second class citizens in their own country in the sense of being citizens without voting rights, such a process is intrinsically arbitrary. No amount of whataboutery can justify it. It strikes at the very heart of the Constitution and I would go to the extent of saying that it is a negation of the constitutional order which we have adopted under the Constitution of India," he said.

Portions of his speech quoted by the outlet are powerful. Justice Bhuyan noted that the creation of the disenfranchised class is illegal.

"Indian Constitution does not provide for two classes of citizens: citizens with voting rights and citizens without voting rights. Any process which leads to wholesale disenfranchisement of Indian citizens making them citizens without voting rights would be violative of Articles 326 and 14 of the Constitution of India."

He stressed that no one is above the constitution.

"No authority can do it; no court can condone it. No one is above the Constitution."

Justice Bhuyan's words echo what former Supreme Court judge Justice Rohinton Nariman said on September 27, also reported by Bar and Bench:

"The common man today under our Constitution, and if I may say so, the heart of our Constitution, the heart of our democracy, which is the right to vote, is in great peril." Both judges' words are especially resonant because they come amidst a nationwide movement against the unilateral decisions of Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar during the SIR exercise – often going against constitutional dictum and his fellow Election Commissioners who have formally objected 14 times in the last 10 months.

The Wire has reported on how a vast number of deletions, most affecting Indian Muslim voters, were generated centrally by the Election Commission itself.

Justice Nariman made no bones of the impact in Bengal in his speech.

"So can you imagine, this was a completely illegal knocking out of the common man, of the citizen of India, in order that a government obtains what it wants. And the result of that you saw in West Bengal was something that upset the government of the day and brought in the government of the centre," he said.

Justice Bhuyan, today, also tackled the deletion of names from electoral rolls:

"Except in the case of a dead voter, the name of a voter once enlisted in the electoral roll cannot be deleted without notice and hearing. From the persona of an Indian citizen, the right to vote or right to be included in the voters list cannot be detached. It will be like taking out the soul from the body."

Justice Bhuyan also noted that the Indian citizen's right to cast their vote is "central to the basic structure doctrine itself." The framers, he said, adopted universal suffrage despite the enormous administrative challenge and widespread illiteracy in the country. The decision was an act of faith in ordinary Indians and marked the first step towards achieving equality in a society deeply divided by caste and economic status. Invoking BR Ambedkar's closing speech in the Constituent Assembly, Justice Bhuyan recalled the warning that India would enter a life of contradictions, with political equality coexisting with social and economic inequality. The principle of "one man, one vote and one vote, one value", he said, was a facet of equality and the very essence of the Constitution.

FPIs Offload Over Rs 35,000 Crore Worth Indian Equities this Month



Foreign Portfolio Investors engaged in hefty selloffs of Indian equities in September and dumped stocks worth Rs 35,861 crore on a net basis. October also began on a negative note, with the selloff standing at Rs 9,232 crore.

The selloff follows robust investments by FPIs in the months of July (Rs 20,200 crore) and August (Rs 29,631 crore) on a net basis. West Asia war's energy shock ripples, weakness of the Indian currency, and US 30-year yield touching multi-decadel high (5.4%) is something that was already established, but analysts have added another to the list: portfolio rotation.

"FPIs turned heavy sellers in September. The positive FPI flows in July and August on expectations of decline in crude prices turned out to be a temporary phenomenon," stated V K Vijayakumar, Chief Investment Strategist, Geojit Investments. Here's a closer look at why overseas investors have strayed away from the Indian stock market:

US BOND YIELDS

The 30-year US treasury yield touched a two-decade high, standing at 5.48% roughly a week ago. Treasury yields have a converse relationship with equities and tend to put pressure on their appeal. At the same time, the US 10-year yield touched 5.3% in the last week.

"Treasury yields hovered near multidecade highs Friday as investors looked past slower-than-expected job creation in the U.S. amid lingering concerns about the long-term economic outlook," said Dheeraj Gaur, Chief Investment Strategy Officer at Choice Wealth.

OIL ON THE BOIL

Crude oil prices have continuously rallied, with only brief bouts of respite. Brent crude prices have remained above $100 per barrel for the better half of September. The rally took a breather when Saudi Arabia reportedly transported some crude via Strait of Hormuz to compensate for the closure of a key pipeline.

US-IRAN WAR

The primary catalyst for all of this havoc remains the ongoing (and seemingly never-ending) West Asia conflict between America and Iran. The war, which began in February of 2026, has rattled economies, markets and countries (along with their people) across the globe.

So far, there has been little to no indication of truce talks being resumed from either ends, making the conflict an ever bigger overhang for overseas investors and keeping them cautious regarding Indian equities as well.

INDIAN RUPEE'S FALL

The Indian currency weakened against the US dollar substantially, crossing 96 per dollar levels time and again. The depreciation in the currency has exposed its vulnerability to the oil shock and global yields, as per experts.

PORTFOLIO ROTATION

Lastly, with global investors finding attractive opportunities in dollar assets and parts of the Asian technology heavy markets, India has had to compete harder for incremental foreign capital – the significantly reduced "non-AI" trade, Gaur from Choice Wealth pointed out.

WHAT TO LOOK OUT FOR?

Going Ahead, FPIs are expected to be watchful of some key domestic factors, such as the monetary policy decision and guidance, India's manufacturing growth (PMI data), Q2 corporate earnings and IPO performances; along with global developments in the context of the Iran war, crude oil, global bond yields.

"The most important event is the RBI Monetary Policy Committee meeting from October 5–7, with the policy decision on October 7. A Reuters poll showed around 60% of economists expecting a 25-bps hike, amid rising inflation, crude prices and rupee pressure," Gaur from Choice Wealth said.

Samsung Galaxy Tab S12 Series Prices

Announced for Indian Market with Special Deals



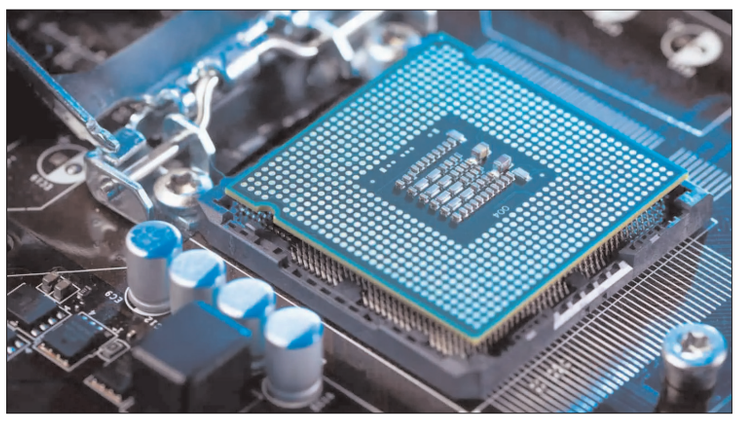
Samsung today announced that its Galaxy Tab S12 series will be available in India starting October 7. The Galaxy Tab S12 Ultra and Tab S12+, available in Gray and Silver colours, deliver Samsung's most capable and versatile tablet experience to date, combining breakthrough performance, long-lasting battery life, and the latest Galaxy AI in an ultra-thin design. Built for productivity The Galaxy Tab S12 Ultra and Tab S12+ feature expansive Dynamic AMOLED 2X displays with peak brightness up to 1600 nits. Additionally, the Vision Booster feature on these tabs adjusts brightness in real time to ensure vivid visuals and comfortable viewing in any lighting. With the 14.6-inch Ultra and 12.6-inch Plus model, users can split the screen into three sections in Multi Window layout for seamless multitasking. They can, for instance, take notes in Samsung Notes while streaming a lecture and accessing an AI assistant simultaneously. At just 5.1mm slim, the Galaxy Tab S12 Ultra is Samsung's thinnest Galaxy Tab yet, while the Galaxy Tab S12+ measures a comparable 5.3mm. Both devices pack an energy-efficient 3nm processor that delivers 61% faster NPU processing, 19% faster CPU performance, and 17% improved GPU power compared to its predecessor. This ensures smooth performance for demanding tasks like rendering creative projects or multitasking with lectures and note-taking. The all-day battery lasts up to 23 hours1 on the Ultra and 21 hours on the Plus, with rapid charging from 0% to 100% in just 95 minutes using the 45W adapter. Their newly designed 3D Vapor Chamber efficiently dissipates heat for reliable performance during extended use. Engineered for durability, the Galaxy Tab S12 series is IP68-rated for water and dust resistance, ensuring resilience in various environments. Sound is enhanced with 4-channel spatial audio that delivers a rich, immersive experience for streaming, tutorials, or editing. Both models come with an ergonomic S Pen for precise input. Productivity can be further enhanced with a Pro Keyboard Cover that turns these tabs into a professional workstation, complete with a Galaxy AI Key for instant access to AI assistants. Loaded with apps Running Android 17 with One UI 9, the Galaxy Tab S12 series integrates Galaxy AI for seamless task management. Note Assist summarises notes in real time, while a six-month trial of Google AI Pro provides access to Gemini for instant clarification and deeper exploration of topics. The Samsung Browser enhances research efficiency by summarising open tabs and surfacing relevant sources. Adobe Photoshop is pre-installed for pro-grade image editing, Goodnotes offers clean note-taking with one year of free access, while LumaFusion enables professional-grade video editing at a 66% discount. Clip Studio Paint provides precision drawing tools for digital art with a six-month trial and 20% off the first subscription, and ArcSite converts rough sketches into precise CAD drawings. Exclusive benefits include four months of free Photoshop mobile plan access and discounts on subscriptions.

Everest Cumin Powder Recalled By FSSAI Over Excess Pesticide Residues



The Food Safety And Standards Authority Of India (FSSAI) recalled the 'Everest' brand of cumin powder of excessive presence of pesticide residues up to levels where it was declared 'Unsafe' under the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006., as per a notification from the organisation on Sunday. "The food analyst's report found pesticide residues of Azoxystrobin and Thiamethoxam at levels exceeding the prescribed maximum limits," the notification said. The FSSAI drew a regulatory sample of "pre-packed cumin powder" from the premises of M/s Riverside Resorts & Holiday Homes Pvt. Ltd., Goa. The food business operator (FBO) was given an opportunity to appeal against the food analyst's findings, following which the sample was referred to the Referral Food Laboratory. Following the findings, the entire implicated batch of Everest prepacked cumin powder, bearing Batch No. E080668761, was ordered to be recalled immediately from the market. The FBO was also directed to maintain complete records of the recalled product and submit the prescribed recall information and status reports within the stipulated timelines. It was further asked to undertake corrective measures to prevent a recurrence of the incident and submit a report upon completion of the recall. The FSSAI further suspended the license of M/S Creative Bakers And Confectioners Pvt., citing severe hygiene and sanitation issues. The regulator said severe hygiene and sanitation deficiencies were observed at the premises, including dirt, grease, dust, cobwebs and flies in food production and handling areas. Perishable raw materials were found stored openly, while rusted and inadequately cleaned containers were being used for raw and semi-finished products, it said. Significant pest infestation and inadequate pest-control measures were also observed, including ineffective fly control, absence of proper rodent-control measures and openings and windows without insect-proof mesh.

CANON IN TALKS WITH THOSE ENGAGED IN KEY CHIP PROJECTS IN INDIA



New Delhi: Japanese imaging and optical major Canon had discussions with all those engaged in key semiconductor manufacturing projects in India and plans to bring its technology and service centres to the country, said its India President and CEO Toshiaki Nomura. Canon, a global supplier of lithography systems used in semiconductor manufacturing, said it is looking to support the development of India's semiconductor ecosystem as the government steps up efforts to establish domestic chip fabrication capabilities. The Japanese technology major is sensing a "great opportunity" in the upcoming semiconductor manufacturing ecosystem promoted by the government, and the company will bring its technologies (lithographic machines) to help assist chip manufacturers to produce chips in India, he said. "Now everybody knows semiconductor manufacturing is the buzzword in India. We have a lithographic machine to produce those chips… We bring our technologies to help assist the chip manufacturer to produce chips in India. So that's a great opportunity for us," Nomura told PTI. He said Canon has already engaged with major semiconductor projects that are currently under development in the country. Asked whether the company has held discussions with semiconductor ventures being established in India, he said, "Yes, we have discussed with all those key manufacturers. The projects are ongoing and, as and when some development is confirmed, we will share it." India has been actively promoting semiconductor manufacturing through incentive schemes and has approved multiple projects across semiconductor fabrication, assembly, testing, marking and packaging segments as part of its broader strategy to strengthen the electronics manufacturing ecosystem. Nomura said the progress of semiconductor projects in India could also pave the way for Canon to establish dedicated support infrastructure for chip manufacturing customers in the country. "Once the project is confirmed, of course we need 24×7 support to the chip manufacturer. In that sense, we will bring our technologies and service centres in India. That's our plan," he said. On whether India's ambitious timelines for developing a semiconductor ecosystem are achievable, Nomura expressed confidence in the country's capabilities. "I believe in the power of India. We cannot control the timeline itself, as it is the chip manufacturer's responsibility. But this will come in the near future. That's our expectation," he said. The executive also acknowledged the efforts being made by policymakers and industry stakeholders to develop the ecosystem required for semiconductor manufacturing. "Governments and related parties are working very hard to build up this ecosystem. In the near future, this ecosystem will be available," Nomura said, adding that Canon is keen to support chipmakers as India advances its ambitions to become a semiconductor manufacturing hub. Nearly 12 semiconductor projects are approved under the India Semiconductor Mission to build a domestic semiconductor ecosystem, with projects spanning chip fabrication, assembly and testing. Among the key projects are Tata Electronics' semiconductor fab in Dholera, Gujarat, Micron's semiconductor assembly and packaging facility in Sanand, and projects by CG Power-Renesas and Kaynes Semicon in Gujarat, besides Tata Electronics' semiconductor packaging unit in Assam. Besides its traditional imaging and printing businesses, Canon has been expanding into newer technology segments, including semiconductor equipment, medical systems, and surveillance and security solutions.

DESPITE PRICE HIKE, APPLIANCE MAKERS EXPECT DOUBLE-DIGIT GROWTH



New Delhi: Despite a 5-8 per cent increase in prices of air-conditioners and other consumer appliances ahead of the festive season, manufacturers are hopeful of recording double-digit growth in sales, led by premiumisation, replacement demand, easy financing and improved consumer sentiment. The latest price increase, the third round of revisions this year, has come ahead of the peak festive season, with higher costs of copper, aluminium, steel and crude derivatives, besides rising freight expenses and currency fluctuations prompting companies to raise prices. The industry, which started the festive season on a positive note with strong sales during Onam in the South, expects the momentum to continue through Navratri and Diwali, aided by premiumisation, replacement demand and easy availability of consumer financing. Consumers are increasingly opting for larger-capacity and feature-rich appliances, including energy-efficient and smart connected products, which is expected to support value growth even as higher prices put some pressure on volumes, industry executives said. Some companies believe that it will have a minimal impact as dealers and distributors have already stocked inventory purchased at older prices through pre-buying schemes in August and September. When asked if the industry would record double-digit growth despite the price hikes, Haier Appliances India CEO N S Satish told PTI, "Definitely. It will." Haier India expects 30-35 per cent growth in festive sales by value, while unit sales are likely to grow around 20 per cent, he said. "For us, it will be 30-35 per cent growth. Industry should be about 10-15 per cent," Satish said, adding that premiumisation and easy availability of finance would support demand despite price increases. According to Satish, consumers who have already decided to purchase an appliance are likely to either opt for a slightly lower-capacity product within their budget or use EMI financing to upgrade to a premium model. "The premiumisation story is happening and with the availability of easy finance… we will enable the affordability and premiumisation upgradation story," he said. Haier has raised prices by around 5 per cent on room air-conditioners from October 1 and 2-3 per cent in other product categories such as LED TV and washing machine. LG Electronics India Co-Chief Sales & Marketing Officer Sanjay Chitkara said the company is "very optimistic" about the upcoming festive season, which begins with Navratri in the second weekend of October. Pre-festive inquiries during the Shradh period have been encouraging, he said, adding that festivals are increasingly becoming an occasion for new home purchases and home upgrades. Consumers are upgrading not only refrigerators, washing machines, televisions and air-conditioners, but are also exploring categories such as dishwashers, microwave ovens, audio products and water purifiers, Chitkara said. Improved affordability following GST rationalisation, along with special festive EMI schemes, is expected to support demand, while LG's Essential Series is seeing traction among first-time consumers in Tier-2 and Tier-3 markets, he said. The optimism among manufacturers comes despite recent price hikes, with companies expecting premiumisation and replacement demand to support sales and offset some impact of higher prices on volumes. The industry has also been witnessing healthy demand across key consumer durable categories ahead of the festive season. Sony India Managing Director Sunil Nayyar expects overall value growth of around 15-20 per cent during the festive season.

IT Q2 Preview: Strong Deal Wins, AI Pressure, Slow Conversion



India's biggest IT services companies are heading into the September quarter with growth still under pressure as cautious corporate spending, delayed deal approvals and slow conversion of new orders weigh in on revenue. UnearthInsight expects the country's five largest IT firms to post sequential revenue growth of just 0.5% to 1% in the July-September quarter, broadly in line with the previous quarter and highlighting the sector's slow recovery. Q2 is not going to be any better than Q1... because we are not seeing any revival in client budgets or spending," UnearthInsight Founder and CEO Gaurav Vasu said. He said geopolitical tensions were prompting clients to remain cautious on non-essential technology spending, while lengthy approval processes were pushing back the timeline for signing and executing new contracts. Gartner expects the quarter to be "somewhat stronger" than the previous one, mainly as previously awarded contracts move into revenue-generating phases. However, it said growth among leading IT services companies is likely to remain modest as clients continue to prioritise productivity, cost optimisation and measurable returns. The earnings season begins with Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) on October 8, followed by HCLTech on October 12 and Infosys on October 23. UnearthInsight expects deal bookings to remain healthy, but said converting those wins into revenue could take longer. Vasu expects lengthy decision cycles to persist for the next 12-18 months. He does not expect significant changes to FY27 guidance, although some companies could raise the upper end of their forecasts by around 0.5 percentage point. The research firm has retained its FY27 growth estimate of 3-4% for the largest IT companies, with a significant portion expected to come from acquisitions rather than an underlying recovery in demand. The industry has already spent about $3.6 billion across 14 M&A deals in FY27, Vasu said. Margins are likely to remain under pressure as companies absorb wage hikes, invest in AI platforms and partnerships, and pass some productivity gains back to clients through lower pricing. Gartner expects margins to remain broadly stable, with automation and better utilisation offsetting AI-related investments, wage inflation and pricing concessions.

Kyiv bridge hit in further Russian drone attack as German chancellor makes surprise visit



Major bridges in Kyiv have been hit by Russian drone strikes for four consecutive days, as Moscow ramps up attacks on critical infrastructure in Ukraine's capital. Two people were injured when the Pivnichnyi (Northern) Bridge was struck on Sunday morning for the second day in a row, while the Pivdennyi (Southern) Bridge was hit multiple times earlier in the week. The latest attack came as German Chancellor Friedrich Merz made a surprise visit to Kyiv in a show of support against Russia's continuing full-scale invasion. Russia's military said it would be intensifying strikes on Kyiv and other Ukrainian regions. It earlier said it had hit the two bridges used to transfer Ukrainian troops. Video footage of Sunday's strike, verified by the BBC, shows cars moving on Pivnichnyi Bridge as a drone crashes into it before exploding, creating a ball of fire. A cloud of black smoke can be seen rising above the bridge. Other videos and pictures have emerged on social media showing a gaping hole in the middle of a traffic lane on the bridge. Kyiv Mayor Vitali Klitschko said two people were injured in the latest Russian attack. He earlier said that the Pivnichnyi Bridge's roadway was hit. Kyiv's eight bridges across the wide Dnipro River link the western (right) and eastern (left) parts, and many of the capital's estimated three million residents rely heavily on the metro lines and trains to travel across the city. Some 500,000 vehicles use the bridges every day. The two struck bridges are still standing - but the damage and restrictions to traffic and public transport have caused gridlock in parts of the capital at times. "To get from the left bank to the right one and back - it's just hell," Kyiv resident Roman told the BBC on Sunday. Large numbers of commuters cross the river, especially on weekdays. Repair teams are working to fix the damage and officials say they are planning temporary pontoon bridges, ferry services and even a tunnel under the river to keep Kyiv connected. Klitschko also said a separate Russian drone strike had damaged a heating main, adding that there would be a temporary lack of hot water in the north-eastern Desnyanskyi district as a result. Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenksy said on Sunday morning Russian drones had also attacked a warehouse in the north-eastern region of Sumy, killing one person. Meanwhile, in the central city of Dnipro, six people were injured after a communications facility was struck, he said. Ukraine's Air Force said that overnight Russia had launched 135 drones, including 52 jet-powered ones. It said that 125 projectiles had been shot down. As emergency services responded to the incidents, Germany's Merz met Zelenksy in Kyiv. They laid wreaths to Ukrainian soldiers who have been killed in the war. Merz reaffirmed his country's support for Ukraine, writing on X: "Ukraine is facing decisive weeks. That is why I travelled to Kyiv today with the message: You can rely on us. "Germany's security also depends on the outcome of this war. That is why we are helping out of our own self-interest as well." Zelensky later said that a new aid package worth more than 1.3bn (£1.1bn; $1.5bn) had been agreed with Germany. "These are weapons that will help [us] right now, as well as support for our energy sector ahead of winter," he said. As Merz was visiting Ukraine's Academy of Sciences building badly damaged in a Russian drone attack earlier this week, fresh air alert sirens were heard across the city. Two people were killed in that drone attack. Since Merz became chancellor in May 2025, Germany has become the single largest donor to Ukraine. He said the country "needs all our support in the coming weeks", adding: "If Russia is not stopped, its war machine will sooner or later turn against us." Zelensky said there would be "important agreements" made between Ukraine and Germany. The Ukrainian president has made repeated appeals for Western allies to provide more military support to the country, including supplying advanced interceptors that can shoot down new jet-powered Russian drones and also ballistic missiles. The Russian defence ministry said on Sunday it would intensify its strikes across Ukraine in response to comments made by Zelensky earlier this week, in which he said Kyiv would ramp up its attacks on Russian oil refineries. Russian President Vladimir Putin had earlier said his military was carrying out retaliatory attacks following Ukraine's strikes on Moscow's energy facilities, despite the fact that it was the Kremlin that had first launched such attacks. Putin began a full-scale invasion of Ukraine in February 2022, and Moscow currently controls about 20% of Ukrainian territory. The Russian foreign ministry on Saturday repeated a warning for foreign citizens, including diplomats, to leave Kyiv. Responding to the warning, EU ambassador Katarína Mathernová wrote on X on Sunday: "The EU Delegation is staying. Threatening us will not stop Europe's support for Ukraine. It only reminds us why that support matters!" German ambassador to Ukraine, Boris Ruge, reacted to Mathernova's post with: "Amen - we're staying". Earlier attacks on the Pivdennyi Bridge prompted Kyiv's defence council to hold a crisis meeting on Friday. Klitschko warned that the city was now in a "very dramatic situation" as Moscow was battering its "critical infrastructure, logistics, housing" and other key facilities.

Could El Niño mean there are no Atlantic hurricanes this year?



For the first time in more than 30 years, a hurricane has not formed in the Atlantic throughout September - normally the most active month for hurricane activity. With just two months left of the defined hurricane season, there is an increasing possibility that no hurricanes will develop at all. This would make the 2026 Atlantic hurricane season the only one in the satellite era without a hurricane. The biggest reason for this is El Niño, which traditionally stifles activity in the Atlantic but brings a very active season in the eastern North Pacific. The Atlantic hurricane season was predicted to be quieter than normal as a result of this. With a very strong El Niño forecast, the US National Hurricane Center in May predicted a total of eight to 14 named storms. Of those, three to six were predicted to become hurricanes, with one to three becoming major hurricanes. September is typically the most active month for tropical storm and hurricane activity. But, this year marks the latest date on record since the start of the satellite era (1960s onward) where no hurricane has formed in the North Atlantic. There were, however, four named tropical storms that formed in September: Edouard, Fay, Gonzalo and Hanna. All but Edouard stayed out in the open waters of the Atlantic. The National Hurricane Center suggests there is no sign of any tropical storm activity or hurricane over the next week at least. Forecasters at Colorado State University, who also monitor activity, suggest the strong El Niño is likely to disrupt wind patterns across the Atlantic and "likely result in below-normal activity" over the next two-weeks. As the typical peak of the season has passed and is now on a downward trend until 30 November, a season without a single hurricane is looking increasingly possible. In the historical Atlantic hurricane database, there has not been a year without a hurricane recorded since 1914. However, this was pre-satellite monitoring so it is impossible to say with certainty that none formed. How does El Niño affect tropical development? While El Niño is the natural warming of the tropical Pacific, it can disrupt weather patterns around the globe. As wind patterns shift during an El Niño, upper winds over the Atlantic increase and this leads to more wind shear, where wind changes rapidly with height. Strong winds blowing at different speeds and directions at higher altitudes rip apart thunderstorms, preventing them from growing into tropical storms or hurricanes. Meanwhile, the Pacific typically becomes more active during El Niño because the sea surface temperatures here are much higher, combined with more favourable wind patterns. The warmer waters give storms more energy to grow into tropical storms and hurricanes. This year, temperature records have already been broken in a key region of the central-eastern Pacific, with daily sea surface temperatures now exceeding the previous record set during the very strong El Niño of 2015. There have so far been 17 named storms in the basin including nine hurricanes, seven of which were major. In terms of the amount of energy these storms have produced - known as the Accumulated Cyclone Energy - this season is around two and half times more active than normal at this point. El Niño is predicted to continue to strengthen with forecasts suggesting it will reach its peak in November or December.

Australia investigating Flydubai co-pilot's links to country



Australian authorities are investigating the links between the country and a Flydubai co-pilot who attempted to take control of a plane travelling to Israel. The co-pilot is alleged to have attacked the captain with a crash axe during a flight from Dubai to Tel Aviv before passengers managed to overpower him and successfully take control of the plane. The Australian authorities have not identified the co-pilot, who has been named by multiple media outlets including Reuters, CNN and The New York Times as Hamam al-Hammami. The prosecutor in the UAE has said it is investigating the incident and any possible motives. In a statement to the BBC, the Australian Federal Police (AFP) confirmed its investigation into "the man's links to Australia". The investigation involves state police and the country's security agency, it said, adding that an update would be "provided at the appropriate time". Sources familiar with the case, who have spoken to Australian media, have said the co-pilot was issued a student visa in 2014, and studied in Australia between 2015 and 2017, until he left the country. The Australian Broadcasting Corporation (ABC) said the co-pilot's student visa was cancelled in 2019 as he was no longer enrolled in a course, making him ineligible for it.

WHY CANADA IS PREPARING FOR A (LONG SHOT) US INVASION



Prime Minister Mark Carney admitted last week that he has prepared for a once-unthinkable scenario - a US invasion. Noting the risk was low and the likelihood highly improbable, he told the New York Times he had a responsibility to consider all possibilities as the US-Canada relationship is redefined under the Donald Trump presidency. "That's just risk management," Carney said. Trump's global tariffs and his often-repeated desire to make Canada the 51st state has led Canada to war game an attack by the Americans. In 2025, the US president said it was "highly unlikely" that the US would ever use force against Canada. Instead he said, he would continue to exert economic pressures to obtain political aims. "President Trump has done more than anyone to protect the great people of Canada," the White House told the BBC in a statement this week. Military experts who spoke to the BBC also think an invasion is a long shot, pointing to the multiple ways the two countries work together on defence. But the issue is clearly weighing on Canadians' minds. In January, after the US captured Nicolás Maduro in Venezuela, a Leger poll suggested that over 30% of Canadians believed that a US invasion was likely. Why it is unlikely to happen A war between Canada and the US would be complicated and almost difficult to imagine, said Lt-Gen Christopher Coates, a former military officer of 34 years with the Royal Canadian Air Force who held various senior positions. "I was involved in military operations for my whole career, and we never considered the possibility that there would be a military attack coming from US territory," he told the BBC. Coates, who had served on Nato missions, noted that Canada and the US collaborate on many aspects of military defence. They are both members of the north Atlantic defence alliance, which mandates members to defend a fellow member-nation should they be attacked. The two countries also conduct joint Arctic defence missions under the North American Aerospace Defence Command (NORAD), and frequently share intelligence. Because of this, Coates said he believes an attack by the US on Canada would not begin with an armed assault, but rather with more discreet means like cyberwarfare. Not always the best of friends After World War II, Canada and the US became natural allies for the latter part of the 20th Century, and have become heavily integrated economically, militarily and culturally. But it wasn't always this way. In fact, a core tenet of Canada's identity is its resistance of US expansionism in the 18th and 19th Centuries, said Tim Foran, a researcher with the Canadian War Museum. "Fear of the United States is foundational to the political project that is Canada," he said. Canada was formed as a collection of British North American colonies who remained loyal to the British Crown when the colonies in the modern-day US rebelled. Before the formation of Canada, the US had attempted to invade British North American colonies, taking control of Montreal in 1775 and nearly conquering Quebec City.

Cornell president says university 'must do better' after frat house rape allegations



Cornell University's president says the school "must do better" after a woman alleged she was drugged and raped by a group of men at a fraternity house. In an eight-minute video statement released on Saturday night, Michael Kotlikoff described the allegations raised by the woman, identified as Jane Doe, as "deeply disturbing". The alleged incident has raised questions around the culture on campus of drug and alcohol use, and the way investigations were conducted in the case, Kotlikoff said. Jane Doe was a 20-year-old student at the university when she says seven men from its Chi Phi fraternity assaulted her for hours in an incident involving alcohol and the drug ketamine on 19 October 2024. She said she had reported the incident two weeks after it happened to Cornell University police, which investigated, but no charges were laid. Last month, Jane Doe filed a civil lawsuit against the Ivy League university, in which she alleged Cornell had failed to protect her or adequately punish the men involved. Kotlikoff said Cornell was "committed to investigating" the way the case was handled, and said the school administration and community "must do better".



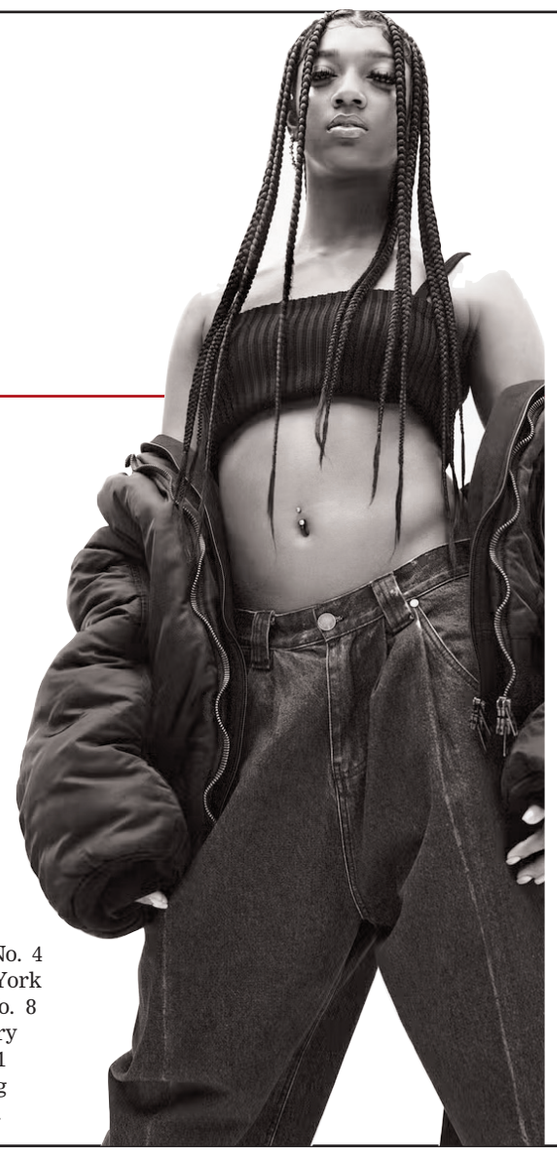
Yemen announces military campaign to reclaim land from Iran-backed Houthis

ETHIOPIAN REBEL FORCES WITHDRAW FROM TIGRAY REGIONAL CAPITAL



Rebel forces in Ethiopia's northern Tigray region have said they have temporarily withdrawn from the regional capital, Mekelle, as fighting with the national army moves towards the city. The Tigray People's Liberation Front (TPLF), which has been running the region, said its decision to relocate was made because of concerns about risks to civilians. Two residents in Mekelle told the BBC that pro-government forces now control the city and TPLF forces have abandoned it. One resident also said mobile phone services appear to have resumed in parts of the city. Fighting has erupted in recent weeks between the TPLF and federal government forces alongside allied fighters in parts of Ethiopia's northern regions of Tigray, Afar and Amhara. The development marks a major shift in the conflict and raises concerns among observers that the fighting could further destabilise the Horn of Africa, potentially drawing in neighbouring countries. The US Department of State called for "restraint" and "dialogue" on all sides ahead of a diplomatic meeting about the conflict in Egypt on Sunday with leaders from some of Ethiopia's neighbours. How fresh fighting in Tigray could spark wider conflict in Ethiopia Tigray residents have been trying to recover from a devastating two-year civil war that ended in 2022 when the African Union (AU) brokered a peace deal, known as the Pretoria Agreement, between the two sides. However, in the last six months there has been a worsening of relations, with both sides accusing each other of violating the agreement. Last month, the TPLF joined six other armed movements, including the Fano militia from Amhara, to form an alliance whose stated objective is to remove Ethiopia's Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed's government from power. The civil war was one of the most deadly conflicts this century - the AU's mediator estimated some 600,000 people died as the fighting drove the region to the precipice of famine. On Friday, neighbours Ethiopia and Eritrea severed diplomatic relations with each other after Addis Ababa accused Asmara of supporting a new rebel alliance - an allegation that it denied. Ethiopia has also accused Egypt of supporting the rebels, leading to the expulsion of an Egyptian diplomat.

ANGEL REESE'S WNBA GESTURE DRAWS BACKLASH AS DEWANNA BONNER INTERVENES



Angel Reese found herself at the centre of a postgame moment after the Atlanta Dream swept the Washington Mystics from the WNBA playoffs. Reese and Allisha Gray waved goodbye to the Mystics after Atlanta's 93-75 win on September 30, but veteran teammate DeWanna Bonner stepped in and pulled their hands down. The moment drew criticism from some fans, who called Reese's gesture "classless", while others praised Bonner for showing veteran leadership. The Dream had just reached the semifinals for the first time since 2018. Angel Reese And Allisha Gray's Gesture Draws Attention The moment came after Atlanta closed out its first-round series with a 2-0 sweep. Reese finished Game 2 with 15 points, while Gray led the Dream with 22 points. As the final seconds passed, the two players were seen waving goodbye toward their Washington opponents. Bonner then reached over and brought their hands back down. The reaction was mostly about sportsmanship rather than the result itself. Some fans criticised Reese online, with one calling the gesture "So mean. Have some class." Another said it was "not a very good look." Bonner received praise from fans for stepping in, with ESPN describing the moment as "vet leadership."

For Atlanta, the bigger story was still the playoff win. Jordin Canada scored 19 points and had 11 assists, including 13 points in the fourth quarter, while Gray added 22. The Dream pulled away late and secured their first semifinal appearance since 2018. Their next opponent is the New York Liberty. DeWanna Bonner's Veteran Role Stands Out For Atlanta Bonner's response added another layer to the scene. She joined Atlanta during the season after the Phoenix Mercury were eliminated from playoff contention and brought years of WNBA experience to a team trying to make a deep run. Her decision to step in quickly became one of the most discussed moments from the celebration. The Dream now move into a best-of-five semifinal series against the Liberty, with Game 1 scheduled for October 4. Atlanta entered the postseason as the No. 4 seed, while New York became the first No. 8 seed in WNBA history to eliminate a No. 1 seed after sweeping the Minnesota Lynx.

All India Football Federation Elections On December 20

The All India Football Federation (AIFF) on Sunday decided to hold its much-awaited elections on December 20, bringing an end to the uncertainty over the timing of the polls to elect its new office-bearers and executive committee. The decision was taken at the Special General Body Meeting (SGBM) of the national federation here, which was attended by members of the AIFF Executive Committee, representatives of member associations as well as officials from FIFA and the Asian Football Confederation (AFC). The General Body appointed Rajeev Sharma, the former state election commissioner of Haryana, as the electoral officer to oversee and conduct the election process. It also resolved to extend the tenure of the present AIFF executive committee until December 30, or until the newly elected executive committee assumes office, whichever is earlier. The elections are being held against the backdrop of a period of uncertainty within the federation, with the AIFF having been working towards aligning its governance structure with its constitution and the requirements of the global and continental governing bodies. The election will determine the leadership of the AIFF for the next term at a crucial juncture for Indian football, with the federation overseeing the national teams as well as the domestic competitions and development programmes. The presence of FIFA and AFC officials at Sunday's meeting assumes significance as the international bodies have closely followed the federation's governance and electoral process. The AIFF had last held its elections in September 2022, when Kalyan Chaubey was elected president, while Karnataka's N A Haris became the senior vice-president. The All India Football Federation (AIFF) on Sunday decided to hold its much-awaited elections on December 20, bringing an end to the uncertainty over the timing of the polls to elect its new office-bearers and executive committee.

Shubman Gill Asked About Virat Kohli, Rohit Sharma. His Reply Is A Clear Message For Critics



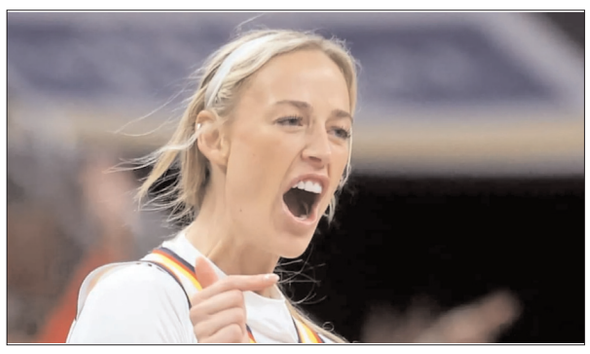
Virat Kohli scored an unbeaten century in the first ODI against West Indies while Rohit Sharma slammed on in the second ODI. The latter even came close to scoring a ton in the third ODI but was dismissed for a score of 92. Such has been the performance from two of Team India's senior-most players but there still remains a debate around their future in ODI cricket. Why? Because Kohli is 37 years old and Rohit 39. However, when India ODI captain Shubman Gill was asked about the duo's performance against West Indies after the conclusion of the third ODI in New Chandigarh on Saturday, he shut down the chatter, highlighting once again how important both Kohli and Rohit have been for the team in the recent past, and the form they are carrying at the moment. For any player, it's quite important to have the captain's confidence, and both Kohli and Rohit seem to have that. Speaking to reporters in the press conference after India's defeat in the third ODI, Gill said that he was impressed by the way Kohli and Rohit batted in the series. And on occasions when they weren't able to deliver, it was nice to see another veteran like KL Rahul stepping up. "They've been batting, you know, really well. We have seen Rohit bhai, I think, in the last four innings, this is his third hundred, I think. So, he has been batting really well, so is Virat bhai, and even whenever KL has got the chance, he's, you know, done the work for the team. He's, he's put in that effort and he's batted brilliantly," Gill told the media. There have been talks of Team India giving opportunities to new players, maybe resting Kohli and Rohit for a few games. But Gill ruled out the possibility because of the scarcity of the number of matches in ODI cricket these days. "I honestly think there is not that much time to experiment, you know.

Aman Sehrawat, Sujeet Kalkal Lead India's Best Asian Games Wrestling Campaign Since 1962



India produced its best Asian Games wrestling campaign in more than six decades, finishing Aichi-Nagoya 2026 with six medals -- two gold, two silver and two bronze -- as Aman Sehrawat and Sujeet Kalkal emerged as champions and the country's grapplers made their presence felt across freestyle and Greco-Roman categories. The six-medal haul was India's best at the Asian Games since Jakarta 1962, when the country won 12 medals -- three gold, six silver and three bronze, according to Olympics.com. India's two gold medals in Aichi-Nagoya came through Aman in men's freestyle 57kg and Sujeet in men's freestyle 65kg, while Antim Panghal and Nitesh Siwach secured silver medals. Deepak Punia and Sunil Kumar added bronze medals. Aman, India's youngest Olympic medallist, produced one of the most impressive performances of the campaign by defeating reigning world champion Han Chong Song of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea 11-7 in the 57kg final. The Paris 2024 bronze medallist appeared to be in control after establishing a 6-1 lead, but Han fought back strongly to move 7-6 ahead. Aman responded with a crucial four-point move to regain the advantage at 10-7 before an unsuccessful challenge from Han's corner handed him another point and effectively sealed the gold. Han had won both the 57kg World Championships and Asian Championships titles in 2025, making Aman's victory one of India's significant wrestling wins at the Games. Aman had begun his campaign with a 20-9 technical superiority victory over Japan's Yamato Ogawa before defeating Kazakhstan's Nurdanat Aitanov 12-1 in the quarter-finals. He then produced a comeback in the semi-finals against Tajikistan's Aiaal Belolyubskii. Trailing 6-2 after the opening period, Aman turned the contest around to win 14-8 and book his place in the final. His gold was India's second wrestling title at Aichi-Nagoya after Sujeet Kalkal had won the men's freestyle 65kg category on Friday.

Sophie Cunningham Breaks Silence On A'ja Wilson-Fan Clash And WNBA Double Standard Controversy



The A'ja Wilson controversy started late in Game 2 of the WNBA first-round playoff series between the Las Vegas Aces and Indiana Fever on September 29. Sophie Cunningham called a foul on Wilson, and a Fever fan behind the basket pointed at Wilson and walked toward her. Wilson got a technical foul after an altercation with a fan. The WNBA later reviewed the incident and opted not to suspend or fine Wilson, determining that she had remained in the player escape lane and not entered the stands. The decision was controversial, with Cunningham publicly stating that Wilson was treated differently due to her star power and calling it a double standard. Sophie Cunningham Calls Out A'ja Wilson Over WNBA's Handling Of Fan Incident Looking at the bigger picture of women in sport, Sophie Cunningham has recently said that athletes have long called for equality, more attention and stronger support from fans. But she wondered if that also means accepting the natural reactions that come with competitive sports. As women's sports gain more passionate and traditional sports fans, she believes athletes can't expect every interaction with the opposing fan base to be 100% positive or comfortable. During a video interview, she said that criticism is part of the territory of being a professional athlete. Fans can question a player's performance, personality, character, or opinions, and Cunningham said she's experienced that firsthand in her career. She also said that some comments can cross the line but believes athletes need to toughen up and not take every negative comment as a red line.

Caitlin Clark's Heated Moment With Brianna Turner Draws Technical Foul



Caitlin Clark is hit with a major blow in the playoffs. Early in Game 3 against the defending champion Las Vegas Aces, the Fever point guard saw Brianna Turner moving toward Indiana's huddle and answered with her hands. She heard the whistles right after the heated moment. Both players were hit with technical fouls after a review. For Clark, it was the second in as many games, and Indiana was playing to stay alive. Why Caitlin Clark Got A Technical Foul Against Brianna Turner The moment occurred Thursday in the first quarter of a win-or-go-home game in Las Vegas.

Aryna Sabalenka Out Of China Open In Third Round, Daniil Medvedev Into Semi-Finals



Aryna Sabalenka was swatted aside in straight sets in the third round of the China Open on Sunday, leaving the women's draw without its top two seeds, while Daniil Medvedev went through for the men. Czech player Nikola Bartunkova, 20, sent down four aces to beat the former world number one 6-4, 6-3 in one hour and 35 minutes. "I focused on myself, to be calm," 34th-ranked Bartunkova said. "She's a legend... so I'm really happy that I won the match," she said of the four-time Grand Slam champion. Bartunkova next faces Austria's Sinja Kraus in the round of 16. Second-seeded Sabalenka squandered five chances to break serve in the sixth game of the first set, with Bartunkova strong on defence and firing deep. The 28-year-old from Belarus threw on a cap for the eighth game of the first set as the women switched between playing in the shade and the sun, but it did not turn the tide in her favour. A frustrated Sabalenka tossed her racquet at a break down in the fourth game of the second set, and lost on the first match point when she returned into the net. Top seed Elena Rybakina -- who replaced Sabalenka as world number one weeks ago -- is also out, having lost to Alina Charaeva in the second round on Saturday. Also on Sunday, French Open champion Mirra Andreeva of Russia set up a fourth-round match with Ukraine's Daria Snigur, while Wimbledon champion Linda Noskova breezed past Viktorija Golubic 6-2, 6-1. Noskova next faces 28th-ranked Russian player Ekaterina Alexandrova. Medvedev through to semis In the men's draw, former world number one Daniil Medvedev dispatched Francisco Cerundolo 7-6 (7/4), 6-3 to set up a semi-final thriller with either Alexander Zverev or Novak Djokovic.

VIRAT KOHLI'S REACTION AS FAN HOLDS HIS BRAND'S SHOE IN CROWD



Star India batter Virat Kohli shared a hilarious moment with a fan during the third ODI against West Indies in Mullanpur. It was a disappointing outing for India as they failed to complete a clean sweep of the three-match series, losing the final ODI by five wickets on Saturday. Batting first, India posted a formidable 351/7 in 50 overs, thanks to KL Rahul's brilliant 129. However, the bowlers struggled to contain the visitors as West Indies captain Shai Hope smashed an unbeaten 162 to guide his team to victory with 10 balls to spare. Despite the defeat, India secured the series 2-1, making it a productive campaign ahead of the 2027 ODI World Cup. However, a video from the match has gone viral on social media, providing fans with a light-hearted moment. In the viral clip, Kohli can be seen sitting near the dugout while fans continuously chant his name. One fan in the stands took off a shoe from Kohli's One8 brand and held it up for the star batter to see. Amused by the gesture, Kohli looked towards the crowd with a smile on his face. For the unversed, Kohli recently launched his shoe brand, One8, which has become immensely popular among fans. Many supporters have been spotted wearing the footwear, which has received positive reviews and widespread appreciation.

Talking about the match, Kohli, who hammered a century in the first ODI, was clean bowled for duck by Jayden Seales in the third match.

"Lot of boxes ticked. I think there are still some areas that definitely need some fine tuning. I was very happy with the total. I think the game was in control. But being behind four overs with this dew and then in the last, I think they took the game away from us. Had we not been shortened the overs, the game might have went to the last over," said India skipper Shubman Gill after the match.

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NTR's First & Furious Reaction to the Chuttamalle AI Video

In the last few hours, an AI-created Chuttamalle morphed video has been circulating on social media. As an example of the adverse effects of technological advancements, the edited clip from the song portrays Jahnvi in a derogatory manner and NTR in an objectionable way.

The video has been cut in such a manner, and it is being widely circulated. However, many have reacted with severe outrage and are calling for it to be taken down. NTR has also shared his reaction, expressing his anger over the incident.

Taking to X, NTR wrote, "To the scumbags behind this morphed Chuttamalle video, I will not spare any of you. I will take every possible legal action against those who created it and those who are spreading it." NTR is very serious about the unnecessary sharing of the morphed video, done only for pleasure. He said Matrudevobhava is not just a phrase but part of culture, and urged governments to act strongly and introduce strict regulations against AI misuse. Earlier, a lot of female actors were subjected to deepfake videos and trolling because of the morphed pictures. Each time, the actors urge everyone to stop spreading them, and some have initiated legal action too. In the Chuttamalle case, those who did it crossed every line, and it's simply unacceptable. Chuttamalle is a popular song from NTR and Jahnvi starrer Devara: Part 1, directed by Koratala Siva.



Tears came to my eyes when Roshan was crying on the screen: Bekkam Venugopal



Tellakagitham' is a movie produced by Krishna Kommalapati under the banner of Arunachala Creations and presented by Mrs. K. Sridevi. Harsh Roshan and Nakshatra acted as the star couple.. The story, screenplay and words were given by Nandu Savirigana for this movie. This movie is directed by Ramesh Bandreddy. The movie, which hit the screens on October 2, is getting an overwhelming response. In this background, the movie team organized a success meet.

FORMER VICE PRESIDENT VENKAIAH NAIDU GRACES 'INTERNATIONAL INK BOUND 2.0' AS CHIEF GUEST



The second edition of 'International Ink Bound 2.0', organised by Kasturi Vijaya Publishers, was held grandly on Saturday evening at Prasad Labs. The event was organised under the leadership of Kasturi Vijaya founder Pamarthi Sudheer Pamireddy. Former Vice President Muppavarapu Venkaiah Naidu, writer and actor Tanikella Bharani, and former Rajya Sabha member Yarlagadda Lakshmi Prasad attended the event as chief guests. On the occasion, Venkaiah Naidu unveiled the Telugu, Hindi and English editions of 'Screenplay Master Sukumar', authored by Dr. Praveen Yajjala and published by Kasturi Vijaya Publishers. He also launched 'Avemaina Gnapakala? Marchipovadanika?', authored by renowned writer Vanguri Chitten Raj. Along with these books, the publishers also unveiled 'Ammamma Kathala Khajana', an anthology featuring 48 stories, with the respective authors participating in the launch.

Speaking at the event, Venkaiah Naidu said, "A book is a treasure trove of sweet memories. Chitten Raj has brought many interesting aspects to light through this book. He has also reminded us of our traditions that are gradually being forgotten, including our attire, customs and language. "Interestingly, our traditions are being followed more enthusiastically by Indians living abroad than by people in India.

ACTOR NAVDEEP UNVEILS 'MOHABBAT' TEASER



The teaser of the upcoming film 'Mohabbat', starring Santosh Raja and Shreyas Sen in the lead roles, was unveiled by popular actor Navdeep on Friday in Hyderabad. Produced by Afroz Shaik under the banner of ABS Productions and directed by Mac, the film is set to hit the screens soon.

The teaser launch event was attended by hero Navdeep and director Karuna Kumar as the chief guests. Executive Producer Saleem Shaik, director Mac, cinematographer YS Krishna, writer Kalam, and actors Eshwar Sai, Manoj, Satwik, Shreyas Sen, Santosh Raja, Ajay Ghosh, Santhoshi, Durga, and others were present at the event. Navdeep officially unveiled the teaser.

MANOJ MANCHU PENS A HEARTFELT BIRTHDAY NOTE FOR WIFE MOUNIKA BHUMA MANCHU



Actor Manoj Manchu took to Instagram to wish his wife Mounika Bhuma Manchu on her birthday with an emotional note, expressing his love and gratitude for her unwavering support throughout his toughest times and comeback journey.

He credited Mounika's belief in him as a source of strength and appreciated her vision behind Namasthe World and AIKYA Dhairya Sena Samithi, highlighting her commitment to bringing people together through service.

Calling her the heart behind AIKYA, Manoj celebrated the beautiful family they have built together and wished her continued success in achieving her dreams.

CULT PRODUCER SKN UNVEILS THE POSTER OF 'DHARANI I LOVE YOU'

The poster of the upcoming film 'Dharani I Love You' was grandly unveiled by popular producer and Cult Producer SKN. The poster launch event was held in the presence of the film's cast and crew and witnessed a lively atmosphere.

Speaking on the occasion, SKN said that the poster of Dharani I Love You looks interesting and that the title itself creates curiosity about the film. He mentioned that director Saikrishna K.V. is making his second film and had earlier worked as an associate with S.S. Rajamouli on Magadheera. He conveyed his best wishes to producer Rajasekhar Maddikunta and the entire team and wished the film great success.

Director Saikrishna K.V. said, "I am extremely happy that the first-look poster of our Dharani I Love You has been launched by Cult Producer SKN. He is a producer known for his excellent timing in the film industry. Despite being busy with successive successful films such as Baby and Chennai Love Story, he took the time to launch our film's poster, and I sincerely thank him for that. Many people are fans of his entertaining and well-timed speeches on stage, and I am one of them."



The producer, hero, heroine and other members of the film team expressed their happiness over having the poster unveiled by SKN. They said that the film is being made with the intention of entertaining and connecting with audiences and that more details about the movie will be announced soon.

Ala Sendravanka Lyrical Song from Crazy Kalyanam Released

VK Naresh, Anupama Parameswaran, Tharun Bhascker, and Raj Weds Rambai fame Akhil Uddemari are playing the lead roles in the upcoming film Crazy Kalyanam. The movie is being produced by passionate producer Boosam Jagan Mohan Reddy as Production No. 2 under the Yaro Cinemas banner, with Badrapa Gajula directing the film.

The makers have unveiled the second single, Ala Sendravanka, from the movie today. Suresh Bobbili has composed the song with a beautiful melodic tune, while the lyrics by G. Venkanna add to its appeal. The song has been melodiously rendered by Anurag Kulkarni.

Ala Sendravanka is a soothing romantic melody that beautifully captures the charm and elegance of the female lead. The poetic lyrics celebrate her beauty through imagery of fragrance, moonlight, blooming smiles, colourful skies, and nature coming alive in her presence. Anurag Kulkarni's soulful vocals, combined with Suresh Bobbili's pleasant composition, make the song an enchanting musical treat.



"Chandrayaan" Is a Meaningful Film with Commercial Elements: Venu Udugula



Following the superhit success of Raju Weds Rambai, producer Venu Udugula is presenting another interesting film titled Chandrayaan. The movie features Shivakumar Dheekonda, Swapna Priyadarshini, Ravi Shivateja, Vamshidhar, Lokesh and Balagam Satyanarayana in key roles. Produced by Praveen Molaka under the Simba Screen Stories banner and directed by Srinath Chandrasekhar, Chandrayaan is a hilarious adventure film that is gearing up for a grand theatrical release on October 30. The film's glimpse was unveiled at a grand event in Hyderabad, with popular astrologer Venu Swamy attending as the chief guest.

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