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## Migrant worker killed, five injured as wall collapses at convention hall in Hyd

Hyderabad: A migrant worker was killed and five others suffered serious injuries after a wall collapsed at V Convention Hall at Gundlapochampally in Pet Basheerabad on Monday early hours. As per available information, the incident had occurred around 3:30 am reportedly following heavy overnight rains. The victim identified as Gagan (50), construction worker and a native of Odisha, died on the spot. The injured persons were rushed to CMR Hospital for treatment. Preliminary investigation revealed that the victims were migrant labourers employed at a ready-mix plant owned by Aparna Constructions. They had been residing in temporary tin sheds erected adjacent to the convention hall wall that collapsed under the impact of the rains.

## Musheerabad records 124 mm as Hyderabad gets battered in heavy rains

Hyderabad: Several parts of the city, especially the core regions of Secunderabad, witnessed very heavy to heavy rainfall ranging from 100 mm to 124 mm on Sunday night. Musheerabad, Mettuguda, Chilkalguda, Osmania University, Tarnaka, Habsiguda, Moula Ali, and Kapra, bore the brunt of the massive rains. In Musheerabad, Boudha Nagar recorded 12.4 cm rainfall while MCH Colony recorded 11.9 cm, Osmania University recorded 105.8 mm followed by Kapra (103.3 mm), and Marredpally (101.8 mm). Heavy rains were also recorded at Shaikpet and Jubilee Hills (99 mm), Adikmet in Musheerabad (96 mm), Ambedkar Nagar (Alwal) (95.8 mm), Quthbullapur ESS Jeedimetla (95.5 mm).

# CM directs officials to Integrate LED streetlights with Command Control Center

Hyderabad, Sept.15The State government took a slew of important decisions for the effective and efficient maintenance of the streetlights across the state, including the GHMC and the core urban area inside the Outer Ring Road (ORR). For this, all the LED streetlight networks will be connected to the Central Command Center in Hyderabad and also install LED Dashboards in all mandals to monitor the functioning of the streetlights during the night and also day times. At a high level review of the maintenance of the streetlights with Panchayat Raj and Municipal Administration departments on Monday, the Chief Minister instructed the officials to delegate powers to the Sarpanches for the maintenance and installation of streetlights in all Gram Panchayats.

The Panchayt Raj officials were ordered to conduct a survey of the available LED lights, requirement of the lights and status of the supervision of the streetlights following the reports of the neglect of switching off the lights in the daytime in many villages. The Chief Minister said LED dashboards should be installed in villages under the supervision of the MPDO at mandal level. He also suggested that the responsibilities should be entrusted with the additional collector at the district level. The Officials briefed the Chief Minister that the total number of LED lights in the villages are 16.16 lakh and a contract agency was maintaining the lights in Warangal, Nalgonda, Jangaon and Narayanpet districts. The meeting noted that the misuse of power and poor maintenance of the lights can be prevented if the Sarpanches are given powers. Instructing the authorities to connect the entire LED lights network across the Telangana State with the Com-



mand Control Center in Hyderabad, the Chief Minister said that a special system should also be developed by installing control boxes along with LED lights to ascertain the functioning of the streetlights and rectify the problems, if any. During the meeting, the municipal administration and urban development department briefed the Chief minister that 5.50 lakh LED lights are available in the GHMC limits and it required 7.50 lakh lights to cover the Core Urban City inside the Outer Ring Road . The officials updated Revanth Reddy about non-functioning of the streetlights and poor maintenance of the electric poles due to the expiry of the term of the previous contract agency. The Chief Minister instructed the officials to invite tenders for the installation and maintenance of new LED lights.Revanth Reddy suggested that noted companies in the manufacturing of LED lights should be invited and the maintenance should be handed over to the companies for seven years. The tender rules should be formulated so that the maintenance can be done independently.

## 'No contravention of law': SC clears Vantara of all accusations, bars fresh complaints



GNS News Agency, Sept 15

New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Monday accepted the findings of the Special Investigation Team (SIT), headed by retired apex court judge Justice Jasti Chelameswar, which probed wide-ranging accusations, alleged illegal wild-life transfers and the unlawful captivity of elephants, against Vantara wildlife facility in Gujarat's Jamnagar. "The SIT...opined and concluded that there is no violation of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972, Recognition of Zoo Rules, 2009, CZA guidelines, Customs Act, 1962, Foreign Trade (Regulation and Development) Act, 1992, Foreign Exchange Management Act, 1999, Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2002, Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 or the Convention of International Trade in Endangered Species of wild Fauna and Flora," noted a Bench of Justices Pankaj Mithal and Prasanna B. Varale in its order. Accepting the SIT re-

port, the Justice Mithal-led Bench observed: "The Court has no hesitation in accepting the conclusion so drawn in the report. Thus, as no contravention of law has been reported by the SIT, the complaints, particularly those listed in Schedule A in the summary of the report, stand closed."

The SIT inquiry, the apex court said, covered the "entire range of allegations not only concerning acquisition of animals, smuggling, laundering, but also regarding welfare and husbandry, conservation and breeding, climatic and location issues, and financial and trade improprieties." It further said that the SLL's investigation involved coordination with the Central Zoo Authority, Wildlife Crime Control Bureau, CITES Management Authority of India, Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI), Directorate of Enforcement (ED), Directorate of Revenue Intelligence, Customs Department and the jurisdictional police. On the basis of the report of the SIT, the Justice Mithal-led Bench recorded that "the receipt of animals by Vantara by rescuing them from various situations and housing them in the rescue centre for conservation, and breeding programs have gone through a complex multi-layered/multi-jurisdictional statutory approvals, procedure and documentation". It further noted that animal imports at the Vantara wildlife facility were carried out strictly in accordance with valid permits and after clearance from multiple statutory authorities, adding that once imports are fully documented and supported by permits, their validity cannot be disputed. "It is pertinent to mention that repeated inquiries into the affairs of Vantara pursuant to multiple complaints/petitions filed from time to time have culminated with findings of no violation of law whatsoever.

# Govt paving way for cleaner streets, better housing, faster Metros, greener cities in new India: PM Modi

GNS News Agency, Sept 15

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday highlighted how consistent efforts of the government were paving the way for cleaner streets, better housing, faster Metro trains and greener cities as a new, urban India, is taking shape. Responding to an article written by Union Minister Hardeep Singh Puri, the Prime Minister said: "Indian cities are turning into engines of growth! Union Minister Hardeep Singh Puri outlines how consistent efforts of the government are paving the way for cleaner streets, better housing, faster Metros and greener cities."The minister has stated that "Indian cities are again on that path to being modern yet humane, ambitious yet inclusive, global in outlook yet rooted in our values."The minister further states that "even as we demand more from our cities, we must also pause to acknowledge the distance we have already travelled. For decades after Independence, India's urban spaces were an afterthought. Jawaharlal Nehru's fascination with Soviet-style centralisation gave us the likes of Shastri Bhavan and Udyog Bhavan, concrete monoliths already crumbling by the 1990s, monuments to bureaucracy rather than service."By the 2010s, central Delhi presented a dismal sight: Potholed avenues, drab and leaking government buildings, and peripheral roads in the National Capital Region (NCR) that were hopelessly jammed. Expressways were scarce, Metros were confined to a handful of cities, and civic infrastructure was visibly decaying. A country aspiring to global leadership had a capital city that reflected neglect. "He further states, "Prime Minister Narendra Modi changed that trajectory. He placed cities at the heart of the national development agenda, treating them not as burdens to be managed but as engines of growth and symbols of pride. The transformation is visible everywhere. The Central Vista redevelopment turned Kartavya Path into a people's space, the new Parliament



building into a future-ready institution, and Kartavya Bhawan into a streamlined hub for governance. Where once there was decay, there is now ambition and confidence. The scale of this change is backed by numbers. Between 2004 and 2014, cumulative central investment in India's urban sector was around ?1.57 lakh crore. Since 2014, that figure has risen to nearly ?28.5 lakh crore, a 16-fold increase This unprecedented financial commitment is reshaping the urban fabric at a pace India had never seen before, Puri further stated. "India's broader economic and digital surge amplifies this momentum. Today, we are the world's fourth-largest economy at roughly \$4.2 trillion, with digital rails powering everyday life. The Metro revolution illustrates the transformation on the ground. In 2014, India had about 248 km of operational Metro across five cities. Today, over 1,000 km span more than 23 cities, carrying more than one crore passengers daily. Dozens of new corridors are under construction, from Pune and Nagpur to Surat and Agra, making urban commutes faster, cleaner and safer. This is not just steel and concrete; it is reduced travel times, cleaner air, and millions of hours of productivity returned to citi-

## KTR files 10 crore defamation suit against union minister Bandi Sanjay



Hyderabad, Sept.15 Bharat Rashtra Samithi working president and Sircilla MLA K.T. Rama Rao has filed a civil defamation suit before the City Civil Court, Hyderabad, against Union Minister of State for Home Affairs, Bandi Sanjay Kumar, seeking damages of ?10 crore for making "false, malicious, and defamatory" allegations.

In his plaint, filed through his counsel P. Viswajanani of P.V. Janani & Associates, KTR has also impleaded several media organisations and social media platforms that carried or circulated the statements. The suit seeks mandatory removal of the defamatory content, an unconditional

public apology from the Union Minister, and a perpetual injunction restraining further defamatory publications.

KTR stated that on August 8, 2025, Bandi Sanjay, during a press meet, made baseless remarks linking him to the misuse of Telangana's Special Intelligence Branch (SIB), illegal phone tapping, and financial irregularities. These comments, he said, were carried widely across television networks including ABN Telugu, NTV, TV5, V6, and ANN Telugu, as well as digital platforms such as India Today, NDTV, Deccan Herald, and the Times of India. The content also spread through social media companies including X (Twitter), YouTube, Google, and Meta (Facebook/Instagram).KTR argued that such remarks were made with political vendetta and amounted to a "vicious smear campaign" designed to tarnish his hardearned reputation. He added that despite serving a legal notice on August 11, 2025, Bandi Sanjay failed to issue an apology, leaving him with no option but to approach the court."An elected Union Minister making such irresponsible and derogatory remarks has serious implications on the credibility, dignity, and trust of public representatives," the plaint said. The case has been admitted before the chief judge, city civil court, Hyderabad. The court will soon hear KTR's plea for damages, apology, and injunction orders against the defendants.

## Telangana Agarwal Samaj delegation meets CM Revanth



Hyderabad, Sept.15: A delegation from the Telangana Agarwal Samaj on Monday visited Chief Minister Revanth Reddy to extend an invitation for the Maharaja Agrasen Jayanti celebrations. They informed the Chief Minister that the 5,149th Maharaja Agrasen Jayanti is scheduled to be held at the Classic Convention in Shamshabad on September 22. Additionally, the delegation provided an overview of various initiatives carried out by the Telangana Agarwal Samaj. The Chief Minister expressed his willingness to attend the event if his schedule allows it. Present at the meeting were Telangana Agarwal Samaj President Anirudh Gupta, along with advisors Badri Vishal Bansal, Harish Gupta, Sanjay Gupta, and Yessavi. Speaking on the occasion, Anirudh Gupta highlighted that during natural disasters in India, Telangana Agarwal Samaj had always extended its services sincerely, in terms of manpower, time, and financial support. He assured the Chief Minister that their organisation remains committed to continuing these activities in the future. To strengthen the community and ensure a bright future, the Samaj has launched a large-scale membership registration campaign as a prestigious project aimed at a "strong community and bright future," Anirudh Gupta revealed.

### Bandi Sanjay flags off Nagpur-Sec'bad Vade Bharat Express

Hyderabad, Sept. 15 Union Minister of State for Home Affairs Bandi Sanjay flagged off Train No. 20101 Nagpur – Secunderabad Vande Bharat Express with provision of stoppage at Manchiryal Railway station on Monday.

Gaddam Vivek Venkat Swamy, Telangana Labour and Employment Minister, Gaddam Vamsi Krishna, Member of Parliament, Peddapalli, C. Anji Reddy, Member of Legislative Council and other dignitaries graced the occasion. Dr. R. Gopalakrishnan, Divisional Railway Manager, Secunderabad Division, A. Sridhar, Chief Public Relations Officer, South Central Railway and other Officials wereSpeaking on the occasion, Bandi Sanjay stated that under the leadership of Prime Minister, Narendra Modi, the State of Telangana is witnessing unprecedented development in all spheres. He stated that Vande Bharat Express has been a colossal hit in India and more than 150 such trains are plying across the country.

## BJP slams Rahul, Owaisi for their double standards on India-Pakistan cricket



Hyderabad, Sept.15 The Telangana BJP on Monday slammed Congress leader Rahul Gandhi and AIMIM leader Asaduddin Owaisi for their double standards and hypocrisy over the India-Pakistan cricket match in the Asia Cup. The party questioned whether Rahul Gandhi and Asaduddin Owaisi, who had earlier demanded that India boycott the match, are now mourning Pakistan's humiliating seven-wicket loss to Team India. State BJP chief spokesperson and media In-charge N.V. Subash said it was ironic that the same Rahul Gandhi and his INDI alliance partners, who once demanded proof of India's airstrikes and questioned the downing of Pakistani fighter jets in Operation Sindoor after the Pahalgam terror attack, have suddenly fallen silent. "Why have they gone mute now? Aren't these the same leaders who parroted Pakistan's lies and even echoed Donald Trump's falsehoods while ridiculing our armed forces?" Subash asked. The BJP reminded people that this is not the first time the Congress and its allies have cast doubts on the bravery of Indian soldiers. "From Pulwama to surgical

strikes, the Opposition has repeatedly tried to undermine

our forces—something unheard of in Congress's six decades of rule at the Centre," Subash added.Hailing Team India's emphatic victory, Subash quoted skipper Suryakumar Yadav, who said the team played to avenge Pakistan-sponsored terrorism that claimed innocent lives in Pahalgam.

#### "Yet another major blow to CPI (Maoist), Central Committee Member killed

#### in Jharkhand

Hyderabad: Just five days after Modem Balakrishna, a Central Committee Member (CCM) of the CPI (Maoist) was shot dead in a gun battle with security forces in Ghariaband of Chhattisgarh, yet another CCM Sahadev Soren was killed in an exchange of fire in Karando locality in Jharkhand on Monday morning.

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## Indian tech talent should upskill to cash in on the Al wave

Hiring in Indian IT industry is going through a rough patch. Global IT services industry is in a state of flux. Rapid adoption of artificial intelligence (AI)-powered platforms and services is making many job roles redundant through auomation. This is one of the reasons that global technology giants like Meta, Google, Microsoft, Oracle, and the ikes have been laying off staffers across geographies, ncluding in the US and India. As the world goes through an AI wave, uncertainty created through Trump tariffs is vorsening the matters.

While global growth outlook has been downgraded pwing to the US tariffs, enterprises are unwilling to gamble on technology spending. These factors are playing out inensely in the global technology industry and India is no exception. As the world's largest technology talent base, ndia has been impacted negatively since last year. As a esult, hiring has been tepid in recent quarters. Many IT irms like TCS have resorted to cost optimisation moves by laying off staffers. In the first quarter of current financial year, employee addition numbers have dropped drastically. The country's top six IT services companies-TCS, nfosys, HCLTech, Wipro, Tech Mahindra and TIMindtree- added just 3,847 positions during Q1 of the current financial year as compared to 13,935 people added in the previous quarter.

Many HR experts opine that the July-September period (Q2FY26) may not be very different from the first quarter. Importantly, the hopes of recovery are slowly fadng as tariff issues are yet to be settled. If such uncerainty continues, FY26 may see continuing trend of low hiring.

## Relay Hunger Strike in Ghatkesar for Farmers' Loan Waiver





""NSR, Medchal - Malkajgiri Staff Reporter, Ghatkesar, Sept 13, Indian Chronicle: The Farmers Loan Waiver Action Committee organized a relay hunger strike in Ghatkesar, which drew support from leaders across political parties. Speakers stressed that the agitation is focused only on farmers welfare, not party politics. They alleged that arrears of nearly ?900 crore remain pending with the Finance Department despite repeated assurances. Farmers in Ghatkesar and Medchal questioned why they were left out when loan waivers were implemented elsewhere in Telangana. Leaders warned the government against suppressing peaceful protests and pledged full support to the farmers. They also said a delegation would seek an appointment with the Chief Minister to resolve the issue. District and local leaders, along with farmers and activists, participated in the program.

## "Sand Mining In The N"ame of "Indiramma's Houses\*

""Indian Chronicle" kumrambheem, Asifabad.District Reporter Jade Srinivas. September, "13." "District CPM Secretary Durgam Dinakar alleged that tractor owners are illegally transporting sand in the name of Indiramma Indla in Wankidi Mandal. Currently, since Indiramma Indla is under construction in the mandal, the Congress government is distributing two tractors of sand per day to Indiramma beneficiaries for free, and the tractor owners are getting angry at this. In addition to the villages in the mandal and even in the neighboring state of Maharashtra, which is within walking distance, tens of tractors are transporting sand illegally every day, earning five to ten thousand rupees per trip illegally, and the district mining and related mandal authorities, which should be controlled, are acting as if they have not seen it. Durgam Dinakar urged the relevant mandal and district authorities to respond and prevent the illegal"End..

#### Manoj Kumar's Birthday Celebrations At Girijana Ashram School"

""Indian Chronicle" kumrambheem, Asifabad.District Reporter Jade Srinivas.September,15. ""Manoj Kumar's birthday celebrations at Girijana Ashram School Kolam Sangam District: President Atram Jalpat Rao's son Atram Manoj Kumar celebrated his birthday in Wankidi Mandal Bambara Government Tribal Ashram School. Sweets were distributed to students and teachers.On this occasion, Jalpat Rao said that government schools provide better quality education than private schools and suggested that tribal children should be enrolled in government tribal ashram schools. "He said that they should not be sent to private schools even if they don't have the financial capacity, but they are providing all the facilities in government schools.

## BC Declaration Victory Meeting in Kamareddy Postponed Due to Heavy Rains""



"NSR, Medchal - Malkajgiri Staff Reporter, Medipally, Sept 13, Indian Chronicle: The BC Declaration victory meeting scheduled to be held on Monday, September 15 in Kamareddy under the leadership of the PCC has been postponed due to adverse weather conditions. PCC president and MLC Mahesh Kumar Goud stated that the program had to be deferred as several parts of Kamareddy and other districts in the state are expected to receive heavy rainfall, according to the weather department's forecast. Party sources confirmed that a new date for the meeting will be announced soon. Minister Seethakka, who has been in Kamareddy for the past two days supervising the arrangements, also confirmed the postponement. Telangana Mahila Congress vice president Chintala Nirmala Reddy emphasized that the decision was taken to ensure the safety of participants and in view of the weather conditions

## **CRT's Salaries Should Be Paid Immediately"**



""Indian Chronicle" kumrambheem, Asifabad.District Reporter Jade Srinivas.September, "13." "District Chairman of the National Human Rights Committee Rathod Ramesh requested the Collector On today, National Human Rights

Committee District Chairman Rathod Ramesh and committee members appealed to District Collector Venkatesh Dhotre to immediately release the five-month pending salaries of 460 CRTs working in Komuram Bheem Asifabad district and the salaries of workers working in the ashram school. Speaking on the occasion, they said that the delay in the salaries of teachers working as part of human resource development is deplorable, that stopping the salaries of teachers means ruining the golden future of students, that the teaching profession should be respected and the future of students should be kept in mind, and that the pending salaries should be released immediately, and that the government should show its sincerity towards teachers and students, and that the National Human Rights Committee will stand by those who have been wronged. CRT salaries should be released immediately. He informed that the District Collector responded positively to this request and sent a report to the ITDA PO and assured that steps would be taken to ensure that the salaries are released as soon as

#### Ramagundam Police Launches Intensive Community Policing Operation to Curb Crime and Ensure Public Safety."

 $\hbox{\it ```P.S.} A shokan ``Indian Chronicle'` Ramagundam Police$ Commissionerate"Date: 13-09-2025."""In a proactive step toward fostering community trust and enhancing public safety, the Ramagundam Police Commissionerate conducted a large-scale Community Contact Program across several key localities including Ram Nagar, Seethanagar, Mallikarjun Nagar, Krishna Nagar, Lenin Nagar, 2A Mori, and RCO Club areas.""Under the strategic guidance of Commissioner of Police Amber Kishore Jha and Peddapalli DCP P. Karunakar, and the direct supervision of Godavarikhani ACP M. Ramesh, the initiative was executed by One Town Inspector Indrasena Reddy, leading eight specialized teams comprising 80 personnel."" Surprise Inspections and Crime Prevention Measures "Simultaneous surprise inspections were carried out in residential neighborhoods during the afternoon hours. Officers conducted door-to-door checks, verified the identities of residents, and scrutinized suspicious individuals. "Vehicles lacking proper documentation were seized, and penalties were imposed accordingly. Unregistered and abandoned vehicles were impounded to prevent misuse."" Community Engagement and Awareness""Post inspections, the ACP and CI engaged with local residents to understand ground-level issues and challenges. A public awareness meeting was held, during which ACP M. Ramesh issued several important advisories and alerts: """Key Highlights from ACP M. Ramesh's Address: "Tenant Verification is Mandatory: "Landlords were strictly advised to maintain comprehensive records of ten-



ants, especially migrant workers. This includes full names, permanent addresses, prior employment details, Aadhaar information, and family particulars. "" Rising Threat of Substance Abuse: "The ACP raised concern over the increasing tendency among youth to fall prey to alcohol, marijuana (ganja), and other narcotic substances. "He emphasized that individuals involved in the sale, distribution, or consumption of such substances will be prosecuted under stringent laws. "" Vigilance Against Narcotics: "Citing previous incidents of illegal drug trafficking from other states, the ACP reiterated that both sellers and users of contraband like ganja will face legal consequences. "He urged citizens to remain vigilant and report any such activities immediately to the police. Identity of informants will be \*\*kept strictly

spect, alertness, and zero tolerance for harassment."" In-

### Mancherial She Teams Step Up as Guardians of Women's Safety — 81 Offenders Caught, Stronger Vigilance Ahead.



""P.S.Ashokan"Indian Chronicle"Ramagundam Police Commissionerate "Date: 13-09-2025." "In a continued effort to ensure the safety, dignity, and empowerment of women across the Mancherial Zone, the She Teams of Ramagundam Police have intensified surveillance and enforcement. Demonstrating exceptional commitment, the teams have apprehended 81 offenders involved in harassment and anti-social behavior up to the month of August 2025. "From the total of 114 complaints received by the She Teams: "18 were registered as criminal cases" "07 led to petty cases "89 were addressed through counseling sessions and formal warnings ""These statistics were reviewed in a strategic review meeting chaired by DCP A. Bhaskar, IPS at the DCP Office on Saturday. The session involved officials from the She Teams, Women Police Station, and Bharosa Centre, and resulted in new directives to bolster women's protection initiatives throughout the district. """ Key Directions and Safety Initiatives: "" Daily Surveillance of Identified Hotspots "She Teams were instructed to patrol sensitive zones daily, especially those previously recognized as hotspots for harassment. Plans must be devised to apprehend eve-teasers in the act, thereby setting a strong deterrent.""Outreach at Educational Institutions and Public Hubs "Officers will conduct awareness campaigns on women's safety at schools, colleges, and major urban intersections. These initiatives aim to foster a culture of re-

spection of Women's Hostels & Working Spaces "Special drives will ensure that hostels and women's accommodations are equipped with: ""CCTV surveillance" "Professional security guards""Mandatory presence of a female incharge "All staff working in these premises must undergo background verification." Integrated Support at Bharosa Centres"The Bharosa Centres will continue to offer holistic including:""Medical support guidance "Emotional counseling Police personnel were directed to ensure that women and minor victims feel emotionally reassured and that their educational and psychological well-being is monitored throughout the legal process."""Crackdown on Child Pornography & Sexual Abuse Content"A strict warning was issued against the upload, download, possession, or sharing of: "Child pornography""Rape videos""Gang content """ Under: "Section 67B of the IT Act "Section 15 of the POCSO Act ""Such offenses are punishable with imprisonment, fines, or both. National and international monitoring systems, including NCMEC (National Center for Missing & Exploited Children), actively track IP addresses and email IDs associated with such cybercrimes — even across dark web, deep web, and cloud storage platforms like Google Drive. "" Stay Alert, Not Afraid "Women and girls were urged to remain vigilant and assertive, especially in the face of inappropriate behavior by known individuals. Victims must never hesitate to report, and their identity will be kept strictly confidential.""" Report Harassment - Reach Out Confidentially: ""Victims and witnesses can report incidents Teams through helplines: ""Ramagundam She Teams (WhatsApp): 63039 23700 "Mancherial She Teams (Direct Line): 87126 59385""Police Emergency Number: 100"""> "Together, let's build a society where no woman lives in fear. Your voice """ Officials Present at the Review Meeting: "Inspector Naresh Kumar - Women Police Station""SI Usharani - In-charge, Mancherial She Teams""Haimavathi and Team - Bharosa Centre""She Teams Personnel - Mancherial Zone

# Case Registered Against RMP Doctors Who Provide Medical Treatment Despite Not Being Qualified



""Indian Chronicle" kumrambheem, Asifabad.District Reporter Jade Srinivas.September, "13.""A case has been registered against three people who are providing medical treatment as RMP doctors in Asifabad without studying any medical courses, Asifabad SHO Balaji Varaprasad said in a statement on Friday. According to his details, a case was registered on August 14 against three RMP doctors, Rupnar Ramesh, Vanam Madhukar and Chandrakanti Ravikanth, who were treating sick people by claiming to be doctors despite not having any qualifications, by giving allopathic medicines and giving injections to them. The three were arrested on Friday and produced in court, he said."

#### Scolding Journalists Can Lead To Fines And Jail Time.Supreme Court Verdict"



""Indian Chronicle" kumrambheem, Asifabad.District Reporter Jade Srinivas.September, "13." "The Supreme Court has issued a key verdict that anyone who threatens, insults or beats working journalists or journalists in India will be liable to a fine of Rs 50,000 and five years in prison. This was clarified during the hearing of a case on Thursday. With this sensational verdict, many journalists will have the opportunity to provide factual information to the public without fear of any fear in their profession, said the leaders of journalist associations. Senior journalists. They welcomed this verdict. They also expressed satisfaction that the Supreme Court's verdict will provide some protection from political leaders.

## Ration Rice Seized In Sirpur (T)"



""Indian Chronicle" kumrambheem, Asifabad.District Reporter Jade Srinivas.September, "13. ""Ration rice seized in Sirpur (T) ""Komuram Bheem Asifabad District Police and revenue officials conducted a surprise raid on Dattasai Rice Mill near Madyalavagu in Sirpur (T) Mandal. A huge quantity of ration rice was recovered in this raid. Preliminary information is that more than 100 quintals of rice is in stock, full details are yet to be known.

# It looks like this message is in EnglishPhonePe's Indus Appstore is now on 10 crore devices



Hyderabad; Indus Appstore, India's Android app marketplace, announced today that it has hit the 10-crore device mark. The app store's localised feature, allowing users to discover apps in 12 Indian languages along with English, is one of the key factors to its success. 40% of users navigate the app store in a regional language, with Hindi, Marathi, Tamil, and Gujarati being the most popular languages. The app store has a significant presence in states like Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, and Maharashtra, with states like Karnataka and Telangana following close behind as key user hubs.India's young population is a key driver of Indus Appstore's success. Gen-Z, aged 18-27, comprises 33.7% of the user base, and when combined with Gen-Y, aged 27-44, accounts for nearly 93.5?% of users under the age of 45. The core Indus Appstore user is a 28 to 44 year-old male in a Tier?3 location. 70.6?% of users are from Tier?3 regions, demonstrating strong rural and small-city penetration. Indus Appstore hosts several app categories, with Social Media apps being the most popular nation-wide, followed by Communication, Entertainment, and Finance apps. Celebrating the milestone, Priya M Narasimhan, Chief Business Officer, Indus Appstore said, "It's a proud moment for all of us to cross the 10-crore milestone, and it is an important step in our journey of building a horizontal app

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# JSW MG Motor India wins two prestigious honours at the FADA Dealership Excellence Award 2025



Hyderabad: JSW MG Motor India has been awarded with top honours at the Federation of Automobile Dealers Associations (FADA) Leadership Excellence Awards 2025. The company took home prestigious accolades, securing top positions in both the Overall Dealer Satisfaction Study and the FADA Crème de la Crème Satisfaction Study 2025. It was also recognised as one of the leading brands in the industry in terms of the Sales Experience Index. In the Overall Dealer Satisfaction Index, JSW MG Motor India scored 868 points, significantly above the segment's average of 771 points. "The FADA Dealership Excellence awards are one of the most sought-after titles in the automotive industry, and honour outstanding performance, innovation, and best practices across India's auto retail landscape. JSW MG Motor India's high rankings underlines brand's efforts to support its dealers through comprehensive resources and innovative practices to deliver a superior customer experience. Vinay Raina, Chief Commercial Officer, JSW MG Motor India said, "It is a proud moment for us to be honoured by FADA, for the second year in a row. This achievement celebrates the trust of our dealer partners and

the passion of our teams whose passion and perseverance drive us to consistently set new benchmarks in the automotive industry."These awards solidify JSW MG Motor India's credibility and established reputation for customer satisfaction. With around 550 sales and aftersales touchpoints across 222 cities, the company remains committed to setting new standards of excellence in the automotive industry. About JSW MG Motor IndiaSAIC Motor, a global Fortune 500 company with a presence in over 100 countries and JSW Group (India's leading conglomerate with interests across B2B and B2C sectors) formed a joint venture - JSW MG Motor India Pvt. Ltd. in 2023. The joint venture aims to build a smart and sustainable automotive ecosystem while continuing to stay focused on developing a diverse portfolio of vehicles to give car buyers better access to advanced technologies and futuristic products with attractive value propositions. JSW MG Motor India Pvt. Ltd. is committed to introducing world-class technology, strengthening the manufacturing landscape, best of innovation across its business operations, and generating significant employment opportunities through extensive local-

## 8 in 10 Indians Say They Need Help Caring for Ageing Parents, Reveals Gen S Life Survey



Hyderabad:Gen S Life, a lifestyle app for India's 60+community has unveiled findings from a multi-city survey that captures the emotional and practical realities of caring for ageing parents. Conducted with over 1,000 respondents across Tier 1 & 2 cities, the study provides a rare lens into how families are navigating love, distance, finances, and responsibility. The survey reveals that 72% of respondents identified their parents' health as their primary concern, followed closely by 68% who cited loneliness as a pressing issue. Safety (42%), social life (39%) and financial stability (37%) were also highlighted as secondary concerns. The findings underline that health and emotional wellbeing are now seen as equally urgent priorities in ageing care.

Living arrangements of parents also reflect shifting social structures. 62% of senior parents live independently, either in the same city, in another part of the country, or abroad; while only 2% reside in senior care facilities. This growing physical distance often leaves adult children anx-

ious, with 54% admitting they worry about their parents daily, especially during working hours. Caregiving, however, is not only emotional but also financial. The survey found that 46% of respondents regularly contribute to their parents' expenses, while another 26% provide occasional support. Yet, despite these contributions, guilt persists: 57% said they feel they are not doing enough, revealing the hidden emotional cost of caregiving. Perhaps the most telling finding is that 8 in 10 respondents said they would welcome structured caregiving support if it were reliable and affordable, with many willing to pay for such services. This highlights the readiness of Indian families to adopt organised care solutions that balance love with practical support.

Commenting on the findings, Meenakshi Menon, Founder, Gen S Life, said, "These numbers tell a story of love, responsibility, and worry that millions of Indians live with every day. Health and loneliness are not abstract issues; they are real challenges faced by parents and constant sources of anxiety for children. The fact that eight out of ten people are ready to embrace structured care shows a powerful shift where families are seeking help not because they care less, but because they want to care better."

The study also sheds light on urban-rural differences. In metropolitan cities, respondents reported higher concerns around parents' loneliness (71%), while smaller towns highlighted health emergencies (69%) as the primary fear. Among the respondents, the distance amplified guilt, with 63% saying they worry their parents are not truly happy despite financial support. Through this research, Gen S Life reaffirms its commitment to India's senior community and their caregivers. By building a network of healthcare, safety, engagement, and companionship services, the platform is working to address both the practical and emotional dimensions of ageing care. With accessible options like the Gen S Life Silver Plan at ?990 per year and the Gold Plan at ?4,900 per year, Gen S Life aims to make structured caregiving support affordable and adaptable to the needs of every family.

## Ramagundam Police Launches Intensive Community Policing Operation to Curb Crime and Ensure Public Safety."



""P.S.Ashokan"Indian Chronicle"Ramagundam Police Commissionerate"Date: 14-09-2025. """In a proactive step toward fostering community trust and enhancing public safety, the Ramagundam Police Commissionerate conducted a large-scale Community Contact Program across several key localities including Ram Nagar, Seethanagar, Mallikarjun Nagar, Krishna Nagar, Lenin Nagar, 2A Mori, and RCO Club areas. ""Under the strategic guidance of Commissioner of Police Amber Kishore Jha and Peddapalli DCP P. Karunakar, and the direct supervision of Godavarikhani ACP M. Ramesh, the initiative was executed by One Town Inspector Indrasena Reddy, leading eight specialized teams comprising 80 personnel. "" Surprise Inspections and Crime Prevention Measures" Simultaneous

surprise inspections were carried out in residential neighborhoods during the afternoon hours. Officers conducted door-to-door checks, verified the identities of residents, and scrutinized suspicious individuals. "Vehicles lacking proper documentation were seized, and penalties were imposed accordingly. Unregistered and abandoned vehicles were impounded to prevent misuse."" Community Engagement and Awareness""Post inspections, the ACP and CI engaged with local residents to understand ground-level issues and challenges. A public awareness meeting was held, during which ACP M. Ramesh issued several important advisories and alerts: """Key Highlights from ACP M. Ramesh's Address: "Tenant Verification is Mandatory: "Landlords were strictly advised to maintain comprehensive records of tenants, especially migrant workers. This includes full names, permanent addresses, prior employment details, Aadhaar information, and family particulars."" Rising Threat of Substance Abuse: "The ACP raised concern over the increasing tendency among youth to fall prey to alcohol, marijuana (ganja), and other narcotic substances. "He emphasized that individuals involved in the sale, distribution, or consumption of such substances will be prosecuted under stringent laws."" Vigilance Against Narcotics: "Citing previous incidents of illegal drug trafficking from other states, the ACP reiterated that both sellers and users of contraband like ganja will face legal consequences. "He urged citizens to remain vigilant and report any such activities immediately to the police. Identity of informants will be \*\*kept strictly

# It looks like this message is in English PMI South Asia Champions Sustainable Project Leadership with Inaugural "One Ride - One PMI Community" Cyclathon

authority on project management, hosted the inaugural "One Ride - One PMI Community" cycling event in Hyderabad. The initiative brought together project professionals across 11 chapters from across South Asia in a unified show of purpose, collaboration, and environmental commitment. The ride took place on India's first solar-roofed cycling track in Hyderabad and marked a meaningful step in PMI's commitment to sustainability and climate-conscious leadership. By championing healthier cities, greener projects, and cleaner air, the event reflected PMI's belief that project professionals are uniquely positioned to lead impactful change across industries and communities.Over 100+ participants took part in the ride beginning at 5:30 AM, cycling a 2-kilometer stretch that was followed by a tree plantation drive at Forest Trek Park. The initiative reflected PMI's commitment

Management Institute (PMI), the world's leading



ship and community engagement, reinforcing the need for cleaner air, greener projects, and more responsible leadership in shaping a sustainable future.Amit Goyal, Managing Director for South Asia at PMI, said, "Project leaders today are shaping outcomes that extend far beyond timelines and deliverables. At PMI, we see them as stewards of impact—driving innovation, enabling sustainable progress, and contributing to a future where every project

imprint on the planet. By aligning with the UN Sustainable Development Goals and championing the GPMb™ certification, we're empowering our community to lead the green transition with purpose and precision. 'One Ride - One PMI Community' is more than a cycling event. It symbolizes our collective commitment to regenerative sustainability and the belief that project management must evolve to meet the challenges of our time. From climate action to urban resilience, we envi-

project contributes to a healthier, more equitable world, he added". The event marked a significant milestone in PMI South Asia's journey to champion sustainability as a core strategic imperative in project leadership. By convening chapters from across the region, it showcased PMI's commitment to equipping professionals with green skills to drive resilient, regenerative outcomes-underscoring the power of collective action in shaping a thriving future for generations to come

# Honest Politics Must Begin withFarmers..!Felicitation of 25 Farmers Organized by Youth for Anti-Corruption



Hyderabad: A unique program was organized on September 14 (Sunday) by the Youth for Anti-Corruption organization with the slogan "Save the Farmer, Protect the Farmer, Stand by the Farmer." The event was presided over by the organization's founder Rajendra Palnati and was attended by former CBI JD Lakshminarayana, former MLA Bakkani Narsimhaulu, music director R.P. Patnaik, and former Agriculture Officer Ashok Kumar as chief guests. CBI Ex-JD Lakshminarayana

"Farmers must unite. Politics has entered villages. Earlier, people in villages discussed crops and farming, but now whenever people gather, they talk only about politics. Farmers who cultivate crops should form their own companies and sell directly. Farmers must bring about political change. Honest politics can only begin with farmers. The government should increase the value of farmers. On Independence Day, the national flag should be hoisted by farmers. Toll gates must allow free passage for farmers. No

matter how much technology advances, without farmers, we cannot eat. Women's groups (DWCRA) should be encouraged to prepare natural fertilizers and traditional remedies."

R.P. Patnaik"Without farmers, there is no society. We eat because of your hard work. We are forever indebted to you, who serve Mother Earth." Bakkani Narsimhaulu, Former MLA"Everyone praises farmers, but very few truly work for their upliftment. We must protect ponds and lakes from encroachments. To ensure the food we eat is not adulterated, we must support and encourage farmers." During this event, 25 farmers from both Telugu states were felicitated. Among those who participated were: Dr. Sravanthi, Pabba Sharanya, Komati Ramesh Babu, Konne Devender, Battini Rajesh, Geethanand, Ragi Swapna, Gangadhar, Nagendra, Vamsikrishna, Rajesh, Telangana (Warangal) President Suru Rajender, Rayalaseema President Narayana, and several others.

## Unanimous Election Ushers in New Leadership for Manthani Reddy Seva Welfare Association."



P.S.Ashokan"Indian Chronicle"Manthani,sept,14.""""In a display of unity and collective purpose, the Manthani Reddy Seva Welfare Association conducted its internal elections on Sunday, culminating in the unanimous election of its new executive body.""Presided over by Election Officer Chandupatla Sudhakar Reddy, the election process was smooth, transparent, and marked by enthusiastic participation from the members of the association.""Newly Elected Office Bearers:""Honorary President: Shri Mandala Satyanarayana Reddy"" President: Shri Muskula Surender Reddy" Vice President: Shri Karka Kondal Reddy"" General Secretary: Shri Yeluka Satyanarayana Reddy""Joint Secretary: Shri Musipatla Ramana Reddy""Treasurer: Shri Mula Shekhar Reddy""Executive Committee

Members:""The following members were elected unopposed to the Executive Committee, reflecting widespread consensus and support: "'Shri Lambu Prabhakar Reddy'"Shri Gantla Purender Reddy'"Shri Billa Ramana Reddy'"Shri Masi Reddy Rajireddy""Shri Maram Satyanarayana Reddy""Shri Lekkala Rajireddy"""This newly constituted leadership is expected to steer the association with vision and dedication, working collaboratively to uphold the welfare, cultural identity, and service-oriented goals of the Reddy community in the region.""> The association reaffirmed its commitment to community development, unity, and inclusive progress through strategic welfare initiatives and active grassroots engagement.

## Cordon search is for crime control ""

"Indian Chronicle" kumrambheem, Asifabad.District Reporter Jade Srinivas.September, "14. ""Cordon search is for crime control.Police commune to control crime.Cl Satyanarayana said that a contact program was conducted.On Friday morning, a cordon search was conducted in Bamba. Ra village in Wankidi mandal. It was said that 32 two- wheelers without proper documents were seized during these checks. It was advised to inform the police if any unknown people are roaming in the village.If they come across ganja, Gudumba,ration supply, etc., they should immediately inform Dial 100. He said that the details of those who provided information will be kept confidential. It was advised to be vigilant against cyber crimes.

# Swasth Nari, Sashakt Parivar Abhiyan' program to be implemented in the district from September 17 to October 2:-



Yadadri Bhuvanagiri District Collector Hanumantha Rao""Yadadri Bhuvanagiri (September 14): Yadadri Bhuvanagiri District Collector Hanumantha Rao has ordered to implement the 'Swasth Nari, Sashakt Parivar Abhiyan' program in the district from September 17 to October 2. In a meeting organized under the auspices of the District Medical and Health Department on Friday, doctors, district rural development, district panchayat, education, child, welfare, municipality and all the concerned officials should work in coordination and make it a success. District Collector Hanumantha Rao said that this program will be organized

### Government Whip MLA Beerla, Bhuvanagiri MP Chamala meet Chief Minister Revanth Reddy"

"Yadadri Bhuvanagiri District Representative (September 14):- Telangana State Government Whip Aleru MLA Beerla Ayilaiah and Bhuvanagiri MP Chamala Kiran Kumar Reddy met Telangana State Chief Minister Revanth Reddy in a courtesy call. On this occasion, they discussed various development works in Aleru constituency.

from September 17 to October 2 in all health centers with specialist doctors in a medical camp for women. He said that the country will be good only if women are healthy. He suggested that health camps should be organized fortnightly for women's health in all places from village level to municipality, that all types of tests related to them should be conducted by special specialist doctors, that special attention should be paid to maternal and child health, that cancerrelated diseases should be tested at the primary stage, and that an awareness program on personal health should be organized for school hostel children.

Addressing this meeting, District Medical and Health Officer Dr. Manohar said that awareness should be created among school children about blood donation, that blood donation centers should have blood of all groups, that pregnant women should be tested for sickle cell disease in the 12th week, that special attention should be paid to antenatal care immunization, that awareness should be created among girls about personal hygiene, anemia, and the ministerial cycle, and that all departments should work in coordination in this program to make this program a success. AIIMS Additional Director Kalyani ZP CEO Shobharani DRDO Nagi Reddy, Deputy DM LH Yashoda, DEO Satyanarayana, Child Welfare Officer Narasimha Rao, Municipal Commissioner DCHS Chinnanayak, District Program Officers and PHC Medical Officers participated.



## Corporator Rajitha Parameshwar Reddy inspects development works"



""NSR, Medchal - Malkajgiri Staff Reporter, Uppal, Sept 15, Indian Chronicle: Development works are progressing rapidly in Uppal division. Corporator Rajitha Parameshwar Reddy has been continuously monitoring the progress of these projects. On Monday, he conducted an extensive inspection in Uppal Hills Colony. He, along with AE Raj Kumar and local residents, reviewed the construction of CC roads costing ?93 lakh and underground drainage works taken



up with ?7 lakh. Reddy also announced that storm water drainage construction from the 40-feet road in Uppal Hills to Hanuman temple will begin soon at a cost of ?65 lakh. AE Raj Kumar, Durgam Naveen Yadav, Govind Kumar Swamy, Eega Anjaneyulu Mudiraj, Salla Prabhakar Reddy, P. Ramachander, M. Sudhakar Reddy, T. Vijaya Singh, E. Mahender, T. Srinivas Reddy, A. Ravi, J. Komuraiah, Venkatesh Goud, A. Bikshapati, A. Raju, and Md. Hussain participated in the program.

## Road Issues in Habsiguda Bastis Brought to Congress Leaders' Attention"

""NSR, Medchal - Malkajgiri Staff Reporter, Habsiguda, Sept 15, Indian Chronicle: Heavy rains have caused severe inconvenience to residents in Habsiguda Division, particularly in the OU 3, 4, and 5 Camps bastis, where access roads have become difficult to use. Local youth collectively raised the issue with former Medchal-Malkajgiri District Youth Congress president Kandi Shravan Reddy. Responding to their concerns, Shravan Reddy visited the affected areas, interacted with residents, and assured them that their problems would be taken to Uppal constituency Congress in-charge Mandamula Parameshwar Reddy for resolution. He also encouraged the residents, promising efforts to ensure necessary relief. The program was attended by Habsiguda Division Congress president Vijay Kumar, Division Congress general secretary Dharmendra Naik



(Dharma), senior leader Javid, Habsiguda Division Youth Congress president Vasu Naik, along with Sai Kiran, Aslam, Irfan Khaleem, Altaf, Khadar, and others.

#### Telangana State Government Whip Aleru MLA Beerla Ayilaiah has resumed canal works



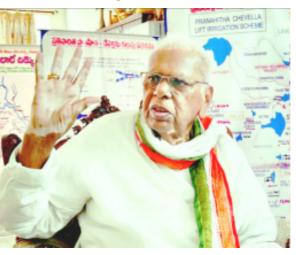


Yadadri Bhuvanagiri District Representative (September 15):- Telangana State Government Whip Aleru MLA Beerla Ayilaiah has resolved the land issue and started the canal works in Kandigadda Thanda village of Aleru mandal of Yadadri Bhuvanagiri district. If this canal work is completed, the water coming from Aswaravupet reservoir will fill the ponds of Mandanapalli, Sai Gudem Kandi Gadda Thanda Tanguturu Sarajipet Kollur villages. It will merge with the Sai Gudem check dam in Bikkeru Vagu and will provide irrigation water to almost thousands of hectares of land. The irrigation canals coming from these Aswaravupet and Nawabpet reservoirs have already started the canal that was stopped in Aleru constituency. Canal work has been initiated to this extent, as if the Mandanapalli canal were to fill up, the cultivation of the fields of farmers in the surrounding villages would also be disrupted.

Yadadri Bhuvanagiri District Representative:-(September 14) State Bharatiya Janata Party President N. Ramachandra Rao.. A view of Vemula Ashok meeting Union Minister G. Kishan Reddy and presenting him with a flower plant and receiving his bless-



## Government should celebrate Telangana Independence Day on September 17:- Former Bhuvanagiri MLA Kommidi Narasimha Reddy""



\*People of Telangana should hoist the national flag on their houses. ""\*Call of former MLA and Praja Chaitanya Vedika convener Kommidi Narasimha Reddy. ""Yadadri Bhuvanagiri District Representative: (September 14) Former Bhuvanagiri MLA and Telangana Praja Chaitanya Vedika convener Kommidi Narasimha Reddy has called on the people of Telangana to hoist the national flag on their houses on September 17. He said that September 17 is not a date but the day when Telangana got real independence. On this occasion, he issued a statement on Sunday. He said that some politicians are using September 17 for politics in order to condemn foreign powers. He said that they are picking on each other to condemn one. He said that whether someone agrees or disagrees, September 17 is a special day for the people of Telangana, and some argue that the day when Telangana breathed the air of freedom was a day of rebellion, while others argue that it was a day of merger. But these opportunistic politicians are ignoring a fundamental issue. He reminded that the people of Telangana celebrated that day regardless of parties, their political ideologies, and arguments. In his statement, he demanded that these politicians explain how a feudal and

royal lord can become a democratic lord. He said that the great palaces and universities built by the Nizam in Hyderabad were for the establishment, not for the common people. He also said that even though tanks were dug and projects were built, they ultimately benefited the Nizam and his vassals. Under the Nizam's rule, Telangana was a pure feudal society. Telangana has become a platform for the most heinous forms of slavery, slavery, exploitation and undemocratic tendencies. The people of Telangana have been victimized. Whatever Patel, Patwari and Bhuswamy say has become the norm. There are no elections, there are no representatives of the people. He suggested that today's rulers and politicians should know how much the nobles, landlords and Deshmukhs have oppressed the people and how much they have oppressed them. "However, it is true that very few people from the landlord families raised their voices and fought on the side of the people against the Nizam's tyranny. The Nizam was not a democrat. On that day, neither the Hyderabad State Congress nor the Communist Party fought for freedom from the Nizam. That is why on September 17, 1948, when the troops sent by the Center captured Hyderabad, there was jubilation among the people of Telangana. Kommidi Narasimha Reddy said that the people and democrats of Telangana, who were captives of the Seemandhras, celebrated as much on June 2, 2014, when they formed a separate state, "on September 17, when the Nizam and his army left. The reason for the demise of a feudal government due to Indian military action and the seed of a national democratic government was laid is the independence prepared for Telangana on September 17. "He questioned how the rulers and politicians who claim to be working to restore the symbols of Telangana's existence can ignore September 17, the day the state gained independence. He suggested that today's rulers recognize the fact that Telangana did not gain independence on August 15, but that Telangana gained independence on September 17, and organize Telangana independence celebrations across Telangana on September 17 so that future generations know. Otherwise, it would be an insult to the history of the Telangana struggle, stated Kommidi Narasimha Reddy in his statement.

## Petition For Sanction Of New Building For Urdu School""

"Indian Chronicle" kumrambheem, Asifabad.District Reporter Jade Srinivas. September, "14." "Petition for sanction of new building for Urdu school. Former Co- op member Syed Sajjad submitted a petition to MLA Kova Lakshmi demanding that a new building be sanctioned for the Urdu School in Jangam village in Jainur mandal. "He said that the Urdu school in Muslim Guda in Jangam was built many years ago and the entire building has reached a state of ruin. The parents of the students are expressing their concern that when the Urdu school building will collapse due to water seeping from the slab. The MLA was requested to work for the sanction of a new building for the Urdu school. Similarly, he was asked to work to solve the drinking water problem. The MLA responded promptly and assured that he would work for the construction of the Urdu school building. Urdu school chairman Syed Mahebub, Syed Sabir, Shaikh Altaf and villagers participated in this program.



# Students should be provided with quality meals according to the menu:- Additional Collector of Local Bodies Bhaskara Rao "

"Yadadri Bhuvanagiri District Representative:- (September 14) Additional Collector of Local Bodies Bhaskara Rao said that students should be provided with quality meals according to the menu. The midday meal was inspected at Kolanupaka Zilla Parishad High School in Aleru Mandal. They wanted to provide good meals to the students according to the menu. The way physical science training is being conducted for teachers was inspected. And the Additional Collector listened to the class along with the teachers to see how the digital class was being taught. "Later, the work of Indiramma Houses under construction in Kolanupaka was inspected. He said that the work of Indiramma Houses should be completed quickly. He said that money will be deposited in the accounts of those whose Indiramma Houses are completed. "The concerned officials participated in this program.



## Jagruti College students receive gold medals from Telangana State



Governor Jishnu Dev Verma ""\* Jagruti students show their mettle by winning four gold medals.." "Yadadri Bhuvanagiri District Representative (September 15):- Local Jagruti Degree and PG College students showed their mettle by winning 4 gold medals in MCOM, BBA, BCOM groups. "Today, the fourth convocation of Mahatma Gandhi University was held with great pomp on the university premises. University Chancellor Vishnu Dev Verma, Governor Telangana, Professor B S Murthy, Director IIT Hyderabad were present as the chief guests of this program. As part of the convocation, gold medals are given to the university toppers every year. For this, four students of Jagruti College, namely B. Harika MCOM, K. Bhavani BBA-CA, N. Ramyasri (BBA), P. Yamini (BCOM-CA), secured



the first rank in the university and received gold medals from the hands of Telangana State Governor Jishnu Dev Verma. The academic director of the college, Dr. Bojja Suryanarayana Reddy, participated in the program and specially congratulated the students.

#### Dolakasi Chandrasekhar As Kautala's New SI""

"Indian Chronicle" kumrambheem, Asifabad.District Reporter Jade Srinivas.September,15.""Dolakasi Chandrashekhar appointed as Kautala's new SI"Orders were issued from the Ramagundam Police Commissionerate appointing Vijay, who was working as an SS in Kautala. and placing him in VR.

#### Bhuvanagiri MLA Kumbham Anil Kumar Reddy inaugurated Pochampally Bank"



"Yadadri Bhuvanagiri District Representative (September 15):- Bhuvanagiri MLA Kumbham Anil Kumar Reddy participated as the chief guest in the inauguration ceremony of Pochampally Co-operative Urban Bank Limited at Yadadri Bhuvanagiri district headquarters on Monday and after cutting the ribbon, lit the lamp. Later, the cash counter and safety locker room were opened by cutting the ribbon and the bank services were inaugurated. Later, the bank chairman Tadaka Ramesh and vice chairman Bharat Rajendra Prasad were felicitated with shawls as the chief guests. Speaking on the occasion, the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the bank said that this bank was first started in Pochampally Municipality Center and today the 15th branch was opened here. He said that the services of this bank are developing day by day and seven more branches are being opened. Apart from this, he said that many branches are going to be opened across the state. He said that especially for the customers to come forward to use the services of this bank, housing



loans, loans on gold ornaments, industrial loans, car loans, and loans for business development as per the RBI Act will be provided to them. Saving customers will have an accident insurance of Rs. One lakh, insurance of Rs. 2 lakh through insurance schemes, and senior citizens who have made fixed deposits for 444 days will be given a discount of 9.60 percent and others will be given a discount of 9.10 percent. So far, accounts of more than 1 lakh have been opened in 14 branches. He said that they are going to open seven more branches by this December and open accounts of 5 to 6 lakhs. Bank Chairman Tadaka Ramesh, Vice Chairman Bharat Rajendra Prasad, Directors Karnati Venkata Balasubramaniam, Yele Hari Shankar, Surepalli Ramesh, Rapolu Venu, Gundu Kavya, Karnati Bhargavi, Kondamadugu Yellaswamy, Bittu Bhaskar, Maktala Narasimha, Seetha Srinivas along with other party leaders, public representatives, businessmen and others participated

## Ensure Conviction in Every Case, Says District SP Rohit Raju"

""Bhukya Ranjith naik,Bhadradri Kothagudem Bureau September 15, Indian Chronicle: "District SP Rohit Raju, IPS, held the monthly crime review meeting with police officials at the district police headquarters on Monday. Addressing the officials, the SP directed them to conduct thorough investigations in every case to ensure conviction of offenders and deliver justice to victims. He cautioned that any delay in case investigations would not be tolerated and warned of disciplinary action against negligent officers. ""The SP emphasized that officers and staff must remain accessible to the public through regular patrolling and Blue Colts vehicles. He ordered strict surveillance on illegal activities such as ganja smuggling, gambling, and matka, with firm action against offenders. Hotspots across the district must be identified, and cases should be booked not only against traffickers but also against consumers of narcotic substances, he said. ""He instructed every police station to work towards installing CCTV cameras in all areas, while also creating awareness among residents and business owners to set up cameras in their localities. Stressing the importance of technology, the SP said that property crime offenders must be traced swiftly using modern tools, and stolen property recovered and handed over to victims at the earliest.""On cybercrime, he urged continuous awareness programs to alert the public and directed officials to respond promptly when victims report financial frauds. He also asked police stations to identify accident-prone areas (black spots) and take preventive measures in coordination with concerned departments. Officers were told to act firmly against rash driving, drunken driving, and ensure cases are registered against violators. Pending cases must be expedited in coordination with judicial officers to secure justice for victims, the SP added.""Later, the SP presented appreciation certificates to officers and staff who excelled in different ver-



ticals. The meeting was attended by Bhadrachalam ASP Vikrant Kumar Singh, IPS, Kothagudem DSP Rehman, Palvoncha DSP Satish Kumar, Manuguru DSP Ravinder Reddy, Yellandu DSP Chandra Bhanu, along with Cls, Sls, and other district police personnel.

## Seed Collection Fosters Green Legacy: Collector Jitesh V. Patil""



Kranthi Kumar Dasari | Pinapaka Constituency | Indian Chronicle"Ashwapuram, September 15: The Mandal Parishad Primary School (MPPS) at Nellipaka Banjara village in Ashwapuram mandal, Pinapaka Constituency, has brought laurels to the district by securing the first prize in the district-level Seed Bank Programme, an initiative aimed at promoting environmental awareness among schoolchildren. On Monday, District Collector Jitesh V. Patil visited the school, inspected the seeds collected by the students,

and lauded their efforts. ""Speaking on the occasion, the Collector said that inculcating the habit of seed collection from the student stage itself would go a long way in nurturing environmental awareness and ensuring a green legacy for future generations. "Seed collection is not just a competition but a strong foundation for environmental conservation. Each seed is a source of life - safeguarding food security, medicinal value, and biodiversity," he remarked. "The school's achievement is noteworthy as the students collected as many as 362 varieties of seeds weighing 440 kilograms, the highest in the district. The Collector appreciated the commitment shown not only by the students but also by the teachers and school staff who guided them in this initiative.""The Collector further suggested setting up a nursery on the school premises for raising different plant species, along with establishing a Seed Gift Box to facilitate community-level seed exchange and distribution. Announcing additional encouragement, he said that apart from the ?50,000 cash prize, special district-level funds would also be allocated to further motivate the students.""Additional Collector (Local Bodies) Vidya Chandan, MEO Veeraswamy, Headmistress Vimala, teaching staff, and students were present during the programme.

## CEO Sudarshan Reddy Calls for Readiness on Special Intensive Revision""



"ShaikSharief,Bhadrachalam,September 15, Indian Chronicle: "Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) Sudarshan Reddy has directed officials to remain prepared for the Special Intensive Revision (SIR). On Monday, he held a video conference with district collectors from Hyderabad to review the implementation of the SIR, which was last con-



ducted in 2002. ""Speaking on the occasion, the CEO explained that the revision is undertaken once every 20 to 25 years to remove duplicate and fake entries from the voter list. He emphasized that comprehensive training should be provided to booth-level staff through master trainers to ensure smooth execution of the process. ""ITDA Project Officer B. Rahul also participated in the meeting.

#### Anganwadi Workers Protest NEP Implementation, Demand Wage Reforms and Recognition: CITU Leads District-wide Agitation at Minister's Camp Office."



"P.S.Ashokan"Indian Chronicle"Manthani, september 15. """In response to the statewide call given by the Telangana Anganwadi Teachers and Helpers Union (CITU) State Committee, Anganwadi workers and helpers from the Manthani Assembly constituency staged a protest demonstration today in front of the camp office of Hon'ble IT Minister Duddilla Sridhar Babu. The agitation was organized to highlight pressing concerns regarding recent government policies impacting the ICDS system and the livelihoods of Anganwadi employees. ""Addressing the protestors, Union State Vice President Smt. G. Jyothi voiced strong opposition to the State Government's decision to integrate pre-primary education into government schools under the new National Education Policy (NEP). She warned that such a move would undermine the relevance and functionality of Anganwadi centres, which have long been delivering foundational pre-primary education to rural and underserved communities.""> "Pre-primary education is already being effectively implemented through Anganwadi

centres. Diverting this responsibility to government schools will not only dismantle the ICDS framework but will also disempower thousands of dedicated Anganwadi workers, she said. """"She urged the government to reallocate the budget earmarked for pre-primary education to Anganwadi centres, ensuring that early childhood education continues under the established community-based model. "Additionally, the Union reiterated the following key demands: ""Immediate implementation of the promised ?18,000 minimum monthly wage, as committed prior to state elections "Reduction in excessive digital and online workload, which is causing undue stress on field workers""Complete revocation of the FRS (Field Reporting System), which they argue is exploitative and redundant ""During the protest, Minister Sridhar Babu responded over the phone, assuring the protestors that he would escalate their concerns directly to the Hon'ble Chief Minister, and ensure that appropriate action is taken

"The protest witnessed active participation from several prominent union leaders and workers, including:""Smt. Satyavani, President, Bhupalpally District Anganwadi Union""Smt. B. Vanajaran, President, Peddapalli District""Comrade B. Ganesh, CITU District Leader""Comrades Shyamala, S. Ramalakshmi, Smt. Srikala, Shalini, Manjula, along with a large contingent of Anganwadi workers""This demonstration marks a significant chapter in the continued struggle of Anganwadi employees for recognition, respect, and rightful remuneration. The union has vowed to intensify its movement if the State Government fails to respond with concrete policy changes.

## Ambedkarism Cannot Be Silenced: Resistance Against Marginalization Intensifies Amid Statue Row.""



P.S.ASHOKAN"Indian Chronicle"Kamanpur, Telangana "September, 15." "Former Minister Koppula Eshwar has strongly condemned the imposition of restrictions on the unveiling of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar's statue in Penchikalpet village, asserting that Ambedkarism and Phule's egalitarian ideology are indomitable forces that will never fade away, no matter how fiercely suppressed. ""Speaking at a ceremony organized jointly by Putta Lingamma Charitable Trust and AIAIYS State Executive Member Irugurala Kishtayya, Eshwar questioned the rationale behind imposing prohibitory measures such as Section 144 for what should have been a peaceful and respectful event. "Is it justifiable to impose curbs on the installation of a statue in a remote village that seeks to honour the architect of India's Constitution?" he asked. "Eshwar emphasized that Ambedkar's legacy is not confined to the Scheduled Castes, but encompasses all oppressed, marginalized, and backward sections of society. He underlined that Ambedkar was the first visionary who dreamed of a society where every human being, regardless of caste or birth, would receive equal respect and dignity. ""> "Ambedkar provided us with voting rights, educational opportunities, and employment through constitutional safeguards. That legacy benefits not just SCs and STs, but Bahujans and Backward Classes as well," Eshwar declared."""He argued that India's social transformation will only be realized when the broader population recognizes that the Constitution was designed for the empowerment of

all marginalized communities, not just a select few.""Globally, Ambedkar is revered as one of the greatest intellectuals - a man who read and mastered more books than anyone in history," Eshwar said, expressing disappointment that many Indian leaders continue to belittle such a visionary figure. ""He pointed out that the BC communities, which constitute over 52% of the population, are now beginning to question their political marginalization. "Ambedkar's ultimate aspiration was to ensure political power to the 82% Bahujan population — a dream that remains unfulfilled," he stated. ""Refuting the notion that Ambedkar belongs solely to the SC community, Madhukar emphasized that every citizen of this country has the right and responsibility to revere Ambedkar's contributions. "He belongs to all of us — and my fight for Bahujan empowerment will continue, whether I win or lose elections," he affirmed.""Referencing Ambedkar's powerful quote — "Will you become a slave with your vote, or a king?" — Madhukar said it was time for people to realize the true power of political agency granted by Ambedkar's Constitution. ""He strongly condemned the police for facilitating restrictions during the event and demanded criminal action against those who allegedly desecrated the statue by tampering with it the night before the official inauguration. ""> "Had Ambedkar not written the Constitution, people like us would still be forced to live outside the village boundaries," Madhukar stated, calling out the historic caste oppression and the hypocrisy of those who now enjoy rights guaranteed by the very Constitution they disrespect.""The events in Penchikalpet are not merely about statues — they are symbolic of a larger sociopolitical struggle. The voices of Ambedkarite leaders like Eshwar and Madhukar reflect a growing unrest among Bahujan communities, who are asserting their right to dignity, power, and historical recognition. "The attempt to curtail democratic expression by imposing restrictions on statues of national icons like Dr. Ambedkar raises serious questions about institutional casteism, political opportunism, and the selective application of law and order. ""As the ideological battle between Brahmanical conservatism and Bahujan assertion intensifies, one thing remains certain: ""> Ambedkarism is not just a legacy — it is a revolution in progress.

#### ITC Services Lauded in Bhadrachalam"



Shaik Sharief,Bhadrachalam, September 15,Indian Chronicle: "Bhadrachalam MLA Dr. Tellam Venkata Rao appreciated the community service initiatives of ITC, describing them as commendable. At the Government Autonomous Degree College in Bhadrachalam, ITC undertook the construction of modern toilets for both boys and girls at an estimated cost of ?44 lakh. The new facilities were formally inaugurated on Monday." "The MLA inaugurated the toilets along with ITDA Project Officer B. Rahul, IAS, ITC PSPD General Manager P. Shyam Kiran, and ITC DGM



Chengal Rao. "Speaking on the occasion, the MLA assured that all the issues faced by the Degree College would be resolved soon. He encouraged students to aim for higher achievements and praised ITC for its significant contribution to the field of education. "Government Degree College Principal Dr. K. John Milton, ITC contractor Pakala Durga Prasad, Alumni Association President Dr. V. Kameswara Rao, General Secretary Totamalla Balayogi, Joint Secretary Venkata Reddy, and several others participated in the

## Plant A Tree In The Name Of Mother: Collector

"""Indian Chronicle" kumrambheem, Asifabad.District Reporter Jade Srinivas.September,15.""A mega plantation drive "Ek Shed Make Naam" was organized in Komuram Bheem Asifabad district on Monday.

As part of this program, 20,327 saplings were planted in 690 government schools, 2 Telangana Model Schools, 15 KGBVs, 341 Tribal Welfare Schools and other educational institutions. At Asifabad Model School, Collector Venkatesh Dette and Additional Collector Deepak Tiwari set an example for the students by planting saplings in the name of Amma. Students water the plants and make them grow into trees.



## **PO Extends Greetings to New Bhadrachalam Temple EO**""



Shaik Sharief,Bhadrachalam, September 15,Indian Chronicle: ""Damodar Rao, who recently assumed charge as the Executive Officer (EO) of the Sri Sitaramachandra Swamy Temple in Bhadrachalam, paid a courtesy visit to ITDA Project Officer B. Rahul at the ITDA office on Monday. In a warm gesture, the PO felicitated the new EO with

a shawl. In return, the EO presented temple prasadam and conveyed blessings from Lord Sitaramachandra Swamy, expressing his commitment to the welfare of devotees. "During the meeting, both officials discussed various development works relating to the temple. The PO stressed the need to ensure that devotees face no inconvenience during their visit.

He emphasized the importance of improving basic amenities such as accommodation, drinking water, parking, and transport facilities. ""EO Damodar Rao assured that he would work with dedication to enhance the facilities at the temple and provide a comfortable experience for the growing number of devotees. He also stated that special arrangements would be made during festive occasions to manage large crowds efficiently.""PO Rahul noted that the Bhadrachalam temple holds a unique spiritual significance across the state and country. He assured full cooperation from ITDA in supporting the temple's development and ensuring better services for devotees.

## Residents of Chakripura Struggle with Garbage Piles""

""NSR, Medchal - Malkajgiri Staff Reporter, Cherlapally, Sept 15, Indian Chronicle: In Chakripuram Colony, under Charlapalli Division, garbage has become a bigger problem than livelihood. A vacant spot in the colony has turned into a dumping ground, where heaps of waste have accumulated. With municipal staff neglecting the issue for the past few days, the entire area now reeks of foul smell. Residents complain that every morning begins with the stench of garbage, making it impossible to even keep windows open. Stray dogs and pigs feeding on the waste have become a danger, especially to children. Adding to the misery, stagnant rainwater has led to the spread of mosquitoes and flies. Authorities keep assuring residents that the garbage will be cleared daily, but in reality, there has been no action. Locals express anger that officials receive awards and recognition elsewhere, while they are forced to live in unbearable conditions here.



## ITDA Commits to Resolving Issues Raised in Girijan Darbar"



"Shaik Sharief,Bhadrachalam, September 15,Indian Chronicle:""At the Girijan Darbar held in Bhadrachalam, ITDA Project Officer B. Rahul clarified that tribal applicants should not apply for jobs but should instead submit applications only for self-employment schemes aimed at enhancing their livelihood opportunities.""During the program, conducted at the ITDA meeting hall on Monday, applications from tribals belonging to various villages were received and forwarded to the concerned unit officers. The officer assured that all eligible tribal families would be extended welfare schemes introduced by ITDA.""Most of the applications submitted pertained to podu land titles, name corrections in pattas, land disputes, formation of new fisheries societies, training for self-employment, agricultural needs such as electricity, borewells, motors, solar power facilities in tribal villages,

financial aid for treatment of chronic illnesses, honorarium for ANMs in ashram schools, admissions in EMRS schools, and other welfare-related benefits. ""Residents from different mandals submitted specific requests: Sulochana and women of Mogullapalli village (Charla mandal) sought permission for a new sand society; Ramesh of Old Jendalpadu (Mulakalapalli mandal) applied for a solar connection; Rajeshwari of Ajubaka (Ashwaraopet mandal) requested resolution of land issues; Bhukya Ramesh of Ramachandrapuram (Bayyaram mandal) sought electricity poles; Sai Badru of Sakinavaripalle (Mulakalapalli mandal) requested a community hall; residents of Rajeev Nagar (Yellandu mandal) asked for basic amenities; Veeranna and villagers of Munia Thanda (Enkuru mandal) applied for podu land titles; Srinivas of Balaji Gudem (Dummugudem mandal) sought admission in a Gurukulam college. ""PO Rahul assured that every application would be uploaded online and that government welfare schemes would be extended to all eligible applicants in a phased manner. "The program was attended by Additional Project Officer (General) David Raj, EE Tribal Welfare Satyanandam, AO Hambabu, in-charge SO Bhaskaran, RCO Gurukulan Arunakumari, Horticulture Officer Uday Kumar, PVTG Officer Rajarao, DSO Prabhakar Rao, Manager Adinarayana, JDM Harikrishna, Mission Bhagiratha AE Narayana Rao, DTRYFR Lakshminarayana, NTR DT Nageshwar Rao, HEO Linga Nayak, and other officials including Mohan, Chalapati, Muthayya, and Swathi.

## Demolition Works for Ghatkesar Railway Bridge Expansion"""



"NSR, Medchal - Malkajgiri Staff Reporter, Ghatkesar, Sept 15, Indian Chronicle: As part of the ongoing Ghatkesar municipal railway bridge construction, local leaders initiated demolition works near the bridge on Monday. A biryani point beside the bridge was removed, along with makeshift structures on both sides of the road, to facilitate road expansion. The demolition was carried out with tractors and JCBs, funded by the leaders themselves. Speaking on the occasion, senior leader Mulli Jangaiah Yadav said that the removal of structures was necessary to ease traffic flow for

## Wall Collapse in Rajasekhar Colony Prompts Immediate Inspection by Former Ex Corporator Bhukya Suman""

"NSR, Medchal - Malkajgiri Staff Reporter, Boduppal, Sept 15, Indian Chronicle: Former Ex corporator Bhukya Suman visited Rajasekhar Colony in Division 21 after a heavy wall collapse caused by last night's rains. Residents reported difficulties due to the incident, and Suman immediately responded by inspecting the site along with officials from the engineering department, the electricity department, and other concerned staff. As an immediate measure, both



buses and other vehicles. He added that road leveling works are underway and assured that a BT road will be laid within the next few days. Those present at the program included senior leader Sara Srinivas Goud, former councillor Kadupolla Mallesh, DCC secretary Ulli Anjaneyulu, vice president Prabhakar Reddy, minority president Farooq, SC cell president Srinivas, youth president Sanjeev Reddy, former ward member Salluri Nursing Rao, former temple trustee Merugu Naresh, Goda Ganesh, Kayum, Nursing Rao, Satti Reddy, Salman Raju, and others.



sides of the road were blocked for public safety. Suman urged the officials to take swift action to resolve the issue without delay.

## **Preparations in Full Swing for Statewide Special Intensive Revision**



(SIR)""Bhukya Ranjith naik,Bhadradri kothagudem Bureau,15 September,Indian Chronicle:Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) C. Sudarshan Reddy has directed officials to ensure meticulous implementation of the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) – 2026 across all constituencies in the state.""On Monday, he held a video conference with district collectors and Electoral Registration Officers (EROs) to review preparedness for the exercise. He stated that the process will commence as soon as instructions are received from the Election Commission of India (ECI) and asked all districts to complete necessary arrangements in advance.""Emphasizing error-free implementation, the CEO instructed officials to cross-check the 2002 voters' list with the 2025 list. He further directed that supervisors and Booth Level Officers (BLOs) should be given special training as part of the SIR exercise."

"Following the meeting, District Collector Jitesh V. Patil held a teleconference with officials from various departments. He instructed them to coordinate details of villages listed under 2002 constituencies with the current (2025) revenue village records. He also ordered that mapping work be completed with accuracy and that the revenue maps be submitted by Friday." "Special Deputy Collector Kashayya, Election Superintendent Ranga Prasad, election staffer Naveen, and others attended the video conference.

## 12,000 Subsidy per Acre for Papaya Cultivation

""Kukkadapu naresh Kumar ,Kothagudem , September 15, Indian chronicle: "The Department of Horticulture and Sericulture, Bhadradri Kothagudem district, has announced a subsidy of ?12,000 per acre to encourage papaya cultivation. District Horticulture and Sericulture Officer Janga Kishore stated that under the MIDH scheme, farmers will receive 40 percent assistance for establishing papaya orchards.""On Monday, the officer visited the fields of farmers who had applied for subsidy in Julurupadu and Sujathanagar mandals. Speaking on the occasion, he explained that papava should be planted at a spacing of 1.8 x 1.8 meters, requiring about 1,234 plants per acre. The crop starts yielding within nine months and continues up to one and a half years.""An acre of papaya plantation is expected to produce around 30 tonnes. At the current market price of ?12 per kilogram, the gross income would be approximately ?3.6 lakh, with net earnings of around ?2.6 lakh after expenses.""The department has appealed to farmers to take advantage of this opportunity by submitting the required ap-



plications and documents to the concerned horticulture of-

# Resolving people's problems is the true goal of governance."

"""NSR, Medchal - Malkajgiri Staff Reporter, Uppal, Sept 15 Indian Chronicle: Inspired by Indiramma Rajyam, every day people from all corners of Uppal constituency come forward with their struggles. Standing with them in their difficulties, efforts are being made to find solutions. With the support of Chief Minister Revanth, government welfare programs are being implemented to reach everyone. When work gets completed, the blessings and gratitude expressed by women and families give immense strength to the Revanth-led government and to the Congress party.

## 150-Meter CC Road Sanctioned for New Vasavi Shivanagar Colony: Bontu Sridevi Yadav"

""NSR, Medchal - Malkajgiri Staff Reporter, Cherlapally, Sept 15, Indian Chronicle: GHMC Standing Committee member and Charlapally Division corporator Bontu Sridevi Yadav visited New Vasavi Shivanagar Colony along with officials. During the visit, she reviewed several issues raised by the residents of the colony. She directed the officials to resolve these problems at the earliest. As part of the inspection, a 150-meter CC road has been sanctioned for the colony.



## Revenue Officers Transferred from Boduppal Municipal Corporation"

""NSR, Medchal - Malkajgiri Staff Reporter, Boduppal, Sept 15. Indian Chronicle: Boduppal: Revenue officials A. Ravi Kumar, M. Vanitha, and M. Kamalakar, who were serving in the Boduppal Municipal Corporation, have been transferred as part of government orders related to rural revenue administration. On this occasion, the Municipal Commissioner felicitated them with shawls and mementoes, appreciating the services they rendered during their tenure in Boduppal. Assistant Municipal Commissioner Shyam Sundar Rao, Deputy Executive Engineer Venkanna, Assistant Engineer Rakesh, Manager Praveen Kumar, Revenue Officer Venkateshwarlu, Accounts Officer Lakshmi, Sanitary Inspector Narayana Reddy, Town Planning Officer Kavya, Revenue Inspector Sangeetha, ward officers, and staff members participated in the program and extended their congratulations and farewell to the officers.



## How Long Have You Been Using A Water Can?""

"Indian Chronicle" kumrambheem, Asifabad.District Reporter Jade Srinivas.September,15." How long have you been using a water can Some people use water cans for months, others for years.Doctors say that this is dangerous and that it should be used for only 3 months.

They say that if you use it for more than that, alkaline will form in the cans and cause health problems.9.

They warn that you should only drink water with a TDS of 50-150ppm, as drinking too much water can cause problems like joint pain, acidity, and stomach ache.



#### Trump asks Supreme Court to quickly take up tariffs case and reverse ruling finding them illegal



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The Trump administration took the fight over tariffs to the Supreme Court on Wednesday (September 3, 2025), asking the justices to rule quickly that the president has the power to impose sweeping import taxes under federal law. The government called on the court to reverse an appeals court ruling that found most of U.S. President Donald Trump's tariffs are an illegal use of an emergency powers law.It's the latest in a series of Trump administration appeals to a Supreme Court he helped shape, and one that is expected to put a centerpiece of the president's trade policy before the justices

The U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit left the tariffs in place for now, but the administration nevertheless called on the high court to intervene guickly in a petition filed electronically late Wednesday and provided to The Associated Press. It was expected to be formally docketed on Thursday (September 4). Solicitor General D. John Sauer asked the justices to take up the case and hear arguments in early November. "That decision casts a pall of uncertainty upon ongoing foreign negotiations that the President has been pursuing through tariffs over the past five months, jeopardizing both already negotiated framework deals and ongoing negotiations," he wrote. "The stakes in this case could not be higher."But the stakes are also high for small businesses battered by tariffs and uncertainty, said Jeffrey

Schwab, senior counsel and director of litigation at the Liberty Justice Center. "These unlawful tariffs are inflicting serious harm on small businesses and jeopardizing their survival. We hope for a prompt resolution of this case for our clients," he said. The businesses have twice prevailed, once at a federal court focused on trade and again with the appeals court's 7-4 ruling. Their lawsuit is one of several challenging the tariffs and erratic rollout that have shaken global markets, alienated U.S. trading partners and allies and raised fears of higher prices and slower economic growth.

But Mr. Trump has also used the levies to pressure the European Union, Japan and other countries into accepting new trade deals. Revenue from tariffs totaled \$159 billion by late August, more than double what it was at the same point the year before. Most judges on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit found the 1977 International Emergency Economic Powers Act, or IEEPA, did not let Trump usurp congressional power to set tariffs. The dissenters, though, said the law does allow the president to regulate importation during emergencies without explicit limi-

The ruling involves two sets of import taxes, both of which Trump justified by declaring a national emergency: the tariffs first announced in April and the ones from February on imports from Canada, China and Mexico. The Constitution gives Congress the power to impose taxes, including tariffs. But over the decades, lawmakers have ceded authority to the president, and Trump has made the most of the power vacuum. Some Mr. Trump tariffs, including levies on foreign steel, aluminium and autos, weren't covered by the appeals court ruling. It also does not include the tariffs Mr. Trump imposed on China in his first term that were kept by Democratic President Joe Biden.Mr. Trump can impose tariffs under other laws, but those have more limitations on the speed and severity with which he could act. The government has argued that if the tariffs are struck down, it might have to refund some of the import taxes that it's collected, delivering a financial blow to the U.S. Trea-

A federal judge on Wednesday (September 3, 2025) ruled that U.S. President Donald Trump's administration unlawfully terminated about \$2.2 billion in grants awarded to Harvard University and can no longer cut off research funding to the prestigious Ivy League school. The decision by U.S. District Judge Allison Burroughs in Boston marked a major legal victory for Harvard as it seeks to cut a deal that could bring an end to the White House's multi-front conflict with the nation's oldest and richest university. The Cambridge, Massachusetts-based school became a central focus of the administration's broad campaign to leverage federal funding to force change at U.S. universities, which Mr. Trump says are gripped by antisemitic and "radical left" ideologies. Among the earliest actions the administration took against Harvard was to cancel hundreds of grants awarded to university researchers on the grounds that the school failed to do enough to address harassment of Jewish students on its campus. Harvard sued, arguing the Trump administration was retaliating against it in violation of its freespeech rights after it refused to meet officials' demands that it cede control over who it hires and who it teaches. Judge Burroughs, an appointee of Democratic President Barack Obama, said the Republican President was right to combat antisemitism and that Harvard was "wrong to tolerate hateful behaviour as long as it did. "But she said fighting antisemitism was not the administration's true aim and that officials wanted to pressure Harvard to accede to its demands in violation of its free-speech rights under the U.S. Constitution's First Amendment.

Judge Burroughs said it was the job of courts to safeguard academic freedom and "ensure that important research is not improperly subjected to arbitrary and procedurally infirm grant terminations, even if doing so risks the wrath of a government committed to its agenda no matter the cost. "She barred the administration from terminating or freezing any additional federal funding to Harvard and blocked it from continuing to withhold payment on existing grants or refusing to award new funding to the school in the future. Harvard and the White House did not immediately respond to requests for comment.

The decision came a week after Mr. Trump during an August 26 Cabinet meeting renewed his call for Harvard to settle with the administration and pay "nothing less than \$500 million," saying the school had "been very bad."Three other Ivy League schools have made deals with the administration, including Columbia University, which in July agreed to pay \$220 million to restore federal research money that had been denied because of allegations the university allowed antisemitism to fester on campus. As with Columbia, the Trump administration took actions against Harvard related to the pro-Palestinian protest movement that roiled its campus and other universities in the wake of the October 7, 2023, Hamas attack on Israel and Israel's war in Gaza. Harvard has said it has taken steps to ensure its campus is welcoming to Jewish and Israeli students, who it acknowledges experienced "vicious and reprehensible" treatment following the onset of Israel's war in Gaza. The administration's decision to cancel grants was one of many actions it has taken against Harvard. It has also sought to bar international students from attending the school; threatened Harvard's accreditation status; and opened the door to cutting off more funds by finding it violated federal civil rights law. Judge Burroughs in a separate case has already barred the administration from halting Harvard's ability to host international students, who comprise about a quarter

## Climate change made heat, dryness that fuelled Iberian wildfires 40 times more likely



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Madrid: The extremely hot, dry and windy conditions, which fuelled one of the Iberian Peninsula's most destructive wildfire seasons in recorded history, were 40 times more likely due to climate change, according to a study released Thursday. The analysis by World Weather Attribution, or WWA, said the weather conditions were about 30 per cent more intense compared to the preindustrial era, when heavy reliance on fossil fuels began. Hundreds of wildfires in the Iberian Peninsula broke out in July and August. They spread rapidly thanks to temperatures that pushed above 40 degrees Celsius and strong winds. The fires in Spain and Portugal killed eight people, forced more than 35,000 evacua tions and scorched more than 640,000 hectares (1.58 million acres) or roughly two-thirds of Europe's total burned area this year.

Most blazes are now under control, officials say, as temperatures have dropped considerably. "Hotter, drier and more flammable conditions are becoming more severe with climate change, and are giving rise to fires of unprecedented intensity," said Clair Barnes, a researcher at the Centre for Environmental Policy at Imperial College, London. Europe has been warming twice as fast as the global average since the 1980s, according to the European Union's Copernicus Climate Change Service. WWA, a group of researchers that examines whether and to what extent extreme weather events are linked to climate change, focused on the conditions that allowed the Iberian wildfires to spread that fast, including during Spain's hottest ten-day period on record in August, according to the country's weather agency AEMET. Without climate change, similar ten-day spells of hot, dry and windy conditions would be rare, expected once every 500 years, they found. "This quick study is one more line of evidence showing how human-caused climate change increases the frequency and intensity of extreme heat and combined hot and dry fire weather conditions," said Valérie Masson-Delmotte, a climate scientist at the French Alternative Energies and Atomic Energy Commission, who was not involved in the study.

WWA's analysis wasn't a full attribution study. Those seek to determine the influence of climate change, driven primarily by the burning of fossil fuels, on a specific extreme weather event. This time, the researchers looked at weather observations without using climate models. But the results were consistent with existing research on wildfires in the region, the researchers said, and another study WWA recently published on this year's fires in Turkey, Greece and Cyprus, which found that climate change made fireprone weather conditions there 10 times more likely. "While fires are a characteristic of the Mediterranean climate, human-caused climate change increases the recurrence and severity of conditions favorable for intense fires, making fire control efforts much more challenging," Masson-Delmotte said. The researchers mentioned other factors that have contributed to the severity of the wildfires, including large population shifts that have taken place over decades in Spain and Portugal from the countryside to cities. The study said this has resulted in large areas of neglected overgrown farms and forests, which further fuel the fires.Removing vegetation using machinery, encouraging grazing by sheep, horses and goats and using other methods, such as controlled burns, would reduce the risk during wildfire seasons, researchers said. "From a human perspective, most of these rural areas have suffered massive abandonment since the 1970s, which has allowed fine fuels to accumulate to dangerous levels, a problem worsened by inadequate forestry management," said Ricardo Trigo. a professor at the University of Lisbon's geophysics, geographical engineering and energy department. On Monday, Spanish Prime Minister Pedro Sánchez proposed a 10-point plan to better prepare the country for natural disasters made worse by climate change. It included coordinating with neighbouring Portugal and France.

### Trump says China should have mentioned U.S. aid in WW2 during 'beautiful ceremony'

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President Donald Trump said on Wednesday that China's "beautiful ceremony" marking the end of World War Two should have highlighted the role that the U.S. played in Japan's defeat."I thought it was a beautiful ceremony. I thought it was very, very impressive," Mr. Trump told reporters in the Oval Office, hours after he suggested on social media that foreign leaders meeting in Beijing might be conspiring against the U.S."I watched the speech last night. President Xi is a friend of mine, but I thought that the United States should have been mentioned last night during that speech, because we helped China very, very much. "The Chinese embassy in Washington did not immediately respond to a request for comment. Chinese President Xi Jinping has made the 80th anniversary of the war's end a major showcase for his government and its close ties with countries at odds with Washington. North Korean leader Kim Jong Un and Russian President Vladimir Putin walk with Chinese President Xi Jinping as they attend a military parade marking the 80th anniversary of the end of World War Two, in Beijing, China

North Korean leader Kim Jong Un and Russian President Vladimir Putin walk with Chinese President Xi Jinping as they attend a military parade marking the 80th anniversary of the end of World War Two, in Beijing, China | Photo Credit: via ReutersFlanked by Russia's Vladimir Putin and North Korea's Kim Jong Un, Mr. Xi spoke before a crowd of more than 50,000 spectators at Tiananmen Square. He surveyed a parade of goose-stepping troops and cuttingedge military equipment aimed at deterring would-be adversaries including the United States. Japan's invasion of China in 1937 was a major escalation in fighting that would lead to World War Two, and Japan's surrender in 1945 marked the end of the conflict. The U.S. joined the war in



1941, aiding Chinese forces fighting the Japanese military and playing a decisive role in Japan's defeat. Deploying history to wage present-day political battles, Mr. Xi has cast World War Two as a major turning point in the "great rejuvenation of the Chinese nation" now ruled by his Chinese Communist Party, and its allies. On Wednesday, Mr. Xi thanked "the foreign governments and international friends who supported and assisted the Chinese people," according to an official. But he did not dwell on the role of the United States in the war.U.S.-China relationsU.S.-China relations are at a tense moment. The two sides are at odds on a range of security issues, from Ukraine to the South China Sea, and are wrangling over a broad trade deal to stave off tariffs on each other's goods. But Mr. Trump has repeatedly touted a positive personal relationship with Mr. Xi that his aides say can steer the world's two largest economies in a constructive direction. He has also said he might soon meet with Mr. Xi.In a post directed at Mr. Xi on Truth Social as the parade kicked off, Mr. Trump said, "Please give my warmest regards to Vladimir Putin, and Kim Jong Un, as you conspire against the United States of America.'

## Jamaican Prime Minister Andrew Holness elected to a third term as main **Opposition candidate concedes**

Trump unlawfully cancelled Harvard's

research grants, U.S. judge rules



GNS News Agency, Sept 15

Jamaican Prime Minister Andrew Holness secured a third term early Thursday (September 4, 2025) following a tight race on an island shaken by corruption, inequity and economic concerns. Preliminary results showed that Mr. Holness' Jamaica Labour Party won at least 34 seats, while Mark Golding's Opposition People's National Party secured at least 29 seats.Mr. Golding conceded the election in a brief speech, saying he was disappointed in the outcome as he acknowledged the success of his opponent. "This is not an easy speech to make," he said.

Also participating in Wednesday's general elections were the Jamaica Progressive Party, the United Independents' Congress and nine independent candidates seeking a seat in various constituencies. Official voter turnout was just 38.8%, only slightly higher than the turnout for the 2020 elections during the pandemic. Just over 2 million registered voters are eligible to cast their ballots on the island of 2.8 million people. A total of 63 seats are up for grabs in Jamaica's House of Representatives. The leader of the party that wins a majority becomes the island's next prime minister. The new leader will then appoint 13 of 21 senators to Jamaica's upper chamber of Parliament, and the opposition will choose eight others.

Concerns despite drop in crimeUnder Mr. Holness, Jamaica has seen a 43% drop in killings so far this year, marking the most significant decline in decades. The improvement is largely credited to the current administration's increase in firearm seizures and a stronger, coordinated security force presence across the Caribbean island. The Jamaica Labour Party campaigned on this tangible success, positioning itself as the government that pulled the island back from the brink of widespread violence. While crime statistics have improved, the shadow of Jamaica's violent past still lingers. The measures taken by the current government, including implementing states of emergency in certain areas, have drawn both support and criticism. The private sector and many Jamaicans have praised the effectiveness of such measures, with the number of killings dropping by as much as 70 per cent in some regions, like the tourist parish of St. James. However, human rights organisations have raised concerns about the use and potential abuse of such measures, highlighting alleged illegal detentions, as they call for balanced approaches to protect security and civil liberties. The Jamaica Labour Party also emphasised fiscal responsibility, a low unemployment rate and the importance of continuity as it urged voters not to risk reversing the progress achieved so far. A pledge comes under fireOn Sunday, Mr. Holness pledged that his party would double the current minimum wage of \$100 per 40hour workweek if reelected."We believe in growing the economy so that everyone gets a bigger slice. As the economy expands, we must ensure those at the bottom are rewarded fairly, while creating incentives for more Jamaicans, especially our youth, to join the labour force," he said at a recent rally. But his pledge drew criticism from groups representing various business sectors. "Tourism accounts for approximately one-third of Jamaica's gross domestic product and is one of the country's largest employers," the Jamaica Hotel and Tourist Association said. "Any shifts in wage policy will therefore have wide-ranging implications for the sector, including employment levels, competitiveness and the affordability of the Jamaican tourism product."Tired of the conditions'

The People's National Party, or PNP, had adopted a sharper, more critical tone before the election. It asserted that while progress has been made, many Jamaicans still feel the pinch of socioeconomic challenges, including poverty, inadequate infrastructure and lingering pockets of crime and corruption. "There are a lot of frustrated people tired of the conditions in which they live," Golding told reporters as he voted on Wednesday. The party aimed to channel public discontent into a mandate for change, promising reforms, renewed social investments and a break from what it calls "complacency" in governance.Key among the party's raft of policy proposals to address the socioeconomic woes of Jamaicans is increasing the income tax threshold to \$21,800, up from the current \$11,200. The opposition party says it wants working-class Jamaicans to take home more money as a cushion against rising prices. Despite Jamaica's vibrant democratic tradition, recent years have seen a de-

### On Engineers' Day, A Call to Tackle Sewage & Water Loss with Deep Tech

By Mr. Y.R. Nagaraja, Managing Director of Ramky Infrastructure Ltd

Hyderabad, 15th September, 2025: On this 58th Engineers' Day, I want to honour the creativity, dedication and responsibility of engineers all across India those who laid our foundations, those working today, and the ones who will take us forward. You are the hands and minds behind everything from roads and urban spaces to smart water grids. Because of your work, we are building not just infrastructure, but also a future in which growth respects the environment and improves lives. Thank you for helping us build stronger economies and a healthier planet too.

This year's theme, "Deep Tech & Engineering Excellence: Driving India's Techade", is more urgent than ever. India generates 72,368 million litres/day (MLD) of urban sewage, yet installed sewage treatment capacity stands at 31,841 MLD, with operational capacity even lower. Only about 28% is treated; 72% remains untreated, polluting our water bodies.

Similarly, in many Indian cities, 40-50% of potable water is lost, before it reaches consumers through leaks, theft, faulty metering, or unbilled connections. This non-revenue water is not just a revenue leak, but also a fundamental threat to water security, public health, and long-term resilience. These numbers make one thing absolutely evident. To truly drive sustainable infrastructure, engineering excellence must be deeply anchored in innovation, integra-

tion and impact. It is not enough to build; we must build better. Smart STPs should not only treat wastewater, but also recover resources; smart water grids should detect leaks using real-time sensors, employ digital twins for predictive management; sustainable industrial parks should be designed with circular water systems and renewable energy; and policies must ensure treatment plants and sewer networks are not just planned, but also fully functional.

On Engineers' Day, I call upon engineers, industry, and policymakers to collectively raise the bar. For every litre of water that is generated, ensure treatment or reuse; for every water network, demand efficiency; for every industrial park, embed sustainability. When we work together, India's Techade can be truly sustainable and impactful.

About Ramky Infrastructure Ramky Infrastructure Limited (Ramky) is a flagship company of Ramky Group, one of the leaders in the realm of infrastructure development. Since the incorporation of its business in 1994, the Company has completed a wide range of construction and infrastructure projects focusing on Industrial Infrastructure development and EPC projects in the fields of Water, Wastewater Treatment, Roads, Bridges, and Urban Infrastructure Development. With a highly skilled team of over 2000 people, headquartered in Hyderabad, Telangana, it manages its business operations in India & overseas markets.

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#### Israel steps up Gaza bombardment ahead of White House talks on ceasefire



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CAIRO/JERUSALEM, (Reuters) - Palestinians in northern Gaza reported one of the worst nights of Israeli bombardment in weeks after the military issued mass evacuation orders on Monday, while Israeli officials were due in Washington for a new ceasefire push by the Trump administration. A day after U.S. President Donald Trump urged an end to the 20-month-old war, a confidant of Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu was expected at the White House for talks on a Gaza ceasefire, Iran, and possible wider regional diplomatic deals.

The Reuters Daily Briefing newsletter provides all the news you need to start your day. Sign up here.But on the ground in the Palestinian enclave there was no sign of fighting letting up. "Explosions never stopped; they bombed schools and homes. It felt like earthquakes," said Salah, 60, a father of five children, from Gaza City. "In the news we hear a ceasefire is near, on the ground we see death and we hear explosions." Israeli tanks pushed into the eastern areas of Zeitoun suburb in Gaza City and shelled several areas in the north, while aircraft bombed at least four schools after ordering hundreds of families sheltering inside to leave, residents said.

At least 38 people were killed in Israeli strikes on Monday, health authorities said, including 10 people killed in Zeitoun and at least 13 killed southwest of Gaza City. Medics said most of the 13 were hit by gunfire, but residents also reported an airstrike. The Israeli military said it struck militant targets in northern Gaza, including command and control centers, after taking steps to mitigate the risk of

There was no immediate word from Israel on the reported casualties southwest of Gaza City. The heavy bombardment followed new evacuation orders to vast areas in the north, where Israeli forces had operated before and left behind wide-scale destruction. The military ordered people

there to head south, saying that it planned to fight Hamas militants operating in northern Gaza, including in the heart of Gaza City. A day after Trump called to "Make the deal in Gaza, get the hostages back", Israel's strategic affairs minister Ron Dermer, a confidant of Netanyahu's, was expected on Monday at the White House for talks on Iran and Gaza, an Israeli official said. In Israel, Netanyahu's security cabinet was expected to convene to discuss the next steps in Gaza.On Friday, Israel's military chief said the present ground operation was close to having achieved its goals, and on Sunday, Netanyahu said new opportunities had opened up for recovering the hostages, 20 of whom are believed to still be alive.

Palestinian and Egyptian sources with knowledge of the latest ceasefire efforts said that mediators Qatar and Egypt have stepped up their contacts with the two warring sides, but that no date has been set yet for a new round of truce talks. A Hamas official said that progress depends on Israel changing its position and agreeing to end the war and withdraw from Gaza. Israel says it can end the war only when Hamas is disarmed and dismantled. Hamas refuses to lay down its arms. Israeli Foreign Minister Gideon Saar said that Israel has agreed to a U.S.-proposed 60-day ceasefire and hostage deal, and put the onus on Hamas."Israel is serious in its will to reach a hostage deal and ceasefire in Gaza," Saar told reporters in Jerusalem. Austrian Foreign Minister Beate Meinl-Reisinger, speaking in Jerusalem on Monday alongside her Israeli counterpart, told reporters that Vienna was very concerned about the humanitarian situation in Gaza, which she described as "unbearable." "Let me be frank, the suffering of civilians is increasingly burdening Israel's relations with Europe. A ceasefire must be agreed upon," she said, calling for the unconditional release of hostages by Hamas and for Israel to allow the uninterrupted flow of humanitarian aid into Gaza. Israel says it continues to allow aid into Gaza and accuses Hamas of stealing it. The group denies that accusation and says Israel uses hunger as a weapon against the Gaza population. The U.S. has proposed a 60-day ceasefire and the release of half the hostages in exchange for Palestinian prisoners and the remains of other Palestinians. Hamas would release the remaining hostages as part of a deal that guarantees ending the war. The war began when Hamas fighters stormed into Israel on October 7 2023, killed 1,200 people, most of them civilians, and took 251 hostages back to Gaza in a surprise attack that led to Israel's single deadliest day. Israel's subsequent military assault has killed more than 56,000 Palestinians, most of them civilians, according to the Gaza health ministry, displaced almost the whole 2.3 million population and plunged the enclave into a humanitarian crisis. More than 80% of the territory is now an Israeli-militarized zone or under displace-

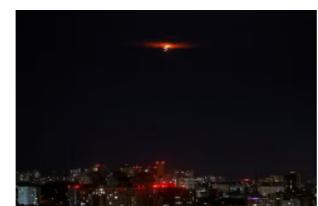
# Ukraine F-16 pilot killed in large-scale

KYIV/LVIV, GNS News Agency, Sept 15 Ukraine, A Ukrainian F-16 fighter pilot died in a crash while repelling a Russian air attack that involved hundreds of drones, cruise and ballistic missiles, authorities said on Sunday, as Moscow intensifies night-time air barrages in the fourth year of war.President Volodymyr Zelenskiy praised the pilot, Maksym Ustymenko, and bestowed upon him posthumously the title of Hero of Ukraine, the country's highest

The Reuters Tariff Watch newsletter is your daily guide to the latest global trade and tariff news. Sign up here.He also called for more support from Washington and Western allies to bolster Ukraine's air defences after the attack, which injured at least 12 people, according to local authorities.

In Kyiv, families huddled in metro stations for shelter after air raid sirens rung out. Machine-gun fire and explosions were heard across the capital and in the western city of Lviv, where such attacks are less common. The governor of the Lviv region, bordering Poland, said the raid targeted critical infrastructure. Ukraine has now lost three F-16s since it began operating the U.S.-made jets last year. Kyiv has not revealed the size of its F-16 fleet, but they have become a central and heavily used part of Ukraine's defences. The pilot flew the damaged jet away from a settlement but had no time to eject before it crashed, the Ukrai-

"The pilot used all of his onboard weapons and shot down seven air targets. While shooting down the last one, his aircraft was damaged and began to lose altitude," the Air Force said on Telegram. Ukrainian military expert Roman Svitan, speaking earlier this month, said the F-16 was not ideally suited to all tasks in the war, particularly repelling drones which swarm Ukrainian cities, as it is better used against higher-speed targets. Zelenskiy, speaking in his nightly video address, said Ustymenko had been flying missions since the time of a campaign that began in 2014 against Russian-financed separatists who had seized parts of eastern Ukraine."He mastered four types of aircraft and had important results to his name in defending Ukraine," he said. "It is painful to lose such people."The Ukrainian military said in total Russia launched 477 drones and 60 missiles of various types to Ukraine overnight. Ukrainian forces destroyed 211 of the drones and 38 missiles, it said, while 225 more drones were either lost due to electronic warfare or were decoys that carried no explosives. Writing earlier on X,



Zelenskiy said: "Moscow will not stop as long as it has the capability to launch massive strikes." He said Russia had launched around 114 missiles, 1,270 drones, and 1,100 glide bombs just in the past week. Russia's state-run RIA Novosti news agency said one person was killed by a Ukrainian drone in the Russian-controlled part of Ukraine's Luhansk region. Both Ukraine and Russia say they do not attack civilian targets. Ukraine says recent attacks highlight the need for further support from Washington, which under President Donald Trump has not committed to new military aid for Ukraine.

"This war must be brought to an end - pressure on the aggressor is needed, and so is protection," Zelenskiy said in his X post. "Ukraine needs to strengthen its air defence the thing that best protects lives. "He said Ukraine was ready to buy the American air defence systems and it counts on "leadership, political will, and the support of the United States, Europe, and all our partners. "Russia has launched large-scale strikes on Ukrainian cities every few days in recent weeks, causing widespread damage, killing dozens of civilians and injuring hundreds more. During the latest barrage, explosions were heard in Kyiv, Lviv, Poltava, Mykolaiv, Dnipropetrovsk, Cherkasy and the Ivano-Frankivsk regions, witnesses and regional governors said. The Ukrainian military said air strikes were recorded in six locations. Eleven people, including two children, were injured in the central Cherkasy region, the regional governor said on Telegram. Three multi-storey buildings and a college were damaged. One woman was injured in western Ivano-Frankivsk region.

## Jury in Sean 'Diddy' Combs' sex trafficking trial to start deliberating

Russian attack, Zelenskiy calls for US help

NEW YORK, GNS News Agency, Sept 15 The jury in Sean "Diddy" Combs' sex trafficking trial is expected to begin its deliberations on Monday, after hearing dueling narratives from prosecutors and defense lawyers last week about whether the music mogul forced his former girlfriends to take part in drug-fueled sexual performances. Combs. 55. has pleaded not guilty to racketeering conspiracy and two counts each of sex trafficking and transportation to engage in prostitution. A former billionaire known for elevating hiphop in American culture, Combs could be sentenced to life behind bars if convicted on all five counts. Get a quick look at the days breaking legal news and analysis from The Afternoon Docket newsletter. Sign up here. Over more than six weeks of testimony in Manhattan federal court, two of Combs' former girlfriends -- the rhythm and blues singer Casandra "Cassie" Ventura and a woman known in court by the pseudonym Jane -- told the 12-member jury that he forced them to take part in the performances with paid male escorts, sometimes known as "Freak Offs," while he

watched, masturbated and occasionally filmed.

Both women testified that Combs beat them, and jurors saw a hotel surveillance video showing Combs attacking Ventura in a hallway in 2016. "Cassie repeatedly told you that the defendant's violence was in the back of her mind whenever he proposed a Freak Off," prosecutor Christy Slavik said in her closing argument on Thursday. "The whole point was to control Cassie, to make her afraid to say no to the defendant. And it worked. "Combs' lawyers acknowledged that he was at times violent in domestic relationships, but argued Ventura and Jane took part consensually in the performances. During cross-examination, the defense highlighted tender and sexually explicit text messages the women sent Combs over the course of their years-long relationships with him."If he was charged with domestic violence, we wouldn't all be here," defense lawyer Marc Agnifilo said during his closing argument on Friday. "He did not do the things he's charged with."

### Dalai Lama set to reveal succession plan as China watches



DHARAMSHALA, GNS News Agency, Sept 15India, he Dalai Lama will address a major three-day gathering of Buddhist religious figures this week ahead of his 90th birthday, as his followers wait for the Tibetan spiritual leader to share details about his succession in a move that could irk China. Beijing views the Dalai Lama, who fled Tibet in 1959 after a failed uprising against Chinese rule, as a separatist and says it will choose his successor. The Dalai Lama has said his successor will be born outside China and urged his followers to reject anyone chosen by Beijing.

The Reuters Daily Briefing newsletter provides all the news you need to start your day. Sign up here. Tibetan Buddhists hold that enlightened monks are reborn to carry forward their spiritual legacy. The 14th Dalai Lama will turn 90 on Sunday and has said he would consult senior monks and others at this time to share possible clues on where his successor, a boy or a girl, could be found following his death. "The rest of my life I will dedicate for the benefit of others, as much as possible, as extensive as possible, the Dalai Lama told a gathering of his followers on Monday as they offered prayers for his long life. "There will be some kind of a framework within which we can talk about the continuation of the institution of the Dalai Lamas," he said, without elaborating on the framework.

He has previously said he could possibly reincarnate in India, where he lives in exile near the northern Himalayan town of Dharamshala. He was identified as the reincarnation of his predecessor when he was two.Dolma Tsering Teykhang, the deputy speaker of the Tibetan parliament-in-exile in Dharamshala, said it was important for the world to hear directly from the Dalai Lama on the issue because while China "tries to vilify him at every chance ... if is trying to frame rules and regulations on how to have the reincarnation of the Dalai Lama in their hand". "China is trying to grab this institution ... for its political purpose," she said."We want the incarnation of the Dalai Lama to be born not only for the survival of Tibet as a distinct culture, religion and nation, but also for the well-being of the whole humanity."Thupten Ngodup, Tibet's chief state oracle, said typically such discussions on the reincarnation do not take place when a monk is still alive but things are different now mainly because the "Chinese government is interfering". Beijing said in March that the Dalai Lama was a political exile who had "no right to represent the Tibetan people at all". China has said it is open to discussing his future if he recognises that Tibet and Taiwan are inalienable parts of China, a proposal the Tibetan government in exile has re-

The religious conference this week, being held for the first time since 2019, will be attended by more than 100 Tibetan Buddhist leaders and will feature a video statement from the Dalai Lama. Hollywood star Richard Gere, a longtime follower of Tibetan Buddhism, will be among those attending, organisers have said. The Dalai Lama will attend prayers called by the Tibetan government in exile on July 5 and participate in his birthday celebrations a day later, according to a schedule shared by the organisers. He will speak at the celebrations for about half an hour. India's parliamentary affairs minister, Kiren Rijiju, and some other Indian officials are expected to attend. Tibetans have been praying for his long health, especially since knee surgery in the U.S. last year, although the Dalai Lama told Reuters in December that he could live until he was 110. The previous Dalai Lama died earlier than expected at 58. The Dalai Lama and Tibetan officials say there is a system in place for the government-in-exile to continue its political work while officers of the Dalai Lama's Gaden Phodrang Foundation search and recognise the next Dalai Lama. The current Dalai Lama set up the foundation in 2015 and its senior officers include several of his aides. Teykhang and other Tibetan officials said the Dalai Lama has been preparing his people for the day when he is gone, especially through his 2011 decision to hand his political role to a democratically elected government, ending a 368-year-old tradition of being both spiritual and temporal head of Tibetans. "Since he has come in the form of a human, we have to agree that there will be a moment when he is not with us," said Teykhang. "His Holiness has really prepared us for that day, he made us act as if

#### Pakistan, China working to establish new regional bloc with potential to replace SAARC: Report

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Pakistan and China are working on a proposal to establish a new regional organisation that could potentially replace the now-defunct South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC), according to a media report on Monday. Quoting diplomatic sources familiar with the development, the Express Tribune newspaper reported that talks between Islamabad and Beijing are now at an advanced stage as both sides are convinced that a new organisation is essential for regional integration and connectivity. Citing sources, the paper said that this new organisation could potentially replace the regional bloc SAARC, which comprises India, Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, the Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka.

A recent trilateral meeting between Pakistan, China and Bangladesh in Kunming, China, was part of those diplomatic manoeuvres, they said, adding that its goal was to invite other South Asian countries, which were part of SAARC, to join the new grouping.Bangladesh dismisses alliance talksHowever, Bangladesh's interim government had dismissed the idea of any emerging alliance between Dhaka, Beijing and Islamabad, saying the meeting was not "political". "We are not forming any alliance," foreign affairs adviser M. Touhid Hossain had said. According to sources. India would be invited to the new proposed forum, while countries like Sri Lanka, Maldives, and Afghanistan are ex-



pected to be part of the grouping. The main purpose of the new organisation is to seek greater regional engagement through enhanced trade and connectivity, the newspaper said. It added that if the proposal is materialised, it would replace the SAARC, which has been suspended for a long time due to the India-Pakistan conflict. Its biennial summits have not taken place since the last one in Kathmandu ir 2014. The 2016 SAARC Summit was to be held in Islamabad. But after the terrorist attack on an Indian Army camp in Uri in Jammu and Kashmir on September 18 that year, India expressed its inability to participate in the summit due to "prevailing circumstances".

#### Munnar church takes Hindi route as migrant workers flock to Mass



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The Mount Carmel Basilica in Munnar has begun holding a Mass in Hindi for migrant workers here. The first Hindi Mass was held An increasing number of Hindi-speaking migrant workers in the plantation sector has led to the decision, according to the church authorities. Munnar church takes Hindi route as migrant workers flock to Mass | Video Credit: special arrangement "Though the migrant workers were attending the weekly Malayalam and Tamil Mass, they could not fully participate in the prayers due to the language barrier. Hence, they requested for a Hindi Mass. We shared their request with the basilica rector Fr. Michael Valayinjiyil, who gave a positive response," says Fr. Christhudas, assistant vicar of Ave Maria Church Devikulam. Increase in

"Initially, the Hindi Mass will be offered at the Mount Carmel Basilica on the last Sunday of every month. If more people turn up, the Mass will be held every Sunday," he says."Over the years, Masses have been held in many languages in the churches in Munnar, including in Tamil, Malayalam, and English. But, a Hindi Mass is a first here. Through a Mass in their own language, we hope the faithful can fulfil their spiritual needs in a new place," says Fr. Christhudas. Meanwhile, the church authorities are continuing their efforts to track Catholic migrant workers in Munnar. Mostly, Catholic workers from Jharkhand are working in tea plantations including Lakshmi, Kadalar, Kallar, Rajamala, Vaguvarai, Thenmala, Thalayar and Chenduvara here. Nearly 100 Christian families are working in various tea plantations in Munnar, according to the authorities. Long-pending demand

Already, a large number of migrant workers are at-

tending the Mass in the Mount Carmel Basilica every Sun-

day, says Richard Joseph, the church's sexton. The Hindi Mass was a long-pending demand of the migrant workers," says Mr. Joseph.Fr. Christhudas, who had worked in north India for many years, led the Hindi Mass on Sunday. After the Mass, Bishop of Vijayapuram Mar Sebastian Thekkethecheril blessed the faithful and interacted with the workers. Mount Carmel Basilica, the first Catholic church in the high ranges, was established by Spanish missionary Fr. Alfonse Maria De Los Angles for plantation workers, mostly from Tamil Nadu, in 1890.

#### 21-year-old Baloch student becomes another victim of extrajudicial killing by Pakistani forces

Quetta: Zeeshan Baloch, a 21-year-old student and resident of Khudabadan, Panjgur in Balochistan, was extra-judicially killed on Monday after his enforced disappearance by a "Pakistan-backed death squad," according to a human rights organisation.

"Tragically, today morning, around 9:00 a.m., the family received devastating news: Zeeshan's bullet-riddled body was discovered near Surdu Ghareeb Nawaz Hotel. His body bore multiple gunshot wounds," read a statement issued by the Baloch Yakjehti Committee (BYC). The BYC asserted that the "targeted killing of Zeeshan, who had already endured the trauma of growing up without his father due to enforced disappearance, illustrates the multigenerational cycle of violence and repression inflicted on Baloch families by Pakistani authorities." Earlier in the day, several human rights organisations called for the immediate release of Zeeshan after his abduction on Sunday late evening from Football Chowk, Panjgur. They said that Zeeshan was the victim of enforced disappearance by a "state-backed death squad."In the hours following Zeeshan's abduction, his family staged a sit-in protest across the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) road in Panjgur, demanding his immediate release and raising urgent alarm over his safety.

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#### Committed to journalists' welfare: Action plan on accreditation policy"



"""NSR, Medchal - Malkajgiri Staff Reporter, Sept 15, Indian Chronicle: Hyderabad: The state government is committed to the welfare of journalists, said Revenue, Housing and Information & Public Relations Minister Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy. He directed officials to frame procedures to ensure that all eligible journalists receive accreditation cards. On Monday, a review meeting was held at Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Secretariat with Home Department Special Chief Secretary Ravi Gupta, Press Academy Chairman K. Srinivas Reddy, I&PR Special Commissioner C.H. Priyanka, and CPRVO G. Malsur. The meeting discussed in detail the accreditation policy, journalists' health policy, awards for journalists, and the issue of attacks on journalists, including the revival of a high-power committee. The minister said the government will take all necessary mea-

sures to prevent attacks on journalists and has decided to reconstitute the high-power committee. He recalled that a GO was issued in 2008 during the undivided state by the then Congress government, but after the formation of Telangana, it was ignored. He also announced the reconstitution of a tripartite committee relating to journalists' wages and allowances. A detailed discussion was held on the health policy for journalists, and officials were instructed to conduct an in-depth study with the Aarogyasri department to identify the most beneficial insurance options for journalists. The minister further directed officials to immediately set up a dedicated website to accept applications for accreditation. He responded positively to the Press Academy Chairman's request to restore awards for journalists. Aarogyasri CEO Uday Kumar, Additional Commissioner of Labour Gangadhar, and other officials participated in the

#### One Person Died OnARoadAccident.. Both Were Seriously Injured..??"""

Rebbena:Two two- wheelers collided head- on at Peddavagu in Vankulam village of Rebbena mandal in Komuram Bheem Asifabad district on Sunday evening. In this accident, a person named Anand Rao died on the spot and two others were seriously injured. According to the details given by the locals, the two bikes that were speeding on the road at Peddavagu near Vankulam village collided and the vehicles were completely destroyed. The villagers who noticed the accident reached the spot and shifted the injured to Rebbena Government Hospital in an ambulance. The sudden death of Anand Rao has cast a shadow of grief over the family. The doctors said that the condition of the other two injured is also worrying. The Rebbena police have registered a case and started an investigation into the incident. The police said that excessive speed was the cause of the accident and advised motorists to drive carefully and wear helmets.





## Woman Missing In Gudamamada"

""Indian Chronicle" kumrambheem, Asifabad.District Reporter Jade Srinivas. September, 15 "The disappearance of a woman in Gudamamada village of Jainur mandal has created a stir. According to Jainur SI Ravi, Urmila (30) left home on the 11th of this month, saying she was going to Jainur. Her family members became worried when she did not return home even in the evening. They searched her relatives' houses but could not find her, so they filed a complaint with the police on Sunday. The police registered a case and started an investigation.

#### **Lambadis Should Be Removed From** The ST List...?? National President Bursha, Pochayya Warns Of A Blow"

Reporter Jade Srinivas. September, 15. ""Asifabad District Tudum Deb National President Burma Pochayya demanded that Lambadis be removed from the ST list. Speaking at the Adivasi Round Table Meeting held in Asifabad on Sunday, he alleged that if the then government had given Lambadis an opportunity as DNTs in 1976, they were now

""Indian Chronicle" kumrambheem, Asifabad.District being treated as STs, considering it as an advantage. He demanded that the state government take the initiative and remove Lambadis from the ST list immediately. Otherwise, he warned that a state- wide agitation would be launched. Tudum Deb State President Kotnaka Vijay Kumar. District leaders Lakshmi Narayana, Ganesh, Ravinder and others participated in this meeting.

#### Shabbir Ali partially welcomes Supreme Court stay on key Waqf Act clauses



Hyderabad, Sept.15 Advisor to the Telangana government and senior Congress leader Mohammed Ali Shabbir has termed the Supreme Court's interim stay on certain provisions of the Waqf (Amendment) Act 2025 as a "welcome relief" that acknowledges and validates the concerns raised by minority communities, civil society groups, and constitutional experts. Shabbir Ali, who is among the petitioners challenging the law, said the Supreme Court's decision to stay the implementation of two controversial clauses marks a crucial step in protecting the constitutional rights of Muslims and the autonomy of waqf institutions.

"The Supreme Court has stayed the provision that required a person to be a practising Muslim for five years to create a waqf, and another provision that authorised government officials to adjudicate disputes over waqf encroachments. These were among the most dangerous parts of the 2025 amendments, and we are relieved that the Hon'ble Court has intervened," he said in a statement on Monday. The Waqf Amendment Act 2025, passed by Parliament

earlier this year, had triggered widespread criticism for allegedly undermining the independence of the Waqf Boards and infringing on religious freedoms. Several PILs were filed before the Supreme Court, with Shabbir Ali and other copetitioners arguing that the law violates Articles 14, 21, and 25 of the Constitution by imposing arbitrary restrictions on the creation of waqf properties and weakening institutional safeguards. Shabbir Ali pointed out that while the Supreme Court has not stayed the entire law, the interim relief provided is not symbolic - it is substantive. It demonstrates that the judiciary has taken note of the flawed drafting and unconstitutional intent behind key clauses of the Act. "This is not just a procedural stay. It is a judicial acknowledgment that some provisions of the new law may indeed be unconstitutional. We welcome this relief, but this is only the begin-

He added that the requirement of being a practising Muslim for five years to create a waqf was not only discriminatory but also deviated from centuries-old Islamic jurisprudence and customary practices that governed waqf creation in India. "The BJP-led NDA government at the Centre tried to introduce religious policing in property matters by inserting arbitrary faith tests. This would have opened the door to harassment, exclusion, and legal chaos," he said. On the other stayed clause, which allowed government-appointed officials to settle disputes about waqf encroachments, Shabbir Ali argued that such power would have compromised due process, since encroachment disputes typically require judicial adjudication, not administrative orders. "The Waqf Board's ability to legally reclaim its land depends on the sanctity of an independent judicial process. Authorising executive officers to play judge in such matters is not just illegal but dangerous," he said.

## Manthani Karate Students Shine Bright at South India Open Championship — Clinch Multiple Medals Under Expert Guidance."



"P.S.ASHOKAN"Indian Chronicle"Karimnagar / Manthani, "September, 15." "Students from Japan Shito-Ryu Shiko Kai Karate International - Manthani Branch, under the expert mentorship of Sensei Kaveti Sammayya, delivered an extraordinary performance at the South India Open Karate Championship, held on Sunday at Sai Mahalakshmi Gardens, Karimnagar. "The young karatekas showcased their skills with remarkable precision and determination in both Kata and Kumite categories, securing an impressive tally of Gold, Silver, and Bronze medals across various age groups, particularly in the Under-14 and Sub-Junior Cadet " Gold Medalists" Jadagala Manaswi "Maredu Konda""Rishi""Pogula Shiva Saketh""K. Sahasra""" Silver Medalists""Boggula Manojna""B. Sahasra""" Bronze Medalists""M.D. Iqra""Maredu Konda Niharika""Jadagala Sahasra "Elagandula Nishith" These outstanding achieve-

ments are a testament to the relentless training, discipline, and dedication instilled by the coaching team. The medal winners were congratulated and honoured by: ""P. Bharat Sharma, President, Japan Shito-Ryu Shiko Kai Karate International - India "Palakurthi Papayya, President, Telangana Chapter""Guntupalli Sammayya, Executive President ""Special appreciation was also extended by the team of instructors whose consistent support and training have contributed immensely to the students success:""Jadagala Shivani""Nagalli Rakesh""Kaveti Shiva Ganesh""Mettu Hasini""K. Vishnu""B. Harshavardhan""P. Geya Sriram""P. Teja Sriramulu""These accolades not only bring pride to the town of Manthani, but also highlight the growing prominence of martial arts in rural Telangana, proving that with the right guidance and commitment, excellence

#### Venkatakrishna Takes Charge As Rebbena's 'Station House Officer'"

"Indian Chronicle" kumrambheem, Asifabad.District Reporter Jade Srinivas. September, 15. "Rebbena, Station House Officer' of the police station in Rebbena mandal"A. Venkatakrishna took charge.Later, he said that strict action will be taken against those who engage in any anti-social activities in the surrounding areas of Rebbena Mandal, as well as those who engage in open drinking.



#### Journalist K. Sreekanth from Manthani Conferred with Prestigious 'Vishwa Vibhushan' National Award for Excellence in Media & Social Service."



"P.S.ASHOKAN"Indian Chronicle"Manthani, September 15. ""In a grand celebration of national talent and service, Mr. K. Sreekanth, a committed journalist and social worker hailing from Mallaram village, Manthani Mandal, Peddapalli District, was honoured with the 'Vishwa Vibhushan' National Award for his outstanding contributions in journalism and community service. "The award was presented during the Sri Virat Vishwakarma Yagna Mahotsavam 2025 and the Vishwakarma National Awards Ceremony, organized by the Sri Virat Vishwakarma Vijnana Adhyatmika Dharmika Kala Parishat—a reputed national institution dedicated to spiritual, cultural, and literary advancement."

The felicitation ceremony took place on September 14 at the Sri Rajyalakshmi Convention Hall, Husnabad, Siddipet District, under the leadership of Brahmashri Poloju Raj Kumar, Founder-President of Telugu Velugu Sahiti Vedika.""The prestigious award was presented by the highly acclaimed Dr. Shanti Krishna-author of Bathukamma Thalli, Sahasra Mahotsava Samrat, Guinness World Record holder, and celebrated cultural icon known as Vishwa Kalavirat.""" A National Stage for Over 200

Awardees "More than 200 distinguished personalities from across India, representing diverse fields of service-literature, arts, education, public service, and journalism-were honoured during the event. "Esteemed Guests and Dignitaries in Attendance: "The ceremony was graced by several notable dignitaries, including:""Veera Dharmendra Swamy - Chief Guest""Kedem Lingamurthy - Chairman, Siddipet District Libraries""Dr. Appinapelli Bhaskaracharyulu - Eminent Scholar "Dr. Valaboju Mohan Rao - Renowned Author "Addanki Krishnamacharyulu - Cultural Luminary "R.S. Nanda - Popular Comedian "Dr. Prashanthi - Distinguished Social Activist"

"Their presence elevated the grandeur of the event, which aimed to recognize, honour, and inspire excellence across the nation."" A Testament to Grassroots Impact"Mr. K. Sreekanth's recognition with the Vishwa Vibhushan Award stands as a shining example of how journalism rooted in truth and service to the community continues to play a vital role in national development. His unwavering dedication to truthful reporting and grassroots-level social initiatives has earned him not just accolades but the respect of peers and the public alike.

## After GDP surprise, new govt data raises concerns about informal manufacturing



GDP surprise, manufacturing, Manufacturing industry, Manufacturing growth, manufacturing sector, GDP, GDP growth rate, Indian express news, current affairsTo be sure, the statistics ministry cautioned that trends seen in the quarterly report "may not directly align with the corresponding quarterly GDP estimates which covers the entire economy".

Days after the statistics ministry said India's GDP grew by a higher-than-expected 7.8 per cent in the April-June quarter, a new survey by the ministry has painted a worrying picture about the state of the informal manufacturing sector in the country. On Wednesday, the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation's (MoSPI) first-ever Quarterly Bulletin of Unincorporated Sector Enterprises showed that the number of enterprises in the informal manufacturing sector reduced by 4.7 per cent in April-June to 2.06 crore compared to January-March.

Informal enterprises are those that are unincorporated, or not registered under the Companies Act of 1956 or the Companies Act, 2013. MoSPI's survey of unincorporated enterprises only covers a part of the non-agricultural economy, namely establishments in manufacturing, trade, and services, excluding construction. The fall in the number of manufacturing enterprises in the informal sector in April-June occurred even as the total number of informal enterprises rose by 1.1 per cent compared to the previous quarter to 7.94 crore. Even in terms of jobs, manufacturing dragged down the informal sector in April-June. As per MoSPI's broad activity categories, the number of workers in trade and 'other services' rose by 0.2 per cent and 1.1 per cent, respectively, in April-June compared to the previous quarter. On the other hand, employment in the unincorporated manufacturing sector fell by as much as 9.3 per cent to 3.35 crore. This led to total informal sector employment falling by 2.1 per cent to 12.86 crore from 13.13 crore in January-March. As per the most recent Annual Survey

of Unincorporated Sector Enterprises, the number of establishments stood at 7.34 crore in 2023-24 (October-September), up almost 13 per cent year-on-year. The number of manufacturing establishments had risen 13 per cent to 2.01 crore, while employment was 10 per cent higher at 3.37 crore.

"The fluctuation in employment estimates during April-June 2025 is mainly linked to reduction in the number of establishments engaging hired workers and a moderate performance of the unincorporated manufacturing sector in the quarter that witnessed the share of employment of the manufacturing sector falling by more than 2 percentage points in comparison to the previous quarter," the statistics ministry said in a statement. It added that a rise in the share of working owners from 58.29 per cent in January-March to 60.18 per cent in April-June was indicative of a shift towards self-employment and entrepreneurial activities. "The shift was particularly evident in manufacturing, where the share of hired workers saw the steepest decline, accompanied by the highest increase in working owners, signaling a strong move towards owner-driven enterprises," MoSPI said.

The data on the informal sector is particularly sobering as it comes after the latest GDP data, released last week, showed that manufacturing sector growth jumped to 7.7 per cent in April-June, up from 4.8 per cent in January-March and 7.6 per cent a year ago. This helped propel the headline GDP growth rate to a five-quarter high of 7.8 per cent, more than a full percentage point higher than the Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) forecast of 6.5 per cent. However, economists have warned that MoSPI's methods might be leading to the overstating of manufacturing sector growth. According to HSBC economists, manufacturing sector growth in April-June, as per the GDP data, may have been overstated by around 150 bps, with the headline real GDP growth number exaggerated by around 20 bps.To be sure, the statistics ministry cautioned that trends seen in the quarterly report "may not directly align with the corresponding quarterly GDP estimates which covers the entire economy". The statistics ministry's first-ever Quarterly Bulletin of Unincorporated Sector Enterprises provides estimates for the first two quarters of 2025. Prior to this survey, the unincorporated sector was surveyed only on an annual basis, starting 2021-22. The quarterly report aims to capture short-term dynamics in the unincorporated non-farm sector and surveyed 1.64 lakh establishments in total. This, MoSPI said, is "significantly" smaller than the annual sample size, cautioning about how quarterly movements are interpreted.

## Dedicated to supporting India's semiconductor ambitions: ASML CEO

India's ambitious semiconductor push received a stamp of approval from one of the chip world's most important companies, Netherlands-based ASML, which said it was "dedicated" to supporting New Delhi's chip manufacturing aspirations through collaboration, knowledge transfer, and technology. "Countries around the world are racing to secure their technological future, and we applaud India's ambition to emerge as a leader in this space. It is an innovation powerhouse harnessing the potential of over a billion minds," Christophe Fouquet, CEO of ASML said during his address at Semicon India 2025, which was inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi Tuesday.

ASML is among the most critical companies in the semiconductor ecosystem as it holds a near-monopoly on extreme ultraviolet (EUV) lithography machines, the highly complex and expensive technology essential for producing the most advanced, small-scale microchips. "At ASML, we see in India, a partner with great potential, and we are committed to helping you as we shape the future of technology," Fouquet said. "The importance of the semiconductor industry for the future of India cannot be overstated. It represents not only an opportunity for economic growth and job creation, but also an opportunity for national resilience," he added. Fouquet said that by developing semiconductor manufacturing and design capability, India can secure its supply chains, foster innovation and entrepreneurship, and unlock new opportunities in research and education. "We are dedicated to supporting India's ambition, whether for collaboration, knowledge exchange, or talent. Our advanced lithography solution can help India's fabs to achieve cutting edge performance. Four decades of innovation in lithography, ASML has enabled production of ever smaller, more powerful, and more efficient microchips. We look forward to bringing this transformative technology to India and its manufacturing fabs.



Together, we can build an open ecosystem where ideas can flourish and innovation will only be limited by the imagination of our people. ASML is very proud to play its part in this journey, and we look forward to deepening our collaboration in the year ahead," he added. Over 20,750 attendees are participating in Semicon India 2025, including more than 2,500 delegates from over 48 countries, over 150 speakers, including over 50 global leaders, and more than 350 exhibitors. It also includes 6 countries round table discussions, country pavilions and dedicated pavilions for workforce development and start-ups among others. Earlier this month, the Union Cabinet cleared four new semiconductor assembly and testing plants under its India Semiconductor Mission, which have a total financial outlay of Rs 4,594 crore. With these, the government is now offering financial incentives for the construction of a total of 10 chiprelated factories, ranging from a fabrication plant to assembly and testing operations. This includes the Tata-PSMC fab. being built at a cost of roughly \$11 billion, along with assembly and testing plants by US-based Micron Technology, the Tatas, Murugappa Group's CG Power, Kaynes Semicon, and HCL-Foxconn.

## Auto stocks surge on GST reforms; M&M jumps nearly 8 pc

New Delhi: Auto stocks surged on Thursday morning trade, with Mahindra & Mahindra climbing nearly 8 per cent, as small cars and entry-level bikes are set to get cheaper with the GST Council approving a complete overhaul of the tangled Goods and Services Tax regime. Shares of Mahindra & Mahindra jumped 7.75 per cent, Eicher Motors surged 5.39 per cent, TVS Motor Company climbed 4.20 per cent and Hero MotoCorp went up by 3.56 per cent on the BSE.

The stock of MRF rallied 3.39 per cent, Bajaj Auto edged higher by 2.56 per cent, Apollo Tyres 2.49 per cent and Tata Motors went up by 2 per cent. In the equity market, the 30-share BSE Sensex jumped 888.96 points to 81,456.67 in opening trade. The 50-share NSE Nifty surged 265.7 points to 24,980.75.

"The resolute stance on simplifying the GST structure should not be seen just as 'tax reform' but more as 'growth reform'. Through simplified rates and processes, the government intends to boost consumption sentiment." Given the wide-ranging effect of the measures, many domestic-focused stocks are likely to benefit. Some of the key names include: Maruti, M&M, Ashok Leyland, Britannia, Ultratech, JK Cement, Havells, Voltas, Amber, Metro, Trent, LemonTree, Indian Hotels, Niva Bupa, HDFC Life, IGL, Acme Solar, Suzlon, Swiggy, Delhivery, ICICI Bank, HDFC Bank, Bajaj Finance, Shriram Finance," according to a report by Motilal Oswal Financial Services.

The GST Council approved limiting slabs to 5 per cent and 18 per cent effective from September 22, the first day of Navaratri.Petrol, LPG and CNG vehicles of less than 1,200 cc and not more than 4,000 mm length and diesel vehicles of up to 1,500 cc and 4,000 mm length would move to the 18 per cent rate from the current 28 per



Auto stocks surged as the GST Council approved major reforms, cutting rates on small cars, entry-level bikes, and hybrids from 28% to 18%. Mahindra & Mahindra rose nearly 8%, while sector-wide gains lifted the BSE auto index and market sentiment

cent.Motorcycles up to 350 cc would be taxed at a lower GST of 18 per cent against 28 per cent currently.All automobiles above 1,200 cc and longer than 4,000 mm as well as motorcycles above 350 cc and racing cars will be charged with a 40 per cent levy.Small hybrid cars will also benefit, while EVs will continue to be charged at 5 per cent."All the revised GST rates are applicable from 22nd Sep'25 onwards, the day marked with the first day of the Navaratri festival. This reform aims to simplify the GST rates, ease compliance, create higher disposable income and stimulate long-term economic revival," according to a report by Axis Securities.Some of the key sectors that could be key beneficiaries are: insurance, consumer durable, building materials, automobiles, retail, cement, FMCG, and real estate, it added.

## Is vitamin B12 deficiency raising your heart attack risk? Here's why you need micronutrients



When patients talk about hypertension and plaques in the heart, doctors find quick targets to blame in their diet, stress levels, lack of exercise and sleep. Undoubtedly, they are big risk factors but now science is starting to uncover the part that certain nutrient deficiencies, most notably that of vitamin B12, play in pushing up blood pressure and heart risk silently over the years. According to the International Journal of Academic Medicine and Pharmacy, current population-based research has identified a fascinating inverse association. When vitamin B12 levels decline, blood pressure rises, which damages heart vessels over time. This association is significant for prevention and therapy of hypertension, given that vitamin B12 deficiency occurs in tens of millions of individuals globally. Why Vitamin B12 Matters

Vitamin B12 is required for the formation of red blood cells, nerve function and the synthesis of DNA. In addition to these functions, it also serves to regulate homocysteine, a blood amino acid. When the homocysteine level becomes elevated, it becomes a risk factor for hypertension, stroke and heart attack. The Relationship Between Vitamin B12 Deficiency and Heart HealthWhen B12 levels are low, the body

is unable to effectively convert homocysteine to useful compounds. High homocysteine is toxic to blood vessels, causing them to become rigid and less flexible. This further leads to inflammation and damages the inner lining of arteries, which accelerates the process of atherosclerosis or deposition of plaque. Elevated homocysteine can also make the blood more likely to form clots, increasing the risk of blockages that cause heart attacks and stroke. Vitamin B12 interacts closely with folate and vitamin B6 to keep homocysteine under control. Lack of any one of these can multiply the risk factor, forming a vicious cycle that stresses out blood vessels and high blood pressure.

In many cases, B12 deficiency can impair nerve function, including nerves that control heart rate and vascular tone. This imbalance can lead to blood pressure fluctuations or in worst case scenarios, high blood pressure. Severe B12 deficiency leads to megaloblastic anemia, a condition that lowers the oxygen-carrying capacity of blood. In response, the heart works more intensely, which can indirectly raise blood pressure levels in long term management. Normal vitamin B12 levels swing between 200 and 900 picograms per milliliter (pg/mL). Levels below 200 pg/mL are considered deficient, while those between 200 and 300 pg/mL can be considered borderline cases. B12 is largely present in animal food items like eggs, milk, fish, poultry and meat. Vegetarians and vegans may need fortified foods. Oral supplement or injections can be prescribed in people with absorption problems, for example, those with gastrointestinal conditions or older persons. To manage your B12 levels, it is crucial to have regular check-ups. A basic blood test can quantify B12 and homocysteine levels, aiding in early identification of risks. Vitamin B12 deficiency is overlooked in most cases. But maintaining sufficient levels through diet, supplements and regular checks can be an easy but effective step towards improving heart health.

# As Europe bans gel nail polish, what should you be checking at your salon? Here's a dermatologist guide

Your manicured, painted nails might just impact your health and wellbeing. The European Union (EU) has banned a key ingredient found in gel nail polish, instructing nail salons to safely dispose of their existing stock and asking manufacturers to roll out products without it. The compound under the lens is Trimethylbenzoyl Diphenylphosphine Oxide (TPO). This reacts under UV and LED light to harden your nail polish quickly and give it a glass-like finish. The EU order follows several studies linking TPO exposure to toxicity, skin irritation, fertility issues and damage to cell DNA, sparking concerns about its cancer-causing potential. "While most findings are from animal studies and conclusive human studies are few, there is concern that long-term use of TPO gel products could increase cancer risk. In the real world, allergic reactions are more prevalent. Many users report sensitivity after repeated use," says Dr Chandani Jain Gupta, dermatologist and aesthetic physician, Elantis Healthcare, New Delhi.

Why is a nail gel compound under the scanner?

TPO is capable of releasing reactive compounds that can irritate the skin, eyes and respiratory system. Prolonged exposure to TPO may even cause contact dermatitis, allergic reactions, and in some situations lead to immune system disruption. When a gel polish includes TPO and it is applied, some TPO may be in direct contact with the surrounding skin. An allergic reaction could result in redness, itch, or peeling of the skin surrounding the nail. Over time, the TPO chemical may become trapped under the nail and on the nail, leading to brittle nails and discoloration. Salon workers exposed to these TPO products and not taking protective measures, undeniably have a higher chance of experiencing persistent irritation and subsequent allergic sensitization. The UV exposure matters too

The curing process involves UV (ultraviolet) or LED lamps. These lamps do not just cure TPO (hardening the layer) but they also expose users to ultraviolet radiation. Repeated exposure, particularly when users do not wear



protective gloves when using gel products, may be a risk for early aging and possibly skin cancer. Provided this is done occasionally, it is probably not an acute danger. However, regular gel manicures certainly increase risk.

Does it impact salon professionals?

Though these reactions often occur with professionals in the industry, everyone using products with TPO could experience wide-ranging health issues in the future. If you think about how chemicals can move across dermal barriers in the skin over time, repeated or prolonged interactions with TPO products could exacerbate these outcomes.

What should you watch out for before applying a gel polish?

Read the ingredient label to make sure that the gel polish does not contain TPO. If you notice TPO, do not buy it. It is best to use TPO-free or 3-free and 5-free gel polishes to lower your risk. There are alternatives but they too have allergens. Traditional nail polish is a good alternative. It requires frequent touch-ups but is less likely to cause allergic reactions.

## J&K rains: Jammu-Srinagar NH, other vital roads closed for traffic

Jammu: Kashmir Valley was cut off from the rest of the country as all surface links, including the Jammu-Srinagar National Highway, were closed for traffic on Thursday due to multiple landslides and the washing away of road patches due to rains. The closure of highways and other inter-regional roads since August 26 has resulted in over 3,500 vehicles getting stuck at various places from Kathua to Kashmir. The highway was partially reopened on Monday for facilitating the movement of some stranded vehicles.

"The Jammu-Srinagar highway, Mughal Road and Sinthan Road are closed for vehicular movement due to landslides, mudslides, and shooting stones at several places," a traffic police officer said.Besides this, important highways, including the Jammu-Rajouri-Poonch highway and the Batote-Doda-Kishtwar highway, are shut for traffic in view of landslides and the washing away of portions of roads

With the closure of the Jammu-Srinagar highway, Mughal Road, Sinthan-Anantnag Road, Jammu-Poonch highway and Batote-Doda-Kishtwar highway, all surface connectivity to Kashmir Valley has been cut off, officials said. "Jammu-Srinagar is closed for vehicular movement from Jakhani in Udhampur towards Srinagar and vice versa due to the road being damaged at multiple places. No vehicular movement shall be allowed from Nagrota (Jammu) towards Reasi, Chenani, Patnitop, Doda, Ramban, Banihal, Srinagar and vice versa," the traffic police advisory said. It said commuters belonging to Katra and Udhampur town are requested to keep their photo ID cards to prove their identification so that their movement can be facilitated smoothly.Restoration work is underway at affected places in the Udhampur-Ramban-Banihal section on a war footing, they said.

The most affected areas include Shalgadi, Nachilana, Panthyal, Maroog and Peerah in Ramban–Banihal, where retaining walls and stretches of road have been washed away, and a heavy landslide has even entered one tube of the Peerah tunnel. In the Udhampur sector, around 10 km of road between Jakhani, Thara D, Balli Nallah and Dewal has been affected, they said. Over 3,500 vehicles are



stranded at various places in Kathua, Samba, Jammu, Udhampur, Ramban and Kashmir Valley due to the closure of the highway, they said.

The Jammu-Rajouri-Poonch National Highway has remained closed since Wednesday night at Chowki Choura near the Kandi tunnel, they said. Over 400 vehicles are stranded due to the damaged road surface, they added. Efforts are on to restore the highway to reconnect Rajouri and Poonch besides facilitating the movement of essential services, they said. The Batote-Doda-Kishtwar highway is also closed following landslides in the Pul Doda area, resulting in the stranding of several vehicles, they said. Over 200 vehicles are stranded at various places. Similarly, the Kishtwar-Sinthan-Anantnag highway is closed for vehicular movement, they said, adding that Mughal Road has also been shut. Kashmir's connectivity with the rest of the country currently relies solely on air travel, with flights operating from Srinagar airport, and the railway network that extends from Katra to Srinagar. The region depends on road transport, particularly the Jammu-Srinagar National Highway, which serves as the main lifeline for essential supplies, passenger movement, and trade. Besides this, several inter-district roads in Kathua, Rajouri, Doda, Kishtwar, Ramban and Reasi remain shut due to landslides and falling boulders, they said.

# India's Yuki Bhambri reaches his first ever Grand Slam semifinal, partnering long-time friend Michael Venus from New Zealand



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India's Yuki Bhambri continued his superb run with partner Michael Venus to enter the US Open 2025 men's doubles semifinals, thereby registering the best Grand Slam result of his senior career. The Indo-Kiwi pair stunned the 11th seeds Nikola Mektic and Rajeev Ram 6-3, 7-6, 6-3 in a thrilling quarterfinal clash on Court 17.Bhambri and Venus came through a thrilling match against the American veteran and six-time Major doubles title winner Rajeev, who has won the US Open men's doubles event thrice in the past. Mektic is also a Major winner, having won the 2021 Wimbledon title with Mate Pavic, while registering one mixed doubles Major win at Australian Open 2020.

"It's nerve-wracking, nothing good going on in the head," Yuki said in the post-match interview on court, when asked how he was feeling. "It was a really tough match. Our opponents made it extremely difficult for us with their vast experience as multiple Grand Slam champions, made it very difficult for us."The result was the second straight win against a higher-seeded pair for Bhambri and Venus, who earlier overcame Tim Putz and Kevin Krawietz 6-4 6-4 in the round of 16.

Bhambri also spoke in his on-court interview about his

## It's Nitish Kumar show at Hockey Asia Cup in poll-bound Bihar: On team buses, inside stadium and on streets

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Eight nations, 150 players and many more officials have descended on the ancient Bihar town of Rajgir for the Hockey Asia Cup. Yet, the backdrop of the highly-consequential tournament — which doubles up as a qualifier for the 2026 World Cup — is less hockey, more politics. With the state heading to the polls later this year, all around the aesthetically-designed, 99.7-acre, Rs 600-crore complex are posters and hoardings of Chief Minister Nitish Kumar.

Seeking a fifth consecutive term in office, the Chief Minister is everywhere – on banners at the entrance to the stadium; on the buses that ferry the teams; on a balloon hovering over the ground; on the lamp posts that light up the tiny, winding streets; and the water tank overlooking the town. He appears during matches smiling on the digital adboards around the field of play, and peeks into the ground from a giant hoarding just behind the north stand. He also appears on the state government's website, promoting the Asia Cup. Nitish unveiled the tournament's logo, mascot and the trophy. On August 29, he travelled to Rajgir to inaugurate the Asia Cup. Before the India-China match, Nitish took a lap of the stadium, waving at the thousands of spectators for close to 15 minutes.

The Asia Cup, he hoped, would make Bihar a 'global' destination. "The tournament's arrival in Bihar underscores the state's growing prominence on the global sports stage," he was quoted as saying in a statement released by Hockey India earlier this year. Tapping into hockey — a sport of sentimental importance to many Indians — as a soft power project isn't a new strategy. For the last 11 years, Odisha has used the sport as a vehicle to promote itself as a sporting and tourism destination by investing heavily in building infrastructure and hosting international tournaments in Bhubaneswar and Rourkela. Chief Minister Nitish Kumar's photograph can be seen on an official team bus. (Express Photo by Mihir Vasavada) Chief Minister Nitish Kumar's photograph can be seen on an official team bus. (Express Photo by Mihir Vasavada) This is only the third time since 2014 that an official senior men's international tournament in India is being held outside Odisha after the 2014-15 FIH World League Final in Raipur and the 2023 Asian Champions Trophy in Chennai.

Bihar State Sports Authority Director General Raveendran Sankaran said the tournament was planned years ago and was not 'election-oriented'. "I beg to differ. If this would have happened in haste, thinking that elections



happy to be by his side on the court. Having faced him

multiple times as an opponent, I don't want to be against

him. It has been a wonderful journey so far, starting from

the US summer tournament in Washington, and we are

match when the Indian found a service return winner on

Mektic's serve for a 3-1 lead. Venus' serve came under

pressure in the very next game but the New Zealander

managed to save, consolidating the breakBhambri locked

the first set with an easy volley winner on Ram's return.

The Indian, however, lost his serve early in the second set,

allowing Mektic and Ram to make a comeback in the match.

They got the break back to make it 4-4 but eventually lost

the set in the tie-break when Bhambri served a double fault,

facing set point. Bhambri saved a break point in game three

of the decider to avert the danger. Mektic was comfortably

up 40-15 in game eight but the Indo-Kiwi pair got the break

for a decisive 5-3 lead when Mektic could not return the

angled backhand from the Indian after serving a double fault

at deuce. Serving for the match, Venus was down 0-40 but

he and Bhambri saved all three and later two more and

closed the game when Ram's backhand service return fell

Bhambri and Venus secured the first break of the

happy with the progress we've made together.

are around the corner, it was a different story. But we started two years ago," Sankaran told"The moment the Women's Asian Champions Trophy (also held in Raigir last year) was finished, Hockey India approached us, asking, 'Would you like to do the Asia Cup for men?' That day itself, again, we spoke to the government and they said, 'take it'. Back then, we didn't know anything about elections."In the rapidly expanding Indian sports ecosystem, Bihar has remained a perennial laggard. There have been no international hockey at the last National Games in Littarakhand, th state finished 28th. Posters of Bihar CM Nitish Kumar outside team hotels of South Korea and Japan, near the stadium. (Express Photo by Mihir Vasavada) Posters of Bihar CM Nitish Kumar outside team hotels of South Korea and Japan, near the stadium. State sports officials, however, said that sport has become a 'priority' in the last three years, with investments worth hundreds of crores made in different sports, from athletics to rugby. The hockey push, Sankaran said, can be viewed from that lens. "When I joined in 2022, it was only Rs 30 crore. Now, in 2025-26, it's Rs 680 crore."Rajgir, almost the back of beyond, is an intriguing destination to host the competition. A little less than 100 km away from Patna, it has no sporting history and hockey generates little excitement among locals. In the sparselypopulated countryside — where the sports complex is situated, in the middle of sprawling fields and the Rajgir Hills in the background — there's little to suggest the continent's showpiece tournament is being hosted here. Dozens of police personnel guard the empty streets to 'ensure complete safety of the visiting teams', according to a policeman stationed outside a modest hotel where the South Korean team is staying. It's the only indication of something 'important'

# Irfan Pathan, MS Dhoni, hookah and a memefest: Why former India all-rounder took to X over 'Half decade old video'

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Irfan Pathan has wondered out loud on X (former known as Twitter) if it is a "fan war" or a "PR lobby" that is responsible for a turn of phrase he had used in an interview a few years back being taken literally now and going viral on social media. Pathan said that the video has surfaced with a "twisted context" to his statement and also joked about it some other posts on X as well. The clip in question is from an interview he had given to Sports Tak in May 2020 where he was speaking about him getting dropped from the Indian team in 2008 while MS Dhoni was captain. Pathan says in Hindi in the clip that he doesn't have a habit of going to someone's room and setting up their hookah for them, which is what was taken literally and went viral on social media on Wednesday. "Half decade old video surfacing NOW with a twisted context to the Statement. Fan war? PR lobby?" says Pathan in his tweet on X.

Pathan was player of the match in the 2007 T20 World Cup final in which India beat Pakistan by five runs and won the title. The tournament was MS Dhoni's first assignment as India's captain in any format. While that marked a return to the spotlight for Pathan, his career never quite hit the highs that it was projected to in his early years with the Indian team under the captaincy of Sourav Ganguly and Rahul Dravid. Pathan played 29 Tests for India in which he



Irfan Pathan has wondered out loud on X (former known as Twitter) if it is a "fan war" or a "PR lobby" that is responsible for a turn of phrase he had used in an interview a few years back being taken literally now and going viral on social media. Pathan said that the video has surfaced with a "twisted context" to his statement and also joked about it some other posts on X as well.

took 100 wickets a an average of 32.26 and scored 1105 runs at 31.57. In 120 ODIs, he took 173 wickets at 29.72 and scored 1544 runs at 23.99. He also took 28 wickets in 24 T20Is and scored 172 run in the format at a strike rate of 119.44 and average of 24.57.

## FIFA unveils first steps for fans who want to register for chance at buying World Cup tickets



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For now, single-game ticket prices range from as low as \$60 for group stage matches to \$6,710 for a spot at the World Cup final. Those prices may, and probably are likely to, change somewhat over the coming months. Starting on Sept. 10 and running through Sept. 19, fans — who hold a Visa card and have registered for a FIFA ID, one that is easily obtained through the governing body's website — can enter the presale draw. Those who are selected through that draw will begin receiving word on Sept. 29, and they will be able to purchase tickets starting Oct. 1. Sales will be capped at four tickets per person per match, with no person being able to purchase more than 40 for the totality of the tournament.

"I think the message is Get your tickets early,' especially if you know where you will be, because you live in that city, or you're a fan of the three hosting nations, and then you know already when and where they will play," said Heimo Schirgi, FIFA's World Cup 2026 Chief Operating Officer. "So that's the message: Get your tickets early,' because anything could happen." The tournament runs from June 11-July 19, 2026. So far, 13 of the 48 spots in the field have been claimed; the U.S., Canada and Mexico all are

assured World Cup spots as the host nations, while reigning champion Argentina with Lionel Messi and perennial power Brazil are among the teams that have already secured qualification.

The host nations will play all three of their group stage matches on home soil. The U.S. will open June 12 in Los Angeles, then play June 19 in Seattle and again June 25 back in Los Angeles. Canada will play June 12 in Toronto, then June 18 and June 24 in Vancouver. Mexico will play June 11 and June 24 in Mexico City, with a June 18 match in Guadalaiara as well.

Fans can purchase tickets to follow a certain team, or purchase for a certain site. Dynamic pricing was also utilized for this year's Club World Cup, which saw ticket prices fluctuate wildly. "It's key to highlight FIFA's mission and FIFA's objective of providing funding, providing opportunities, providing growth to our sport across all the 211 member associations," Schirgi said. "And as part of that mission, which we take very seriously, we're looking at optimizing the revenue, but also optimizing attendance in the stadium, right? So, it's always a balance between different factors." FIFA anticipates intense demand for tickets, which means that simply having a successful draw application does not guarantee that fans will be able to purchase during the time slot. That said, the presale draw marks only the first phase of sales. Further ticket sales will be launched in the coming months, giving all fans — including those not part of the presale draw — the chance to purchase. A second phase is expected to have another registration window from Oct. 27-31, with purchase slots there open from mid-November to early December. A third phase will come after the final draw for the World Cup and the match schedule for group play is finalized on Dec. 5, and then fans will have another chance to buy remaining tickets on a first-come, first-served basis closer to the start of the tournament.

## After RCB, Virat Kohli breaks silence on Bengaluru victory parade stampede three months after tragedy

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Three months after 11 lives were lost in a stampede at the M Chinnaswamy Stadium that occured during the Royal Challengers Bengaluru's (RCB) celebrations after winning the 2025 IndianPremier League (IPL), the team's former captain and talisman Virat Kohli has broken his silence on the matter. Kohli's statement, which has been released through the franchise itself, comes just under a week after RCB put out its own first statement in three months. "Nothing in life really prepares you for a heartbreak like June 4th," Kohli said in the note. "What should've been the happiest moment in our franchise's history... turned into something tragic. I've been thinking of and praying for the families of those we lost... and for our fans who were injured. Your loss is part of our story now. Together, we will move forward with care, respect and responsibility."RCB also released a statement from captain Rajat Patidar on Wednesday. "Every time I walk out for RCB, it's with passion, and that passion comes from you. From your love, your belief, and your unwavering support. You've always stood by us," he said. "And from the bottom of my heart, I want you to know that we stand with you too. You've all been in my thoughts and prayers. With all of us holding on to each other, we'll find our strength again." "Every time I walk out for RCB, it's with passion, and that passion comes from you. From your love, your belief, and your unwavering support. You've always stood by us. And from the bottom of my heart, I want you to know that we stand with you too. You've all been in my thoughts...RCB had said last week that the silence that they maintained since the incident was not "absence" but "grief". This space was once filled with energy, memories, and moments that you enjoyed the most.. But June 4th changed everything. That day broke our hearts, and the silence since then has been our way of holding space," their post on X(Formerly known as Twitter)

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RCB have since announced that they will establish a



memorial in the city to honour the 11 fans who died. The exact location of the memorial is yet to be disclosed. According to the franchise, it will serve as a lasting tribute to the fans' loyalty. Over the coming months, with necessary approvals in place, the initiative will focus on multiple areas. These include providing fast, transparent, and human support to fans and families affected; building safe and inclusive environments by collaborating with stadium authorities, sporting bodies, and league partners to develop stronger crowd management protocols; and empowering communities through social development programs, starting with the Siddhi community in rural Karnataka.

The franchise and Kohli himself were among those criticised by the Karnataka government in the days following the tragedy. The Karnataka government said in its June 12 status report to the Karnataka High Court accessed by The Indian Express, that RCB, "unilaterally and without consultation/permission" from the Bangalore city police, posted a photo at 7.01 am on its official handle on social media informing that there will be free entry for people at the victory celebration. The report also said that RCB shared a video clip featuring Virat Kohli in which he stated that "the team intended to celebrate this victory with the people of Bengaluru city".

### Boxing World Championships: India pin hope on new crop as road to Los Angeles Olympics goes through Liverpool

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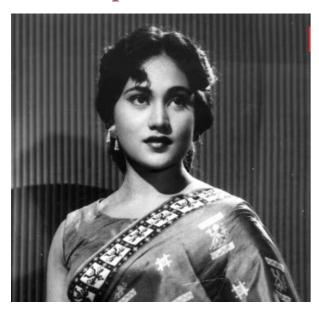
Boxing has seen almost a decade of turmoil since the 2016 Rio Olympics where doubts surfaced over its management. The world governing body for the sport – the International Boxing Association (IBA) – was in the dock and it was in 2024 that a new federation gained the International Olympic Committee's (IOC) recognition. The World Championships being held in Liverpool (September 4-14) will be World Boxing's first real test, after hosting two World Cups in Brazil and Kazakhstan. Participants from 66 countries have flown to the north-west of England for the tournament in which men's and women's events will take place simultaneously for the first time.

India will pin hopes on a new crop of pugilists. Part of a 20-strong team will be names like Hitesh Gulia, Abhinash Jamwal and Sachin Siwach - three boxers in categories that aren't historically India's strengths. They have recent form behind them, having won medals in at least one World Cup over the last six months. In Hitesh's case, a gold and a silver in Brazil and Kazakhstan put him amongst the top boxers at the World Championships in terms of seeding. He has not let the absence of Nishant Dev, who turned professional last year, be felt in Indian boxing circles. While Hitesh's rise was accelerated by Nishant's exit, Abhinash's was slowed down by another national team stalwart. For a long time, Shiva Thapa was India's entrant in the 63.5 kg weight category. But in World Boxing's 65kg category, Abhinash, who had to fight with the multiple-time Asian medallist domestically, finally started to prevail last year, including a win over the veteran at the Nationals earlier this year. He then went on to win his first international medal in Brazil, losing in the final to local favourite Yuri Reis.Out of the three, Sachin (60kg) is the one that makes Indian coaches sit up. A southpaw who narrowly missed out on making the cut for the Paris Olympics in the 57kg category, he has moved up to a higher weight class and already beaten an Olympic medallist and won a bronze medal at the Brazil World Cup.On the coaching front, India has yet to go for a foreign high-performance director or coach, as was the case for the past two Olympic cycles. Dharmendra Yadav and D Chandralal will be the men's and women's



team coaches respectively. In the national camp prior to the World Championships and the sparring camp in Sheffield, Yadav stressed on enhanced fitness from the men's team. Multiple sparring partners in each weight category were sought out. Four boxers were asked to spar with each other in every category, and then pugilists from different Indian academies were brought on for sparring, on a temporary basis. "There are kids from the Army Sports Institute, and from academies in Rohtak who are called in for sparring. The more the variety, the better experience you will get."The story has been similar in the women's camp where after the Paris Olympics, a consensus was reached that all boxers would have to work on fitness and strength. This was after the acknowledgment that their offence was geared towards winning points from the outside but wasn't posing a threat to their opponents and disrupting their gameplan. Chandralal, a Dronacharya awardee, had retired in 2021 from the Sports Authority of India but has returned to coach the women's team. Nikhat Zareen and Lovlina Borgohain make their return to the squad after the Paris Olympics. Sakshi Chaudhary, who has made a comeback to the senior team, will hope to add a senior Worlds medal to her two youth World Championship golds. She took the yellow metal at the World Cup in Astana, beating four Olympic boxers on her way to the title."They need to be able to hit hard so the opponent respects their power. Even a technically sound boxer will retreat when punched hard," said Chandralal. "

# Bollywood actress changed religion to marry producer; he shot her dead along with daughter, suspected her of having illegitimate child



The film industry might look like a glamorous place to some but those shining lights hide the tragic heart-breaking tales of those who spent their entire life on the periphery, and met a tragic end. Actor Sayeeda Khan started working in the movies when she was just 11, and after trying to gain success as an actor, she eventually embraced Hinduism and married film producer Brij Sadanah. Sayeeda's life was a constant struggle, and remained so, until the end.

Sayeeda was born in Kolkata to Anwari Begum, who had been a dancer in the movies. Anwari made enough money to make ends meet but the family never had enough for a life of comfort, and so, to make things a tad bit easier, Sayeeda started working in the movies when she was just 11. At one of the film parties, she was spotted by director HS Rawail, who gave her a break in the 1961 film Kaanch Ki Gudiya, where she played the lead role alongside Manoj Kumar. She also appeared with Kishore Kumar in the film, Apna Haath Jagannath. Sayeeda was ambitious and hoped that these successes would make her a star but things didn't go the way she had planned. The film offers started drying up but since she needed the money, Sayeeda started picking up all kinds of supporting roles that came her way. By the late 1960s, even those were starting to fade away.

It was during this time that she met producer Brij

Sadanah who proposed marriage, and Sayeeda said yes. She changed her religion, and her name, and was now known as Sudha Sadanah. But, Sayeeda's past clouded her future. Her husband Brij believed that Sayeeda had a child before she married him, and since that child was now being raised by Sayeeda's mother, he was constantly sore about it. Sayeeda Khan starred in films with Kishore Kumar and Manoj Kumar Sayeeda Khan starred in films with Kishore Kumar and Manoj Kumar. Shagufta Rafique, who grew up to write films like Aashiqui 2 and Murder 2, was being raised by Anwari Begum. Shagufta, in a chat with Filmfare, shared that she grew up in a cloud of confusion as many told her that she was the illegitimate child of Sayeeda, but was being raised by Anwari because she wanted to protect her unwed daughter's honour. "Many believed I looked like Saeeda apa. My voice sounds like hers, she said. As per Shagufta, Brij "hated" her because he was always questioning her identity, while also supporting her and Anwari financially. Shagufta believed that this, probably, contributed to his anger, that ultimately resulted in him shooting dead his wife and daughter before turning the gun on him. Only son Kamal survived the attack. "Brij saab was justified in his anger. He was a bundle of confusion, his films were flopping and that's why he did what he did," she said. Sayeeeda, now known as Sudha, had built a life for herself ever since she left the world of movies where she was trying to make it as an actor. She and Brij had a daughter named Namrata, and a son named Kamal. But Kamal's 20th birthday brought this family to a tragic end. Brij had been drinking all day and in a fit of anger, he shot his wife, his daughter, his son, and himself. Kamal, who somehow survived this shooting, took his family members to the hospital but none of them survived. "I had to carry my mother and my sister to the hospital while they were bleeding and at that time I didn't realise that I was also shot." Kamal told Siddharth Kannan. Shagufta also recalled that dark day and said that Sayeeda was bleeding in her lap as they got to the hospital. "I was 25 when Saeeda apa died. I was attached to her as a sister, never saw her as a mother. But yes, the way she used to stand for me, cry for me, fight for me... was a little different from that of a sister. Once, my mother Anwari Begum put it cleverly, 'If anyone asks you, is Saeeda your mother, say yes.' On being told this, I went into flashback about Saeeda's apa's affection towards me and tried putting the pieces together." A few years after this tragedy, Kamal made his debut in the movies with Kajol but after working in a few films, he too, did not pursue a life in the

## 'Allah aapko maaf nahi karega': Md Rafi thought he was committing a sin by singing, secretly retired after maulana accused him of 'gunaah'

At the peak of his career in the 1970s, singer Mohammed Rafi privately decided to retire from singing. He was perhaps the most respected playback singer in all of Hindi cinema, and had been for quite some time. But when a Muslim cleric called him a sinner, he was struck by a fear. He actually believed the man, and felt that he had committed a grave sin. His son, Shahid Rafi, recalled the story in a new interview, and said that rumours of his father's career being sidetracked by competition were untrue. He said that his father imposed restrictions upon himself after the interaction with that maulana.

When asked about the rumoured rivalry with Kishore Kumar in an interview with journalist Vickey Lalwani, Rafi's time. This was in 1971 and 1972; two years. Dad went for Haj with mom; it was the second Haj, the 'bada Haj, or what we call the 'Akbari Haj'. Dad was a very god-fearing person, and he was very young, he was around 40 at the time. During the Haj, some maulana told him, 'Rafi saab, yeh jo aap sangeet mein hain, yeh bahut bada gunaah hai, upar waala aapko maaf nahi karega (God will never forgive you for being a singer, it is a sin)'." Shahid said that 'nobody knows' this story, and revealed that his father 'got scared' after the interaction. "When he returned to Mumbai, in one word, he said, 'I'm retiring'. He didn't speak to anybody. He said that he won't sing again. I hear so many stories about music directors turning their back on him, and him being depressed for years. But the truth is that he felt he had committed a sin. He left Mumbai and went to London, thinking that nobody would bother him there," Shahid said

From left to right is singer Mohammad Rafi, music director Jagdish, singers Asha Bhosle and music director Suman. Express Archive From left to right is singer Mohammad Rafi, music director Jagdish, singers Asha Bhosle and music director Suman. Express ArchiveHe said that after a while, his brother became concerned. But Rafi said, "Main retire hogaya, Allah ko nahi pasand, yeh gunaah



hai (I've retired, God doesn't approve of this; it's a sin)." Shahid's elder brother told him that he has no other skills besides singing, and that he wouldn't be able to run a business or work a job. "God has given you only one thing, and that is your voice," Rafi's elder son told him, but Rafi didn't take him seriously. Ironically, it was another maulana who convinced him that he wasn't committing a sin at all. "The maulana was in London, and he told my father that he should waste the gift that God had given him," Shahid said. The maulana also tried to reason with him, and reminded him that he needs to feed his family. Rafi decided to return to Mumbai, and the music director Naushad said the same thing to him. But the harm had already been done; several producers had moved on from Rafi and had hired other singers for their projects. Despite the setbacks, Shahid said, his father never begged for work. Often considered one of the greatest playback singers in Hindi cinema history, Rafi was honoured by the Indian government with the Padma Shri in 1967. He died prematurely at the age of 55 in the year 1980. He had been suffering from diabetes and heart ailments. The year 2024 marked his centenary.

# Is Kiku Sharda quitting Great Indian Kapil Show? Archana Puran Singh dismisses speculation, says, 'Absolutely not true'

Actor and comedian Kiku Sharda has been one of the longest-serving cast members on Kapil Sharma's show. Kiku has been associated with Kapil and the team ever since the show first aired on Colors TV, sticking with the comedian even when most of the other cast members left in the aftermath of Kapil's fight with Sunil Grover onboard a plane.

Now, as Kiku Sharda gears up to feature in another captive reality show called Rise and Fall, a few reports claim that he has quit The Great Indian Kapil Show. His recently rumored fight with Krushna Abhishek is also said to be the reason behind Kiku 'moving on'; however, all these reports are not true. Archana Puran Singh, who is also a part of The Great Indian Kapil Show, exclusively confirmed to SCREEN that Kiku is very much with the team.

Reacting to reports of the comedian quitting Kapil Sharma's show on Netflix India, Archana Puran Singh said, "Absolutely not true." A source also revealed, "Kiku is not quitting the show, you are going to see him in the upcoming episodes too. He has wrapped up shooting for the show before starting his next project. Kiku is very much a



part of The Great Indian Kapil Show."In the latest episode of The Great Indian Kapil Show, Kiku Sharda appeared as Circuit during the Sidharth Malhotra and Janhvi Kapoor episode. The report also hinted at Kiku and Krushna's rumored fight on the show's set being a reason why Kiku chose to leave The Great Indian Kapil Show. However, our source clarified, "This is like just fanning an invisible fire; that entire fight was a prank staged by Krushna and Kiku on the guest. They even shot for other episodes after that."

#### Deepika Padukone gives perfect Parisian vibes in her historic debut as Louis Vuitton Prize jury; Ranveer Singh can't take her eyes off 'hot mama'



Deepika Padukone has made history by becoming the first Indian jury member for the Louis Vuitton Prize 2025. And once again, her husband Ranveer Singh, who never misses a chance to hype her up, showed why he's her biggest cheerleader. Deepika shared a series of pictures from the global event on her social media, prompting fans, including Ranveer, to go all gaga over her. The actor looked stunning in a striking Louis Vuitton outfit that included a silk shirt with bold yellow and brown prints, paired with a golden mini skirt featuring floor-length fringe details. She completed her look with golden stud earrings, sleek high heels, and a black handbag. With her hair tied up in a bun and her makeup kept elegant, the actor gave off perfect Parisian vibes.

Along with the pictures, she added a caption that

read, "Congratulations to all the winners! I cannot wait for the world to witness your magic!" Ranveer, who never misses a chance to cheer her on, left an adorable yet playful comment on her post. He wrote, "Hot Mama (fire emoji)." Deepika and Ranveer became parents to daughter Dua Padukone last year, who's going to turn one year old this Monday on September 8.

Deepika and Ranveer began dating on the sets of Sanjay Leela Bhansali's 2013 romantic comedy Goliyon Ki Rasleela: Ram-Leela. They reunited on screen in Bhansali's 2015 period romance Bajirao Mastani. The two tied the knot in an intimate wedding ceremony in Lake Como, Italy in 2018. They've also shared screen space in Homi Adajania's 2014 road movie Finding Fanny, Rohit Shetty's 2022 comedy Cirkus, and most recently, Rohit Shetty's cop drama Singham Again last year. While Ranveer has been a part of Shetty's star-studded cop universe since his 2018 standalone movie Simmba, Deepika entered the universe as Shakti Shetty aka Lady Singham in Singham Again. At the trailer launch of the film, Ranveer revealed that his wife was actually pregnant with Dua while filming Singham Again. While she gave the event a miss, Ranveer revealed his job as a new father is to take care of Dua at night when Deepika sleeps. Deepika was in talks to star opposite Prabhas in Sandeep Reddy Vanga's pan-India action thriller Spirit. However, she reportedly opted out over Vanga being unable to accommodate eight-hour work shifts for the new mom. She was consequently replaced by Triptii Dimri, who previously worked with Vanga in the 2023 blockbuster family crime drama Animal. Padukone soon announced she'll play the leading lady, alongside Mrunal Thakur, in her Jawan director Atlee's next pan-India action thriller, opposite Allu Arjun. Meanwhile, Ranveer will next headline Aditya Dhar's action thriller Dhurandhar, slated to release in cinemas on December 6. He'll also star in Farhan Akhtar's long-awaited crime drama Don 3.

## 'OP Nayyar had a huge ego, was offended when Shammi Kapoor interfered in their most famous song': Rafi's son recalls feud

Singer Mohammed Rafi was synonymous with actor Shammi Kapoor, for whom his voice was considered a perfect match. He stepped in to resolve tensions between the star and music director OP Nayyar when they had a falling out over the song "Tareef Karoon Kya Uski." According to Rafi's son, Shahid, the actor wanted the song to end with the central hook being repeated several times, so that he could perform a different dance step each time. But Nayyar vehemently opposed the idea, saying that it would ruin his song. When the two reached a stalemate, Rafi stepped in.In an interview with Vickey Lalwani, Rafi's son said that he heard this story from Shammi Kapoor himself. He narrated, "You'll remember that the song 'Tareef Karoon Kya Uski' ends with a repetition of the same line. Shammi uncle wanted the repetition because he wanted to showcase different dance moves, but Nayyar saab didn't like the idea and put his foot down. He became upset."Shahid said that Shammi Kapoor would attend all his music recordings, and it was during one such recording session that he told Rafi what was happening between him and Nayyar. "Nayyar saab was hugely respected at the time, and this was when music directors and lyricists were put on a pedestal. When Shammi uncle told my father that he wants the last line to be repeated, my father said, 'So what's the problem?' He told him that Nayyar saab wasn't agreeable." Rafi told Shammi Kapoor not to worry, and that he would sing different variations. He also spoke to OP Nayyar about the disagreement, and told him that they could remove the bit if it doesn't work, but that there was no harm in listening to Shammi as the song would be picturised on him. Shahid described Nayyar as a man with a massive ego, and added, "It was a big deal for someone to go against Nayyar saab. He had a huge ego." Shahid confirmed the story that OP Nayyar turned his father away



from the studio because he'd arrived a few minutes late, but he said that the rumours of them not working together for years is untrue. "They sorted things out a few days later," he said, adding that he doesn't know if his father apologised, but that they started working again shortly afterwards. Nayyar turned his back on the film industry in his final years, and began living as a paying guest at a fan's house outside Mumbai. The fan, Rani, said that Nayyar nad also severed ties with his family and had forbidden them from attending his funeral. "He never talked of his family except in the beginning when he told us about his children. We never asked him anything again because it used to pain him to talk about the past," she said in an interview with OPNayyar.org. Recalling his death, Rani continued, "I couldn't believe he was no more—no last words, nothing. He was okay one moment and gone the other... He had told us not to inform his family on his death. We performed his last rites."

# 'Asha Bhosle should have some shame at her age': Mohammed Rafi's son accuses 'insecure' Lata Mangeshkar of sabotaging dad's career

Mohammed Rafi never asked for work in his career, even when his Bollywood colleagues were trying to derail it. His son, Shahid Rafi, directly accused Lata Mangeshkar and her equally celebrated sister, Asha Bhosle, of sabotaging Rafi's career out of jealousy and insecurity. He also denied rumours of professional jealousy between his father and Kishore Kumar. In an interview with journalist Vickey Lalwani, Shahid said that the sisters actively tried to harm his father's career and reputation; Lata Mangeshkar, he said, even intervened when he was about to win a Guinness World Records honour.

Shahid said that his father had no issues with male singers of his time, but it was a different matter altogether as far as the women were concerned. He said, "They were jealous that Rafi saab was on top of them; they wanted everyone to be below. People were calling him number one, and they didn't like that. I heard somewhere that he was sitting at home for nine years and was depressed. Please! Just listen to any song he sang in the 1970s." Shahid said that his father's brief sabbatical was self-imposed, as a cleric had called him a sinner for singing. He later rejoined the industry after a couple of years.

Directly accusing Asha Bhosle of saying that Rafi didn't have range, Shahid continued, "I don't have any qualms about saying this to their face, and I had told Lata ji as much before her passing. She claimed that his career was spiralling, and that he asked her to forgive him. He never said this. I can tell you that Lata ji said this, and two people came to dad and asked him to forgive her. So many other singers were coming up, including her own sister. And she was insecure. Tell me who was at the risk of having a downfall?"Shahid said that his father was at his peak in the 1960s. "He didn't even have time for us in those days. I will never tolerate anybody speaking ill of my dad. I will not keep quiet, whoever it is. My father was my father, and I knew where he stood," he said, adding that Lata Mangeshkar 'in-



tervened' when he was about to receive an honour from the Guinness Book of World Records. He said that his father let the matter go when Lata received the honour at the last minute.Singer Lata Mangeshkar, singer Mohammad Rafi and music director Chitragupta. Express Archive Singer Lata Mangeshkar, singer Mohammed Rafi and music director ChitraguptaCircling back to Asha Bhosle's alleged comments about Rafi lacking range, he said to her directly, "You are a learned person; have some shame. Not at this age. Put this! I'm telling her directly. Upar waala baitha hai. Mere baap ke baare mein koi kuch bolega toh mere se bardaasht nahi hota (God is seeing everything. I can't tolerate anyone speaking ill of my father)." Addressing Asha again, he continued, "You've gone old, talk about yourself." In the same interview, Shahid said that his father and Lata Mangeshkar never spoke again personally, although he forgave her when advised to by Nargis and Jaikishan.

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