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## Ph.D awarded to Ms. M. Lavanyanjali in Public Administration

Hyderabad, Sept.17 (NSS): Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Open University, Hyderabad has declared Ms. M. Lavanyajali with Admission No. 18103004 qualified in Doctor of Philosophy on "Entrepreneurial Empowerment of Marginalized Groups: A Study on Dalit Entrepreneurs in Ranga Reddy District, Telangana" in the Department of Public Administration, Faculty of Social Sciences, under the Supervision of Prof. C. Venkataiah, Professor of Public Administration (Retd.), BRAOU . The Viva-Voce was conducted on September 3, 2025.

## CM Revanth: Committed to fulfilling Telangana's aspirations



Hyderabad, Sept.17 : Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy stated that the state government is sincerely working to fulfill the aspirations of the Telangana people, who have sought freedom, social justice, and equality for the past 70 years. "Our priorities are to achieve the sacred goals for which Telangana strived and carried out movements for equality on our soil. Not only in development, Telangana will be a role model for the country in delivering freedom, equality and social justice," Revanth Reddy said. He was speaking after unfurling the National Flag at Public Gardens in Hyderabad on Wednesday during the Telangana Praja Palana Dinotsavam celebrations marking the Telangana State's integration into the Indian Union on September 17. The Chief Minister pointed out that the main reason to the backwardness of the Telangana State is the deprivation of educational opportunities. "Youth were not provided educational opportunities and the education sector was deliberately neglected during the autocratic and the previous regimes. The very fact is education alone will create consciousness which helps to de-

velop an attitude of questioning. The last government suppressed educational opportunities with an evil thought that the youth will demand for jobs and employment opportunities once they are educated," he said. The Chief Minister said the State government is rebuilding a strong education system with world-class standards in a practical approach. The State government is spending money on education as an investment for the future generations and it is establishing Young India Integrated Model Schools with a great vision. We have already demanded the Union government to exempt the expenditure incurred on the construction of the Young India schools from the FRBM limit, Revanth Reddy said. The Chief Minister said Telangana children should excel in a multifaceted aspects and it is the reason, the State government is giving priority to sports along with education. "Young India Sports University and Young India Skill University will stand as centers of assurance for the future of Telangana," Revanth Reddy said. The Chief Minister further announced that the state government will announce a new education policy soon. "Our universities should compete with Harvard and Oxford Universities," he said. The Chief Minister said the famous universities like Osmania and Kakatiya were completely neglected during the 10 year previous government. The Congress government has envisioned to develop the universities and compete with World famous Cambridge, Harvard, Oxford and Stanford Universities. "The State government has appointed VCs to the universities without any recommendations by maintaining social balance and also giving merit as a top priority. The government allocated Rs. 542 crore block grant to Osmania University and an additional Rs.100 crore for infrastructure development," Revanth Reddy added.

## Govt plans to set up more Mahila Marts in Telangana: CM Revanth

Hyderabad, Sept.17 Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy announced that the State government is planning to setting up more Mahila Marts in Telangana. Addressing the Telangana Praja Palana Dinotsavam after unfurling the national flag on the occasion of Telangana Merger Day at Public Gardens in Hyderabad on Wednesday, the Chief Minister said the experiment has proved that women can do wonders if they are given opportunity. The Khammam "Mahila Mart", which was specially set up to sell the products of DWACRA women's associations, is running successfully.

"Now, the State government is planning to set up more Mahila Marts across the Telangana State," Revanth Reddy announced. The Chief Minister further stated that the 'Indira Mahila Shakti' scheme, which was launched with the aim of economic self-reliance of women, is becoming a tool for their economic and social empowerment. "To promote women as entrepreneurs, the government has distributed Rs 21,000 crore interest-free loans. Under the Indira Mahila Shakti Scheme, we also provided 150 buses to self-help groups and are helping them to earn money by renting them out to RTC. The state government has provided Rs 6,790 crore benefit to women by launching free RTC bus travel facility. The scheme also achieved a milestone of issuing 200 crore



zero tickets," Revanth Reddy said. The Chief Minister said the success stories of Telangana women in the people's government stood as an example for the country. "With a slogan of "Women's Empowerment-Telangana Progress", the state government launched a slew of programmes with an aim of making one crore women as millionaires and the efforts are yielding good results. As part of the Indira Mahila Shakti Policy, women groups earned a profit of Rs. 15.50 lakh in just 6 months through a petrol bank set up under the auspices of the Mahila Samakhya in Narayanpet district," he added.

## Congress Govt will turn big dreams into reality: Uttam



Hyderabad, Sept.17 Irrigation and Civil Supplies Minister N Uttam Kumar Reddy on Wednesday said the Congress government in Telangana was not only capable of dreaming big but was equally determined to turn every dream into reality. Addressing the Praja Palana Dinotsavam celebrations at the Ranga Reddy district collectorate, he declared that the government's record since assuming office stood as proof of its seriousness. "We began implementing promises within 48 hours of coming to power. Telangana itself was once only a dream, realised through decades of struggle and sacrifice in 2014. In the same way, every dream we are placing before people today will also be realised. We are already on the path of implementation," Uttam Kumar Reddy said, emphasising that the Congress government believed in delivery, not delay. He underlined that the Congress government, led by Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy, had already shown intent by swiftly rolling out major welfare programmes.

In Ranga Reddy district alone, the impact was sub-

stantial. Over 33.66 crore zero tickets were issued to women passengers, saving them Rs 1,462 crore. A total of 2.11 lakh families received 8.28 lakh LPG cylinders with subsidies worth Rs 24.79 crore. Under Indiramma Housing, 17,440 houses were sanctioned with Rs 71.89 crore transferred to beneficiaries. The Gruha Jyothi scheme benefitted 3.25 lakh households with subsidies of Rs 154.77 crore. Under Aarogyasri, 70,336 patients in the district underwent surgeries worth Rs 177.86 crore. Additionally, 51,874 new ration cards were issued, and 1.26 lakh farmers were relieved of Rs 769.53 crore in loans across four phases. "These numbers show that our government is serious about delivery. Every rupee spent on welfare is strengthening the foundations of families, farmers and workers," he said.

Govt will not leave even a single drop from its share in river waters: Revanth

Hyderabad, Sept.17 Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy said the Krishna and Godavari rivers are the life-line of Telangana and the State government will not compromise on the rightful share of water in the two rivers. We are ready for a legal battle and rectify the errors committed by the last government in river Krishna water sharing and achieve firm rights over every drop of water. We already gave clear directions to our engineers and legal experts. We are formulating a strategy to achieve Telangana's fair share of 904 TMC in Krishna waters," Revanth Reddy said.

## Telangana Prajapalana Dinotsavam celebrations at BRAOU

Hyderabad, Sept.17: Dr.L. Vijaya Krishna Reddy, Registrar, Dr. B. R. Ambedkar Open University on Wednesday hoisted the tri-colour National Flag on the occasion of Telangana Prajapalana Dinotsavam at the campus. Dr.L. Vijaya Krishna Reddy said that even after the country gained independence, the people of Hyderabad State did not get freedom, but as a result of the struggles of the people here at that time, freedom was secured for the people of Hyderabad State. He also explained the developments, new decisions and support provided by the Telangana government at the university over the years. All Directors, Deans, Heads of Branches Teaching and Non-Teaching Staff members, and representatives of University Service Associations attended the celebrations.

## PM on Operation Sindoor in MP's Dhar rally: 'Our soldiers brought Pakistan to its knees'



GNS News Agency, Sept 17

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday urged citizens to buy only made-in-India products and traders to sell indigenously manufactured goods as he laid the foundation for the country's first PM Mega Integrated Textile Region and Apparel (PM MITRA) park in Madhya Pradesh's Dhar district. "This is the season of festivals, and at this very time, we must remember the mantra of Swadeshi and incorporate it into our lives. I have a humble request to my 140 crore fellow countrymen - Whatever you buy, it should be made in our country," Mr. Modi said in Dhar's Bhainsola, addressing a programme that coincided with his 75th birthday. 'Our soldiers brought Pakistan to its knees': PM Modi speaks about Operation Sindoor The remarks came a day after U.S. President Donald Trump extended birthday wishes to Mr. Modi, and India and U.S. officials held discussions on a bilateral trade agreement.

Saying he wants to build a developed India by 2047, Mr. Modi added, "Whatever our businesspersons sell must be made in our country. Now we must make Swadeshi the foundation of a developed India. This will happen when we proudly buy products made in the country. We must first determine whether the product is made in the country. When we do this, our money remains in the country and leads to the development of the country." Referring to Operation Sindoor, which began with Indian air strikes on terrorist in-

frastructure in Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Kashmir on May 7, Mr. Modi said the Armed Forces "brought Pakistan to its knees in the blink of an eye". "Just yesterday, the nation and the world saw that a Pakistani terrorist shared his ordeal while crying," he said, alluding to a viral video of Jaish-e-Mohammad commander Ilyas Kashmiri, who claimed that the family of group chief Masood Azhar was "torn into pieces on May 7". "Terrorists from Pakistan had destroyed the sindoor [vermillion] on our sisters. We have destroyed terrorist hideouts through Operation Sindoor. This is new India, it is not scared of anyone's nuclear threats. It enters [the enemy's] house and strikes," the Prime Minister said.

He also noted that the new GST rates would come into effect from September 22, coinciding with the first day of Navratri. "We need to launch a campaign promoting Swadeshi. I will urge the state government to put up signs in every shop detailing Swadeshi goods. Buyers will also know that they are buying Swadeshi," he added. Mr. Modi launched the Swasth Nari Sashakt Parivar Abhiyaan (SNSPA), a Union Government initiative aimed at improving women's health through comprehensive screenings and services. "Its goal is to ensure that no woman falls victim to any disease due to lack of information. There are diseases that women are most vulnerable to. It's crucial to detect these diseases early. Serious diseases like cancer can be detected early. The women of our country continue to bless me. Therefore, these programs are for them," he said, urging women to avail free checkup and medication services. The campaign runs until Gandhi Jayanti on October 2. The PM MITRA park in Dhar is one of seven such establishments approved by the Union Ministry of Textiles. The other sites are Tamil Nadu's Virudhnagar, Telangana's Warangal, Gujarat's Navasari, Karnataka's Kalaburagi, Uttar Pradesh's Lucknow, and Maharashtra's Amravati. Based on the 5F theme - Farm to Fibre to Factory to Fashion to Foreign - the initiative aims to boost India's textile manufacturing and exports. Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Mohan Yadav recently said proposals worth more than ₹23,000 crore have been received from 114 textile companies for the Dhar park.

## People-centric governance is our sole mission: Komatireddy

Nalgonda, Sept.17 "Public welfare is the core objective of the Telangana government, and every decision we take reflects this commitment," said Roads, Buildings & Cinematography Minister Komatireddy Venkat Reddy. On the occasion of Telangana Praja Palana Dinotsavam, the Minister unfurled the National Flag at the Police Parade Grounds in Nalgonda on Wednesday and received the ceremonial police guard of honour. Addressing the gathering, the Minister recalled the historic significance of September 17 the day Telangana was liberated from the Nizam's rule, and paid glowing tributes to the martyrs who sacrificed their lives for the State's formation. "Just as countless freedom fighters brought independence to India, several brave souls laid down their lives for the creation of Telangana. Their sacrifices will forever remain invaluable," he said.

Minister Komatireddy outlined a series of welfare measures undertaken by the Congress government since assuming office. Women's empowerment has been given special focus. A women-managed petrol bunk has been set up at SLBC in Nalgonda at a cost of ₹5 crore to promote self-employment. The government is determined to make women financially independent and socially empowered, he said. Listing key development works, Komatireddy said the long-pending SLBC tunnel lining project has been revived and will be completed by December 2027 while ₹442 crore has been sanctioned for AMR-SLBC canal lining to provide irrigation to 94 villages and drinking water to 107 villages. A ₹20-crore Nursing College and a Skill Development Centre are coming up at SLBC, while Mahatma Gandhi Univer-



sity will soon offer new Law and B. Pharmacy courses from the 2026-27 academic year with two additional academic blocks being built at a cost of ₹60 crore, Komatireddy said. On the infrastructure front, work on the ₹596-crore Nalgonda bypass road has begun to decongest town traffic and reduce accidents. Plans are underway for a double-decker flyover between LB Nagar and Hayathnagar to accommodate both road traffic and metro rail. The ambitious Regional Ring Road (RRR), described by the Minister as a "super game-changer" for Telangana's future, is also moving forward, Komatireddy Venkat Reddy said. Following recent discussions with Union Minister Nitin Gadkari in Delhi, the Centre has sanctioned ₹868 crore under CRIF for new roads and corridors.

## T'gana Liberation day celebrated with patriotic fervour

Hyderabad, Sept.17) Telangana Liberation Day was marked in a grand manner across the city today, with the Central government and the state BJP jointly hosting programmes to remember the sacrifices of freedom fighters who fought against the oppressive Nizam rule and Razakars. After the BJP came to power at the Centre, Home Minister Amit Shah has decided to celebrate the day officially. The party leaders said that the Indian Army and Central Forces have been celebrating this day for the past three years and the National flag was hoisted to celebrate Telangana Liberation Day under the auspices of the Central government.

At the Secunderabad Parade Grounds, Union Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and Union Minister for Culture and Tourism Gajendra Singh Shekhawat visited a special Photo Exhibition on Hyderabad Liberation Day, organised by the Central Bureau of Communication (CBC), Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, in collaboration with the Ministry of Culture. They were joined by Union Ministers G. Kishan Reddy and Bandi Sanjay Kumar, as well as elected representatives from Telangana.

The exhibition, which was inaugurated on September 14 by Governor Jishnu Dev Varma and Union Minister

Kishan Reddy, features nearly 50 panels showcasing rare photographs, documents, and stories of unsung heroes who fought for Hyderabad's integration into India. The display has drawn huge crowds, especially the students who are eager to learn about the historic events that culminated in Telangana's liberation.

Shruti Patil, Addl. DG, CBC and PIB, and G. Koteswar Rao, AD, CBC, guided the dignitaries through the panels depicting Operation Polo and the freedom struggle. With the tricolour fluttering high, fiery speeches by the dignitaries recalling sacrifices, and exhibitions reviving history, the day turned into a strong reminder of Telangana's liberation and the enduring spirit of its people.

Meanwhile, at the state BJP office, Telangana BJP chief N. Ramchander Rao hoisted the national flag and paid rich tributes to the martyrs of the liberation struggle. Addressing the gathering, Rao demanded that the Congress-led state government officially recognise September 17 as "Telangana Liberation Day". He alleged that successive governments, including the previous BRS regime, have refrained from doing so due to vote-bank politics, unlike Maharashtra and Karnataka which commemorate the day as 'Mukti Diwas'.



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India needs comprehensive improvement in business climate

The recent decision of the Union Government to identify and reduce dependence on imports of 100 specific products is odd, albeit well-intentioned. It is positioned as a step toward reducing India's vulnerability to supply chain disruptions, conserving foreign exchange, and encouraging local manufacturing. Yet, the approach, in its current form, raises several questions about its rationale, scope, and long-term effectiveness. According to reports, the Commerce & Industry Ministry has divided these imports into three broad categories—raw materials, intermediates, and finished goods—in order to map areas where domestic industry can step in to substitute foreign supplies. Commerce & Industry Secretary Sunil Barthwal elaborated that the government is particularly examining raw materials like zinc, plastic products, a range of chemicals, pharmaceuticals, and other critical intermediates where India's import bill is significant but where the potential to expand local manufacturing exists. On paper, this strategy sounds practical: identify weak spots in the import basket and strengthen domestic capability. However, once one digs deeper, the approach appears oddly restrictive. The first question that arises is: why limit the exercise to 100 goods? If the government indeed has the ability and willingness to boost domestic manufacturing in these chosen products, then logically, the same strategy should apply to a broader range of imports. Targeting only 100 goods creates an artificial boundary. It risks signaling that the rest of the import basket is of less importance, despite vulnerabilities in other categories. For example, global disruptions over the past few years have shown that even seemingly minor items, when sourced primarily from abroad, can cause significant bottlenecks in domestic industries.

7 crores sanctioned for the construction of 70 km of national highway from Bhuvanagiri to Gajwel:- Bhuvanagiri MLA Kumbham Anil Kumar Reddy“



“Yadadri Bhuvanagiri District Bureau (September 16):- Bhuvanagiri MLA Kumbham Anil Kumar Reddy held a review meeting with officials on the development of Bhuvanagiri at the Bhuvanagiri MLA camp office. Additional Collector Bhaskar Rao, Traffic ACP Prabhakar Reddy, Municipal Commissioner, National Highway DE, AE and other officials participated in this meeting. Speaking on the occasion, MLA Kumbham Anil Kumar Reddy said that he had spoken to the officials about the accidents happening on the Jagadevpur road a week ago and asked the MLA to submit a report on that road. The report, which contained various issues, was submitted to the MLA by the concerned officials.” Later, in a media conference, MLA Kumbham Anil Kumar Reddy said that 7 crores of funds have been sanctioned for road repair works up to 70 kilometers of the national highway from Bhuvanagiri to Gajwel. 76 lakhs have been sanctioned for the repairs of the Jagdevpur bridge in Bhuvanagiri town and the work will begin soon. “MLA Kumbham informed that all the squares in Bhuvanagiri town will be beautified, and that the prominent people of Bhuvanagiri town will meet with various party leaders to discuss every single problem and develop Bhuvanagiri in all ways.

Sri Virat Vishwakarma Yagna Mahotsavam Held at Sri Virabrahmendra Swamy Devasthanam“



““NSR, Medchal - Malkajgiri Staff Reporter, Uppal, Sept 17, Indian Chronicle: Sri Virabrahmendra Swamy Devasthanam, under the leadership of the Vishwakarma Committee, the Sri Virat Vishwakarma Yagna Mahotsavam was organized. Former Gaddiannaram Market Vice Chairman Kandi Aagi Reddy, along with former Medchal-Malkajgiri District Youth Congress President Kandi Shraavan Kumar Reddy, took part in the puja program. Vishwakarma Sangham leaders including Nagaram Srinivas Chari, Ramachandra Chari, Koteswara Chari, Kumar Chari, Nagaraju Chari, Kasoju Narasimha Chari, and other committee members also participated in the event.

## Tata Play Cartoon Network Forever: Tata Play and Warner Bros. Discovery reignite Nostalgia with Beloved Cartoon Favorites



Hyderabad:Tata Play, India's leading content distribution and Pay-TV platform, is all set to turn back the clock for millions of Indian viewers with the launch of Cartoon Network Forever – a brand-new platform service in collaboration with Warner Bros. Discovery. This ad-free service marks the grand return of iconic Cartoon Network programming, rekindling the joy and nostalgia of animated classics for audiences of all age groups.

Available both in English and Hindi, the service offers 24x7 access to an exciting lineup of much-loved timeless classics series like Tom & Jerry, Scooby Doo, Baby Looney Tunes, Dexter's Laboratory, The Powerpuff Girls Classic, Ed Edd n Eddy, Codename: Kids Next Door and many more along with firsthand access to DC's animated world with Batman, Superman, Justice League, Green Lantern amongst others. Besides TV, viewers can also enjoy uninterrupted on-the-go viewing on the Tata Play Mobile App. Speaking about the partnership, Pallavi Puri, Chief Com-

mercial and Content Officer, Tata Play, said,

“Tata Play is thrilled to bring back the timeless classics that have been an integral part of so many children. The return of Cartoon Network's iconic characters strengthens our value-added service offering, giving our viewers a richer tapestry of content to choose from. Whether it's the nostalgia of reliving your favourite shows or introducing them to a new generation, Cartoon Network Forever offers something special for every household.” Commenting on the same, Arjun Nohwar, Managing Director, South Asia, Warner Bros. Discovery said, “At Warner Bros. Discovery, our endeavour is to bring fans closer to their beloved characters and Cartoon Network Forever is a new destination for everyone to rediscover the iconic Cartoon Network IPs and relive the sheer joy of childhood memories.” he further added “While there's a nostalgic delight for those who grew up with the world and explorations of Tom & Jerry, Samurai Jack and The Powerpuff Girls, this is truly about making the magic of Cartoon Network timeless, accessible, and ready to be experienced by all.” Cartoon Network Forever is available exclusively on Tata Play as part of its commitment to providing curated, high-quality, and emotionally resonant content for every segment of the audience. Tata Play offers a range of 50+ entertainment and infotainment value-added services suitable across age groups. Tata Play Value Added Services have been providing content across genres like Entertainment, Kids, Learn, Regional, Devotion etc, that ensures every viewer is entertained throughout without any dearth of choices. For more information, log onto Choose Tata Play (formerly Tata Sky) DTH Services in India | Tata Play.

## Government's aim is to carry out public development programs:- Government Whip Aleru MLA Beerla Ayilaiah



““Government Whip Aleru MLA Beerla Ayilaiah participated in development programs in several villages in Rajapeta Mandal “Yadadri Bhuvanagiri District Bureau (September 16):- Telangana State Government Whip Aleru MLA Beerla Ayilaiah visited several villages in Rajapeta Mandal of Yadadri Bhuvanagiri District. In several villages of the mandal, foundation stones for the construction of CC roads, perimeter walls, additional rooms, and Goud Sangam buildings were inaugurated. In the inauguration ceremony of the water plant in Singaram village of Rajapet mandal, a



water plant was inaugurated in Kurraram village, a CC road was inaugurated in Nemila village, and the foundation stone for the construction of a perimeter wall in a government school was laid. In Doodi Venkatapuram village, a Goud Sangha building was inaugurated, and the foundation stone for the construction of a perimeter wall in a government school was laid. Additional rooms were inaugurated. Anganwadi building in Raghunathapuram village, CC road in Basantapuram village. CC road in Narsapuram village, and CC road in Begumpet village were inaugurated.

## Telangana State Government Whip Aleru MLA Beerla Ayilaiah inaugurated Kho-Kho tournament



““Yadadri Bhuvanagiri District Bureau (September 16) Yadadri District Level Kho-Kho Tournament was organized at ZPHS Government School in Motokondur Mandal Center of Yadadri Bhuvanagiri District. “This Kho-Kho tourna-

ment was inaugurated by Telangana State Government Whip Aleru MLA Beerla Ayilaiah. “MLA Beerla Ayilaiah, who arrived at the program, gave a grand welcome to the students. After that, the national and sports flags were unfurled and the games were started.

## L&T Finance Ltd. launches attractive Two-wheeler Finance schemes for the festive season..

Hyderabad:L&T Finance Ltd. (LTF), one of the leading Non-Banking Financial Companies (NBFCs) in the country, has announced attractive loan offers for its Two-wheeler Finance customers. The Company has introduced three new offerings, namely, No Cost EMI, Prompt Payment Rebate, and the EMI Lite Festive (buy in 2025, pay in 2026) scheme aiming to provide a fillip to the festive buying spirit.

Under the No Cost EMI scheme, customers can finance their purchase without incurring interest charges on the loan amount; the only associated fee is a nominal documentation charge. The Prompt Payment Rebate scheme is available to customers who select a minimum repayment tenure of 36 months, offering a waiver of the final EMI upon successfully repaying the EMIs for 35 months through central clearance. Finally, the EMI Lite Festive scheme allows customers to pay only the interest portion of their EMI for the first two months of the loan term, with no principal amount included in their monthly payment during this initial period, thus making it a buy in 2025 and pay in 2026, making festivals more affordable.

Mr. Jinesh Shah, Chief Executive – Urban Secured Assets & Third-Party Products at LTF, said, “With over 75 lakh customers served in urban India, we have a profound understanding of the market's needs. This allowed us to craft a spectacular array of enticing two-wheeler loan offerings that truly benefit our potential customers. Supported by our well-diversified footprint and a network of over 10,000 sourcing points, we are confident that customers will seize this exceptional opportunity to own a two-wheeler and fulfill their aspirations with us as their preferred financier. We anticipate a surge in demand for Two-wheelers given the strong support of lower GST by the government and we are ready for the increased customer inflow at our partner dealer outlets to help fulfill their dreams. “The festive schemes will be valid for customers availing loans until November 30, 2025. In addition, LTF has been offering the best interest rates to deserving customers and offers customers a quick turnaround time of 5 minutes to decide on a loan, aided by a best-in-class digital process wherein no documents are required physically from customers. The Company has also launched its latest TV commercial (TVC), ‘Just Zoom Two-wheeler Loans’, with the tagline ‘Bumrah Ki Speed Par,’ featuring its brand ambassador, Jasprit Bumrah. An Integrated Marketing Campaign (IMC) leveraging a mix of media buyouts will be launched across 13 markets in the country.

Sportsmen should reach higher heights by accepting the incentives given by CM Revanth Reddy to the sportsmen:-Bhuvanagiri MLA Kumbham Anil Kumar Reddy“



“Yadadri Bhuvanagiri District Bureau (September 16):- Bhuvanagiri MLA Kumbham Anil Kumar Reddy said that sportsmen should reach higher heights by accepting the incentives given by CM Revanth Reddy to the sportsmen in the state of Telangana. Tedayyala Vinootna from Bhuvanagiri town, who won the Taekwondo National Level Silver Medal and the State Shooting Gold Medal, was felicitated by Bhuvanagiri MLA Kumbham Anil Kumar Reddy. Speaking on the occasion, MLAs Kumbham Anil Kumar Reddy felicitated Vinootna, who won the Taekwondo National Level Silver Medal and the State Shooting Gold Medal, with a shawl and presented a bouquet. The MLA assured them that he would support them on this occasion. He said that he was happy that the state government had declared a Sports University, and that the state should establish Olympic sports in the coming days, and that CM Revanth Reddy was a visionary. Town presidents Kura Venkatesh, Devender and others participated in this program.

Boduppall Officials Inspect Road and Culvert Widening Works““



““NSR, Medchal - Malkajgiri Staff Reporter, Boduppall, Sept 17, Indian Chronicle: Boduppall Municipal Corporation officials, along with HMDA officers, former Ex mayor Totakura Ajay Yadav, Block Congress General Secretary Kotha Kishore Goud, and former Ex corporator Bhukya Suman, inspected the widening works of major BT roads and culverts in the corporation limits.



# We will support welding workers.. We will work for their development:-Bhuvanagiri MLA Kumbham Anil Kumar Reddy



“Yadadri Bhuvanagiri District Bureau (September 16):- Bhuvanagiri Engineering Fabrication Works Association workers met Bhuvanagiri MLA Kumbham Anil Kumar on Tuesday as a courtesy. On this occasion, they handed over a petition to the MLA. Speaking on this occasion, Pamulaparthi Narendra said that 1000 yards of land should be given in Bhuvanagiri town. He said that we will all work in the same place. On this occasion, MLA Kumbham Anil Kumar Reddy responded positively. On this occasion, the MLA was felicitated with a shawl on behalf of the union. Vanala David Raj, MD Jahangir Baba, Maraboya Shankar, Gaddam Narasimha, MD Kadeer, Srinivas, Palapati Ramu, Syed Indad, Purushottam, MD Jabbar, and others participated in this program.

# "Is Honoring Ambedkar a Crime? Former Municipal Chairperson Slams Political Vendetta and Calls for Social Justice"



level of intimidation we're facing in less than two years of his term, what should the public expect in the coming years?" she asked, calling the incident a "dangerous precedent of lawlessness and intolerance." "Emphasizing her unwavering commitment to the people, Shailaja said, "Whether we live or die, we will remain here. Even if Sridhar Babu tries to eliminate us, our commitment to serve the people of Manthani will not falter." "She criticized the ruling party leaders for indulging in violent tactics while farmers are struggling for basic necessities like urea. "Instead of addressing the pressing needs of the agrarian community, the ruling class is resorting to inhumane attacks on those who stand with the people," she said. "Highlighting the MLA's conspicuous silence on the many statues previously unveiled in the constituency, Shailaja questioned, "Why has he never once honored the likes of PV Narasimha Rao, Chakali Ailamma, Jagjivan Ram, or Gunda Nagaraju? Is it because they belong to marginalized communities?" "Throwing a direct challenge, she demanded, "If the MLA has any courage, let him garland the statues of these Bahujan heroes that we have installed. If not, the public will see through his casteist and elitist agenda." "Shailaja urged the people, especially those from BC, SC, and ST communities, to stand united in their right to honor their icons and protect their cultural dignity. "This is not just about one statue – it's about a larger struggle for representation and respect," she declared. "Referring to recent statements by the MLA's supporters, she said, "They threaten us for calling their leader our own, yet we have never disrespected their fathers or forefathers. This double standard is unacceptable." "In her closing remarks, she called for a shift in priorities: "Instead of retaliating against the celebration of great leaders, the government should focus on fulfilling the 420 promises made to the people. If such attacks continue, let it be known – the people will rise and resist."

# District Additional Collector Local Bodies A Bhaskara Rao inaugurated the TLM Teaching Learning Material Mela



“Yadadri Bhuvanagiri District Bureau (September 16):- “The TLM Teaching Learning Material Mela held under the auspices of the Yadadri Bhuvanagiri District Education Department on Tuesday was inaugurated by District Additional Collector Local Bodies A Bhaskara Rao and Telangana State Gazetted Officers Association Treasurer M Upender Reddy. TLMs from primary schools from all mandals were displayed in this mela. Out of the total 157 participating schools, 150 displayed TLMs. In the inaugural program of this program, M Upender Reddy first spoke and said that every object that is considered useless can be converted into TLM and taught well to the students. District Education Officer Satyanarayana said that moral values ??should be taught while using TLM, otherwise students will lose discipline. After that, Additional Collector Bhaskara Rao spoke and congratulated the teachers who are preparing such a good TLM despite facing so much work pressure. He said that if you teach, the lesson will be understood better. He said that TLM should be used according to the level of the child and just like your own children are studying in IITs in the USA, your school children should also be brought to that level. He said that just as the RTC buses are completely full, our school should also be filled with students. Honorary District Collector M Hanumantha Rao attended the closing ceremony of the TLM Mela as the chief guest. Academic Monitor Officer Johnny Afghan said that 170 performances from 170 schools across the district were presented here. He said that 8 performances from a total of four sections are being selected and sent to the state level. He said that if you teach with TLM, the students will understand better. Then, the District Education Officer

Satyanarayana gave a speech and said that the exhibitions in the TLM Mela were more than one. He congratulated every teacher who worked hard to prepare them. The District Collector, speaking, congratulated every teacher who participated in the Mela. Education changes the generational gaps, education eradicates poverty, every child should be treated separately. The teacher's post is a very honorable post, the number of students in government schools should be increased, and self-confidence should be increased in children. Government schools are like temples, he said. Finally, the Collector and DEO honored the 8 teachers selected for the state level with the first second winner memento, appreciation certificate, shawl.

# Illegal Cylinders Seized In Wankidi

"Indian Chronicle" kumrambheem, Asifabad.District Reporter Jade Srinivas.Sepember, "17." "Enforcement officers conducted inspections at several hotels in Wankidi mandal center on Wednesday.During these inspections, 10 domestic cylinders that were being used illegally in place of commercial cylinders were seized, said officers Raj Kumar and Srinivas.They advised that only commercial cylinders should be used in hotels and restaurants.They warned that strict action would be taken against those who do not comply with the rules.

# Anganwadi centers should provide nutritious food to children, pregnant women and lactating mothers as per the menu: Yadadri Bhuvanagiri District Collector Hanumantha Rao



“Yadadri Bhuvanagiri District Bureau (September 16): Yadadri Bhuvanagiri District Collector Hanumantha Rao said that Anganwadi centers should provide nutritious food to children, pregnant women and lactating mothers as per the menu. The District Collector, who conducted a surprise inspection of the Anganwadi center in Gundlagudem village of Aleru mandal on Tuesday, checked the register to see how many children, lactating mothers and pregnant women were coming to the Anganwadi center every day. He inquired whether children, pregnant women and lactating mothers were coming every day, whether they were being fed as per the daily menu, and whether they were being given milk and eggs. The Collector spoke to the pregnant woman on the phone, asked the pregnant woman if she was being fed daily at the Anganwadi center, whether she was being given milk, whether she was going to the hospital every month for checkups, whether the ASHA workers were talking to her every day, and that all facilities were

available in government hospitals, and suggested that she should go to the government hospital for delivery. “Later, the District Collector inspected Indiramma’s house in Gundlagudem village of Aleru mandal. The Collector asked the beneficiary how many days had passed since Indiramma started building the house, how much money was being given to the mason for the construction of the house, and at what rate was it taken to buy bricks. . “She told the Collector that the mason was being paid as a daily wage, that a brick cost Rs 7, and that the government was providing the sand free of charge. She said that when asked if the bills had been received until the construction was completed, they had been received. She said that the slab work should be completed quickly. “He said that due to the accumulation of water in the pits in front of the house, mosquitoes can get on them and cause dengue fever, so the water pits should be cleaned once a week. “The concerned officials participated in this program.

# Shameful for not responding, former MPP Jallipally



“It is a shame that the government, which claims to be paying special attention to the education system, is unable to provide proper meals to children, at least, according to former MPP Jallipally.” “Ashwaraopet, Bhadradi Kothagudem District (September 17) S NAGA MANOJ: After the mandal, the BRS leaders of Aswaraopet Mandal expressed their solidarity with the indefinite strike being organized to resolve the problems of daily wage, contingent, and workers working in tribal ashram schools and hostels in the village. On this occasion, they said that when the previous BRS party was in power, they used to pay a salary of 26400 thousand rupees, but now the Congress government that has come to power has made cuts from that minimum wage, and now it is not right to reduce the minimum wage to 11000 thousand. They also expressed their anger that it is very painful that these daily wage workers have not responded even after 6 days of their strike and that this Congress government, which talks about paying special attention to the education system, has not thought about how the people who cook for children will cook rice for them if they go on strike. This is also a proof of the failure of this government. They urged the government to im-

mediately address the just demands of the daily wage workers and repeal GO No. 64. The workers also said that they come at 4 am and spend the entire day in hostels, taking care of the children till evening. BRS leaders demanded that the workers' hardships be recognized and their legal issues be resolved. They also said that the leaders in the current government were only posing for photos in the papers to please the Delhi elders, that the people's hardships were being ignored, and that the government had completely failed to provide urea to farmers.” District spokesperson US Prakash Rao, former MPP Jallipalli. Sriramamurthy, Baragada. Krishna, constituency leader Vaggela. Puja, mandal leaders Mdg. Raja Mohan Reddy, and former Sarpanch Naram. Rajasekhara, Ashwaraopet Town Party President Satyavarapu. Sampoorana, Jujjurapu. Sriramamurthy, Anantram, and party leaders Idara. Rambabu, former MPTC Paddam. Sreenu, Malothu. Rama Rao, Naveen, HariKrishna, and Ameer are wage workers. Jetty. Venkateswara Rao, Jetty. Satyam, Madivi. Venkateswara Rao, Bhukya. Lakshmi, Karam. Badramma, Thota. Sita, Bugga. Rambhai, Vetti. Manga, party leaders, and activists participated.

# Hospital Superintendent Radha Rukmini delivered four babies in a single day at the government area hospital.



“Bhadradi Kothagudem district, Ashwaraopet, S. NAGA MANOJ:Ashwaraopet Area Hospital is getting closer to the patients day by day. Today, under the supervision of the hospital superintendent, Dr. Radha Rukmini, Dr. Mounika performed four major operations in a single day and delivered four babies. One of them was born with life-threatening contralateral legs. Out of the four born, two were boys and two were girls. Patients from the tribal villages around Ashwaraopet are coming to the hospital in large numbers for the treatment being done here. The relatives of the

patients in the taluka have praised the hospital staff for providing free treatment that would otherwise be costly if they went to a private hospital. Radha Rukmini said that with the support of MLA Jare Adinarayana, District Collector Jitesh V. Patil, DCHS Ravi Babu, and other staff members, we are providing treatment and serving the patients as per the instructions.”

“Gynecologist Dr. Mounika, Hospital H. N. Mangatayamma OT Nursing Officer Sujatha, MNO Sambaiah, and others participated in this program.



## Senior Civil Judge Conducts Surprise Audit of Manthani Government Hospital.



“P.S.ASHOKAN”Indian Chronicle“Manthani, Sept 17.”“In an unexpected move aimed at ensuring quality healthcare delivery, Senior Civil Judge V. Bhavani conducted a surprise inspection of the Manthani Government Hospital on Wednesday.”“During the visit, Judge Bhavani meticulously reviewed the standard of medical services provided to the public, assessed the sanitation and hygiene conditions within the hospital premises, and verified the



stock and expiry dates of essential medicines.”“The inspection was part of a broader initiative to promote accountability and transparency in public health institutions. She was accompanied by Hospital Superintendent Dr. Rajasekhar and other senior medical staff, who provided clarifications and briefings on ongoing healthcare operations.”“The visit emphasized the importance of maintaining high standards in public health infrastructure and ensuring that citizens receive safe, timely, and efficient medical care.

## Yashwant Rao Ambedkar's 48th Death Anniversary“



“Indian Chronicle” kumrambheem, Asifabad.District Reporter Jade Srinivas.September,“17.”“The 48th death anniversary of Ambedkar’s son Yashwantrao Ambedkar was organized on Wednesday at Jetwan Buddha Vihar in

Wankidi mandal center.Speaking on the occasion, Bharatiya Buddhist Mahasabha District President Ashok Mahulkar and Buddhist Guru Bante Bharadwaj said that Ambedkar preserved his legacy and established many schools for Dalit students. The great man who worked hard to spread Buddhism in India and took action against anti-social activities in the country.On this occasion, after chanting Buddha Vandana, Trisaran and Panchasheela, he garlanded his portrait and paid tributes. Samata Sainik Dal District President Durgam Sandeep,

Wankidi Mandal Ambetkar Sangam, Buddhist Mahasabha President Durgam Durgaji, Honorary President Jayaram Upre, General Secretary Vijaya Upre, Buddhist Society Presidents Shyam Rao Lahuji Durge, Rajeshwar Upre, Upasakas Vittal Chunarkar, Balwant Upre, Nagasen Upre, Buddhist Pasakas from Kamana village Kishan Kobragade, Dongri Ramesh, Sridhar,Chamal Upre, Prem Sagar, Kamalakar and others participated in the program.

## People Should Be Protected From Dog Attacks.Gram Panchayat and Municipal Officials Should Control Dogs“

“Veterinary officials should diagnose and treat diseases in dogs.Democratic Youth Federation of India (DYFI)“Indian Chronicle” kumrambheem, Asifabad.District Reporter Jade Srinivas.September,“17.”“Democratic Youth Federation of India (DYFI)Dogs are attacking and chasing people everywhere in the Kumuram Bheem Asifabad district, regardless of whether they are young or old. Dogs can cause rabies due to their bites. Many children are dying from this disease in the state. Many cases have already been registered. There is a large number of cases in the villages and towns of the district.school students are facing serious difficulties in going to school. They are raising their voices wondering which dog is coming and biting them, Asifabad town is very much dog- ridden, they are attacking people who are walking and riding bikes, many people are still hospitalized, dogs are getting skin diseases more and more.The veterinary department officials should take initiative to prevent those diseases,we as DYF request that the veterinary department catch the dogs and give them injec-



tions. Similarly, in view of the large number of dogs roaming,we as DYFI request the municipal authorities and village authorities to catch them and release them in the forests where there are no people,DYFI District Secretary Godisela Karthik..“

## The supreme creator who created megacities as a sculptor of the universe and a sculptor of God.. Sri Virat Vishwakarma Bhagwan YajnaJayanti celebrated: -Telangana State Legislative Council Chairman Gutta Sukhender Reddy““



Manduva Srisailam.. Yadadri Bhuvanagiri (Indian Chronicle September 17):- As per the orders of the Telangana State Government, the District Backward Classes Welfare Department under the auspices of the District Backward Classes Welfare Department celebrated the Yajna Mahotsavam (Jayanti) of Sri Virat Vishwakarma Bhagwan, who is worshipped as the supreme creator who created megacities as a sculptor of the universe and a sculptor of God, on Wednesday at the Collectorate Conference

Hall. The event was graced by Telangana State Legislative Council Chairman Gutta Sukhender Reddy, Bhuvanagiri MLA Kumbham Anil Kumar Reddy, District Collector Hanumantha Rao, Additional Collector of Revenue Veera Reddy, Additional Collector of Local Bodies Bhaskara Rao, BC Welfare Officer Sahithi, representatives of Vishwakarma Sangams, and garlanding the statue.

## Accused Sentenced To 10 Years In Prison In Marijuana Cultivation Case“



“Indian Chronicle” kumrambheem, Asifabad.District Reporter Jade Srinivas.September,“17.”“Accused sentenced to 10 years in prison in marijuana cultivation case”“Jangu, a Resident of Sonapur,Village in Wankidi mandal, was caught cultivating ganja in 2022. Wankidi SI Mahender registered a case and sent him to remand. After a hearing in the Asifabad District Court on Tuesday, District Judge Ramesh found the accused guilty and sentenced him to ten years in prison.

## ‘Swasth Naari’ Mega Medical Camp Launched““

Mookmamidi Ekalavya School Should Emerge as a Model Institution in the Country““Bhukya RanjithNaik ,Bhadradi Kothagudem Bureau,Sept 17,Indian Chronicle :“Minister for Agriculture, Cooperation, Marketing and Handlooms Tummala Nageswara Rao inaugurated the “Swasth Naari – Sashakt Pariwar Abhiyaan” mega medical camp at the Mangapet Primary Health Centre in Mulakalapalli mandal on Wednesday.”“Interacting with patients at the PHC, the Minister enquired about the healthcare facilities being provided. Addressing tribal women in the Koya dialect, he stressed the importance of health and urged them to make use of government-run medical camps and avail free health check-ups. He also highlighted that education plays a crucial role in children’s lives and called upon parents to utilize the facilities extended by the government for their holistic development.”“Later, the Minister inaugurated a medical camp arranged for students at the Mookmamidi Ekalavya Model Residential School. Warmly welcomed by students, he inspected classrooms and the music hall and interacted with children. He pointed out that while Telangana has 23 Ekalavya schools, Bhadradi Kothagudem district has 8 such schools dedicated to tribal education.”“He also distributed health cards to students, noting that maintaining student health records was part of Chief Minister Anumula Revanth Reddy’s initiative. Stressing the need for improved connectivity, he said that road development works were in progress across the district. The Mookmamidi school, he recalled, was made possible by allocating 10 acres of land during the project development. The government, he reiterated, was committed to providing quality education, sports equipment, and other facilities to help students excel in every field.”“The Minister further said that the establishment of the country’s first Dr. Manmohan Singh Earth Science University in the district had enhanced its reputation and would open up global career opportunities for students. Urging students to emulate the focus and perseverance of Ekalavya, he expressed hope that the school would emerge as a model institution for the nation.”“Ashwaraopet MLA Jare Adinarayana highlighted that through the “Nenu Saitam” initiative, development works worth ?1.75 crore had been taken up, including school buildings, hostels, boundary walls, drinking water facilities, and road improvements. He underlined the government’s commitment to providing tribal students with quality education by establishing classrooms, libraries, com-



puter labs, and sports infrastructure, urging students to excel not only in academics but also in sports and technology.”“Bhadrachalam MLA Tellam Venkata Rao noted that unlike in the past, when facilities were lacking, the present government was ensuring improved standards in education and infrastructure, enabling students to succeed in multiple fields.”“District Collector Jitesh V. Patil called on students to study with dedication, keeping in mind their parents’ sacrifices. He reminded them of the district’s rich mineral resources and said that the upcoming Geological Museum would serve future generations. He urged students to aspire to become scientists and enhance the district’s reputation, while also excelling in competitive exams, sports, and technology. Schools, he said, should focus not only on academics but also on personality development. Tribal and rural students, he added, could play a crucial role in the state’s growth with determination.”“The Minister later joined students for lunch at the school.”“Subsequently, at Gandugulapalli Ekalavya School in Dummugudem mandal, the Minister laid the foundation stone for development works worth ?8.60 crore, including hostels, classrooms, and boundary walls. He also inaugurated a new boys’ hostel and a computer lab constructed at a cost of ?46 lakh with the support of Adwanta Enterprises. He directed officials to ensure quality standards in all construction works and expedite the provision of a playground and sports equipment for students.”“The programme was attended by SP Rohit Raju, ITDA PO Rahul, Additional Collector (Education) Chandan, District Medical Officer Jayalakshmi, officials from various departments, public representatives,and students

## Everyone should get medical treatment and become healthy: Bhuvanagiri MLA Kumbham Anil Kumar Reddy“



“Manduva Srisailam..Yadadri Bhuvanagiri (Indian Chronicle September 17):- The Government of India’s Healthy Women - Strong Family (Swasth Nari - Sashakt Pariwar Abhiyan) program will be organized across the country from September 17 to October 2. This program was launched grandly at the Yadadri Bhuvanagiri District Government General Hospital on Wednesday by Bhuvanagiri MLA Kumbham Anil Kumar Reddy. As part of this program, women are being provided medical examinations and treatment by experts from eight specialized medical departments. He called on every woman to take advantage of this scheme and stay healthy. He clarified that only when every woman is healthy can all the members of the family be healthy. Speaking on the occasion, Collector M. Hanumantha Rao said that special medical camps have been organized for women in the district. He said that these medical camps were organized in every primary health center, urban health center, basti hospital, Ayushman health centers, social health centers, and district government general hospitals. He said that the services of eight types of specialist doctors would be available in this program. He informed that these medical camps would be organized from 17 September to 2 October 2025. He especially advised the female staff working in the public health department to take advantage of these health services first. He said that diseases like oral cancer, breast cancer, and cervical cancer can be treated and cured quickly if detected at an early stage. He warned that detecting cancer at an early stage is



very important, and if there is a delay in detection, the disease will progress and there will be difficulties in treatment. He also called on representatives of women’s groups and all women to utilize these services and get health treatment. He said that free screening and necessary medicines will also be provided in this medical camp. Speaking on the occasion, District Medical and Health Officer Dr. Manohar said that the state and central governments are implementing many schemes for the empowerment of women. As part of this scheme, he said that eight types of specialist doctors are being provided to provide better medical services to women in Yadadri Bhuvanagiri district through Swasth Nari – Sashakt Pariwar Abhiyan. He called on every woman to utilize these health services and achieve complete health. Tests like high blood pressure (high BP), diabetes (sugar), oral cancer, breast cancer, cervical cancer. Conducting tuberculosis (TB) tests, conducting sickle cell anemia tests. Issuing sickle cell disease cards, providing counseling. Doctors like gynecology, ophthalmology, ENT, dermatology, psychiatry, dental surgeon etc. will conduct tests in the camps. Awareness programs will also be organized for youth and women. The program aims to educate adolescent girls about the precautions needed to prevent anemia and to sensitize the youth on various health issues. Not only government hospitals but also private hospitals will be involved in this program. It was informed that this program will continue widely with the goal of women’s health.

## Tensions Rise in Manthani: BRS Leaders Protest Against Alleged Threat to Ex-MLA Putta Madhu.““



“ P . S . A S H O K A N “ I n d i a n Chronicle“Manthani,September 17.”“Leaders and supporters of the Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) launched a massive protest at Ambedkar Chowrasta on Wednesday, strongly condemning the alleged siege of former Manthani MLA Putta Madhu’s residence.”“During the demonstration, protestors raised fire slogans against State Minister and Manthani MLA Duddilla Sridhar Babu, accusing him and the Congress government of orchestrating political intimidation.”“Speaking to the media, BRS leaders expressed serious concern over what they described as a “looming threat” to Putta Madhu’s life. They warned that should any harm befall the former MLA, the responsibility would squarely lie with the Congress-led government and

Minister Sridhar Babu.”“

The protest witnessed a significant turnout, with numerous public representatives, party leaders, and grassroots activists uniting in solidarity to demand accountability and protection for their senior leader.”“The situation in Manthani remains tense as political rivalry intensifies in the region.

## Cong govt committed to fulfill its promises - Shabbir Ali

Adilabad, Sept.17 Telangana Government Advisor Mohammed Ali Shabbir on Wednesday asserted that the Congress government was determined to translate every promise into action while shaping the state’s long-term future. Already, key assurances like enhanced pensions, free bus travel for women, Indiramma housing, farmers support and healthcare upgrades were implemented by the Congress within 48 hours of assuming office, he claimed.

Addressing a gathering at “Praja Palana Dinotsavam” celebrations in Adilabad, Shabbir Ali highlighted that women had already made 2.53 crore free bus journeys, saving Rs.87.81 crore, while 1.92 lakh families were receiving fortified rice.



# Government welfare benefits should be ensured to all those who are eligible, efforts should be made for the all-round development of the district:- Telangana State Legislative Council Chairman Gutta Sukhender Reddy



The result of the sacrifices of that time is the beginning of today's Telangana development...Telangana State Legislative Council Chairman Gutta Sukhender Reddy""Manduva Srisailem..Yadadri Bhuvanagiri.(Indian Chronicle..September 17):- Telangana State Legislative Council Chairman Gutta Sukhender Reddy said that the various welfare benefits being implemented by the Telangana government should be ensured to all those who are eligible, and efforts should be made for the all-round development of the district. On the auspicious occasion of Telangana Public Administration Day, I salute the martyrs of Telangana armed and peasant struggle and all the freedom fighters who paved the way for the emergence of a public administration system from a monarchy. Speaking as the chief guest at the Telangana Public Administration Day program organized at the District Collector's premises on Wednesday, Telangana State Legislative Council Chairman Gutta Sukhender Reddy said that September 17 is a crucial day in the history of Telangana, and today, the Hyderabad State has completed 77 years of joining the Indian Union and is entering its 78th year. He extended his best wishes to the public representatives, officials, non-officials and people from all walks of life who attended the auspicious occasion. Many people have made immense sacrifices on this land so that this freedom and independence can be ours. The result of those sacrifices is the beginning of today's development of Telangana. While the entire country was celebrating independence on August 15, 1947, the people of the Hyderabad State were still fighting for their freedom. The Indian Independence Act, passed by the British Parliament, gave the princely states the option of remaining independent or merging with India or Pakistan in the matter of merger. "Out of 565 princely states across the country, the majority of princely states merged with India. But the princely states of Junagadh, Kashmir, and Hyderabad were not merged. The Hyderabad State was a princely state with 16 districts and a mixed culture of Telugu, Marathi, and Kannada languages. "The Nizam declared that the Hyderabad State would be independent. But most of the land in the princely state was in the hands of landlords, zamindars, jagirdars, and deshmukhs. He said that the farmers had to pay the first part of the crop they received under the lease, and that the oppression, forced labor, and slavery of the people, who were disrespectful of the local language spoken by 85 percent of the people, continued. On the other hand, the oppression of the private army Razakars continued."He said that the people turned against the people who opposed exploitation and oppression for minimum rights, as attacks and atrocities increased, and the library movement was the first of the efforts to sensitize the people of Telangana. The founder of the library move-

ment was Komara Raju Venkata Lakshmana Rao, who established the Sri Krishna Devaraya Andhra Bhasha Nilayam in Hyderabad in 1901 with the help of Munagala Raja Nayani Venkata Ranga Rao. This was the first library established in Telangana. Later, in 1904, as a result of the efforts of Sri Lakshmana Rao, Rajaraja Narendra Bhasha Nilayam was established in Hanamkonda, and in 1905, Angla Samvardhini Nilayam was established in Secunderabad. He said that the library held Mahasabhas every year and united the Telugu people. He said that Golconda Patrika, Nilgiri Patrika, Telugu Patrika and other newspapers did a great job in sensitizing the people. The second Andhra Mahasabha was held in Devarakonda on March 3, 4 and 5, 1931. Pulijala Venkataranga Rao was the president of the invitation committee for this meeting, Pagidimarri Yellaiah was the secretary of the invitation committee, and Burgula Ramakrishna Rao was the president of the meeting. He said that the Andhra Jana Kendra Sangh became the 'Nizam Andhra Mahasabha' and started the Telangana-Independence Movement. In 1930, the Andhra Jana Kendra Sabha held in Jogipet under the presidency of Sri Suravaram Pratapa Reddy was declared as the Andhra Maha Sabha. From 1930 to 1946, 13 Andhra Maha Sabhas were held and played a prominent role in the Telangana national movement. In the 11th Sabha held in Bhuvanagiri in 1944, Sri Ravi Narayana Reddy, the darling of Bhuvanagiri, was elected as the President."Through the Andhra Maha Sabhas, Magdum Mohiuddin, Raj Bahadur Gaur, Ramananda Tirda, Madapati Hanumantha Rao, Burugula Rama Krishna Rao, Konda Venkata Ranga Reddy, Ravi Narayana Reddy, Devalapalli Ramanuja Rao, Sri K.L. Mahendra, Dr. Marri Chenna Reddy, and others mobilized the people of Hyderabad State against the monarchy. The then united Nalgonda district played a key role in the public struggles that took place at that time. From the united Nalgonda district, Ravi Narayana Reddy, Bheem Reddy Narasimha Reddy, Bommagani Dharmabiksham, Arutla Ramachandra Reddy, Baddam Yella Reddy, Jitta Ramachandra Reddy, Arutla Kamalamma, Katturi Ramachandra Reddy, Susheela Devi, Suddala Hanumanthu, Bondugula Narayana Reddy, Kurraram Ramreddy, Gaddamidi Ramayya, Gutta Seetharam Reddy, Kondaveeti Gurunatha Reddy, Errabothu Ramreddy, Kodati Narayana Rao and many other sacrifices influenced the freedom movement in Telangana. The Telangana movement intensified with the inspiration of Daddi Komurayya, who was the first to die in the struggle against the monarchy. "Telangana women like Chakali Ailamma, Mallu Swarajyam, and Arutla Kamala Devi played a key role in mobilizing the people in the struggle of that time. "The song

"Bandenaka Bandi Katti Padaharu Bandlu Katti.. E Bandlo Pothavu Koduko.. Nizam Sarkarodo..." written by Bandi Yadagiri from Nalgonda district intensified the armed struggle and ignited the consciousness among the people to rebel against the royal government. The Telangana armed struggle has a special place in the history of world struggles. "In the struggle against the feudal landlords, the Gundrampally, Kadavendi, and Ravulapenta areas of the then Nalgonda district became the focal points of the movement. Apart from this, the culmination of all this was the Bhaironpalli firing incident that took place on August 27, 1948. Within 21 days after that, the Hyderabad State joined the Indian Union. "On the other hand, the Indian government felt that the Hyderabad State being in the middle of India's territory would lead to problems in the future. "On the other hand, in the wake of the increase in attacks by Razakars and zamindars on the people, the then Prime Minister Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru and Home Minister Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel sent an embassy to the Nizam to merge the Hyderabad State with the country of India."When the Nizam did not agree to merge his state with India, the Indian army entered the field on September 13, 1948. This was called Operation Polo. "On the one hand, there was armed struggle..on the other hand, with the Indian army entering the field, the then Nizam had nothing to do and agreed to merge with the Indian Union. On the evening of September 17, 1948, he announced on Deccan Radio that he would join the Indian Union. With the surrender of the Nizam, the Hyderabad State was merged with the country of India. From then on, Major General J.N. Chowdhury was the Military Governor until December 1948, and in 1950, the Central Government appointed M.K. Velodi, ICS, as the Chief Minister (Civil Administrator). The Velodi government continued to rule until 1952. The next general elections were held in 1952 and Burugula Ramakrishna Rao was elected as the Chief Minister, Konda Venkata Ranga Reddy as the Deputy Chief Minister, V.B. Raju, M. Chenna Reddy and others formed a cabinet. Although the Hyderabad State was merged into the Indian Union, as a result of the instigation of some leaders of that time, the decision to forcibly merge the Telangana region with the Andhra State, which had been separated from Madras and had Kurnool as its capital for three years in 1953 was opposed by prominent Telangana leaders, but in 1956, Andhra Pradesh was formed in the name of linguistic states. Over time, about 350 people lost their lives in the first phase of the movement that began in Telangana in 1969 against the decisions of the Andhra rulers. After that, about 1100 people lost their lives in the second phase of the movement. He said that after the movement that started in 1969 continued for a long time and after

the sacrifices of many martyrs, the Telangana Mali movement realized the dream of a separate state on June 2, 2014 with the self-respecting slogans of water, funds and appointments. He said that after the achievement of Telangana, the state is developing rapidly in all sectors with the aim of public welfare and is leading the country. I am happy to explain to you the progress of various development schemes and welfare programs being implemented in the district by the Telangana State Government for public welfare."Support for girls:- "Mahalakshmi resides in a house where girls are happy.

That is why the government has undertaken many programs with the intention of making one crore girls millionaires in the state. "• Within 48 hours of the Praja government taking charge, free transport facility was provided to girl children in RTC under the Mahalakshmi scheme. They said that they are providing support to women through programs like cooking gas supply for Rs. 500, free electricity supply of 200 units, Indiramma houses, power plants with women, women managing petrol pumps, Mahilashakti canteens, etc. "Construction of Indiramma houses:- In the first phase, 3,500 Indiramma houses have been sanctioned in each constituency. They said that all of them are being constructed at a fast pace and Rs. 22,500 crores ...

Agriculture Department: "We are providing financial assistance of Rs. 12,000 per acre under the Rythu Bharosa scheme. Starting on June 16, we have deposited Rs. 9,000 crores in the accounts of farmers in just nine days. We have provided this assistance to 70 lakh, 11 thousand, 184 farmers in the state. He said that investment assistance has also been provided to 1.2 lakh newly applied farmers. He said that during this financial year, 2 lakh 33 thousand 418 farmers in the district have been credited with Rs 306 crore 47 lakh in their accounts under the Rythu Bharosa scheme." 1 lakh 36 thousand 853 people have been registered under the "Rythubhira" scheme in the district. He said that 32 crore 60 lakh rupees have been deposited as insurance money to the families of 652 deceased farmers." Let us all work together with double enthusiasm and work for the development of Telangana. Cultural performances presented by students were watched. The family members of those who died for Telangana were honored. Bhuvanagiri MLA Kumbham Anil Kumar Reddy, District Collector Hanumantha Rao, Deputy Commissioner of Police Akshaosh Yadav, ACP Rahul Reddy, Additional Collector of Revenue Veera Reddy, Additional Collector of Local Bodies Bhaskara Rao, Revenue Divisional Officer Krishna Reddy, public representatives, district officials, staff, and others participated in this program.

## State Agriculture, Cooperative, Marketing, and Handloom Minister Tummala Nageswara Rao inaugurated a mega medical camp organized as part of the Swasth Nari Sashakt Parivar Abhiyan at the Mangapet Primary Health Center in Mulakalapalli Mandal.



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camp organized as part of the Swasth Nari Sashakt Parivar Abhiyan at the Mangapet Primary Health Center in Mulakalapalli Mandal."On this occasion, the Minister spoke to the patients at the health center and inquired about the medical facilities being provided to them. Later, speaking to the tribal women in the Koya language, he explained the importance of health. He called on women to utilize the medical camps organized by the government and undergo free health check-ups. He said that education is very important for children and that the government is providing all the facilities, and they should utilize them to achieve development. Later, the minister inaugurated a medical camp set up for students at Mokamamidi Ekalavya School in Mulakalapalli Mandal. On this occasion, which was warmly welcomed by the students, the Minister inspected the classrooms and music room and interacted with the students. While there are 23 Ekalavya schools across the state, the Minister said that 8 schools have been set up in Bhadrachalam district for the development of tribal education. He said that implementing a system of providing health cards to students and recording health details is part of the idea of Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu. He said that roads are crucial for the development of education, medicine, and industrial sectors, and road development work is underway in the district. He explained that the establishment of this school was possible by allocating ten acres during the Mookamamidi project. He clarified that the government is committed to providing quality education and sports facilities to the students and to guiding them forward in all fields. The Minister said that the first Dr. Manmohan Singh Earth Science University in the country has been established to enhance the reputation of the district, through which students will get world-class job opportunities in the future. He called for this school to become a model for the country by taking Ekalavya's concentration and perseverance as an ideal. Aswaraopet MLA Jare Adinarayana said that development programs worth Rs. 1.75 crore have been undertaken so far through the Nenu Samithi Cheyut program, which includes school buildings, hostels, enclosure walls, drinking water facilities, and improvement of roads.

He said that the government is committed to providing quality education to tribal students, and for this purpose, facilities like classrooms, libraries, computer labs, and sports facilities are being provided extensively. He advised students to take advantage of these opportunities and excel not only in studies but also in sports and technical fields. He clarified that the development and empowerment of tribal students will benefit the villages, the district, and the entire state, and the government and public representatives will continue to take every step in that direction. District Collector Jitesh V. Patil said that students should study hard and achieve high positions, keeping in mind the sacrifices of their parents. He explained that our district is famous for its underground wealth, and the Geological Museum will be useful for future generations. He called on students to become scientists and enhance the reputation of the district. He also suggested that students should take advantage of the facilities provided by the government and excel in competitive exams and show talent in sports and technical fields. He said that schools should not be limited to just studies but should also give priority to personality development. The Collector opined that if students from rural and tribal areas come forward with determination, they will play a key role in the development of the state. Later, the minister had lunch with the students. Next, the foundation stone for the construction of dormitories, classrooms, and a boundary wall was laid at a cost of Rs. 8.60 crore at Gandugulapally Ekalavya School in Dammamapeta Mandal, and a newly built boys' dormitory was inaugurated. A computer lab built at a cost of Rs. 46 lakh was inaugurated with the support of Advanta Enterprises.

The minister instructed the officials to provide playgrounds and sports equipment to the students quickly and to carry out the construction work with quality standards. SP Rohit Raju, ITDA PO Rahul, Additional Collector of Local Bodies Vidya Chandana, District Medical Officer Jayalakshmi, officials of the concerned departments, public representatives, students, and others participated in the program."

## Vishwakarma Yagna Celebrated at Medipally



"NSR, Medchal - Malkajgiri Staff Reporter, Medipally, Sept 17, Indian Chronicle: The Sri Virat Vishwakarma Yagna Mahotsavam was organized at the premises of Sri Veerabrahmendra Swamy Temple in Medipally mandal. The event was conducted under the supervision of Temple Committee President Kurella Lakshminarayana Chari, General Secretary Siripura Sarveshwara Chari, Treasurer Kandoju Venkatachari, and committee members Naraju Jangachari, Kondaparthi Narasimha Chari, Bejjanki Srinivasachari, Nalla Nagula Mahesh Chari, Sriramoju Shankarachari, Padakanti Kumar Chari, Sriramoju Venu Chari, Putukanuri Santosh Chari, Kasoju Krishna Brahmachari, Bodhan Gopal Chari, along with other Vishwakarma community members. The Yagna Mahotsavam was conducted with grandeur and devotion.

## Spot Admissions On The 20th

"Indian Chronicle" kumrambheem, Asifabad.District Reporter Jade Srinivas.September,"17."The social sector in the district In a statement, Social Welfare Gurukul District Coordination Officer Yadagiri said that spot admissions are being conducted to fill up the vacant seats in class 5 in Kshema Gurukul schools. Students who appeared for the VTG set have been advised to appear at the Social Welfare Gurukul School in the district center on the 20th of this month with the hall ticket, rank card, residence, caste and income certificates.



# Pothuluri Veerabrahmendra Swamy Jayanthi Celebrated in Medipally““



“NSR, Medchal - Malkajgiri Staff Reporter, Medipally, Sept 17, Indian Chronicle: Pothuluri Veerabrahmendra Swamy Jayanthi celebrations were held with devotion at the Medipally temple under Peerzadiguda Municipal Corporation limits. Peerzadiguda Municipal Congress Party president and RV Foundation founder Tungaturthi Ravi participated in the program. Speaking on the occasion, Ravi said that the teachings of Veerabrahmendra Swamy focus



on establishing morality, honesty, and equality in society. He stated that Swamy’s preachings not only provide spiritual strength to the people but also serve as a guide for future generations. He added that if everyone follows his teachings in life, society will transform into a virtuous one. A large number of devotees took part in the celebrations and offered special prayers. Pannala Srinivas Reddy, Jangachari, temple committee members, and members of various associations participated in the program.

# Digital Tools to Enhance Learning: Collector Jitesh V. Patil“



“Bhukya Ranjith naik,Bhadradri Kothagudem Bureau , September 17 ,Indian Chronicle:“Students can learn more effectively through digital education methods, observed Dis-

trict Collector Jitesh V. Patil.““At a program held today at the District Institute of Education and Training (DIET), Kothagudem, the Collector handed over K-Yan digital teaching projectors to eight high school headmasters and two Bhavita Centre IERPs. The equipment, worth ?25 lakh, was donated by Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL), Hyderabad, under their CSR initiative.““Speaking on the occasion, the Collector appreciated BEL for extending support to the district’s education sector. He advised headmasters to make the best use of these devices for the benefit of students. He further informed that a proposal had already been placed before BEL to provide K-Yan projectors to around 250 schools in the district in the coming days.““BEL General Manager Srinivas assured that, with the encouragement of the District Collector, the company would continue to support Bhadradri district in the future as well.“The event was attended by District Educational Officer B. Nagalakshmi, education coordinators Satish Kumar, Saidulu, Nagaraj Shekhar, BEL representatives, and other officials

# Government Whip Aleru MLA Beerla Ayilaiah participated in the Swastha Nari Sashakt Parivar Abhiyan program ““



Mandava Srisailam..Yadadri Bhuvanagiri (Indian Chronicle.. September 17):-Telangana State Government Whip Aleru MLA Beerla Ayilaiah attended the Swastha Nari Sashakt Parivar Abhiyan program at the government hospital located at Champak Hills near the Janagama district headquarters as the chief guest. Janagama district DMHO Mallikarjun gave a grand welcome to the program and later participated in the meeting and spoke. After that, the stalls set up were inspected and two-day vaccinations were ad-



ministered to the baby. Speaking on the occasion, Beerla Ayilaiah said that all governments give top priority to women’s health and that every household takes care of the household so that the woman is healthy. He said that even in our public government, we are moving forward to make one crore women millionaires. He said that wherever women are respected, that society will move forward on the right path. He said that women are not working 24 hours a day for their families and do not care about their health, and he wanted women to take advantage of such programs.

# Certificate Distribution to 2,000 Women Trained in Tailoring at Gandhi Bhavan““



““NSR, Medchal - Malkajgiri Staff Reporter, Medipally, Sept 17, Indian Chronicle: Gandhi Bhavan, Prakasam Hall, under the leadership of Mother Education and Rural Development Society, and on the invitation of Mother Foundation founder president Bojja Sandhya Reddy, a Backward Classes Women’s Conference was held. As part of the certificate distribution program for 2,000 women who received free tailoring machine training, Medchal constituency in-charge Thotakoor Vajresh Yadav participated as the chief guest and distributed about 600 certificates to women from Medchal constituency.

# Government Whip Aleru MLA Beerla Ayilayya participated in the Public Administration Day celebrations in Janagama district center and hoisted the national flag



““Mandava Srisailam.. Yadadri Bhuvanagiri (Indian Chronicle.. September 17):- Telangana State Government Whip Aleru MLA Beerla Ayilayya participated as the chief guest in the Telangana Public Administration Day celebrations in Janagama district center.“He garlanded the Martyrs’ Stupa at the Collector’s Office in Janagama district center and paid homage. Later, he received a police salute and



unfurled the national flag. Later, he spoke about the public welfare schemes being provided by the Telangana State Government under the Public Administration.“Bhagavas Sri Virat Vishwakarma Veerabrahmendra Swamy participated in the Yagna Mahotsav and performed special pujas to Veerabrahmendra Swamy.

# Kala Utsav Winners Urged to Excel at the National Level: Collector Jitesh V. Patil““

Bhukya RanjithNaik,Bhadradri Kothagudem Bureau , Sept. 17,Indian Chronicle :“District Collector Jitesh V. Patil called upon the district-level winners of Kala Utsav to showcase their talents with the same excellence at the state-level competitions and bring laurels to the district at the national stage as well.““Speaking at the valedictory of the district-level Kala Utsav, the Collector said that arts not only bring joy and mental satisfaction to children but also nurture multiple skills while serving as a bridge to our rich culture and traditions. He also distributed prizes to the winners on the second day of the competitions.““District Educational Officer B. Nagalakshmi congratulated the winners and appreciated the efforts of all the participants and teachers who guided them towards success. District Education Department coordinators Nagarajashekar, Satish Kumar, and Saidulu were also present.““Day Two Winners““Visual Arts – 3D“1st: B. Sugandhini, Navabharat Public School“2nd: B. N. Harshitha, BPL School, Sarapaka““Visual Arts – Group“1st: KGBV, Annapureddypalli“2nd: Navabharat Public School, Palvancha““Vocal Music – Solo“1st: Sevitha Sri Vaishnavi, Navabharat Public School“2nd: K. Srinidhi, BPL School, Sarapaka““Vocal Music – Group“1st: Navabharat Public School, Palvancha“2nd: BPL School, Sarapaka““Instrumental Music – Melody“1st: D. Bhavana, Atomic Energy Central School, Aswapuram“2nd: M. Varshit,



Regina Convent, Palvancha“Consolation: M. Pranav Kumar, Triveni School““Instrumental Music – Rhythmic“1st: G. Abhinav Bhavan, Atomic Energy Central School, Aswapuram““Instrumental Music – Group“1st: Atomic Energy Central School, Aswapuram““Traditional Storytelling“1st: Telangana Social Welfare Residential School, Bhadrachalam“2nd: Navabharat Public School, Palvancha““The DEO informed that the students who secured first positions in these competitions will represent the district at the upcoming state-level Kala Utsav

# Milestone of 500 Days Free Upma Distribution at Ghatkesar Government Hospital““



“NSR, Medchal - Malkajgiri Staff Reporter, Ghatkesar, Sept 17, Indian Chronicle: At Ghatkesar Municipality Government Hospital, All India Payame Insaniyat completed 500 days of free breakfast service for patients and pregnant women. To mark this milestone, a special program was organized. Circle Inspector of Police Balaswamy and Sub Inspector of Police Prabhakar Reddy attended the event.



Speaking on the occasion, Balaswamy said that sharing food spreads happiness and that true greatness lies in sharing meals, not in distributing money. The program was led by All India Payame Insaniyat Hyderabad East Zone President Maulana Syed Qutubuddin Nadvi. Members Azhar, Abdul Azeem, Noman, Rafee Uddin, Zaheer, Sk Zaheer, Mukhtar Ahmed, Fasi Uddin, Shahbaz Khan, Sk Riaz, and others participated.

# BJP Marks Telangana Liberation Day & PM Modi’s 75th Birthday with Grand Celebrations in Manthani.“

““P.S.ASHOKAN“Indian Chronicle“Manthani, Telangana | September 17, 2025.“““In a vibrant display of patriotism and reverence, the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) commemorated Telangana Liberation Day, Vishwakarma Jayanti, and Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s 75th birthday with elaborate celebrations across Manthani as part of the national "Seva Pakhwada 2025" campaign.““The events, held under the aegis of BJP’s central and state leadership, witnessed a massive turnout of party workers, public representatives, and local citizens. The celebrations began with the ceremonial hoisting of the national flag at Gandhi Chowk, followed by a procession to Ambedkar Chowrasta, where PM Modi’s birthday was celebrated with much fanfare, including the distribution of sweets and refreshments.““As a gesture of service, BJP workers also visited local hospitals, distributing milk and bread to patients, reflecting the spirit of "Seva" that underpins the party’s ideology.““Telangana’s Real Independence Came on September 17, 1948" — Sunil Reddy““Addressing the gathering, Chandrupatla Sunil Reddy, former BJP district president and convener of Peddapalli district local body elections, emphasized the historical significance of the day.““While India attained independence on August 15, 1947, Telangana remained shackled under the autocratic rule of the Nizam and his Razakar militia until September 17, 1948. It was only through the decisive military action led by Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel that Telangana was finally liberated," he said.““Sunil Reddy condemned successive state governments—the previous BRS (TRS) regime and the current Congress administration—for attempting to dilute the importance of Telangana Liberation Day by promoting it as "Telangana Integration Day.““He accused them of pandering to the AIMIM and engaging in historical revisionism, calling such efforts "an affront to the martyrs of the Telangana armed struggle.“““Vishwakarma Jayanti and PM Modi’s Vision Are Symbolically Linked" — Satya Prakash““Kondapaka Satya Prakash, BJP State Council Member, remarked on the symbolic importance of Vishwakarma Jayanti coinciding with PM Modi’s birthday.““From ancient times, it is the divine spirit of Lord Vishwakarma—the god of craftsmanship and innovation—



that has driven human progress. It is no coincidence that a leader like Modi, who is reshaping India’s destiny through innovation and nation-building, shares this auspicious day," he said.““He praised PM Modi’s unwavering commitment, stating:““Modi ji works tirelessly—up to 18 hours a day—to transform India into a global leader. The entire world today sees India as a trusted partner and is looking up to us in every sphere—diplomatic, economic, technological, and defense.““Satya Prakash highlighted some of the Modi government’s key accomplishments:““Economic Growth: India is poised to become the third-largest economy in the world.““Vocal for Local: Citizens are urged to prioritize indigenous products to boost self-reliance.““Welfare Schemes: Inclusive governance delivering justice and empowerment to all communities.““Tax Reforms: Reduction in GST has made essential goods more accessible to the common man.““Transport Revolution: Introduction of Vande Bharat high-speed trains across the nation.““Space Innovation: Unprecedented success in the ISRO space missions, placing India at the global forefront.““Defense Independence: Emphasis on indigenous defense manufacturing, including the export of Tejas fighter jets, showcasing India’s technological might.““Massive Participation Across Ranks““The event drew active participation from a wide range of BJP leaders and supporters, including District Council Members Bogoju Srinivas, Thota Madhukar, various town and mandal-level functionaries, and Morcha presidents. Party workers from all wings of the organization came together to make the celebration a resounding success.

# Sri Pochamma Thalli Temple Annual Celebrations Held at Parvatapur, Peerzadiguda““

“NSR, Medchal - Malkajgiri Staff Reporter, Medipally, Sept 17, Indian Chronicle: Former Ex Mayor Amar Singh participated in the annual celebrations of Sri Pochamma Thalli Temple at Parvatapur in Peerzadiguda limits. He appreciated the temple committee members for building a beautiful temple for the welfare of society and suggested that the remaining works be completed and continued further.

The program was successfully organized with the efforts of former Ex corporator Swati Krishna Goud, senior Congress leader Krishna Goud, colony members, and senior leaders.





# U.S. President Donald Trump orders return to the U.S. ‘War Department’



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U.S. President Donald Trump signed an executive order on Friday (September 5, 2025) to rename the Department of Defence the "Department of War," reverting to a title it held until after World War II when officials sought to emphasize the Pentagon's role in preventing conflict.

Mr. Trump's move represented his latest effort to rebrand the U.S. military, which has included his decision to preside over an extraordinary military parade in downtown Washington, D.C., and to restore the original names of military bases that were changed after racial justice protests in 2020.Mr. Trump has also challenged conventional norms over domestic deployment of the U.S. armed forces, creating military zones along the southern U.S. border with Mexico to aid an immigration crackdown as well as deploying troops in cities like Los Angeles and Washington.The order would authorize Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth and subordinate officials to use secondary titles such as "Secretary of War" and "Deputy Secretary of War" in official correspondence and public communications, according to a White House fact sheet."It's a very important change, because it's an attitude," Mr. Trump said as he signed the executive order at a ceremony in the Oval Office. "It's really about winning."

The move would instruct Hegseth to recommend legislative and executive actions required to make the renaming permanent.Department name changes are rare and have required congressional approval. Still, Mr. Trump questioned whether he really needed a nod from Congress, even

though his fellow Republicans hold slim majorities in both the Senate and House of Representatives.Two Republican senators, Mike Lee of Utah and Rick Scott of Florida, and one Republican House member, Greg Steube of Florida, introduced legislation on Friday to make the change.Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth, introduced as the Secretary of War by Mr., Trump, cheered the change, which he has long advocated."We're going to go on the offense, not just on defence. Maximum lethality, not tepid legality," Mr. Hegseth said.The U.S. Department of Defense was called the War Department until 1949, when Congress consolidated the Army, Navy and Air Force in the wake of World War Two. Historians say the name was chosen in part to signal that in the nuclear age, the U.S. was focused on preventing conflict.

Changing the name again will be costly and require updating signs and letterheads used not only by officials at the Pentagon, but also military installations around the world.An effort by former President Joe Biden to rename nine bases that honored the Confederacy and Confederate leaders was set to cost the Army \$39 million. Hegseth reversed that effort this year.Critics have said the planned name change is not only costly, but an unnecessary distraction for the Pentagon.Mr. Hegseth has said that changing the name is "not just about words — it's about the warrior ethos."

This year, one of Trump's closest congressional allies, Republican U.S. House of Representatives Oversight Committee Chair James Comer, introduced a bill that would make it easier for a president to reorganize and rename agencies."We're just going to do it. I'm sure Congress will go along if we need that ... Defense is too defensive. We want to be defensive, but we want to be offensive too if we have to be," Mr. Trump said last month.Mr. Trump also mentioned the possibility of a name change in June, when he suggested that the name was originally changed to be "politically correct."But for some in the Trump administration, the effort goes back much further.During Mr. Trump's first term, current FBI Director Kash Patel, who was briefly at the Pentagon, had a sign-off on his emails that read: "Chief of Staff to the Secretary of Defense & the War Department.""I view it as a tribute to the history and heritage of the Department of Defense," Patel told Reuters in 2021.

# Gen Z is turning to strangers’ potlucks and supper clubs as a gateway to new friendships

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Home is the first place, work is the second, but lately, people from the Gen Z demographic across the world have largely been talking about the need for “third places” amid the cityscape. Third places are spaces to create, rest, play, and simply exist as a community, which have too often been pushed to cafes and more cafes.When it comes to Chennai, this is where the younger generation is taking matters into their own hands and creating third spaces where they can actually meet offline. After all, most of them are far more connected online than in real life. And the latest in the list of third places is potluck. Not the usual ones with friends or colleagues at an office party, but potluck gatherings with absolute strangers from different walks of life.

In a paradoxical undertone, this Friendship Day, a group of strangers came together with home-cooked food - from sun-dried tomato pasta to biriyani -- and gathered at Uptown, the open space at Guindy Kathipara Bridge, at dusk. It was an idea initiated by Gen Z professionals in the IT sector, Ibrahim, Kalaiyarasi, and VFX artist Kamlesh. They opened the space to people of all ages."Most of us in our 20s are working from home. The day begins and ends at home and that makes it easy for loneliness to creep in. That's why we began community events like trekking and potluck with strangers," says Ms. Kalaiyarasi, 24, co-founder of Trek with Strangers. Udhaya Lakshmi, an IT professional who brought homemade sweets, left the potluck having found new friends. For her, potluck with strangers was a completely innovative concept to form connections outside her usual circle. “Food is the easiest way to break barriers, and we are building new friendships through it,” says the co-founder of the circle, Mr. Kamlesh.In a similar vision with more ingenuity, Chennai is now ushering in the



concept of supper clubs, which has been a global trend where people turned their New York apartments into restaurants. That is where complete strangers gather in the intimacy of someone's apartment, while the host wears the chef's hat, curating a multi-course spread. This is precisely what best friends Loshini Gnanasekar and Krishna Rubigha Kandasami have brought into the city's OMR stretch. Over the course of three such supper clubs in their apartment, they have hosted people that were looking for new friendship circles.“We started it for millennials who are eager to break free from the cubicle to home routine; we wanted them to be our core participants, but to our surprise, we see Gen Z turning up too,” says Ms. Krishna.The duo explains how people today are ‘islands’ in real life but stronger in the digital space. They point out that young people in the city, particularly those in their twenties, are even travelling to other cities purely for concerts and other collective experiences that they feel are scarce at home. “Our supper club is one small step to bring that real life connection back to our city. After all, we are social beings,” adds Ms. Loshini.

# India’s strategic autonomy in a multipolar world

In the lexicon of international relations, few concepts have evolved as dynamically as “strategic autonomy”. Once a term confined to academic debate, it now sits at the heart of India's foreign policy discourse, shaping decisions in an increasingly multipolar and volatile world. As global power shifts accelerate and traditional alliances fray, India finds itself navigating a delicate path between competing giants: the United States, China and Russia. The pursuit of strategic autonomy is no longer a theoretical aspiration. It is a daily diplomatic practice, fraught with complexity and consequence.

Strategic autonomy refers to a nation's ability to make sovereign decisions in foreign policy and defence without being constrained by external pressures or alliance obligations. It is not synonymous with isolationism or neutrality. Rather, it implies flexibility, independence and the capacity to engage with multiple powers on one's own terms. For India, the concept has deep historical roots, going back to colonial subjugation and free India's determination never to let anybody else decide our place in the world for us. From Nehru's non-alignment during the Cold War to the Modi government's "multi-alignment" in the current era, successive governments have sought to preserve India's freedom of action while adapting to changing geopolitical realities. In theory, strategic autonomy offers a middle path between rigid bloc politics and passive disengagement. In practice, it demands deft diplomacy, institutional resilience, and a clear-eyed understanding of national interest. It is a balancing act — sometimes precarious, often imperfect, but essential for a country such as India that aspires to global leadership without becoming a client state.

The current global landscape presents both opportunities and challenges for India's strategic autonomy. The unipolar moment of American dominance has given way to a fragmented world order, where China's assertiveness, Russia's revisionism and the West's internal divisions, accentuated by Washington's unpredictability, create a fluid and unpredictable environment. For India, this means recalibrating its relationships with major powers while safe-

guarding its core interests — territorial integrity, economic growth, technological advancement, and regional stability.India's relationship with the United States has deepened dramatically over the past two decades. From defence cooperation and intelligence sharing to joint military exercises and technology transfers, the strategic partnership has matured. The Quad grouping (Australia, Japan India, the U.S.), Indo-Pacific dialogues, the incipient I2U2 (India, Israel, the United Arab Emirates and the U.S.) and India-Middle East-Europe Economic Corridor (IMEC), and shared concerns over China's rise have further cemented ties. Yet, the relationship is not without friction. The Trump administration's erratic trade policies, followed by stinging tariffs and sanctions in his second term, have strained economic ties. Washington's pressure on India to reduce its energy and defence dealings with Russia, and to align more closely with western positions, has tested New Delhi's resolve.India's response has been measured. It continues to engage with the U.S., maintains independent positions on global conflicts, and insists on the primacy of national interest over ideological alignment. This is strategic autonomy in action, not anti-Americanism, but a refusal to be subsumed by American priorities.China presents a more complex challenge. The border clashes with India of 2020 shattered illusions of benign coexistence, and tensions remain high despite diplomatic overtures. Yet, China is also one of India's largest trading partners, a key player in regional institutions, and a competitor whose actions shape the strategic environment. India's approach is one of cautious engagement and firm deterrence. It strengthens border infrastructure, deepens ties with Indo-Pacific partners, and invests in indigenous defence capabilities. At the same time, it participates in multilateral forums such as BRICS and the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation, where China plays a leading role — a difficult but necessary balancing act.Strategic autonomy here means resisting both confrontation and capitulation. It means asserting sovereignty and refusing to be another country's counterweight to a rising China, while controlling Chinese access to the Indian economy, and simultaneously keeping channels of communication open

# Trump threatens more tariffs on EU following Google fine



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Washington: US President Donald Trump has threatened to impose more tariffs on the European Union (EU) shortly after the bloc slapped a 2.95-billion-euro fine, or \$3.47 billion, on Google for violating anti-monopoly laws.Right after the EU decision, Trump said on Friday on his Truth Social platform: "Europe today 'hit' another great American company, Google, with a \$3.5 billion dollar fine, effectively taking money that would otherwise go to American investments and jobs. Very unfair, and the American taxpayer will not stand for it!"As I have said before, my administration will not allow these discriminatory actions to stand. I will be forced to start a Section 301 proceeding to nullify the unfair penalties being charged to these taxpaying American companies," the US President added.

# Trump affirms friendship with Modi, calls India-US ties ‘special’ despite Russia oil, tariff concerns

New York/Washington: US President Donald Trump said India and the United States have a “special relationship” and there's nothing to worry about as the two countries “just have moments on occasion”, amid current tensions between Washington and Delhi over tariffs and purchases of Russian oil.“I'll always be friends with (Narendra) Modi, he's a great prime minister. He's great. I'll always be friends, but I just don't like what he's doing at this particular moment,” Trump said in the Oval Office on Friday.“But India and the United States have a special relationship. There's nothing to worry about. We just have moments on occasion,” Trump added with a smile.

The president was responding to a question on whether he is ready to reset relations with India, as ties between the two countries continue to reel under possibly the worst phase in over two decades.Trump also said that he is “very disappointed” that India would be buying “so much” oil from Russia.“I've been very disappointed that India would be buying so much oil from Russia, and I let them know that. We put a very big tariff on India, 50 per cent tariff, very high tariff. I get along very well with (Prime Minister Narendra) Modi, he's great. He was here a couple of months ago,” Trump said in response to a question on his social media

The EU announced on Friday a fine of nearly \$3.5 billion against Google for abusing its market dominance by giving its own ad exchanges a competitive advantage over rivals. The bloc also ordered Google to stop these practices.It is the fourth time Brussels has sanctioned the company with a multibillion-euro fine in an antitrust case.“Today's decision shows that Google abused its dominant position in ad tech, harming publishers, advertisers and consumers,” Teresa Ribera, the European Commission's top antitrust regulator, said in a statement.Google vowed to appeal the decision.

The EU's enforcement of digital regulations has come up regularly during trade negotiations between the bloc and the Trump administration.The EU announced earlier on Friday that Google must pay a €2.95 billion (\$3.45 billion) antitrust fine for anti-competitive practices in its lucrative ad tech business, marking its fourth penalty in its decade-long fight with EU competition regulators.“Google has also paid, in the past, \$13 billion in false claims and charges for a total of \$16.5 billion,” Trump said.“How crazy is that? The European Union must stop this practice against American companies, immediately!” Trump posted on Truth Social.A US investigation could serve as a big blow to the EU, which landed a hard-fought but controversial trade framework with the US this summer. Although the 27 members of the bloc voted in favour of the framework, many European leaders have since griped about it, and a long-term trade deal with the US is far from a certainty.



post that the US has lost India and Russia to China.In the Truth Social post, Trump said that “Looks like we've lost India and Russia to deepest, darkest, China. May they have a long and prosperous future together! President Donald J. Trump”.Trump had also posted an old photo of Modi with Russian President Vladimir Putin and Chinese leader Xi Jinping. Trump's post on social media came days after the bonhomie among Modi, Xi and Putin at a summit of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) in the Chinese city of Tianjin drew global attention.

# ‘Large shark’ kills man off Sydney beach

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A “large shark” mauled a surfer to death at a popular Sydney beach on Saturday (September 6, 2025), Australian police and rescuers said, in a rare fatal attack that led to a string of beach closures.The 57-year-old local man had gone surfing with five or six friends in the Pacific waters off northern Sydney's adjoining Long Reef and Dee Why beaches, authorities said.The man — an experienced surfer with a wife and a young daughter — lost “a number of limbs”, New South Wales police superintendent John Duncan told a news conference.I do understand that both him and his board disappeared underwater,” he told reporters.“The body was found floating in the surf.”A couple of surfers saw him in the water and got him to shore, Mr. Duncan said.“Unfortunately, by that time we understand he lost probably a lot of blood and attempts to resuscitate him were unsuccessful.”People nearby saw the ocean predator, according to police, who earlier said they believed a “large shark” attacked the man.The man's surfboard was broken in half, Mr. Duncan said.Government experts will examine the remains of the surfboard and the man's body to help them determine the species of shark involved, police said.Most serious shark bites in ocean-loving Australia are from great whites, bull sharks, and tiger sharks.Images of the scene on local media showed police gathered on the shore and ambulances parked nearby.Beaches between the northern suburbs of Manly and Narrabeen have been closed for at least 24 hours, Surf Life Saving NSW said.“For now, please remain clear of the water at beaches in the vicinity and follow the direction of lifeguards and lifesavers,” the organisation's chief executive Steven Pearce said in a statement.“Our deepest condolences go to the family of the man involved in this terrible tragedy.”Surf lifesaving clubs



nearby have cancelled all water activity and training for the weekend.Waving a red flagDrones and surf lifesavers on waterskis were patrolling the beaches for shark activity.It was the first fatal shark attack in Sydney since 2022, when 35-year-old British diving instructor Simon Nellist was killed off Little Bay.The previous fatal attack in the city was in 1963.An unnamed surfer told Sydney's Daily Telegraph newspaper that he saw the aftermath of the attack.“Four or five surfers pulled him out of the water and it looked like a significant part of his lower half had been attacked,” the surfer said.People were ordered out of the water, he told the paper.“There was a surf lifesaving guy waving a red flag,” the surfer said. “I didn't know what it was ... but thought I should probably go in (to shore).”Australia's last deadly shark attack was in March, when a surfer was taken off the remote Wharton Beach of Western Australia.There have been more than 1,280 shark incidents around Australia since 1791, of which over 250 resulted in death, according to a database of the predators' encounters with humans.

# NYC Mayor Eric Adams says he won't quit race as only he can beat Zohran Mamdani

New York City Mayor Eric Adams on Friday (September 5, 2025) said he won't succumb to pressure to end his reelection campaign and insisted he is the only candidate strong enough to beat the Democratic nominee, Zohran Mamdani.Mr. Adams declared his intention to stay in the race at the end of a fraught week that began with a trip to Florida, where Mr. Trump administration intermediaries sought to assess his willingness to quit the race to take a job with the federal government.Earlier Friday, Mr. Adams appeared to leave the door open to a departure, releasing a statement saying he “will always listen if called to serve our country” but adding he had not yet received any “formal offers”.Hours later, he summoned reporters to the mayor's official residence, Gracie Mansion, to slam that door back shut.Democratic mayoral nominee and state Assemblyman Zohran MamdaniDemocratic mayoral nominee and state Assemblyman Zohran Mamdani “I am in this race. And I am the only one who can beat Mamdani,” Adams said.“How many times have I been told throughout this journey to step aside, to surrender, to give up, to give in,” he said.“That's the same thing we tell everyday New Yorkers. Everyday New Yorkers are not giving up, are not giving in, are not surrendering, so their mayor is not going to do that.”Mr. Adams dismissed Mr. Mamdani and former governor Andrew Cuomo, both fellow Democrats, as “two spoiled brats” who are “not like us”, then walked off as a throng of reporters shouted questions.Trump's preferenceMr. Trump has told reporters he would prefer not to have Mr. Mamdani, a 33-year-old democratic socialist, as New York's next

mayor, but believed it was inevitable unless two of the three other major candidates in the race dropped out. Besides Mr. Cuomo and Mr. Adams, Republican Curtis Sliwa is also on the ballot.Moments after Mr. Adams' announcement, Mr. Trump was asked about it by reporters at the White House.“He's free to do what he wants,” Mr. Trump said of Mr. Adams, but he added that Adams staying in the contest might help cement a Mamdani victory.“Cuomo might have a chance of winning if it was one-on-one. If you have more than one candidate running against (Mamdani), it can't be won,” Mr. Trump said.During a trip to Florida this week, Mr. Adams met with Steve Witkoff, a former real estate developer in New York who is now one of Mr. Trump's main diplomatic envoys in Washington, said Mr. Adams' campaign spokesperson, Todd Shapiro.It was unclear what specifically was discussed.Mr. Adams skipped the Democratic primary, saying he was sidelined from campaigning after he was indicted last year on bribery charges.Mr. Trump's Justice Department then dropped the criminal case, saying it was distracting Mr. Adams from helping with the president's immigration crackdown.In an interview, former Democratic New York governor David Paterson said he spoke with the mayor Wednesday morning. Mr. Adams told him he wanted to remain in the race but had received offers, Mr. Paterson said.“He said, Listen, they say I have some offers. I have a lot of offers. Then he started laughing. And he was saying that, you know, he really doesn't want to leave and he's trying to work that out so he doesn't have to,” Mr. Paterson, who has endorsed Adams for reelection, said.“



# No illegality in land allotment to Siddaramaiah’s family, but scam in MUDA scheme: What Karnataka judicial panel found



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A judicial commission investigating allegations of corruption and maladministration in the Mysore Urban Development Authority (MUDA) has found no wrongdoing in the allocation of 14 developed housing sites to Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah’s family as compensation for 3.16 acres that were wrongly acquired. However, the panel found large-scale irregularities in the authority’s functioning during the 2020-2024 period.

The commission, headed by retired high court judge Justice P N Desai, has recommended criminal investigations and action against MUDA officials, as well as cancellation of MUDA site allotments under a 50:50 land scheme after March 2023, when the scheme was flagged as violating rules. The Justice Desai commission report findings add to a Lokayukta police probe report and orders of the Karnataka High Court and the Supreme Court of the absence of evidence to suggest involvement of corruption or money laundering in the MUDA allotments to Siddaramaiah’s family.

Last year, Siddaramaiah’s wife, Parvathi, returned the 14 housing sites allotted to her in 2021 by MUDA under the 50:50 compensation scheme after the controversy was used by the Opposition to target him and the Congress government in Karnataka. The Justice Desai commission report, which has flagged issues of blatant profiteering in MUDA site allotments by authorities in the 2020-24 period (BJP tenure 2020-23; Congress 2023-24), was tabled and discussed in a state cabinet meeting headed by Siddaramaiah on Thursday.

“In respect of utilisation of denotified land in Sy.No.464 of Kesare Village also, though the land owner insisted for alternative undeveloped land as compensation and although the resolution was also passed in the year 2017, the same was not implemented, but subsequently in the year 2022, sites were allotted at the ratio of 50:50 as per one of the mode of payment of compensation adopted in the same manner as allotted to others,” the Justice Desai commission noted in its findings about the land allotment to Siddaramaiah’s family. The commission has opined that “the allotment of sites as compensation to the land owners whose lands were de-notified, but utilised by MUDA as narrated supra pertaining to lands in Sy.No.115/22 and 115/42 of Kergalli Village and the land in Sy.No.464 of Kesare Village cannot be said to be illegal” since compensation by way of allocation of sites was done by MUDA. “Therefore, the methods followed by the Authority for payment of compensation in the form of sites in case of utilisation of denotified lands cannot be said unlawful, since MUDA does not have any title and legal possession over the denotified lands,” the commission stated. The 3.16 acres of land at survey number 464 of Kesare village was bought by Siddaramaiah’s brother-in-law, Mallikarjun Swamy, in 2004 after it was dropped from a 1996 MUDA acquisition process. Swamy gifted the land to Siddaramaiah’s wife in 2010. The land was found to have been wrongly acquired by MUDA in 2014. The civic agency agreed in 2021 to compensate for the acquisition with the allotment of 14 developed MUDA housing sites at a prime location.

Siddaramaiah’s family was accused by RTI activist Snehamayi Krishna and the Opposition BJP and JD(S) of profiting to the tune of ₹ 56 crore through the MUDA award of the 14 alternate sites. The Lokayukta police registered a police case after Karnataka Governor Thawarchand Gehlot granted sanction to investigate Siddaramaiah under the Prevention of Corruption Act. The Karnataka High Court upheld the sanction in September 2024. The Lokayukta police probe resulted in a closure report, citing “lack of evidence”, in February 2025.

On March 7 this year, the Karnataka High Court halted the Enforcement Directorate’s (ED’s) money-laundering probe against Parvathi in the MUDA land allotments case after the summons issued by the central agency was challenged. The high court ruled that there was no money laundering in the land compensation award by MUDA, and this was upheld by the Supreme Court in July. ‘Appears to be a scam’: Justice Desai commission findings

One of the key findings of the Justice Desai commission is that the scheme for allotment of alternate sites as compensation for land wrongly acquired by MUDA was filled with loopholes, seemed devised to benefit illegal claimants, and reeked of a scam. The sudden emergence of demands for alternate sites in the 2020-24 period as compensation for MUDA acquired land “may be with intention to get some better sites of their choice with the help and connivance of MUDA Officers and officials or it appears to be a scam in allotting alternate sites giving untenable reasons”, the commission stated.

“The alternate sites allotted are contrary to the provisions of allotment of alternate sites as per Rule 16 of 1991 Rules,” the commission added. Stating that its findings are just the tip of the iceberg on account of delays in file submissions by MUDA and the paucity of time for the commission to investigate all alternate site allotments, the Justice Desai commission has called for a thorough probe into all allotments. “Therefore, a thorough investigation needs to be made by the Government of Karnataka by constituting a technical team consisting of the high ranking officers from the Urban Development Department, Town Planning Department, Chief Engineer, the Director of Land Records and other officers with technical know how to verify all such illegal allotment in violation of Rule 16 of KUDA Rules and the persons who are responsible for such allotments shall be dealt sternly by initiating both civil and criminal proceedings and also the action under Service Rules, so that the message should go to the society and other authorities not to make allotment in violation of Rules,” the commission has stated. “The Commission, after examining the files, has suggested to cancel allotment of such illegal sites and also cancel the sites which are allotted after the Government Order dated 14.3.2023, directing the Commissioner, MUDA, not to make any such allotments based on such resolutions till the guidelines are framed by the Government,” it added. “The then Commissioner, defying the directions of the Government, went on allotting the sites. Therefore, such allotments are in violation of Government Order, which also needs to be cancelled,” it has stated. “The government shall also take appropriate steps to restore such sites to MUDA by initiating necessary judicial proceedings and suggested to take action against the erring officers and officials of MUDA and other persons who have colluded with them in getting the sites illegally allotted by filing appropriate civil and criminal proceedings against them in addition to taking departmental action against the concerned officers and officials, so that the message should go to the society as well as persons indulging in such activities,” it said.

# US Florida plans to eliminate all vaccine mandates

Florida: The US State of Florida announced plans to end all State vaccine mandates, including for school children, making it the first state in the nation to do so.

Florida State Surgeon General Joseph Ladapo said at a press conference on Wednesday (local time) that current vaccine requirements in schools hamper parents’ ability to make health decisions for their children. The move would make Florida the first State in the United States to completely withdraw from a practice credited with increasing vaccination rates and lowering the risk of infectious diseases spreading. The announcement drew immediate criticism from public health experts and officials. “Ending vaccine mandates is reckless and dangerous,” said Democratic Representative Anna Eskamani on the social media platform X, adding that it could cause outbreaks of preventable disease. “This is a public health disaster in the making for the Sunshine State,” Anna added. “This is ridiculous. Florida already has broad medical and religious exemptions for childhood vaccines, so any family that has a sincere oppo-

sitions of allotment of alternate sites as per Rule 16 of 1991 Rules,” the commission added. Stating that its findings are just the tip of the iceberg on account of delays in file submissions by MUDA and the paucity of time for the commission to investigate all alternate site allotments, the Justice Desai commission has called for a thorough probe into all allotments. “Therefore, a thorough investigation needs to be made by the Government of Karnataka by constituting a technical team consisting of the high ranking officers from the Urban Development Department, Town Planning Department, Chief Engineer, the Director of Land Records and other officers with technical know how to verify all such illegal allotment in violation of Rule 16 of KUDA Rules and the persons who are responsible for such allotments shall be dealt sternly by initiating both civil and criminal proceedings and also the action under Service Rules, so that the message should go to the society and other authorities not to make allotment in violation of Rules,” the commission has stated. “The Commission, after examining the files, has suggested to cancel allotment of such illegal sites and also cancel the sites which are allotted after the Government Order dated 14.3.2023, directing the Commissioner, MUDA, not to make any such allotments based on such resolutions till the guidelines are framed by the Government,” it added. “The then Commissioner, defying the directions of the Government, went on allotting the sites. Therefore, such allotments are in violation of Government Order, which also needs to be cancelled,” it has stated. “The government shall also take appropriate steps to restore such sites to MUDA by initiating necessary judicial proceedings and suggested to take action against the erring officers and officials of MUDA and other persons who have colluded with them in getting the sites illegally allotted by filing appropriate civil and criminal proceedings against them in addition to taking departmental action against the concerned officers and officials, so that the message should go to the society as well as persons indulging in such activities,” it said.

The commission has said in its findings that “corruption in public life cannot be tolerated at any cost and the corrupt persons shall be dealt with iron hand”. “It is common experience that it will be very difficult for a common man to get even a single site allotted through such public authorities. But there are cases wherein sites numbering 30 to 40 were allotted illegally to a single person who has no right for compensation,” Justice Desai has stated.

The commission has called for drawing up of clear guidelines for land allotments if a scheme of alternate site allotments are to be followed by civic agencies for land acquisition, creation of high level committee to oversee the activities of agencies like MUDA which has now become the Mysore Development Agency (MDA), and the use of modern technology like electronic and computers systems for transparency and to prevent blatant rigging of housing sector systems. “The Commission has observed that the sites allotted by MUDA in lieu of compensation for the lands utilised without acquisition are sold by the said allottees on the same day or within a week of registration of the sale deed in their favour. It is also noticed from the records that such subsequent purchaser has again sold the said property for higher consideration,” the commission has noted in a reference to profiteering by real estate operators through MUDA.

The Commission has come across instances where, within a short period of three months of allotment of alternate sites by the MUDA Commissioner, “there are three sale deeds each time showing higher consideration with a difference of more than 10-15 lakhs”. “This is also one of the circumstances to show that the sites are allotted as compensation illegally by the then Commissioners working from May 2020 to June 2024 and other officials and officers of MUDA in collusion with the land grabbers,” the commission has stated.

MUDA is a body created under the Urban Development Authority Act of 1987. The 50:50 alternative land allotment scheme was introduced in 2020 under the Karnataka Urban Development Authorities (Disposal of Plots in Lieu of Compensation for Land Acquisition) Rules, 1991, instead of a previously existing land for land scheme. After a resolution in October 2020, MUDA members, including the chairman and commissioner, drafted the alternate site scheme on November 20, 2020, to distribute sites to land losers on a 50:50 ratio basis—50 per cent of a developed area in exchange for 50 per cent of the land acquired by MUDA. The state urban development department warned MUDA against implementing the scheme on May 4, 2021, and March 14, 2023. The resolution passed by MUDA on October 13, 2020, is an illegal resolution under Section 67 of the Karnataka Urban Development Authorities Act-1987, urban development officials have stated.

According to the state urban development department, 1,328 alternate sites were given as compensation under the 50:50 scheme since 2020. There are 125 allotments in the 50:50 scheme in the same Vijayanagar area where Siddaramaiah’s wife, Parvathi, received an allotment. There are allegations that people who did not lose land in Mysuru were also given high-value alternate sites under the scheme after it began being abused by realtors and politicians. Last year, the ED provisionally attached 142 properties worth Rs 300 crore in connection with its investigation into alleged large-scale irregularities in the allotment of housing sites by MUDA in the light of allegations against the Karnataka chief minister’s family. The properties of Siddaramaiah’s family, however, were not attached by the ED.



sition to vaccination can opt out,” Florida Senate Democratic leader Lori Berman said in a statement. “We can expect that measles will come roaring back,” Paul Offit, director of the Vaccine Education Center at Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia, told

# On the move with green hydrogen



The Indian Railways recently announced that a hydrogen-powered train, developed at the Integral Coach Factory in Chennai, has successfully completed all tests. This is a welcome sign of progress for the National Green Hydrogen Mission, which aims to produce at least five million metric tonnes of green hydrogen per year by the year 2030, a milestone on the way to achieving nationwide net zero emissions by 2070. The train will soon be carrying passengers between Jind and Sonipat on an 89-km route in Haryana. This project will rely on hydrogen produced in Jind by a 1-MW polymer electrolyte membrane electrolyser that produces 430 kg of hydrogen every day. The hydrogen will refill fuel tanks on the train, where fuel cells will convert the hydrogen to electricity that runs the train’s electric motors.

The principle is quite simple. An electrolyser splits a water molecule into oxygen, protons, and electrons. In an electrochemical reaction at the negative electrode (called the anode), molecular oxygen is released, and the electrons liberated are conducted to the cathode via an external circuit. The polymer electrolyte membrane between the cathode and the anode is selective and only allows protons to pass through to the cathode, where they unite with the electrons to form hydrogen molecules. These rise as a gas and are collected, compressed, and stored. The membrane, typically a fluoropolymer such as Nafion (related to Teflon)

# Fixing problems, unlocking India’s growth potential



India’s economic journey has always been shaped by bold reforms, and the latest set of Goods and Services Tax (GST) measures announced at the 56th GST Council meeting on September 3, 2025, may well prove to be one of the most consequential yet. For years, businesses and policymakers alike have called for simplification, predictability, and fairness in India’s indirect tax regime. With the latest decisions — streamlining rates, correcting anomalies, easing compliance and strengthening dispute resolution — the government has delivered a package that balances ambition with pragmatism. What makes this moment special is not just the scope of the changes but also the collaborative spirit behind them. The result is what many are calling GST 2.0 — a reform designed not merely to fix today’s problems but also to unlock India’s growth potential for the decade ahead. Relief for many income groups

Essentials such as soap, toothpaste, hair oil, shampoo, kitchenware and packaged foods now fall under lower tax brackets, immediately easing household budgets and boosting demand in sectors that employ millions. For housing, reduced GST on cement and construction materials will bring homes within reach for more families, supporting the government’s ‘Housing for All’ mission while stimulating allied industries such as steel, tiles, sanitaryware and paints. Infrastructure projects too will benefit from lower costs of inputs, improving project viability and freeing capital for expansion. Life-saving drugs and critical medical devices have been moved to nil or 5% GST, cutting treatment costs and expanding access for patients. In a country that has emerged as a global hub for affordable medicines, this is both a social and economic win. Labour-intensive industries such as textiles, handicrafts, leather, footwear, and toys — stand to gain from lower rates that protect margins, safeguard livelihoods, and create jobs in semi-urban and rural clusters. The automotive sector, a key driver of growth, will also see a boost as now more affordable small cars, motorcycles, buses and trucks will encourage demand and investment in auto-manufacturing hubs.

Helping exporters and MSMEs The rationalisation of rates would also help exporters. Long-standing distortions created by inverted duty structures in textiles, fertilizers and renewables are finally being corrected. This will make Indian products more competitive globally while reducing import dependence. Export-heavy sectors such as handicrafts, leather, and engineering goods — most driven by micro, small and medium enterprises (MSME) — are well placed to gain benefits. Lower duties on capital goods and

is an excellent insulator, and electrons will not pass. The hydrogen and oxygen formed are clearly separated.

In the locomotive, as in a hydrogen-powered automobile, the above reaction is reversed in the hydrogen fuel cell. Hydrogen is brought to the anode, where each molecule is catalytically split into two protons and two electrons. The protons pass through the membrane to the cathode, where they meet oxygen in air and the electrons that are brought through an external circuit from the anode. Water is formed. The electrons flowing through the external circuit constitute the electric current that powers the locomotive. There is a key difference between the chemical reactions in the fuel cell and in the electrolyser. The chemistry between hydrogen and oxygen is spontaneous, a reaction waiting to happen. Water, however, will not split into the two elements by itself. Electrical current must be supplied to provide the energy for this electrochemical reaction. To produce green hydrogen, the electricity for the electrolyser has to come from renewable sources, such as solar panels or wind turbines. New sources of renewable energy will be needed to meet the goals of the National Green Hydrogen Mission. Also under way are exciting attempts to produce hydrogen in microbial electrolytic cells, where electrochemically active microbes grow on anodes and oxidize organic matter — agricultural residues, even wastewater — and pass the electrons generated to the anode (Current Science, vol. 128, p. 133, 2025). The catalysis steps require expensive materials such as platinum, iridium, etc. Ongoing research is aimed at replacing these with inexpensive nickel, cobalt, or even iron. In early work towards cheap hydrogen generation, the group of C.N.R. Rao at the Jawaharlal Nehru Centre for Advanced Scientific Research designed nickel-nickel hydroxide-graphite electrodes with a water-splitting capability comparable to platinum electrodes (Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci., USA, vol. 114, 2017). Combining such developments with solar, and microbe-driven processes can produce a fuel that is both green and inexpensive.

intermediates will also promote local value addition, directly supporting the ‘Make in India’ initiative. One of GST’s biggest challenges has always been litigation. Interpretational disputes, classification complexities and uncertainty over tax treatment have burdened businesses and clogged up the system. Rationalisation addresses this by simplifying slabs and harmonising rates for similar goods. Clarifications on intermediary services and post-sale discounts further reduce ambiguity, bringing long-awaited relief to service exporters and aligning tax rules with commercial practices.

Small exporters will welcome the decision to remove thresholds for refunds on low-value consignments. This ensures fairer treatment for courier and e-commerce players, where liquidity pressures are acute. Faster, more reliable refunds will ease working capital challenges and encourage reinvestment in growth. Perhaps the most path-breaking measure is the Simplified GST Registration Scheme for Small and Low-Risk Businesses. By introducing automated approvals within three days, the government has dramatically reduced entry barriers, which will cut compliance costs, encourage formalisation, and allow MSMEs to expand into new markets with greater ease. Given that MSMEs are the backbone of India’s economy — contributing to jobs, exports and innovation — the significance of this step cannot be overstated. Institutional reform has also received a boost with the operationalisation of the Goods and Services Tax Appellate Tribunal (GSTAT). By enabling faster and fairer resolution of disputes, GSTAT will strengthen confidence in the system and reduce case backlogs. This signals that GST is not just about revenue collection but also about building a fair and predictable tax framework that businesses can trust. The broader message is equally important. The streamlined two-rate GST structure (a standard rate of 18% and a merit rate of 5% with a special de-merit rate of 40% for a select few goods and services) aligns India more closely with global best practices, moving it to the kind of tax regime that advanced economies employ. For international investors, the reforms send a strong signal of policy stability, predictability and ease of doing business. In a world where global supply chains are being reconfigured, India is positioning itself not just as a vast market but also as a reliable and competitive investment destination. A pathway to economic expansion

Of course, reforms are never the end of the road. Implementation will be key, and challenges such as delays and procedural complexities still need attention. But what stands out is the intent. The government has shown that it is listening to industry, willing to act decisively, and committed to building a tax system that fuels, rather than impedes, growth. GST 2.0 is more than just a tax reform. It is an economic reform that promises to boost consumption, empower MSMEs, strengthen competitiveness, and reinforce India’s growth momentum. It lays the foundation for India’s next phase of economic expansion. The story of GST has always been one of bold ambition. With these reforms, India has taken a decisive step toward realising that ambition. For businesses, consumers and policymakers alike, this is not just an adjustment of rates. It is the start of a new chapter in India’s growth journey.

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

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 evacuations 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.



# BRS Holds Review Meeting on Jubilee Hills By-Election at Kukatpally

““NSR, Medchal - Malkajgiri Staff Reporter, Kukatpally, Sept 17, Indian Chronicle: On Wednesday, a review meeting on the upcoming Jubilee Hills by-election was held at Kukatpally MLA Madhavaram Krishna Rao's camp office with division corporators. Speaking at the meeting, Madhavaram Krishna Rao said that in the upcoming Jubilee Hills by-election, BRS leaders should explain to the people the development works carried out by the party. He added that after the Congress came to power, several disruptions occurred and development slowed down, which must be communicated to the public. He stated that people already want KCR to return. The meeting was attended by coordinator Satish Arora, corporators Muddam Narasimha Yadav, Aavula Ravinder Reddy, Pandala Satish Goud, Joopalli Satyanarayana, Mandadi Srinivasa Rao, Maheshwari Srihari, Sabih Gausuddin, Shirish Baburao, former corporators Toomu Shravan Kumar and Pagudala Baburao, Medchal district minority president Mohammed Gausuddin, Erragadda division president Sanjeev, and general secretary Sharif.



# New Function Hall Inaugurated at Boduppall; Former Ex Corporator Bhukya Suman Joins Leaders in Ceremony



““NSR, Medchal - Malkajgiri Staff Reporter, Boduppall, Sept 17, Indian Chronicle: Former Ex corporator Bhukya Suman participated along with several leaders in the inauguration of a new function hall in the Boduppall Municipal Corporation limits. On the invitation of the hall organizers



Anil and Harish, the inauguration ceremony was attended by former Ex mayor Totakura Ajay Yadav, Block Congress General Secretary Kotha Kishore Goud, former Ex corporators Bhukya Suman and Kumbham Kiran Kumar Reddy, and senior leader Gurralla Venkatesh Yadav.

# Liberation from Oppressive Rule – Justice for All through Prajapalana, Possible Only with Congress

NSR, Medchal - Malkajgiri Staff Reporter, Sept 17, Indian Chronicle: On the occasion of Praja Palana Day, a program was organized today at the Vivekananda statue in Medchal Municipality, Medchal constituency. Congress Party in-charge of Medchal constituency, Totakura Vajresh Yadav, attended as the chief guest and hoisted the national flag. Speaking on the occasion, he said that September 17 marks the day when Telangana was liberated from the autocratic Nizam rule. Medchal Municipality Chairman Srinivas Reddy, Gundlapochampally Municipality Chairman Sai Peta Srinivas, Medchal Municipality Vice Chairman Ramesh, former councillors, former public representatives, senior Congress leaders, and party workers participated in the program.



# Unwavering Effort Yields Excellence: Peddapalli Collector Inspires Aspirants at Competitive Exam Training Camp.



P.S.ASHOKAN“Indian Chronicle“Peddapalli, September 17:“““Persistent focus, disciplined preparation, and tireless effort are the true cornerstones of success,” declared Peddapalli District Collector Shri Koya Sri Harsha during his visit to the intensive training camp organized in Karimnagar for aspirants preparing for competitive recruitment exams.““The initiative, aimed at empowering unemployed youth of the district, is training 220 candidates for posts such as Sub-Inspector (SI), Police Constable (PC), and Forest Beat Officer (FBO), along with 80 aspirants preparing for Agniveer positions in the Indian Armed Forces—bringing the total to 300 beneficiaries.““During his inspection on Wednesday, the Collector thoroughly reviewed the quality of instruction, infrastructure, and support facilities provided at the camp. He interacted with participants and staff, commending the comprehensive approach being adopted to equip candidates with both academic knowledge and physical readiness.““Make Excellence a Habit, and Success Will Follow” — Collector Koya Sri Harsha““Addressing the trainees, the Collector delivered a motivational message, urging them to utilize the opportunity to its fullest potential.“> “Life’s challenges may be many, but with consistent effort and focused preparation, success becomes inevitable. Competitive exams are not won by chance, but through strategic effort and mental resilience,” he stated.““He particularly encouraged Agniveer candidates to continue their preparation with the same intensity

for the upcoming physical evaluation rounds, emphasizing the prestige and discipline associated with serving in the Indian

# Health Camps Commence at Kushayiguda PHC

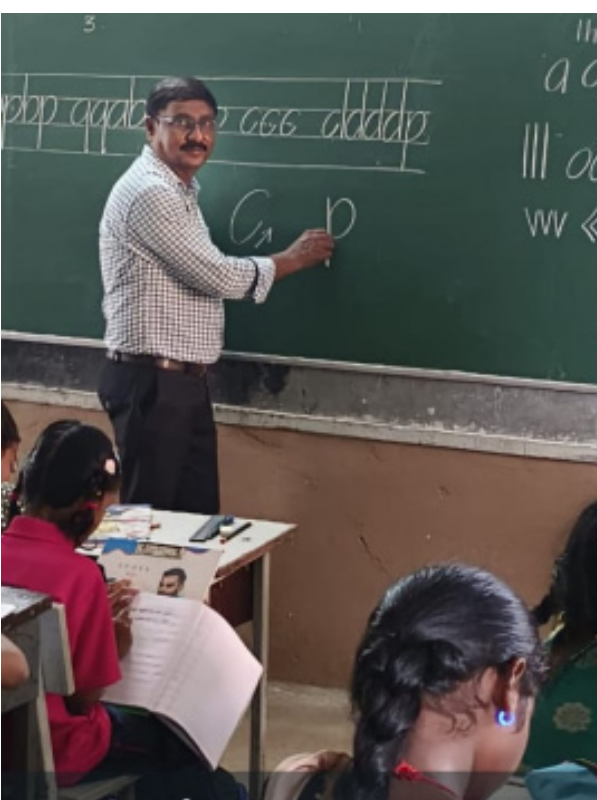


““NSR, Medchal - Malkajgiri Staff Reporter, Kushaiguda, Sept 17, Indian Chronicle: As part of the nationwide Swastha Naari – Shashakt Parivar campaign, health camps have been inaugurated at the Primary Health Center (PHC) in Kushayiguda, Medchal district. The camps will be held in various departments from September 17 to October 2. On the opening day, a special eye camp was conducted, where 150 women underwent eye examinations, along with necessary blood tests.

The camp was attended by ophthalmologist Dr. Ramadevi and optometrist Mahender Chari from Malkajgiri Area Hospital. According to officials, a gynecology camp is scheduled for September 20, and a psychiatric camp will be held on September 27. In the interim period, general medical camps will also take place. Medical staff have urged local residents to take advantage of this opportunity and undergo health check-ups.

# Transforming Futures Through Penmanship: Handwriting Excellence Workshop Held at Manthani ZPHS for Girls.

““P.S.ASHOKAN.“INDIAN Chronicle“Manthani, September 17 :““In a commendable initiative aimed at cultivating fine motor skills and enhancing academic presentation, a specialized handwriting enhancement workshop was organized at the Zilla Parishad High School for Girls, Manthani, on Wednesday.““The session was meticulously conducted under the guidance of renowned handwriting expert Mr. Diddi Satish, who offered in-depth, practical instruction on the art of elegant and effective handwriting. With hands-on demonstrations, Mr. Satish enlightened students on how refined penmanship can significantly influence both academic outcomes and personal confidence.““Handwriting Shapes Destiny,” Says Headmistress Sumalatha““Addressing the gathering, Headmistress Smt. Sumalatha underscored the transformative power of neat handwriting in a student's academic journey.““> “Handwriting is not merely a skill—it is a reflection of discipline, clarity of thought, and attention to detail. A well-developed script can indeed rewrite a student's future, both in examinations and beyond,” she affirmed.““She encouraged students to dedicate time and effort toward improving their handwriting, emphasizing that aesthetically pleasing and legible writing often plays a silent yet impactful role in academic assessments.““The workshop drew active participation and enthusiasm from students, who engaged attentively with the training modules and practiced various writing techniques shared by the expert.““Prominent faculty members, including English teachers Mr. Ravinder, Mr. Sheshadri, and Mr. Umamahesh, along with educators Mr. Bharat Reddy, Mr. Madhusudan, and Mr. Pochayya, were also present. They lauded the initiative and emphasized the importance of such skill-development programs in holistic education.““The session concluded on a highly positive note, with students ex-



pressing eagerness to continue refining their handwriting and integrating the lessons into their daily academic practice.

# Praja Palana Day Celebrated at Ghatkesar Municipal Office

““NSR, Medchal - Malkajgiri Staff Reporter, Ghatkesar, Sept 17, Indian Chronicle: As part of Telangana Praja Palana celebrations, a national flag unveiling program was held today at Ghatkesar Municipal Office under the supervision of Commissioner Rajesh. Former Ghatkesar Municipal Chairperson Mulli Pavani Jangaiah Yadav participated in the program. Speaking on the occasion, Pavani Jangaiah Yadav conveyed greetings on Praja Palana Day. She said September 17 marks a historic day in Telangana's democratic journey, symbolizing the people's armed struggle against the Nizam's autocratic rule. She recalled the sacrifices that led to liberation in 1948 and described it as the day when monarchy ended and people's governance began. She highlighted various welfare and development schemes being implemented by the state government, including the benefits of the six guarantees reaching people at the district level. She urged municipal officials to work harder for local development and stated that Telangana aims to compete globally in progress. She emphasized that the government's primary agenda is freedom, social justice, and equality, with education being considered the strongest weapon for success. She said the new integrated model



schools will bring revolutionary changes in the education system, treating investment in education as an investment in the future of Telangana. The event was attended by Municipal Congress President Muthyalu Yadav, former Sarpanch Roop Singh Naik, former councillors Bokka Sangeeta Prabhakar Reddy and Kadupolla Mallesham, former ward member Denkini Shankar Goud, Avusapur president Salman, municipal officials, and several local leaders.

# Ghatkesar Municipal Chairman Attends Telangana Liberation Day Celebrations at Parade Grounds



““NSR, Medchal - Malkajgiri Staff Reporter, Ghatkesar, Sept 17, Indian Chronicle: On September 17, Ghatkesar Municipal Chairman Kommidhi Mahipal Reddy attended the Telangana Liberation Day celebrations held at Parade Grounds. Senior leaders Kisan Morcha Chukkala

Ravishankar, Secretary Siddi Raj, Co-treasurer Pawan Singh, leaders Bikku Naik, Sharath, booth presidents Akula Padma, Mamata Sharma, Rekha Soni, Kiran Kumar, Harsha, along with several party workers also participated in the program.

# A School Building Should be Constructed:DYFI District President



““Indian Chronicle“ kumrambheem, Asifabad.District Reporter Jade Srinivas.September,“17.““Telangana Liberation Day was celebrated on Wednesday in Potapalli Gram Panchayat of Penchikalpet Mandal.

# Telangana Liberation Day Celebrated In Penchikalpet

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people of the state.The speakers said that they are paying tribute to the heroes who died fighting against the tyranny of the Nizam and the atrocities of the Razakars.Panchayat Secretary Rakesh, Teacher Taza,former Sarpanch Dasari Chandramouli, students, youth and people participated in the program. Show less..



# GST cut on drugs, medical devices will provide relief to patients and their families, says healthcare industry



“These reforms aim to lower the cost of medicines and medical devices, encourage preventive healthcare, and boost insurance coverage. The reforms strongly align with national initiatives such as Ayushman Bharat, Poshan Abhiyaan, and the Fit India Movement, while supporting the vision of ‘Affordable Healthcare for All,’” it added. Welcoming the GST exemption on lifesaving and cancer medicines,

# Does Wi-Fi interfere with brain function and should it be ideally switched off at night? Neurologist clears the air

“The problem is that much of the alarmist studies are on animals rather than human subjects. More customised studies are needed to establish cause and effect. This is the reason that Wi-Fi studies on mice, which indicated that exposure to Wi-Fi could have triggered infertility in them, was not borne out by human studies,” says Dr Praveen Gupta, Chairman, Marengo Asia International Institute of Neuro & Spine (MAIINS), Marengo Asia Hospitals, Gurugram.

What is sparking concern?

Wi-Fi is a radio signal sent from a wireless router to a nearby device, which translates the signal into data you can see and use. This has led to confusing theories about radiation damaging the brain. Truth is Wi-Fi uses non-ionizing radiation, which is significantly weaker in comparison to CT scans or X-rays. Non-ionizing radiofrequency signals are not strong enough to impair brain cells, let alone alter one's DNA. Numerous studies thus far have not identified a direct link between Wi-Fi exposure and brain tumours, memory loss, or neurodegenerative diseases. However, some research has created confusion by suggesting that extended exposure to radio-frequency waves will affect brain function subtly, mostly in sleep cycles. While Wi-Fi or mobile radiation could slightly affect brain waves during deep sleep, these changes are negligible and not clinically meaningful for the general population. We know poor sleep quality is more often associated with stress, screen time before bed, irregular sleep routines, or active sleep disorders, and not Wi-Fi signals.

What matters most for brain health?

From a practical standpoint, what matters most for brain health is a good sleep hygiene (keeping screens away

## PGI study shows how microplastics can eat into good gut bacteria: How can you minimise their use?

Single-use plastic items like straws, food packaging, synthetic clothes, plastic containers and disposable cutlery may be eating into your gut. A new study by Dr Ravindran Khaiwal and his team from the Department of Community Medicine and School of Public Health, PGIMER, Chandigarh, has revealed that microplastics — plastic particles smaller than 5 millimetres — can seriously damage the gut, disturb the body's healthy bacteria and weaken the immune system. The study, 'Impacts of Microplastics on Gut Health: Current status and future directions,' was published in the 'Indian Journal of Gastroenterology.' It explains how broken-down plastic particles are now found everywhere, in drinking water, fish, seafood, milk, salt, packaged foods, bottled water, and even the air we breathe. Once inside the body, these particles stick to the intestinal wall, causing inflammation, infections and digestive problems.

The findings show that microplastics reduce good gut bacteria while promoting harmful ones, weaken the intestinal lining and allow toxins to leak into the bloodstream. Over time, this can affect the liver, kidneys and may even trigger inflammation and cancers. Researchers warn that, on an average, a human being ingests microplastics equal to the size of a credit card every week. Dr Khaiwal and his team

The Indian Pharmaceutical Alliance said the move would bring direct relief to patients and their families. "The reduction in GST on a wide range of medicines from 12% to 5% will help ease the overall treatment burden and make essential therapies more affordable. These reforms will improve the accessibility of medicines and ensure wider availability across healthcare settings," Sudarshan Jain, secretary general of the alliance, said. Sanjiv Navangul, CEO of Bharat Serums and Vaccines, said the decision to eliminate GST on advanced therapies, particularly biologics for oncology and rare diseases, would immediately widen access and availability of advanced care into mainstream treatment pathways. "Such reforms reinforce India's broader ambition of building a strong, self-reliant life sciences ecosystem that can deliver cutting-edge therapies at scale and at prices patients can afford," he said.

The industry also welcomed the zero GST on individual health and life insurance policies, calling it a masterstroke. Shobana Kamineni, executive chairperson, Apollo Healthco, said the move made health protection a right, not a privilege. "Reductions on medicines and supplies bring affordable care to every household," she said. Anand Roy, CEO and managing director, Star Health and Allied Insurance, noted that the "reform will reshape the insurance landscape, accelerating penetration, driving higher renewal rates, building deeper customer loyalty and a critical catalyst for future growth". "This progressive reform will directly benefit patients by lowering treatment costs, improving affordability, and expanding access to essential medical technologies," said Himanshu Baid, managing director, Polymedure Ltd., said.



leading up to bedtime, having a quiet and dark environment to sleep in, and keeping to a schedule), and not much else. Turning off your Wi-Fi at night may help indirectly but only because it prevents you from getting on the internet later. The signals themselves can have no harmful effects. There is no strong scientific data to suggest that leaving Wi-Fi on at night can be damaging to the brain. But if turning it off prevents distractions or helps you sleep better, this is still a good habit to practise. Brain health declines with prolonged periods of sleep deprivation, poor lifestyle and quality of life.

Is there any link to cancer?

That Wi-Fi causes cancer is a myth. Extensive research, including studies reviewed by the World Health Organisation (WHO) and other reputable health organisations, has found no causal relationship between Wi-Fi exposure and cancer development. These organisations maintain that Wi-Fi is safe when used within standard exposure limits. That it is dangerous for pregnant women and their unborn children. However, there are no proven risks to foetal development from Wi-Fi exposure.

Does Wi-Fi interfere with medical devices?

There is a belief that Wi-Fi can interfere with medical devices such as pacemakers and hearing aids. However, modern medical devices are designed to withstand RF interference, and numerous studies have shown that Wi-Fi does not disrupt their operation. Regulatory standards ensure that both Wi-Fi equipment and medical devices operate safely together.

have even suggested simple precautions like avoiding drinking water from plastic bottles, not pouring hot tea or coffee into plastic cups, choosing fresh food over packaged or processed items, and reducing single-use plastic in daily life. He answers some questions about the study.

What were the findings of the study?

“We studied the impact of microplastics on gut health by looking at evidence from animal models and human samples. Alarming, microplastics have been detected in human faeces and even gallstones. This suggests that they are not just passing through but may be accumulating and interacting with our organs. The findings reinforce the urgent need for public awareness and stricter policies to reduce plastic pollution,” says Dr Khaiwal.

How do we define microplastics in daily life?

Microplastics are commonly defined as plastic particles smaller than 5 millimetres, often invisible to the naked eye. They are categorised scientifically into microplastics (1 micrometre to 5 millimetres) and nanoplastics (below 1 micrometre). "Microplastics come from the breakdown of larger plastics or are released directly, such as microbeads in personal care products. Familiar everyday sources include single-use items like bottles, straws, food packaging; synthetic clothes (polyester, nylon) that shed fibres during washing, household items like plastic containers and disposable cutlery, processed foods and drinks such as seafood, bottled water, honey, sugar, beer, and even salt," explains Dr Khaiwal.

Any signs and symptoms that we need to be aware of?

At present, there are no clear symptoms unique to microplastic exposure. “However, rising cases of gut disorders, food intolerances and chronic inflammation may be linked to long-term environmental exposure like microplastics,” says Dr Khaiwal.



## India eyes big step in AFC U23 Asian Cup Qualifiers against hosts Qatar



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Doha (Qatar): After beginning their AFC U23 Asian Cup 2026 Qualifiers campaign with a solid 2-0 win over Bahrain, the Indian men's U23 team will now face hosts Qatar in their second Group H match on Saturday, at the Abdullah bin Khalifa Stadium. The Blue Colts are aiming to create history by qualifying for the AFC U23 Asian Cup for the first time. With the group winners assured of a direct ticket to Saudi Arabia 2026 and only four best second-placed sides across all 11 groups joining them, Thursday's clash against Qatar could prove pivotal in shaping India's qualification hopes. "It's always a good thing to start with a win and get those three points," said Moosa after the win over Bahrain. "That win gave us a lot of hope and belief that if we do well against Qatar, we'll have the chance to qualify. It's very important we go forward with a winning mentality." Qatar began their campaign with a thumping 13-0 victory over Brunei Darussalam, showcasing their attacking prowess. Moosa acknowledged the challenge ahead, saying, "Qatar

are probably one of the best teams in Asia that we could face. Their playing style is totally different from Bahrain's. They rely on short passes, quick switches, and a lot of wing play. We need to focus on stopping those movements from the sides."

Reflecting on the Bahrain game, Moosa credited India's preparation and collective effort. "During the 20-day camp in Bangalore, followed by a few days in Malaysia, where we played the friendlies against Iraq, we worked a lot on teamwork. The players were aggressive and played like a team, which helped us a lot. Against Qatar, we cannot afford lapses. We have to be strong and disciplined until the final whistle." While Qatar enjoys the comfort of home conditions, Moosa believes his boys have adjusted well in Doha. "We've been here for almost a week, played one game, and trained regularly. The players are acclimated to the weather. Also, since the match is at 8 pm, later than the last one, I don't think conditions will affect us much."

Looking at the bigger picture, Moosa underlined the importance of the campaign for the squad's development. "This campaign is very important for us. If we win, we stand a good chance of advancing. That would mean more camps, more friendlies, and better preparation for not just the AFC U23 Asian Cup but also future competitions like the 2026 Asian Games. Continuity is the key." The coach also praised the team's attitude and togetherness after the opening win. "I always tell the players to stay grounded and humble. Tomorrow's game is the most important one. I'm happy to see the boys are really serious about this game. The team bonding is very strong, and that togetherness is a big strength for us. Hopefully, we'll get a positive result tomorrow," Moosa concluded.

## Divya Deshmukh explains why even if she loses all 11 rounds at Grand Swiss, she will be fine



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Divya Deshmukh managed to get the first half a point to her tally at the FIDE Grand Swiss tournament after holding off Alexander Donchenko to a draw in round 2. In the first round, Divya was handed a defeat in an exciting battle against Abhimanyu Puranik, the man who helped her become the FIDE Women's World Cup winner as a second two months ago. This is the third tournament this year that Divya is playing in the open section, after Tata Steel Challengers and the Prague Challengers events. Since she has qualified for the Women's Candidates tournament already, she opted to play in the open section, where there is just one player in the 116-player field that is rated lower than her. Earlier this year, at the Tata Steel Challengers at Wijk aan Zee and Prague Challengers, she experienced many defeats. She lost eight out of 13 games at Wijk and had five defeats from nine games at Prague.

She started the Grand Swiss also with a loss, before

Friday's draw. After that result against Donchenko, Divya said that she wouldn't mind even if she lost all the 11 games in the tournament. "Even if I lose all the rounds, I think I will be fine if I learn. Every loss hurts a lot. When you play stronger players continuously, you learn so much even if you lose. Even if I lose all the rounds, I think I will be fine if I learn. Every loss hurts a lot. When you play stronger players continuously, you learn so much even if you lose. You learn about yourself, you learn about what you should and should not do. For me, the result is not that important, more than what I take back from this tournament. This is definitely the strongest open tournament that I have played," Divya told ChessBase India before adding with a smile: "I don't want to say that I am used to getting beaten by these players." Talking about the game against Donchenko, she revealed in an interview with Take Take Take that she had offered a draw at one point, but her opponent had refused. She praised her opponent for that.

"Today I never really felt that I was in any danger at any point," Divya said in another interview. She added: "I'm motivated enough to play here since I have to fight with these players. Yesterday was a bit of a disappointing loss, because I thought I could have won." Despite losing so many games in open sections, Divya had told why she relishes playing in the mixed gender events. "I truly enjoy playing in open tournaments," Divya had told The Indian Express after becoming the women's world cup winner. "As much as they are difficult, I think it's a must-have experience and it makes you much, much stronger when you play against people who are way stronger than you to begin with. You learn so much about yourself at such events: like where you're lacking, where your weaknesses are and how you can improve on those."

## Why Shreyas Iyer lost out to Rinku Singh? Cricket's 'primitive' mindset

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During the 2015 cricket World Cup in Australia, hockey legend Ric Charlesworth, had spared an hour to talk about anything under the harsh Perth sun. A brutally blunt and pragmatic man, he spoke about cricket too. And this wasn't an outsider poking his nose into others' business. An accomplished Western Australia first-class opener, Charlesworth once scored a commanding 95 against a touring Indian team that had Bedi, Chandra and Prasanna. He didn't mince words to call cricket 'pretty primitive', caught in a time-war and ruled by fixed ideas. He had a pet peeve about the sport he once played at the highest level.

"Take the batting order for instance, why is it such a sacrosanct thing? Batting is batting, you go in first or fifth. When we started inter-change in hockey, people had to struggle, now when they go on-and-off they don't even think about it, it's because they have learnt new skills," Charlesworth says with a touch of exasperation. The batting order for instance, why is it such a sacrosanct thing? Batting is batting, you go in first or fifth

A decade later, despite cricket's T20 radicalization, batting witnessing unimaginable innovations; all the big decisions around the game are still true to the archaic template framed a century ago. Had cricket moved with the times, batting-order flexibility was seen as a norm and if Charlesworth had been an India selector for the Asia Cup, a blunder could have been averted. Shreyas Iyer would have been in Dubai and not playing Duleep Trophy at Anantapur. And big-hitter Rinku Singh, who scored nearly 400 runs less than Shreyas this IPL but still made the Asia Cup cut, would have been at home ironing his range-hitting to be more consistent. When the Asia Cup team was announced, the chairman of selectors Ajit Agarkar had justified the selection committee's decision to turn their backs on Shreyas's dream IPL season — 604 runs, 175 strike rate, 50 average and the knock of the tournament, 83 against MI in the Eliminator. "It's no fault of his, but neither our's ... Who can he replace?" Agarkar had said. It wasn't as difficult an answer as he made it sound. Shreyas for Rinku — 206 runs, 153 strike rate and 29 average in 13 matches — was a no-brainer. So why did a selection committee that had taken many wise calls of late, get it wrong this time? It's because cricket, like Charlesworth pointed out, hasn't been able to break silos that divide the batsmen in the team.

So Shreyas, the No.3 for Punjab, had to compete with other top order batsmen while Rinku, who plays No.6 or 7 at KKR, was in a race with other lower-order batsmen. Cricket's conservatism looks at a 'Shreyas vs Rinku' match-up as a 'Apples vs Oranges' comparison. Cricket is infamous for its absurdities. Shreyas can take his team home in crucial games but he still isn't seen as a finisher. Meanwhile, Rinku hasn't been able to seal many games but still he reserves the right to play down the order. India's decision-makers need to wake up to the new T20 reality where the batting approach has become uniform from top to bottom. The role of openers and other top-order batsmen isn't too different from the power-hitters coming in late. The anchor is dead, every batsman needs to hit the ground running. Hit out or get out, T20 teams have way too many batsmen and too few overs. And it is in this context, that the selectors need a rethink.

What Rinku can do, Shreyas can do better. He can slog sixes but also can delicately guide a near-perfect Jasprit Bumrah yorker to third man boundary for four — the shot of the tournament that he played in the virtual semi-final against



MI during the do-or-die chase. It was a stroke that oozed poise and class. It showed the dexterity of a batsman with high-level skills developed by spending hours at the nets from an early age. As strange as it may sound, Charlesworth, back in 2015, had spoken about players like Shreyas, who show a touch of class in pressure situations, pluck brilliance from thin air. That afternoon at the hockey great's backyard was days after Kane Williams had won a close game for New Zealand by hitting a sharp, full Pat Cummins delivery for a straight six by a slick subtle shuffle to the leg-side. "You should have the chutzpah to do it," he had said. Shreyas has that chutzpah.

Charlesworth would launch into a monologue that gave a different perspective to the much-abused word used by sports commentators to describe everything eye-pleasing — Flair. "I am not a fan of the word flair. It is what we call superior practice skill. When you see someone, you know that he has practiced it. He has done the same thing before. So I just see it as an expression of superior skill not as anything else. You should have the chutzpah to do it. Shot that Williamson played to win the match (against Australia). It is a brave shot but it is also a beautiful skill. The execution: "Virat Kohli can play all the shots, putting them in context, I don't think that is playing with flair, he does that because he has practiced them. He has spent a lifetime getting brilliant at them. Was Murali a bowler with flair, no he had variety and he could do it very well. The best thing about Warne's bowling was his accuracy. That allowed him to do all the other things." He would end his answer with a question: "Did you understand? To understand Charlesworth better, put Rinku and Shreyas on the split screen and it is there to see who has 'plain flair' and who is the one with 'superior practice skill'. Maybe, the selectors got blindsided by antiquated batting hierarchy — etched in stone — top, middle, lower departmentalisation of batting order.

And this meant another heartbreak for a player who stands out on the field for his swagger. Young cricketers who chew gum, walk, and don't come across as people pleasers, have always had it tough in Indian cricket. His IPL coach Ricky Ponting saw a bit of himself in Shreyas. "You watch him walk out to bat the other day, he walked out with a certain amount of swagger about him because he's confident, he knows he's playing well, he knows he's preparing well, and he knows if he does his little things right, then, you know, he can't fail." Ponting said during the IPL. Players like Shreyas need to be rewarded and indulged. They need to stay confident. And playing for West Zone, when the national team is in Dubai, isn't good for him. But there is a bigger tragedy. Such is India's batting strength and so weak is the opposition at Asia Cup that the selectors can get away with this wrong call. Shreyas might not be missed at the Asia Cup, but he deserves to be in the playing XI every time India plays T20.

## Central Zone respond strongly after West Zone's big total

Bengaluru: Fifties from Danish Malewar and Shubham Sharma, along with an unbeaten 47 from skipper Rajat Patidar, led Central Zone's strong reply, as they reached 229/2 in 67 overs at stumps on Day Two of their Duleep Trophy semifinal and trail West Zone by 209 runs at BCCI COE Ground 2 here on Friday.

In the morning, the West Zone were bowled out for 438 in 108 overs, with Ruturaj Gaikwad's 184 and were supported by fifties from Tanush Kotian (58) and Shardul Thakur (52). But their innings came to a swift end as they lost their last four wickets for 27 runs. Spinners Harsh Dubey and Saransh Jain picked up three wickets each for Central Zone.

But Malewar's 76 and Shubham's 60 not out, along with Patidar being unbeaten on 47 off 59 balls, meant Central Zone are still very much in control of the match. Malewar and Aayush Pandey put on a stand of 67 runs for the first wicket. After Pandey fell for 40, Malewar then added 93 runs for the second wicket with Shubham before falling to

Dharmendrasinh Jadeja. Patidar looked fluent thereafter to be unconquered at stumps alongside Shubham. For the West Zone, their bowlers struggled to maintain consistency, especially with skipper Thakur and Tushar Deshpande being expensive, while Kotian and Jadeja couldn't sustain pressure. Previously, in the morning, Kotian had a life when Pandey split his catch at the gully off Khaleel Ahmed. Thakur, who resumed the day on 24, quickly reached his half-century off 83 balls, as West Zone got past the 400-mark. But a mix-up with Kotian ensured Thakur was run out, which marked the start of a collapse for West Zone. Left-arm spinner Dubey came in to breach Kotian's defences while off-spinner Saransh trapped Jadeja lbw. The duo would eventually end up with three-fers each on a day where the Central Zone got things to move their way.

West Zone 438 all out in 108 overs (Ruturaj Gaikwad 184, Tanush Kotian 76; Harsh Dubey 3-118, Saransh Jain 3-121) lead Central Zone 229/2 in 67 overs (Danish Malewar 76, Shubham Sharma 60 not out; Arzan Nagwaswalla 1-15, Dharmendrasinh Jadeja 1-38) by 209 runs

## Luis Suarez spitting incident: Inter Miami star banned for six games, issues apology

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Luis Suarez has been banned for six matches following his spitting incident against Seattle Sounders. (AP) Luis Suarez has been banned for six matches following his spitting incident against Seattle Sounders. Veteran Uruguayan star Luis Suarez has been slapped with a six-match ban by the Leagues Cup Organising Committee following his latest bizarre incident involving his mouth on the football field. The 38-year-old Inter Miami star landed in trouble after appearing to spit at a member of the Seattle Sounders' coaching staff after his team's 0-3 defeat in the Leagues Cup final. As the Sounders concluded a 3-0 victory in Seattle to win the cup, the teams got in a scuffle that featured the Suarez spitting incident as well as Miami midfielder Sergio Busquets appearing to throw a punch.

The Leagues Cup suspended Busquets for two games and Miami defender Tomas Aviles for three games for their aggressive behaviour in the melee. And Sounders assistant coach Steven Lenhart was handed a five-game suspension after similarly being reported for violent conduct. "I made a mistake and sincerely apologize. It's not the image I want to give in front of my family, that suffers because of my mistakes, in front of my club, that also doesn't deserve seeing themselves affected by something like this," Suarez wrote on social media. "I feel bad for what happened, and I didn't want to let pass the opportunity to recognize and apologize to everything that felt bad for what I did. We know there is still a lot of season left ahead and we will work together to try and get the triumphs that this club and its fans deserve. A hug to all." How the coaches reacted

Following the incident, Seattle boss Brian Schmetzer said: "Unfortunately, that is going to take some of the attention away from a great performance by the Seattle Sounders. Their players were frustrated and that led to some things



happening on the field that shouldn't happen on the field. I'm going to shut that down, because that shouldn't be the story. The story of the game is not what happened after the game." Suarez's coach Javier Mascherano remarked: "I have nothing to say because I was far away and didn't see what happened. Nobody likes for there to be these types of actions. Maybe there was provocation, but I don't know what happened." In October 2011, while playing against Manchester United, Suarez was involved in a racial abuse incident with Patrice Evra. An FA report from 2012 stated that Suarez told Evra, "Porque tu eres negro," which Evra understood to mean, "Because you are a n\*\*\*\*r."

"The report also noted that Evra now believes the phrase translates to "Because you are black." Despite Suarez's denials, he received an eight-match ban and a £40,000 fine. The controversy continued when Suarez refused to shake Evra's hand before their next match in February, though he later apologized. Moreover, Suarez has been banned on three separate occasions for biting opponents while playing for Ajax, Liverpool, and the Uruguayan national team.

## For Japanese team, hockey tour at Asia Cup is also a spiritual quest



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When he heard of the Hockey Asia Cup host city, Raiki Fujishima typed "Rajgir" on his browser. Sport had taken him to exotic places, but Japan's captain had "never heard of this place before".

Fujishima found that for more than half a century, pilgrims from Japan had been undertaking the long journey to this town, two hours from Patna, famous for its ancient ruins and Buddhist temples. And just like that, a sports tour became a spiritual journey for Fujishima and his teammates. "We feel like we are at home," says Fujishima. It's for the second year in a row that hockey teams and fans have descended upon Rajgir for a continental championship — in 2024, for the women's Asian Champions Trophy; and this year, for the men's Asia Cup, which concludes Sunday. Rajgir might be an unlikely venue for international hockey. The closest international airports, Bodh Gaya and Patna, are at least two hours away. And the weather, hot and humid in the day with thunderstorms in the evening, may be punishing — players have lost up to 3 kg in a match, while some have taken ill. And yet, the scenic venue — surrounded by hills, in the middle of lush green farmlands and away from the city hustle — has grown on the visitors. More so for the players from Japan, South Korea and China, who have found an additional motivation. "Hopefully, we will be able to visit the Buddhist temples here," says China captain Chen Chongcong. "Maybe after we win the finals," he adds cheekily.

In Rajgir, the players say it's a "unique opportunity" for them to play at a place that's "rooted in Buddhism". In Rajgir, the players say it's a "unique opportunity" for them to play at a place that's "rooted in Buddhism". Japan, which will play for the fifth and sixth position, did not wait for the end of the tournament. On Friday, an off day for the teams, the players visited the Vishwa Shanti Stupa after their training session. The pristine white pagoda — built on the highest point of the Ratnagiri Hills — was built by Nichidatsu Fujii, a Japa-

nese Buddhist Monk, as a symbol of peace. The story goes that "Fujii Guruji", as he is known here, constructed the pagoda after being inspired by the principles of Mahatma Gandhi and as a reaction to the devastation of the Japanese atomic bombings. Fujishima, the Japanese captain, says he isn't a "religious person". "But I have been taken in by the calm vibes of this place," he adds.

It's not the first time that visiting sportspersons have combined sports with spirituality. A decade ago, Dutch hockey player Seve van Ass — along with his father Paul, a former India coach — took time off during a tour to visit Varanasi, where he "learned the meaning of life". In Rajgir, the players say it's a "unique opportunity" for them to play at a place that's "rooted in Buddhism". Ippei Fujimoto, a former Japan international who is now the team's assistant coach, says he explained the spiritual significance of Rajgir to his players before they sat on the flight from Tokyo. "I even told them we can't drink alcohol here," laughs Fujimoto, who travelled here as assistant coach of the Japan women's team last year. There's a Japanese temple a short walk away from the team's hotel, a road named after the shrine, signage in the language, and a shop selling Japanese artefacts. Across the street, there's another hotel that's a fusion of Indian and Japanese cultures. When they checked in, Fujishima says, the players were "surprised" to see a bunch of Japanese tourists staying at their hotel. And at the ground, the team had another surprise visitor — the chief monk of Vishwa Shanti Stupa, T Okonogi. "

## Yuki Bhambri's US Open dream ends in men's doubles semifinal loss

New York: India's Yuki Bhambri and his partner Michael Venus of New Zealand lost to British duo Joe Salisbury and Neal Skupski in the US Open men's doubles semifinal, bringing their dream run to an end. Bhambri and Venus, who only just teamed up this summer after success with others, suffered 7-6(7-2), 6-7(5-8), 4-6 loss in the thrilling semifinal against the British duo. Bhambri, who playing her maiden Grand Slam semifinal, was the last remaining Indian challenge at this year's US Open. Anirudh Chandrasekar and Vijay Sundar Prashanth's run came to an end with a 6-4, 6-3 defeat to Brazil's Fernando Romboli and Australia's John-Patrick Smith.



# ‘Janhvi Kapoor doesn’t burden producers when she travels during the shoot, I have paid for tickets and rooms’, Boney Kapoor weighs in on escalating entourage costs



With growing concerns around the ever-increasing entourage expenses of film stars, which often end up inflating film budgets significantly, veteran film producer Boney Kapoor has weighed in on the issue in a recent conversation. Drawing from personal experiences within his own family, Boney Kapoor spoke about how his daughter Janhvi Kapoor and brother Anil Kapoor personally bear certain expenses to keep production budgets in check. Speaking about Janhvi’s commitment to minimising additional costs, Boney Kapoor shared with Game Changers’ YouTube channel that if Janhvi is shooting for a certain film, and has to travel to another city for another film’s shoot, she pays for her own ticket and does not burden her producer. “And say, if she is travelling her maid, as it was a day and night shoot, or travelling with any of her people, say, once her cousin was travelling with her, so I have paid for their tickets, for the rooms also. Or when I have gone to see them, I have brought my own tickets and stayed in a room on my expense,” he said.

Boney also recalled how Anil Kapoor used to manage his expenses during the earlier days of his career: “When Anil used to go on shoot in his early days, he didn’t used to give his clothes to the laundry because in five-star hotels laundry used to be very expensive. So my mother used to be angry at him that, ‘Anil, whenever you come from shoot-

ing you bring all dirty clothes.’ So he used to say ‘Mummy, what should I do, the laundry costs in the hotel is very exorbitant.’ But slowly, he changed too. Because when you see everybody doing it, then you are like, why don’t I also do the same?” When asked why prominent producers like himself are not able to tackle the problem of growing entourage budgets, Boney explained the complexities of the current film production ecosystem. He shared that with every star, there is an additional cost of at least Rs 3-5 lakh per day, that is completely devoted to their team. “In today’s time, with every star, there is an extra expense of 5 lakhs per day, 3 lakhs per day — ranging from 1 lakh to 5 lakhs per day. Additionally, there are payments for their stylists also,” he said and added, “So all these things need to be checked and controlled. I can’t be judgmental about it because there are actors in my own home. We have tried from my end, and to some extent I have been able to control things.”

He also highlighted the systemic nature of the issue. He said that unlike a few years ago, it is largely the corporate companies that are funding the films, so a producer is not spending his own money when he is making a film. “The entire system is at fault and it can’t be changed by one person,” he said and added, “There are less producers working right now, and all these producers are backed by studios. So it’s not the producer spending all this money, but studios. 90 percent of the films nowadays are being made on tables. If an actor isn’t available, they will go for another one and corporate is ready to spend all the money you need. That’s why our actors are comfortable.” Last year, actor Anil Kapoor also voiced his concerns about the increasing costs associated with stars — including their fees and entourage expenses — and called for more realistic demands from talent in the industry. He told SCREEN, “This is a very important conversation,” Anil emphasised, adding, “All actors, actresses, and technicians, especially the stars need to be more realistic in charging their fees and demands so that filmmakers can make more films. My father, who was a producer, my family, and I have gone through tough times trying to make good films. We tried to put in our money, but the star fees and entourage costs were so high that it became almost impossible to fund the kind of quality films we wanted to make.”

# Mika Singh regrets producing Bipasha Basu’s film, says he could’ve bought a Rolls Royce instead: ‘Better than burning my money’

Mika Singh, who has explored various facets of the entertainment industry, once decided to try his hand at film production with a web series called Dangerous, starring Bipasha Basu and Karan Singh Grover. However, in a candid conversation, he called it the “biggest mistake of his life.” He said that he could have bought a luxury car with the same money instead of investing in that project.

“Anyone in Bollywood with some money, please invest in property. Otherwise, by becoming a producer, you will end up sinking your own ship. I made a film worth Rs 14 crore with my favorite heroine Bipasha Basu and Karan Singh Grover. If I hadn’t made that film, I could have bought a brand-new Rolls Royce. That would have been better than burning money. So now, whenever I get money, I invest directly in property or a car; otherwise, you’ll make a fool of yourself,” he told with Galatta India. Reflecting on his experience, Mika said, “As a producer, I made a really good film with a big star cast. Obviously, Bipasha Basu is a huge name. So if I, a newcomer producer, could sign such big stars and make a movie, it shows I’m a good producer. We shot for 50 days in London. Our director, Vikram Bhatt, wrote the story. Bhushan Patel, who directed Alone, the film featuring Karan and Bipasha, was also involved. Since it had been five years since Alone released, I thought if Karan Singh Grover agreed to do my film, it would be great. He’s a good-looking guy, and his film Hate Story 3 was a superhit, so he agreed to work with me. But I’m not sure how Bipasha became involved midway or what kind of rapport they shared, but it caused me a lot of loss.” Mika also revealed how many top stars warned him against producing films: “I’m not upset with Bipasha or Karan. I’m upset with myself. I took a reckless risk. Akshay Kumar advised me



against it. Salman Khan told me that if I want to make a film, I should star in it myself. Salman said, ‘If the film hits or flops, at least you’ll be there in it. Otherwise, you’ll just cry over someone else’s hits and flops.’ So now, I’m acting in my next production. And I won’t make the same mistakes again.” Dangerous was eventually released as a mini-web series on MX Player. Written by Vikram Bhatt and directed by Bhushan Patel, the series marked Bipasha Basu’s digital debut alongside Karan Singh Grover.

# Ryan Reynolds teases Deadpool easter eggs in Avengers Doomsday, hints at possible return: ‘I’ve written them all at home’

Ryan Reynolds is keeping it coy about a possible Doomsday return as Deadpool, even as Marvel theories have fans convinced he’s already a part of the cast. Back in August, he set the internet buzzing after posting a shot of the Avengers logo with a spray-painted “A” over it. In no time, the picture went viral with speculation that he might be teasing his upcoming stint in the new Avengers movie. Threads on Reddit went wild after reports surfaced that Ryan and Robert Downey Jr (who is returning to the MCU as Doctor Doom in Doomsday) are supposedly feuding on set, and now the actor was directly asked whether or not this is happening.

Ryan recently attended the Toronto International Film Festival (TIFF), where he was promoting his new John Candy documentary, I Like Me. The documentary on the famous comedian is directed by Colin Hanks. Later, while participating in an informal interview with Entertainment Weekly, Ryan was asked about the John Candy Easter eggs that he secretly used in Deadpool, Deadpool 2, and Deadpool & Wolverine for promotion. During the TIFF premiere, the documentary aired all those clips and the audience realised that they failed to notice these back when they first came out. When asked if fans should expect the same in Avengers Doomsday, and if that confirmed his involvement, Ryan instantly dodged the question and laughed. “There are four that I’ve got in there,” he said sarcastically. “Of course, I’ve written them all at home in my PJs, and nobody’s seen ‘em, nor have I stepped foot on set. But, yeah, that’s about as far as I’ll go on that one.”



The hype around Deadpool’s return probably comes from the fact that Robert Downey Jr is confirmed to return to the MCU with this movie, not as Iron Man but as Marvel’s biggest villain. Avengers Doomsday is set to bring together the Avengers and X-Men worlds in what’s being called the franchise’s biggest crossover. Adding to the speculation is Channing Tatum’s Gambit, who showed up in Deadpool & Wolverine and is also part of the cast, so there’s really no wild reason to dismiss Ryan’s presence in Doomsday. Earlier, a report from The Hollywood Reporter confirmed Ryan is in the film, but Deadline countered with a piece saying he isn’t involved at all. Marvel has stayed completely silent on the matter.

# Shah Rukh Khan’s doppelganger couldn’t afford two meals a day, now charges Rs 5 lakh for attending events, travels the world



Ibrahim Qadri, famously known as Shah Rukh Khan’s doppelganger, recently featured on the cover page of Vogue India magazine. This honour came to him after years of struggle to match the aura of the star. But this path is not something he chose for himself. It just happened. Ibrahim Qadri was an artiste in Gujarat’s Junagadh who painted hoarding boards for a living. While growing up, his family and friends often pointed out his

resemblance to the actor, but he ignored it. However, it became real for him when he was in Rajkot during an IPL match and people took him for SRK, leading to a stampede-like situation. That day changed everything.

Ibrahim was struggling financially at the time as digital hoardings had wiped off painted hoardings, essentially ending his source of livelihood. “I could hardly manage two meals a day,” he recently said in an interview with Lallantop. However, his journey from ‘just looking like SRK’ to ‘really becoming him’ changed his life. Now, Ibrahim travels around the globe to attend events and charges upto Rs 5 lakh for each.

“I was struggling financially before all the fame. It was hand-to-mouth situation. There were days without work. But now, things are completely changed. Now I can afford three meals a day, then even getting two meals was a problem. I mostly suffered then because digital boards took away our jobs”, told Ibrahim. He added, “When I started doing events as SRK’s doppelganger, I knew nothing. I had not practiced to talk like him or dance like him. So many times, I was not paid for my appearance. Once, someone in the audience taunted me: ‘Sif SRK jaisa dikhna kaafi nahi hai’. That hit me hard and then began my transformation journey. I learnt to behave like SRK. Now, I charge between Rs 1.5 lakh to Rs 5 lakh. It depends on the event. I believe I am the highest-paid doppelganger. And due to me, other lookalikes of SRK are also bagging jobs. Because everything I reject, it goes to them.” In the same interview, Ibrahim shared how he never wishes to meet the star. And to maintain the actor’s image, he often avoids invites from comedy shows. “They joke about us and also him, and I can’t let that happen,” said Ibrahim. He also shared how looking like SRK sometimes backfires. “Whenever I go to malls for shopping, people charge me more money assuming I must be extremely rich. Mera kuch faayda nahi hai ulta nuksaan hai.”

# Highest 2 Lowest movie review: Dazzling Denzel Washington performance takes Spike Lee’s latest joint to the next level

Reuniting for the first time in nearly two decades, director Spike Lee and star Denzel Washington are gazing inwards in Highest 2 Lowest. The crime-thriller premiered at Cannes earlier this year — as an official selection; not like something Anupam Kher might claim to have taken to the festival — and received a token theatrical release before dropping on Apple TV+. The wait was worth it. Over the last few decades, Washington and Lee have established themselves as perhaps the most vital voices in Black cinema. It is a position that the protagonist of Highest 2 Lowest finds himself in as well. David King doesn’t work in the movie business, but he is described as a kingmaker in the world of music. In many ways, he is a stand-in for both the filmmaker and his favourite star.

It seems as if they’re admitting, rather satirically, that they have become too successful to understand the pulse of the audience. King lives, somewhat pointedly, in an ivory tower of sorts. When we first lay eyes on him, he’s talking business on the balcony of his Brooklyn penthouse, the glass palace from which he gazes at the rest of New York City, a mogul in more ways than one. He seems to recognise the separation that success has created between him and the people he wants to please. He tries to keep up with the times by always being on the lookout for a fresh voice to champion. “I have the best ears in the business,” he says over and over again, almost as if to remind himself of who he used to be. Little does King know that his ears will soon be put to the test, when his son is kidnapped out of the blue. A stunned King gets a call from the kidnapper, who demands \$17.5 million as ransom for his heir. The NYPD shows up at the penthouse, and commandeers the dining room. They tell King to play by the rules and pony up the cash. However, only a few hours later, it is revealed that the kidnapper got the wrong kid. Instead of grabbing King’s son, he picked up the son of King’s driver, Paul. Thus begins a morality tale about class, compassion, and cascading insecurity. His own child no longer in harm’s way, King is faced with the dilemma of whether he should pay the ransom for another man’s son.

A reformed criminal whose religion is a large part of his personality, Paul happens to be one of his closest associates. “I’m the man next to the man,” he says in an early scene, pleased with his position as a low-key henchman. We don’t know what he really does for King, but it is implied that he’s the guy you call when you want a body buried. Played by Jeffrey Wright, Paul is caught in a dilemma himself. He can’t really blame King for his son being kidnapped, nor can he realistically ask him to pay the ransom. But King has his own image to worry about; if he refuses to pay, he’ll instantly be labeled a villain in the press. And if he does, he could risk losing out on a potentially lucrative business deal he’s putting together, and, as a consequence, his empire.

Highest 2 Lowest is a remake of Akira Kurosawa’s High and Low, which itself was based on the English-language novel King’s Ransom. This isn’t the first remake that Lee has attempted in the second half of his career. Things blew up in his face the last time, when he made the baffling choice to remake Park Chan-wook’s Oldboy. He essentially disowned the theatrical cut of that film, refusing to dignify it with his trademark ‘A Spike Lee Joint’ credit. This one, however, bears all of his signatures. Hugs are replayed in staccato succession, like they were in his other New York classic, 25th Hour. The main detective, played by John Douglas Thompson, gets to make a speech directly into the camera. And Washington is given perhaps the greatest honour that an actor can ask for in a Spike Lee movie: being the subject of his signature double dolly shot. He’s phenomenal in the role, finding just the right balance between King’s privileged present and patchy past. His street-smarts threaten to rip through his put-on poise in every conversation that he has with the kidnapper, played by ASAP Rocky. Suddenly, King’s words are littered with expletives and colloquialisms that he’d likely avoid in the white-dominated circles that he has assimilated into. But even when he’s behaving himself, like in the early scenes with his son, Washington has a natural swagger that bubbles to the surface. In any case, asking him to tone it down would be about as foolish as asking Tom Cruise to avoid running in an action scene. It just wouldn’t make sense.

Watching Washington in his element is one of the great-



est joys in all of mainstream American filmmaking. It’s like being yelled at by Wagner Moura, or inhaling the smoke of Tony Leung’s cigarette. You have no choice but to lean in when Washington breaks out that trademark grin, or when he cocks his head to the side. The script, written by Alan Fox, presents him with plenty of opportunity to showboat, especially in the scenes where he’s required to go toe-to-toe with Wright. It’s like watching to boxers in the ring. Lee doesn’t hold back either; Highest 2 Lowest is his most flamboyant movie in years.

But beneath the flashy visuals and high-strung melodrama, there is an aging artist questioning his own authenticity. Like King, who has clearly escaped the confines of his class, Lee seems to be wondering if he even has the right to tell stories about minorities anymore. That said, he highlights New York’s diversity in one of the most incredibly shot chase sequences in recent memory, a part of which, it seems, was filmed on 16mm. Any Indian director wondering how to devise an ‘interval block’ would do well to study it, and study it again. But it is telling that King identifies the kidnapper by using his one God-given skill, his ear, and that he wiggles his way out of a mess by essentially engaging the enemy in a rap battle. Lee seems to be reassuring himself that, regardless of his success, his films will always be his only mouthpiece. He has no choice in the matter. Highest 2 Lowest Director – Spike Lee Cast – Denzel Washington, Jeffrey Wright, Iffanesh Hadera, ASAP Rocky, Ice Spice, John Douglas Thompson, Dean Winters Rating – 4.5/5

# Manoj Manchu all set for a fierce comeback with Mirai

Hyderabad: One of the proven actors in the Telugu film industry, Manchu Manoj, has always stood out for his versatility. From the unforgettable Vivek in Vedam, the lively Raju in Current Teega, to the spunky Vasu in Donga Dongadi, Manoj has carved a space where each of his roles feels distinct. His recent outing as Gajapathi in Bhairavam showcased both violence and empathy in equal measure, giving audiences a taste of his depth as a performer. Now, with Mirai, Manoj is stepping into an out-and-out antagonist’s shoes, and the teasers and trailers have already raised the excitement sky high. As Mirai gears up for its grand release on September 12, Manoj shared key insights about the film, his role, and what makes this project special. “I’ve known director Karthik Ghattamaneni for a long time, and Teja Sajja since childhood. When Karthik narrated the story, the epic angle, the backdrop of Sri Ram, and the concept of nine books, I was floored. My character is very powerful, one that has been designed with great detail. We worked on this film for nearly three years, and every little aspect was crafted with care.” When asked if his role could be seen as a modern Ravana, Manoj said, “Maybe. But not the kind who runs behind women!” He describes his character as someone intense, lazy in outlook yet dangerous in depth, a role he believes the audience will connect with strongly. Manoj reveals that he underwent eight months of action training under Jackson Master in Hyderabad. “I’ve loved martial arts since childhood. But for Mirai, I trained specially to fit the scale and vision of the film. Teja too worked immensely hard, you’ll see his dedication shine on screen.” Before the film’s shoot, Manoj had a chance to meet Superstar Rajinikanth. “I showed him the trailer of Mirai. He appreciated it and told me to keep making films without gaps. His encouragement gave me tremendous energy.”