

Hyderabad ‘Cash Barish’ scam busted, four held in Cyberabad

Hyderabad: The Cyberabad Police arrested four members of a gang that cheated people by performing a fake ritual called “Cash Barish,” claiming it would multiply their money, on Monday.Police teams have nabbed Mohd Irfan, Gugoloth Ravindhar, Kavira Sai Baba and Thakur Manohar Singh at Gandimaisamma on October 26.Investigations revealed the gang would convince victims to take part in a “Barish Pooja,” collect their cash, and offer sweets or almond milk laced with intoxicants. Once the victims fell unconscious, the suspects fled with the money.

SC prefers ignoring attack against CJI with contempt it deserves; SC Bar Association disagrees

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The Supreme Court on Monday (October 27, 2025) voiced its preference to treat advocate Rakesh Kishore’s action of hurling an object at Chief Justice of India BR Gavai’s Bench with “the contempt it deserves by ignoring it”, though the Supreme Court Bar Association (SCBA) insisted that the judicial institution should not risk becoming a “joke” by letting him go without any repercussions.

A Bench of Justices Surya Kant and Joymalya Bagchi said any action taken by the court would only further blow-up the situation; extend the shelf-life of Mr. Kishore, who obviously did not have any stake in the system of justice administration; and feed the commercialisation of the incident by media channels, and in social media. Justice Kant favoured condemning the incident to a “natural death” without any further ado.Justices Kant and Bagchi, although agreeing that Mr. Kishore’s act of hurling an object at the CJI Bench during court proceedings on October 6, followed by shouting slogans was “contempt on the face of the court”, observed orally that Chief Justice Gavai, in his “glorious magnanimity”, had pardoned him.“When the judge [CJI] has already chosen to ignore, is it for another Bench or for the Attorney General to give consent for contempt proceedings?” Justice Bagchi said. The court said focus should now be on issuing guidelines on the publication of such incidents and enhancing preventive and safety guidelines in court rooms.Senior advocate Vikas Singh and advocate Pragya Baghel, appearing for the SCBA, said Mr. Kishore’s was one of continuing contempt.Mr. Singh said even if the CJI had pardoned the first act of the actual attack in the court room, Mr. Kishore had subsequently appeared on camera and shown no remorse for his actions. Instead, he had repeatedly indulged in glorification of his act, saying he



would “do it again”, the senior counsel submitted.The senior advocate said the CJI had pardoned him in his individual capacity, but the Bench has to address the insult committed on the institution.

“We cannot let it go. We are talking about the institution. Jokes are being made. Disrespect is shown to the institution. The fact that the CJI let him go, gave him impetus to continue with subsequent contempt... If we do not act, the institution is becoming a joke,” Mr. Singh submitted.Justice Kant said the court was not closing the case, however any instant action may cause a “flare-up”.Whether to initiate criminal contempt was the CJI’s discretion, and Bench had an option to act or not in the current petition, Solicitor General Tushar Mehta said. He too echoed the Bench’s opinion that there was no point in extending the “shelf-life” of the incident by taking it further.Justice Kant said media channels were indulging in a “pure commercial game” by featuring Mr. Kishore. The moment he lost traction, they would stop, the judge remarked.

KT Rama Rao targets Rahul Gandhi for betraying auto drivers in Telangana

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Hyderabad:BRS working president KT Rama Rao on Monday targeted Congress leader Rahul Gandhi for betraying Telangana’s auto drivers, after making grand promises of welfare and financial aid during the 2023 Assembly elections. Auto-rickshaw drivers, who were once owners of their vehicles, were now forced to sell them and were relegated to driving rented vehicles, he said.In a bid to highlight the plight of auto-rickshaw drivers under the Congress regime, the BRS working president took an auto-rickshaw from Jubilee Checkpost to Telangana Bhavan, interacted with auto drivers and expressed solidarity with them.Welcoming auto drivers union leader Shakhan into the party fold at Telangana Bhavan on Monday, Rama Rao reminded that Rahul Gandhi had personally met auto drivers and even travelled in an auto-rickshaw during his campaign. Rahul Gandhi also pledged to establish an Auto Drivers’ Welfare Board and provide each driver with an annual financial aid of Rs 12,000. “Two years later, neither has seen the light of day,” he said.The BRS working president said the Congress government’s inaction drove many families into distress. Mashrat Ali, whose auto-rickshaw carried Rahul Gandhi two years ago, was now crushed by the same Congress government and was forced to sell both his vehicles due to economic distress.“Rahul Gandhi must wake up from his deep slumber. He promised change within 100 days, while two years have passed,



and 161 auto drivers have taken their lives due to this neglect,” he asserted.Accusing the Congress of moral hypocrisy, Rama Rao said while Rahul Gandhi delivers lofty speeches about the poor, his own party’s government in Telangana was pushing working-class citizens into poverty. “Rahul Gandhi preaches compassion and equality, but his government practices betrayal. When you cannot honour promises made to poor auto drivers, you lose the moral right to speak about justice,” he declared.He demanded that Rahul Gandhi take moral responsibility and ensure the immediate implementation of the promised Auto Drivers’ Welfare Board and annual financial assistance. “Words don’t feed families. Telangana’s auto drivers deserve justice and respect, not empty speeches,” he said, vowing that BRS will continue to fight for their cause.

Shreyas Iyer in Sydney ICU with internal bleeding after rib injury



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New Delhi: India’s ODI vice-captain Shreyas Iyer has been admitted to a hospital in Sydney and is currently in the Intensive Care Unit (ICU) after suffering internal bleeding resulting from a rib cage injury sustained during the third match against Australia.Iyer, who had taken a brilliant catch running backwards from backward point to dismiss Alex Carey, appeared to have hurt his left rib cage in the process and was rushed to the hospital soon after returning to the dressing room on Saturday.Shreyas has been in ICU for the past couple of days. After the reports came in, internal bleeding was detected, and he had to be admitted immediately.“He will remain under observation for anywhere between two to seven days depending on recovery, as one needed to stop spreading of infection due to bleeding,” a source privy to the development told PTI on condition of anonymity.The BCCI medical team acted swiftly after Iyer’s

vital parameters fluctuated upon his return to the dressing room.“The team doctor and physio didn’t take any chances and took him to the hospital immediately. Things are stable now, but it could have been fatal. He’s a tough lad and should be fine soon,” the source added.Initially, Iyer was expected to be out of action for about three weeks, but the recovery period may now be longer.“Since there has been internal bleeding, he will certainly need more time to recover, and at this point, it’s difficult to put a definite timeline on his return to competitive cricket,” the source said.

KTR helps Gulf migrant from Sircilla return home safely

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Rajanna-Sircilla: BRS working president KT Rama Rao once again displayed his humanitarian side by facilitating the return of a Gulf migrant who was stranded in Muscat, back to his native village in the district.A native of Baswapur in Thangallapalli mandal, Balasani Gouraiah had gone to Muscat two months ago in search of employment. However, upon reaching there, he realised he had been deceived by an agent. The company not only failed to pay him the promised salary but also seized his passport, leaving him helpless.Facing severe hardship, Gouraiah recorded a selfie video narrating his ordeal and shared it in local WhatsApp groups. Responding swiftly, Rama Rao wrote to the Indian Embassy in Muscat on October 12, seeking assistance to secure Gouraiah’s release and facilitate his return.

TGSRTC reviews bus safety protocols

Hyderabad: In the wake of the recent private travel bus accident in Kurnool in Andhra Pradesh, the Telangana State Road Transport Corporation (TGSRTC) Vice-Chairman and Managing Director, Y Nagi Reddy, inspected several buses and reviewed safety protocols on Monday.Reddy, along with senior officials, carried out inspections at the Miyapur-1 Depot. The team examined various bus models, including Lahari Sleeper, Lahari A/C Sleeper-cum-Seater, Rajadhani, and Super Luxury services. The inspection covered fire safety mechanisms such as fire detection alarms and fire suppression systems, ensuring that all equipment was functioning effectively.

During the review, the Managing Director discussed standard operating procedures for evacuating passengers safely during emergencies. He instructed staff and drivers to remain alert and follow all safety protocols without fail.

Cyclone Montha: PM Modi speaks to Andhra CM, assures support

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With severe cyclonic storm Montha closing in on the Andhra Pradesh coast, Prime Minister Narendra Modi spoke to Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu over the phone and enquired about the cyclone.In a post on X, the CM wrote, “The Honourable Prime Minister Narendra Modi called and discussed the current situation in the state due to the cyclone’s impact. He assured us of providing assistance and support to the state. I urge all citizens to follow government instructions and take necessary precautions.”The Chief Minister reviewed the developing situation from the Real Time Governance Centre (RTGS) at the Secretariat and instructed authorities to monitor the cyclone’s movement hour-to-hour and take zero-risk measures, especially in coastal and low-lying habitations.The CM has also appealed to citizens to stay indoors and remain vigilant until all-clear instructions are issued.



The government has placed the administration on maximum alert. The cyclone is expected to make landfall near Kakinada on Tuesday night with 90–110 kmph winds and heavy to extremely heavy rainfall across multiple districts.Minister for Real Time Governance Nara Lokesh is coordinating inter-departmental response, communication systems, and district-level readiness. He directed all municipal bodies and district administrations to operate 24/7 control rooms, ensure uninterrupted communication, and issue alerts through RTGS, Andhra Pradesh State Disaster Management Authority (APSDMA) and local networks.Officials said that vulnerable populations, including pregnant women, the elderly and coastal belt residents, shifted to safer locations. A total of 260 relief centres have been opened in Kakinada district and 140 in Nellore district, with food, milk and water stocked for 2–3 daysThe authorities have also readied 364 schools as cyclone shelters. Over 14,000 schools in the districts like to be affected have been given a precautionary holiday.

The departments concerned have closed all beaches closed while fishermen have been prohibited from venturing into sea.Red alert has been issued for Kakinada, Konaseema, West Godavari, Krishna, Bapatla, Prakasam

and Nellore districtsAccording to an official statement, 11 teams of NDRF and 12 teams of SDRF have been positioned for rescue, evacuation and flood response. Fire services, swimmers, OBM boats, life jackets, and emergency equipment are placed across coastal zones.The officials have activated the 108/104 ambulance network and medical camps in all cyclone sheltersThe RTGS war room is running 24/7, tracking rainfall, wind, inundation, reservoirs, traffic, and field alerts. Satellite phones, V-SATs, digital radios, repeaters, and wireless support are pre-positioned to prevent network failure. Hourly situation reports are being shared with the government and District Collectors.

The departments concerned have deployed JCBs, power saws, and dewatering pumps across vulnerable stretches. The electricity department’s rapid restoration teams are stationed with transformers, poles, conductors, and generators in coastal districts. Rural Water Supply tankers, chlorine tablets, bleaching powder, and safe drinking water backups are kept ready. Sufficient rice, essentials, and relief stock are positioned at Mandal Level Stock Points.Emergency drug stocks, boat clinics, and Rapid Response Medical Teams have mobilised for health supportTo enable immediate relief work, the government has authorised withdrawal of funds under TR-27 for rescue, evacuation, medical care, food, drinking water, sanitation and road clearance. Additional funds may be drawn by severely affected districts as needed, the government said.

BRS leaders Koppula Eshwar, Korukanti Chander arrested

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Hyderabad: Political temperatures soared in Telangana on Monday after BRS leaders Koppula Eshwar and Korukanti Chander were arrested following a heated argument with the police who obstructed them from staging protest near the 125-foot Dr BR Ambedkar statue at the State Secretariat.

The leaders, accompanied by several party activists, had gathered at the site challenging Minister Adhuri Laxman for an open debate on the performance of the BRS and Congress governments.Eshwar had earlier dared Minister Laxman to come for a face-to-face discussion comparing the BRS’s ten-year rule with the Congress’s two-year governance. In response, Adhuri Laxman countered the challenge, stating he was ready to debate but only with senior BRS leader T Harish Rao.

“If Harish Rao has the courage, let him come for a discussion. I am ready at my home. I will not debate with Koppula Eshwar whom I have defeated,” he had remarked, adding that he was open to answering any question on governance.As tensions escalated, Koppula Eshwar and Korukanti Chander reached the Ambedkar statue with BRS cadres, leading to a confrontation with the police deployed



at the site. Both leaders were taken into custody and shifted to a nearby police station.In response, former Minister Harish Rao said Koppula Eshwar came for a discussion as announced, but instead of sending police to arrest him, Minister Laxman should have come for the discussion. He reiterated his earlier comments on Cabinet infighting, asserting that the Chief Ministers and his colleagues had heated arguments and held discussions over the Cabinet infighting. “I stand by every word I said,” he said.

Harish Rao warns Rahul Gandhi against visiting Hyderabad without fulfilling promises to auto drivers



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Hyderabad: Senior BRS leader and former Minister T Harish Rao warned Congress MP Rahul Gandhi against stepping into Hyderabad again without addressing the plight of thousands of auto-rickshaw drivers. Demanding that the State government immediately clear Rs 24,000 due to each driver, as promised during the 2023 Assembly elections, he said there would be Statewide protests if the issue remained unresolved.“Rahul Gandhi rode in autos for votes during elections and abandoned them after coming to power. If he comes to Hyderabad again, our auto drivers will block him in Shamshabad,” he said.The BRS staged a symbolic protest across Hyderabad on Monday, with leaders travelling in autos to express solidarity with drivers. Harish Rao, accompanied by Kukatpally MLA Madhavaram Krishna Rao, travelled from his residence in Kokapet to Erragadda

and then to Telangana Bhavan, interacting with drivers about their hardships.

Kishan Reddy all praise for PM Modi’s vision in Mann Ki Baat

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Hyderabad: UnionMinister Kishan Reddy lauded Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s consistent engagement with the people through the Mann Ki Baat programme, calling it a unique platform that connects the nation to its roots, heroes and development journey.

Speaking after the 127th episode aired on Sunday, Reddy thanked state and local leaders for participating and emphasised the transformative impact of the Prime Minister’s weekly address.“Only Narendra Modi shares his thoughts with the people every Sunday at 11 a.m., speaking about the sacrifices of great leaders, our culture and the progress of various regions,” Reddy said. He highlighted Modi’s leadership over the past 11 years, especially during crises like the COVID-19 pandemic, where he united 140 crore Indians and led vaccine development efforts that saved millions of lives globally.

Reddy praised Modi’s welfare initiatives, including the distribution of free rice to 83 crore citizens, and financial support to women’s self-help groups.

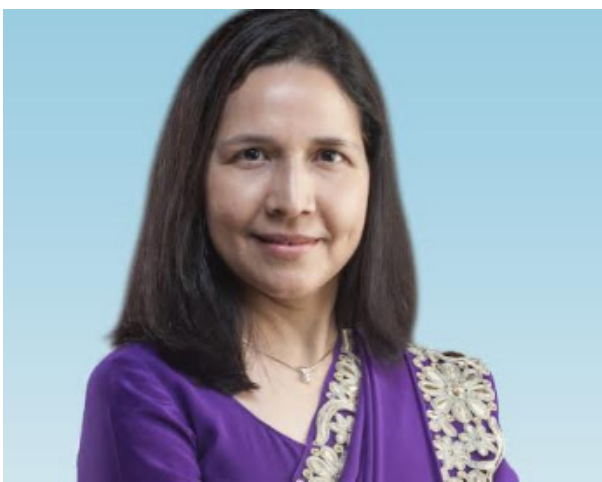
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Promote organ donation

Despite decades of public awareness drives, organ donation in India has remained at a very low level. Apart from infrastructure challenges and regulatory limitations, cultural practices and social stigmas have been the major hurdles in promoting organ donation to save lives. As a result, the country is unable to bridge the wide gap between the number of patients in need of organs and the availability of donors. India's organ donation rate is just 0.9 donors per million people, compared to over 30 per million in countries like Spain. This mismatch leads to lakhs of patients dying each year waiting in vain for transplants that never occur, even as many viable organs go unused. India recorded nearly 18,900 organ transplants in 2024, driven mainly by living-donor kidney transplants, while deceased donations remain a small fraction. Against this backdrop, the Centre's directive asking all hospitals in the States and Union Territories to establish organ and tissue donation teams in their Intensive Care Units is both timely and overdue. The National Organ and Tissue Transplant Organisation (NOTTO), under the Ministry of Health, has now urged every hospital to form a dedicated team comprising brain-stem death committee members and counsellors to assist families through the process. This is a necessary step because many potential donations are lost due to a lack of timely counselling, awareness, and coordination. Often, by the time grief-stricken families are approached, the window for organ or tissue retrieval has closed irreversibly. Of over 1.8 lakh renal failure cases reported annually, only 6,000 transplants occur, with a donation rate under 1 per million against a need for 65 per million. India requires nearly one lakh corneas annually, yet only about one-third of this demand is being met. Unfortunately, many hospitals, especially in smaller towns, lack transplant coordinators, trained ICU staff, and even the basic infrastructure to preserve and transport organs.

Zarin Daruwala Appointed Group CEO of PL Capital - Prabhudas Lilladher to Spearhead Ambitious Growth Vision



Hyderabad; PL Capital (Prabhudas Lilladher Group), one of India's most trusted financial services organizations, is proud to announce the appointment of Zarin Daruwala as Group Chief Executive Officer, effective October 13, 2025. Zarin Daruwala, a stalwart in the banking and financial services industry, brings over 35 years of experience across corporate and retail banking, governance, and strategic leadership. Prior to joining PL Capital, she served as the CEO – India and South Asia at Standard Chartered

Bank, where she successfully led the bank's transformation and sustained growth across the region. Under her leadership, she repositioned the bank's Retail Banking business to make it more Wealth Management focused and transformed its Corporate Banking space as a partner of innovation and growth, in line with India's growing affluence. Zarin will play a key role in driving PL Capital's transformative journey aligned with its ambitious growth vision of expanding its reach, deepening capabilities, and scaling its Broking & Distribution, Institutional Equities, Investment Banking, Corporate Advisory Services, Private Credit, Wealth Management and Asset Management Services. Amisha Vora, Owner, Chairperson & Managing Director of PL Capital, said: "Zarin's appointment comes as a defining moment for PL Capital. With a bold vision for growth and diversification, we are poised to significantly scale our businesses. Zarin's arrival marks an important milestone in our mission to build an enduring, institutionally governed organisation — one that combines heritage and trust with capabilities and scale. We are confident she will lead the Group to greater heights." Zarin Daruwala, Group CEO of PL Capital, said: "It is a privilege to join PL Capital at such an exciting inflection point. The Group has a strong foundation, deep market knowledge, and a client-first ethos. I am energised by the vision to build a future-ready financial services platform that delivers innovation, value, and impact. I look forward to working with Amisha and the leadership team to shape the next era of growth."

KLH Hyderabad Partners with Google Developer Groups to Build the Next Generation of AI Innovators



Hyderabad; KLH Aziz Nagar, Hyderabad, successfully hosted a hands-on workshop titled "Build with AI using Google Cloud" in collaboration with Google Developer Groups (GDG) recently. Organized by the Department of Computer Science and Engineering, the event received special support from Mr. Aarshad Devani, Senior Software Engineer & GDG Hyderabad Lead, and Mr. Siv Ram Shastri Jonnalagadda, GDG Cloud Organizer. The workshop witnessed active participation from students and faculty, offering a unique platform to explore AI-driven technologies and real-world applications.

Participants gained practical exposure to integrating external data with Google Gemini using advanced frameworks such as Model Context Protocol (MCP), Retrieval-Augmented Generation (RAG), and Intelligent Data Collection (IDC). The sessions focused on real-time data integration, intelligent retrieval system development, and scalable

AI solutions powered by Google Cloud. Through interactive modules and project-based learning, participants developed context-aware applications capable of solving complex industry challenges. The event featured distinguished GDG speakers, including Mr. Jay Thakkar, Team Lead & Product Manager – AI, who demonstrated MCP integration and developed custom VM authentication for secure AI data interactions. Highlighting the transformative impact of AI education, "Er. Koneru Lakshman Havish, Vice-President, KL Deemed to be University", stated, "This collaboration nurtures creativity, innovation, and technological excellence among our students — empowering them to transform ideas into intelligent solutions for the real world." The collaboration marks the beginning of a long-term partnership with GDG, paving the way for continuous technical enrichment, mentorship programs, and deeper integration of Google Cloud tools in student-led innovation and research initiatives.

Ramanthapur Corporator Bandaru Srivani Venkata Rao Supervises Arrangements for Chhath Puja



VADDEPALLI KISHORE, Uppal, October 27 (Indian Chronicle): "Residents of Ramanthapur Division, especially those from the Bihari community, are celebrating Chhath Puja with great devotion and enthusiasm as they do every year. This festival is primarily dedicated to the worship of the Sun God (Surya Bhagavan). The two-day-long festival

involves devotees offering prayers at the banks of rivers, lakes, and canals during sunrise and sunset. During the observance, women take vows and observe fasting with great dedication. As part of the rituals, offerings such as bananas, coconuts, sugarcane, fruits, and sweets are presented to the Sun God. Devotees, dressed in traditional attire, pray for the divine blessings of Surya Bhagavan. "This year too, hundreds of Bihari devotees are expected to participate in the Chhath Puja celebrations at the Ramanthapur lake. To ensure smooth conduct of the event, Corporator Bandaru Srivani Venkata Rao supervised and reviewed all necessary arrangements, including lighting, sanitation, security measures, and water facilities near the lake." Speaking on the occasion, the Corporator said that Ramanthapur is proud to be home to people of diverse cultures and that festivals like Chhath Puja help strengthen cultural traditions and communal harmony. "Among those present during the inspection were AE Mounika, Work Inspector Mahender, Suresh Singh, Bhagwan Singh, Kamlesh, Uday Sharma, Sandeep Singh, and others.

Devotees throng Velugu Gutta Temple on the first Monday of Kartika Masam

VADDEPALLI KISHORE, Uppal, October 27 (Indian Chronicle): "Special rituals for Kartika Masam are being performed with great devotion and splendor at the Velugu Gutta Temple in Uppal. As it was the first Monday of Kartika Masam, a large number of devotees gathered at the temple to offer prayers. Under the supervision of Temple Executive Officer (EO) Peddigari Srikanth and the temple committee members, special pujas were organized. As part of the celebrations on October 27, various rituals were conducted from 4:30 a.m. till afternoon, including Mahanavayana Purvaka Rudrabhishekam, Maha Mangala Harathi, Tirtha Prasada distribution, Akasha Deeparchana, Sahasra Bilwarchana, and Harathi. EO Srikanth informed that the Kartika Masam celebrations will continue from October 22 to November 20, and devotees are welcome to participate. On the first Monday, EO Peddigari Srikanth and Temple Committee representative Gaurige Mallesh performed special pujas. "A large number of devotees lit Kartika Deepas (lamps) and enjoyed Vanabhojanam (community feast)



under the Usiri (Indian gooseberry) tree. EO Srikanth added that all necessary arrangements have been made to ensure devotees do not face any inconvenience throughout the month-long festivities.

Laksha Deepotsavam by Uppal Bhagayath Welfare Association



VADDEPALLI KISHORE, Uppal, October 27 (Indian Chronicle): "On the auspicious occasion of Karthika Masam in the Sri Vishnavasu year, the Uppal Bhagayath Welfare Association is organizing the Laksha Deepotsavam program from November 1st (Saturday) to November 5th (Wednesday) every evening from 5:00 PM onwards, announced Association President Mekala Madhusudhan Reddy. "The event will be held at Plot No. 203, Uppal Bhagayath Welfare Association Community Hall premises. "As part of the spiritual celebrations:" November 1 (Saturday): Ganapathi Puja, Rudrabhishekam, Vishnu Sahasranama Parayanam, and Deeparchana" November 2 (Sunday): Rudrabhishekam, Lalitha Sahasranama Parayanam, and Deeparchana" November 3 (Monday): Rudrabhishekam, Sahasranama Bilwarchana, and Deeparchana" November 4 (Tuesday): Rudrabhishekam and Deeparchana" November 5 (Wednesday): Parvathi Parameshwara Kalyanam and Deeparchana" President Mekala Madhusudhan Reddy appealed to devotees to participate in large numbers and receive the divine blessings of the deities.

Government will purchase paddy harvested by farmers at support price:- Roads, Buildings, Cinematography Minister Komati Reddy Venkat Reddy



Manduva Srisailam.. Yadadri Bhuvanagiri District Bureau... (Indian Chronicle.. October 27):- Paddy and cotton harvested by farmers will be purchased without leaving a single grain, said Roads, Buildings, Cinematography Minister Sri Komati Reddy Venkat Reddy. On Monday, a review meeting on paddy procurement and cotton procurement centers was held at the Collectorate Meeting Hall. Bhuvanagiri M. P. Chamala Kiran Kumar Reddy, Government Whip, Aleru MLA Beerla Ilayya, District Collector Hanumantha Rao, Revenue Additional Collector Veera Reddy, Local Bodies Additional Collector Bhaskar Rao, A.C. P Rahul Reddy, concerned district officials participated. Speaking on this occasion, the minister said that 329 grain purchase centers have been set up in the district. It has been estimated that about 3. lakh metric tons of grain will be purchased in the district, and 90 lakh quintals of cotton will be received. He wanted the farmers to see that there is no problem. He asked the concerned officials to know how much grain has been purchased so far. In the backdrop of the rains, the farmers should immediately bring the harvested grain to the purchase centers and immediately transport it to the mills. He said that the government has provided tarpaulins. As there is a possibility of rain for another two to three days, the farmers should be careful about the grain. He said that there is no need for farmers to worry, the grain that comes to the purchase centers will be purchased as soon as the moisture content is reached. He said that the piles of grain that have reached the moisture content should be worked on by porters even at night, weighed and loaded into lorries and sent to the concerned mills. He said that there should be no negligence. He said that it is not possible to have grain stocks at the purchasing centers. He said that as soon as the grain arrives, it should be loaded in two batches and the grain should be sent as soon as it arrives. He said that farmers should keep tarpaulin covers available.

Former MLA Bethi Subhash Reddy Meets Water Board MD Seeking Solution to Uppal Division Issues

Vaddepalli Kishore, Uppal, October 27 (Indian Chronicle): "Former MLA of Uppal, Bethi Subhash Reddy, met Water Board Managing Director Ashok Reddy on Monday and brought several issues of the Uppal Division to his attention. "He requested the MD to resolve the problems related to the Mission Bhagiratha extended pipeline in Surya Nagar Colony and the UGD (Underground Drainage) line issues in Kuruma Nagar Phase-3. Responding positively, Ashok Reddy assured that necessary steps would be taken to address the problems brought to his notice. Uppal BJP Division President Maraneni Phanindra and General Secretary Teega Vithal Rao Mudiraj were also present during the meeting.



Police Service: Distribution of essential commodities to 30 families



"A service program was organized as part of the Police Martyrs' Memorial Week in Sarikepalli village under Asifabad/ Wankidi limits. Essential commodities were distributed to 30 families in this program. SI Mahender said that while remembering the sacrifice of the martyrs who sacrificed their lives for the safety of the people, they will bring peace to their souls by helping the weaker sections. He said that the police department is also organizing programs to increase empathy among the people along with the implementation of the law. SI Mahender, police personnel, village elders and local people participated in this program.

Gorakshak Members Laud Rachakonda Police for Swift Arrest in Firing Case



“NARRA SRINIVAS REDDY (NSR), Medchal - Malkajgiri Staff Reporter, October 27, (Indian Chronicle): In a case involving the firing on a cow protection activist, members of the Gorakshak team appreciated the swift and efficient action of the Rachakonda Police in arresting the accused within 24 hours. On this occasion, Gorakshak

members including Ravula Srikanth and others met Rachakonda Commissioner of Police Sudheer Babu, IPS, at the Commissioner's office and expressed their gratitude for the prompt response and professional investigation. They said the timely action by the police had restored public confidence in law enforcement and sent a strong message that such violent acts will not be tolerated. The members also praised the police for maintaining peace and ensuring justice for the victim. It may be recalled that the Rachakonda Police had arrested three accused within 12 hours in connection with the firing incident on Gorakshak activist Bidla Prashanth at Ghatkesar.

The police investigation revealed that the attack was a planned act, and further inquiry is underway to identify others involved in the conspiracy. The Gorakshak members urged the authorities to ensure strict punishment for the culprits and lauded the police for their dedication, discipline, and quick response in maintaining law and order in the region.

Banala Geetha conducts door-to-door campaign in Ellareddyguda and Srinagar Colony to ensure victory for Maganti Sunitha Gopinath

“Vaddepalli Kishore, Uppal, October 27 (Indian Chronicle):“Chilkanagar Division Corporator and former GHMC Standing Committee member Banala Geetha, under the directions of Uppal MLA Bandari Laxma Reddy, participated in a door-to-door campaign as part of the Jubilee Hills by-election campaign. She, along with BRS party leaders from Ellareddyguda, campaigned extensively in booths 294, 295, and 296 of Srinagar Colony and Ellareddyguda, urging residents to vote for the BRS candidate Maganti Sunitha Gopinath and to support the car symbol. During the campaign, Banala Geetha appealed to the people to compare the ten years of BRS's progressive governance with the two years of deceptive Congress rule, and to vote wisely. She criticized the Congress government for its false promises and betrayals, stating that it has deceived every section of society. “Geetha reminded the people that under KCR's ten-year rule, Hyderabad witnessed all-round development, with uninterrupted power supply, free drinking



water, and free electricity provided to Rajakas (washermen) and Nayi Brahmins (barbers) — facilities that no other government had given. She alleged that the current Congress government is burdening citizens with heavy water bills, and urged everyone to vote for the car symbol once again to ensure the victory of Sunitha Gopinath. Several BRS party leaders and activists participated in the campaign.

Best talent in governance... Well-organized services in the implementation of government welfare schemes

Yadadri Bhuvanagiri District Collector Hanumantha Rao,



“Mandava Srisailam..Yadadri Bhuvanagiri District Bureau... (Indian Chronicle..October 27):- Special story on the occasion of completing one year of service as Yadadri Bhuvanagiri District Collector on the 28th of this month...“Mandava Srisailam..Yadadri Bhuvanagiri District Bureau... (Indian Chronicle..October 27):- Paying special attention to education, medicine, welfare, district development, so that the poor people get the fruits of welfare... Government schemes are being implemented transparently, well-organized and efficient governance is being provided to the people of Yadadri Bhuvanagiri district. He has made his mark in governance by focusing on all sectors in the district. He is teaching lessons to government school students..giving clarity towards the goal..as soon as he took charge of the administration in the district, he is paying special attention to education, medical, Indiramma houses, Amma's assurance, village sleep, hostel sleep, public voice, job voice, etc.“Surprise inspection of government educational institutions...“The District Collector is making surprise inspections of various government educational institutions..staying overnight...teaching lessons...examining the facilities in the schools. On this occasion, he is giving clarity towards the goal to the students and is standing as a guide for future plans.“Special attention to the education of students....“He focused on enrolling students in government schools and ensured that admissions increased. Last year, 200 students who scored the highest marks in class 10 were given bicycles as gifts, the parents of the students were also honored, and teachers conducted special classes to ensure that the students achieved the best results by paying attention to them.“Providing advanced facilities in government schools, the District Collector, district officials, and welfare hostels were used to sleep...“Infrastructure like washrooms, drinking water, kitchens, and CCTV cameras have been provided in 675 government schools in the district. Students are being monitored while sleeping in residential schools. Students are not only improving their skills, but also being encouraged to achieve their goals. Residential hostels have been given special attention to SC, ST, BC, and minority hostels. District officials are also working to understand the problems of students by sleeping in hostels and fulfilling their goals. The Collector is inspecting the schools every day and working hard to provide quality meals to the students. He is at the forefront of supporting the poor students and providing his own help. He is at the forefront of providing financial assistance to Bharat Chandra, a poor student in Kankanala Gudem, Narayanpur Mandal, by providing monthly grocery to his family and financial assistance of Rs. 5000 for his education.“Strong measures for the welfare of women, children and the elderly.....“The Anganwadi centers are being inspected and strong measures are being taken to ensure that children, pregnant women and lactating mothers are provided with nutritious food. Field inspections have been carried out to ensure that lactating mothers are provided with nutritious food. “An innovative program to ensure the safety of mothers in the district...



“As part of the Amma Bharosa program in the district, the Collector is at the forefront of providing nutrition kits and medicines to pregnant women with the aim of ensuring the health of the unborn child.“ Inquiry on government medical services...“The district area hospital in the district headquarters, PHCs, CHCs and village hospitals in all mandals are being inspected regularly and unexpectedly. They are asking about the hospital premises, internal sanitation measures, stocks of medicines and vaccines, OP and inpatient details. They are finding out about the services provided to pregnant women and lactating mothers, the way they are being provided with medicine, and the distribution of medicines. They are talking to the patients who come to the hospital and finding out about their health conditions...“With special initiative...Creation of facilities in government hospitals““They are moving forward in their own style by issuing suspension and show-cause notices against those who are negligent in their duties.. They are taking strict action against negligent and corrupt officials and bringing administrative reforms and providing government services to the people in a timely manner with discipline. The registrars are regularly getting the negative news published in various dailies from the concerned officials and taking appropriate steps to resolve those problems.““Receiving applications from the people...ordering for resolution...Every Thursday, Prajavani on people's problems and Udyogvani on employees' problems.““In addition to conducting Prajavani every Monday in the integrated district office complex, every Thursday, Prajavani and Udyogvani programs are being initiated and applications are being received from the people on various problems in their chamber and the problems under their jurisdiction are being resolved immediately. The problems of employees working in the district are also being resolved in Udyogvani.Initiation of Palle Nidra in villages.. “As part of Palle Nidra, the problems existing in the village were identified at a single platform in the Gram Sabha for quick resolution of the problems in the village, and the Collector took the initiative to solve the problems arising under his jurisdiction in the presence of the officers of various departments.“Successfully organizing public government programs...“Public administration - Public victory celebrations were undertaken with great enthusiasm. Awareness seminars were successfully organized in all mandal centers on Bhu Bharati and the new ROR Act. Efforts were made to establish a district women's unity building in the district collectorate complex. Canteens were started as part of the Indira Mahila Shakti program in the integrated district office complexes. Successfully managed. Comprehensive house-to-house family survey was effectively conducted in the district. “The district has been ranked first in the construction of Indiramma houses, Indiramma house construction sanction documents are transparently distributed to the eligible poor..“In order to fulfill the dream of owning a house for the poor in the district, Indiramma house sanction documents are distributed transparently only to the eligible beneficiaries, and awareness is created by going around the field level to take up the construction quickly.

Are female officers being summoned to ministers' homes and humiliated?



“Chittimalla Mahendar,Bureau October 27 — Indian Chronicle“Union Minister of State for Home Affairs Bandi Sanjay Kumar has once again made sensational remarks, alleging that some cabinet ministers in the state have been calling female officers to their homes and offices at night and harassing them. He demanded that Chief Minister Revanth Reddy immediately order an inquiry into the matter and submit a report. He also called for the removal of any ministers found responsible from the cabinet.“Bandi Sanjay accused the Congress government of failing to protect the public. He alleged that MIM-associated rowdies are killing police officers and attempting murders, while the Congress administration looks the other way. He criticized the Congress party for stooping to the point of groveling for votes in Jubilee Hills to secure MIM's support. To restore law and order in the state, he demanded a firm crackdown on rowdy elements similar to measures used in Uttar Pradesh.“Speaking at the Mera Yuva Bharat office in Karimnagar on Monday in connection with the nationwide events planned for Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel's 150th birth anniversary (October 31–November 25), Bandi Sanjay was joined by former Mayor Sunil Rao, BJP Karimnagar and Sirisilla district presidents Gangadi Krishnareddy and Reddaboina Gopi, among others. He stressed Patel's role in unifying over 560 princely states under one flag and said the younger generation must be made aware of Patel's contributions to national unity and to Telangana's integration with India.“The BJP has planned a series of large-scale nationwide events from October 31 to November 25 under the banner “Sardar@150 Unity March,” including district-

level processions and foot marches with students and youth. A national foot march covering about 152 km from Patel's birthplace Karamsad to the Statue of Unity (Kevadia) is scheduled from November 26 to December 6; Prime Minister Narendra Modi will participate in one day of the march. Bandi Sanjay said he will take part in the march within the Karimnagar parliamentary constituency and urged the media and social media workers to widely publicize the events to instill Patel's ideals among youth.“Returning to the allegations, Bandi Sanjay said there are reports in newspapers that certain state cabinet ministers have been summoning female officers to their residences and workplaces late at night and subjecting them to harassment. He said these female officers, who worked hard to gain their positions and carry out duties, deserve respect, not humiliation. He urged Chief Minister Revanth Reddy to investigate immediately and remove any guilty ministers from the cabinet.“Bandi Sanjay further claimed that women are increasingly disgusted with Congress rule, accusing the government of corruption and lawlessness and of failing to deliver on promises such as monthly payments of Rs. 2,500, gold (tula), and scooters for women. He alleged that law-and-order has deteriorated: attackers are assaulting police officers, and recently in Nizamabad a MIM-affiliated rowdy allegedly killed a constable. He said that even after the attempted murder of DCP Chaitanya and a constable in Hyderabad, no action was taken. He accused MIM of shooting at cow-protection activists and attempting to kill them, and alleged that MIM leaders are protecting rowdies while seeking votes in Jubilee Hills. He blamed both BRS and MIM for strengthening such elements when they were in office.“Bandi Sanjay demanded that the Congress government stop vote-bank politics and take stringent action against the rowdy who attempted to kill DCP Chaitanya. He urged the state to emulate UP-style measures—where, he claimed, even if rowdies receive bail, they remain behind bars—to control these elements. He warned that without such tough decisions, law-and-order cannot be restored.“He also criticized Chief Minister Revanth Reddy for publicly expressing sympathy for Naxalism, calling it “my philosophy,” and for praising OV (A. Revanth Reddy is reported to have praised certain leaders). He alleged political favoritism that undermines security, concluding that the government bears responsibility for maintaining public safety and must take decisive action.

Overaction by Attender at Kapra Tahsildar Office

“NARRA SRINIVAS REDDY (NSR), Medchal - Malkajgiri Staff Reporter, Kapra, October 27, (Indian Chronicle): An unusual incident took place at the Kapra Tahsildar office, where an attender behaved in an overbearing manner with visiting journalists. Reporters had come to meet the newly appointed Mandal Revenue Officer (MRO), but the attender reportedly showed negligence and refused to allow them access, while giving preference to visitors who came for personal influence and lobbying. Feeling insulted by this disrespectful behavior, the media representatives left the office in protest. Senior journalists later expressed concern over such incidents, emphasizing that officials and their staff must change their attitude towards the press. They stated that journalists visit government offices for genuine information and that their time should be respected.



A grand tribute to the police martyrs - Mega blood donation camp at OU..



“Indian Chronicle Tarnaka ou October 27 :On the occasion of Police Martyrs' Day, a huge blood donation camp was organized at the Osmania University Non-Teaching

Function Hall under the auspices of East Zone DCP Balaswamy. East Zone Additional DCP Narsaiah and OU ACP Jagan supervised the program. Police personnel, students, peace committee members, political leaders and youth participated in this blood donation camp in large numbers. Speaking on the occasion, Additional DCP Narsaiah said, “Blood donation is a great gift. This is a great opportunity to donate your life in danger. Everyone should donate blood.“Blood donation at two places in East Zone“Camps were set up, and almost We collected a thousand units of blood,They are used to help the poor.He said he would hand it over to the banks.He said. I am not in this program.OU Electronic Media Press Club President D. Ganesh also participated.Donated blood. Gandhi Medical Through the hands of college representatives“Additional DCP Narsaiah, ACP Jagan He was presented with a certificate.Narsaiah... East Zone Additional DCP...Jagan...ACP East Zone..Crime DI Ravikumar.Total Within five police stations“Lalaguda Police Station, OU Police Station, Warasiguda Police Station, Chalakaguda Police Station,Kunta Police Station, Cls, Slis.“Police personnel participated...

The state government should respond to the promotions of OU faculty members. Prof. Manohar, who has been protesting for 24 days

“Indian Chronicle Tarnaka OU October 27:The Osmania University Teachers Association has demanded that the state government respond to the irregularities in the promotions of faculty members in the CAS interview conducted at Osmania University recently and do justice to all. To this end, faculty members wearing black badges protested at the Chemistry Department of Science College during the lunch break on Monday. Speaking on the occasion, the faculty members said that the state government's failure to respond, which has been carrying out protest activities for almost 24 days, is outrageous. Said. On the one hand the State Govt“Osmania University is a higher It says to be made to measure.In it, the services of their teachers“They asked if they could use it.CAS Promotion Interviews To be managed transparently,48 Teachers say they lack knowledge“Absolutely wrong. 48 people Justice for teachers“If they want to do it, they will come During their protest program Not just during lunch hour, but also during the day.They will do it. Dharnas, rallies,A meeting like a round table“Programs will continue. This In the program“Outgoing President Manohar Rao,Teachers“Venkat Das, Nathaniel,“Melissa Ellen, Venkateswara Rao,“Padmaja, Manohar, D Aparna, Suresh Kumar, Sandhya Reddy Padmaja, MV Ramana Rao, Ramesh Sir, Aparna, Madhuri, Sasikala, Sujatha, P Ramesh and others.



Essay writing and photography competitions organized by Nacharam Police.

“Indian Chronicle Tamaka OU October 27: Police martyrs’ reform In the backdrop of the day, Nacharam Police Station organized a photography essay writing competition under the auspices of NHA Dhanunjay Goud. In these competitions, Academic High School students participated in photography tests. They captured various photography photos of the services provided by the police to the people. Similarly, students of Mallapur Sentence Women’s Degree College participated in an essay writing competition on the role of the police in preventing the menace of drugs and how to stay away from students’ drugs. On this occasion, the inspector praised the services rendered by the police martyrs. Sub-Inspectors Venkataiah Maiballi and Nacharam Police personnel participated in this program.



Based on Population — *BSP, the Only Party Born with This Slogan“Full Support for 42% Reservation to BCs“Unveiling of Vishal Dharna Wall Poster on November 1*



“Nacharam, Indian Chronicle, October 27:“The Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) is the only political party in the country founded on the slogan ‘Representation Based on Population’,” said BSP State General Secretary Boyini Chandrasekhar Mudiraj.“On Monday, at the residence of Gowda Sudarshan, BSP District Incharge and Contesting MLA from Nacharam Errakunta, the wall poster for the “Vishal Dharna” to be held at Indira Park on November 1 was unveiled.”The event was attended by District Incharge

Ragiri Gnaneshwar, District President Banoth Ravinder Nayak, District General Secretary Sukka Dayanand, District Treasurer Kasukurthi Srihari, Uppal Constituency President Mindrala Nursing Rao, Senior Leader Gowda Manjula, Dr. Gowda Bindu Priya, Boddu Yadayya Yadav, and Boddu Vamshi along with other BSP leaders.“Speaking on the occasion, Chandrasekhar Mudiraj stated that “political power is the ultimate solution for all kinds of problems.” He called upon the BC community to follow in the footsteps of Mahatma Jyotiba Phule, striving for political empowerment and representation in governance. He urged everyone to carry forward the ideals and spirit of Mahatma Jyotiba Phule and Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, who were the pioneers of the social reform movement.“Addressing the gathering, District Incharge and Uppal Constituency Incharge Gowda Sudarshan and Mindrala Nursing Rao appealed to all those who believe in social justice to actively participate in and make the BCs Vishal Dharna a grand success.

108 Kalash Milk Abhishekam to Annapurna Sametha Kashi Vishweshwara Swamy

“NARRA SRINIVAS REDDY (NSR), Medchal - Malkajgiri Staff Reporter, Keesara, October 27, (Indian Chronicle): At the Sri Lakshmi Ganapathi Annapurna Sametha Kashi Vishweshwara Swamy temple located at SV Nagar, Road No. 8, under Nagaram Municipality, a special Ksheerabhishekam (milk ritual) was performed with 108 kalashas on Monday. The event was organized with the participation of several women devotees. As part of the ongoing idol installation program, milk consecration rituals (Ksheeradhivasa) were performed for the newly installed deities — Sri Kodanda Rama Anjaneya Swamy, Sri Subrahmanya Swamy with Valli and Devasena, Nagabandha, Mrutyunjaya, Medha Dakshinamurthy, Abhayanjaneya, and Navagrahas. Temple authorities announced that the installation rituals will continue until October 29, and the final consecration of deities will take place on Wednesday, October 29. Temple trustee MVLN Shastri, chief priest Subrahmanya Sharma, assistants Jammalamadaka Srirama Sharma, temple president Dacha Srinivas Gupta, Erram Eshwarayya Gupta, Linga Nagendra Gupta, PVV Satyanarayana Narasimhaswamy Goud,



Gangireddy Narender Reddy, Marella Venkateshwara Rao, V. Narasimhaswamy Goud, and Anjaneya Shastri participated in the event.

Paddy and cotton procurement process should be conducted effectively in the state: State Irrigation and Civil Supplies Minister Uttam Kumar Reddy



“Mandava Srisailem..Yadadri Bhuvanagiri District Bureau... (Indian Chronicle..October 27):- State Irrigation and Civil Supplies Minister Uttam Kumar Reddy said that the paddy and cotton procurement process should be conducted effectively in the state. On Monday, from Hyderabad, along with State Agriculture, Marketing and Cooperation Minister Tummala Nageswara Rao and State Government Chief Secretary Ramakrishna Rao, a review meeting was held with District Collectors, Additional Revenue Collectors, District Civil Supplies, Agriculture, Rural Development and Transport Department officials through video conference on the procurement of paddy and cotton and precautions to be taken due to unseasonal rains. Speaking on the occasion, the State Minister for Irrigation and Civil Supplies said that steps should be taken to ensure that the process of purchasing paddy and cotton does not face any disruption due to the untimely rains caused by the cyclone. He said that the necessary tarpaulin covers are available at the purchasing centers, and paddy cleaners and humidifiers should be provided as required.“Speaking, the State Minister for Agriculture, Marketing and Cooperation said that the authorities should be alert as the intensity of the cyclone is high. He said that the harvesting process should be stopped until the intensity of the cyclone subsides, and precautions should be taken to ensure that the harvested paddy does not get wet. He said that the farmers should take necessary measures to prevent losses and ensure that the purchase is carried out without any hassle. He said that the



purchase of cotton will be done through the Cotton Kisan app, and tenant farmers should also register their details in this app with the help of the relevant agricultural extension officers. He said that the Centre will be requested to ensure that the moisture content of paddy and cotton farmers is as per the norms and to increase the moisture content. “State Civil Supplies Commissioner Stephen Ravindra said that all paddy procurement centers in the state should be opened and precautions should be taken to prevent the paddy from getting wet in view of the rains. He said that an additional Rs 500 per quintal will be provided in addition to the support price for small varieties of paddy.

He said that necessary tarpaulins and covers should be made available at the procurement centers and necessary measures should be taken to prevent the paddy from getting wet.“State Agriculture Secretary Surendra Mohan said that steps should be taken for the cotton procurement process and the details of the farmers have been registered in the Cotton Kisan app. He said that cotton procurement centers should be opened and cotton should be purchased by following all necessary precautions.“District Collector Hanumantha Rao, Revenue Additional Collector Veera Reddy, District Rural Development Officer Nagi Reddy, Civil Supply District Manager Harikrishna, Civil Supply Officer Roja Rani and concerned officials participated from this video conference hall.

For public needs.. Foundation stone laid for government offices in Motakondur mandal with a budget of Rs 10 crore

“Roads, buildings Cinematography Minister Komatireddy Venkat Reddy



“Mandava Srisailem..Yadadri Bhuvanagiri District Bureau... (Indian Chronicle October 27):- In Motakondur mandal of Yadadri Bhuvanagiri district, Komatireddy Venkat Reddy laid the foundation stone for roads, buildings and buildings of Tahsildar, MPDO and Police in Motakondur mandal. Speaking on the occasion while participating in the Bhoomi Puja program for various works in Motakondur mandal on Monday, the minister said that apart from laying the foundation stone of new buildings in Motakondur mandal, tenders were also called for R&B roads worth about Rs 250 crore. Double roads have been sanctioned from various villages in Motakondur mandal. He said that the work on the Kolanupaka bridge has also started. When the contractors left the tanks in the middle, Aleru MLA Beerla Ailayya installed the machines and filled 90 tanks and provided irrigation water to the farmers, he said. He said that funds have been sanctioned so that every house in Aleru constituency gets black. He said that as part of public administration, the distribution of Indiramma houses to every poor person will be done in a festive atmosphere. He said that the government will give 5 lakhs to each beneficiary. He said that after the government comes, it will be done for 10 lakhs. He said that the fine rice distribution program has been taken up with the great idea that all the poor people should eat rice with full stomachs. He said that steps should be taken so that they get fine rice through the staff as there are no dealers in some villages. He said that the government will support women through government welfare schemes such as free bus facility, P. A. C. S. purchasing centers, petrol stations and other government schemes. He assured that he would support the development of the Aleru constituency. Bhuvanagiri Parliamentarian M. P. Chamala Kiran Kumar Reddy said... In the last 10 years, the previous government had established new mandals in new districts, but when the people had any problems in the mandals, they faced a lot of difficulties because there were no officials to solve them. In order to solve the problems of the poor people who came under the public administration, the land of the Tahsildar, M. P. D. O. and Ivali were laid for new buildings in Motakondur mandal. The minister immediately informed the officials and district officials about the difficulties faced by the farmers in purchasing cotton and gave them appropriate suggestions and advice. The District Collector went to the homes of class 10 students as part of the wake-up call and took special initiative on education. Government Whip and Aleru MLA Beerla Ailayah said... 60 years of struggle for Telangana, water, appointments, funds, and the division of states were done. He said that the development that the previous government did not do in the 10 years of the public administration, public administration, and public administration was done in the two years of the public administration. The previous government had formed new mandals but the people were facing a lot of difficulties due to the lack of buildings to accommodate the officials there. The Minister of State for Roads and Buildings came up with



a great idea and after the people’s rule came, the foundation stone for new buildings for MRO, MPDO and police station was laid with Rs 10 crores. The minister was asked to set up a market yard and a PACS bank in Motakondur mandal by next year. The minister was informed that the roads in Motakondur mandal had become a mess of pot-holes and the foundation stone was laid today. He said that 350 Indiramma houses were sanctioned in Motakondur mandal, which is mostly in the Aleru constituency in the state, and now 50 more house documents are being given to the beneficiaries.The previous government had considered that every poor person needs a ration card to include newly married people, children and to use Arogyasri, and the new ration cards were granted with the intention of giving ration cards to every poor person. He said that the aim of the public administration is that every poor person should eat a full stomach with fine rice. He said that after the advent of the public administration, development has been carried out with farmer loan waiver, farmer assurance, bonus for fine rice, free bus travel for women and many other government welfare schemes. The Chief Minister’s idea is to give high priority to women and make one crore women millionaires, so women should grow economically. He said that he will work to take Aleru forward on the path of development in all ways. District Collector Hanumantha Rao said that he would like to thank the minister who came to lay the foundation stone today by sanctioning Rs. 10 crore for the construction of new buildings for the Tahsildar, MPDO and Police Station in Motakondur mandal. He said that in the past, officials were having difficulty in solving people’s problems due to lack of buildings, so they started constructing new buildings. He said that the district administration will work to complete the new buildings within 6 months and make them accessible to the people as per the instructions of the minister to solve the problems of the people while they are available. He said that the district is in the first place in the distribution of Indiramma houses in the state. He said that Yadadri Bhuvanagiri district is also ahead in the state in depositing money in the accounts of the beneficiaries. He said that funds have been sanctioned for road repair problems in the district. He said that funds have been sanctioned for the construction of a double road in Mota mandal. He said that 36 crores have been given to women through bank linkage. He said that the beneficiaries of Indiramma houses should complete them quickly and take up their homes. Later, he handed over house documents to the beneficiaries of Indiramma houses of Motakondur mandal. Next, a cheque of 13.73 crores was handed over to the Motakondur women’s associations through Mahila Samakya by the minister. Revenue Additional Collector Veera Reddy, Local Bodies Additional Collector Bhaskara Rao, Market Committee Chairman Chaitanya Mahender Reddy, Vimala Venkatesh, Bhuvanagiri RDO Krishna Reddy, PD DRDA Nagi Reddy, PD Housing Vijaya Singh, MRO, Divya Vani, public representatives, beneficiaries, people and others participated in this program.

Road Widening Works Begin from Boduppall to Chilkanagar

“NARRA SRINIVAS REDDY (NSR), Medchal - Malkajgiri Staff Reporter, Boduppall, October 27, (Indian Chronicle): The road widening project from the Ambedkar Statue in Boduppall to the Chilkanagar junction officially began today. The works are being carried out with an allocation of ?10 crore under HMDA funds. The foundation stone for the project was laid by Medchal constituency in-charge Totakura Vajresh Yadav, former ex Mayor Totakura Ajay Yadav, B Block General Secretary Kotha Kishore Goud, and former ex Corporator Bhukya Suman. Former ex corporators Kotha Chandler Goud, Bommak Kalyan, Cheeral Narasimha, Venkatesh Yadav, Kripasagar Mudiraj, Pulakanda Jangareddy, Venkatesh Gupta, Harinath Reddy, senior leaders, officials, and local residents also participated in the event.



Massive Cycle Rally Held in Uppal as Part of Police Martyrs’ Commemoration Week“DCP Padmaja Flags Off the Rally as Chief Guest



“VADDEPALLI KISHORE, Uppal, October 27 (Indian Chronicle):““As part of the Police Martyrs’ Commemoration Week, a grand rally and cycle rally were organized on Monday at Sagar Grammar School, Uppal, under the instructions of Rachakonda Commissioner Sudheer Babu. The event was held with the participation of police personnel and students.Malkajgiri DCP Padmaja attended the program as the chief guest and flagged off the rally.Speaking



on the occasion, DCP Padmaja said that the sacrifices of police officers who laid down their lives for the country should always be remembered. She emphasized that police personnel work tirelessly to protect people’s lives, property, and dignity, often at great personal risk.“She further added that police play a crucial role in building a safe and peaceful society, and the nation pays tribute to those who have sacrificed their lives for the security and peace of the country. The services of such police martyrs will never be forgotten, she said.The event was attended by Uppal SHO K. Bhaskar, Uppal DI Y. Ramalinga Reddy, Admin SI Madhava Reddy, SIs Chiranjeevi and Vinay Samatha, and other staff members.

AIYF State-Level Workshop from December 12–14 on the Occasion of CPI Centenary Celebrations



“NARRA SRINIVAS REDDY (NSR), Medchal - Malkajgiri Staff Reporter, October 27, (Indian Chronicle): State Workshop Wall Poster Released By: Vali Ullah Khadri, State President & Kalluru Dharmendra, State Secretary The All India Youth Federation (AIYF) Telangana State Committee announced that a three-day state-level workshop will be organized from December 12 to 14 at Satyanarayana Reddy Bhavan, Himayatnagar, Hyderabad, as part of the Communist Party of India (CPI) centenary celebrations. The wall poster related to the workshop was released at Raj Bahadur Hall, Makhdhoom Bhavan, Himayatnagar, by the AIYF State Committee. Speaking on the occasion, AIYF State President Vali Ullah Khadri and State Secretary Kalluru Dharmendra said that the Communist Party of India was founded on December 26, 1925, at Kanpur, and since then, the party has consistently worked with a firm commitment toward establishing an egalitarian society. Despite challenges and sacrifices, CPI has always stood for the rights

of the people and played a vital role in building mass movements representing workers, peasants, youth, students, women, intellectuals, artists, poets, and the Dalit-Bahujan community. They added that CPI, with its century-long legacy of people's struggles, has faced conspiracies and state repression but continues to stand firmly with the people. The AIYF aims to spread awareness about CPI's 100-year history and carry forward the red flag in the people's movement. As young communists, AIYF strives to improve the living conditions and economic opportunities of the people through continuous struggles under CPI's leadership. The workshop will also discuss and plan protests against anti-youth policies of both central and state governments. Young communists from all parts of the state are expected to participate in this workshop. Those who participated in the poster release event include AIYF State Working President Nerlakanti Srikanth, State Office Bearers Bizza Srinivasulu, Venkateswarlu, Lingam Ravi, Sriman, Chepoori Kondal, and State Committee Member Rajesh.

Cycle Rally Marks Police Martyrs Commemoration at Kushaiguda



“NARRA SRINIVAS REDDY (NSR), Medchal - Malkajgiri Staff Reporter, Kushaiguda, October 27, (Indian

Chronicle): As part of the Police Martyrs Commemoration Week, a cycle rally was successfully organized under the supervision of Kushaiguda Police on October 27. The rally began at 6:30 a.m. from ECIL X Roads, proceeded up to AS Rao Nagar Signal, and returned to ECIL X Roads, completing the route successfully. ACP Kushaiguda Y. Venkatesh Reddy, SHO L. Bhaskar Reddy, SIs N. Sudhakar Reddy, N. Venkanna, Satish, Vijay, and the staff of Kushaiguda Police Station actively took part in the event. A large number of students and youth participated enthusiastically, making the rally a great success. Special thanks to everyone who contributed to the event.

Rythu Loan Waiver Action Committee Demands Immediate Paddy Procurement from Telangana Government

“NARRA SRINIVAS REDDY (NSR), Medchal - Malkajgiri Staff Reporter, Ghatakesar, October 27, (Indian Chronicle): Under the leadership of the Rythu Loan Waiver Action Committee, members of the committee visited farmers in the united Ghatkesar mandal area today and held a review meeting on the ongoing paddy procurement process. The committee strongly criticized the state government's indifferent attitude, stating that the government has been delaying procurement under various pretexts, causing severe distress to farmers. They demanded that the Telangana government immediately begin purchasing paddy directly from farmers without further postponement. BJP state leaders, former MPP Enugu Sudarshan Reddy, Ghatkesar BJP Municipal President Kommidhi Mahipal Reddy, Rythu Committee Convener Shankarappa,



Sanjeev Reddy, Jaipal Reddy, along with several farmers and local residents, participated in the program and extended their support to the farmers' cause.

HISTORIC INVESTMENT: TELANGANA GOVERNMENT KICK-STARTS RS. 1000 CR PLAN TO ELEVATE OSMANIA UNIVERSITY TO WORLD-CLASS STATUS



“Indian Chronicle Tarnaka OU October 27: In a significant step towards fulfilling the bold commitment of Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri. A. Revanth Reddy Garu, the Government of Telangana's Higher Education Department today initiated the execution of the comprehensive development plan for Osmania University (OU) with a landmark outlay of Rs. 1000 Crores. This strategic investment is designed to comprehensively upgrade OU's infrastructure, research capabilities, and academic ecosystem, setting a clear trajectory for global prominence. “To formalize this initiative, an Apex Committee was constituted and immediately convened to pursue the development plan. The committee, led by Smt. A. Devasena, IAS, CCE/CTE as Chairperson and Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor Prof. Kumar Molugaram as Convener, began its work with a detailed physical survey of the entire OU campus lands for best utilization of available resources. The expert body includes distinguished members such as Sri. Ganapathi Reddy, MD, EWIDC; Prof. Ganta Chakrapani, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, Dr. BRAOU; Prof. Basharat Ali; Sri. T. Babu Raju, CE (Retd), R & B Dept; and Prof. Thirupathi Rao, Former VC, OU. “The committee's day began with an on-site assessment of critical areas, including the infrastructure of the Engineering College, the Library Facilities, the Arts College, the Law College, University College of Commerce & Business Management, and various student residences such as Bhima, Dundubhi, Ladies,



Centenary, and D & E Hostels CFRD Building, Swimming pool at Ladies Hostel. The members made a detailed assessment, confirming that many current facilities and hostels were in dilapidated condition, underscoring the urgent need for comprehensive renovation and modernization. Following the inspection, the members held a high-level deliberation with Sri. K. Keshav Rao Garu, Advisor to the Government of Telangana, and Dr. Yogita Rana, IAS, Secretary to Government, Higher Education Department, alongside Prof. G. Naresh Reddy, Registrar OU, and Prof. S. Jithendra Kumar Naik, OSD to VC, and other distinguished Principals, Deans, and Heads of various Departments. “To meet the increasing demand for infrastructure, the committee has conveyed that new infrastructure is the need of the hour. In response, the Rs. 1000 Crore plan is focused on delivering a future-ready campus, which will include the construction of state-of-the-art classrooms, advanced auditoriums, a centralized digital library, and Mega Hostel Complexes to meet student residential demand. Furthermore, the plan emphasizes creating an eco-friendly environment, tapping into solar power, and significantly enhancing sports facilities, including centralized gymnasiums. This commitment marks a new era for Osmania University, transforming it into a hub of innovation, research, and academic excellence that will benefit the students of Telangana and elevate the institution's stature globally.

State level meeting of cultural sector activists to be held in Bhuvanagiri on 31st of this month:- Telangana Agricultural Workers' Union State Secretary Kondamadugu Narasimha“

“Mandava Srisailam..Yadadri Bhuvanagiri District Bureau... (Indian Chronicle.. October 27):- Telangana Agricultural Workers' Union State Secretary Kondamadugu Narasimha has called for a successful state level meeting of cultural sector activists working in the Telangana Agricultural Workers' Union to be held at the Sundarayya Bhavan in Bhuvanagiri district center on 31st of this month. On Monday, a "Wall Paper" was launched at the local association district office along with the association officials, requesting them to make the state meeting a success. Speaking on the occasion, Narasimha said that games, games and speech have emerged from the joy of working people to forget their hardships. He said that many types of songs, plays and folk art forms have been used to unite and fight against the many injustices happening in society, the frauds of the rulers, the poor and the agricultural laborers who want land and wages to increase. The cultural sector is key to confronting today's humanist culture, further studying the frauds of the rulers and sensitizing the agricultural laborers and the poor. Narasimha said that a state-level meeting is being held in Bhuvanagiri town on the 31st of this month. For this, artists and writers working in the agricultural labor sector should participate in this program



on a large scale and win the victory. District Vice President Pallerla Anjaiah, District Committee Members Siliveru Yellaiah, Kondapuram Yadagiri and others participated in the program.

Kesara Leaders Congratulate Newly Appointed MRO Yadagiri Reddy



“NARRA SRINIVAS REDDY (NSR), Medchal - Malkajgiri Staff Reporter, Keesara, October 27, (Indian chronicle): The newly appointed Mandal Revenue Officer (MRO) of Keesara, Yadagiri Reddy, was cordially met and congratulated by local leaders and community representatives. Ambedkar Association Keesara President Erra Sailu, BRS senior leaders Panduga Rajalingam Mudiraj and Ragula Bhaskar Mudiraj Swamy extended their best wishes to the new officer. Also present on the occasion were Keesara Mudiraj Sangham General Secretary and former Ward Member Ragula Ramesh Mudiraj Swamy, who is also a former member of the Kesargutta Temple Trust Board, along with other community members.

P. Ganesh Elected as District Treasurer

Nacharam, Indian Chronicle, October 27: “The 4th District Conference of CITU (Centre of Indian Trade Unions), Medchal–Malkajgiri District, was held on Sunday at the CIA Hall, Charlapally Industrial Area. During the meeting, three members from Nacharam received representation in the district committee. “P. Ganesh, General Secretary of the Nacharam Industrial Employees Union, was elected as the District Treasurer of CITU, Medchal District. Previously, Ganesh had actively fought for the welfare of workers and also served as the District Assistant Secretary. Recognizing his dedicated services, he was unanimously elected as the District Treasurer. “Additionally, P. Prabhakar and E. Ramesh were elected as District Committee Members. Speaking on the occasion, they pledged to continue their relentless efforts toward solving workers' issues and strengthening the CITU organization. “Several leaders and members extended their heartfelt congratulations to P. Ganesh on being elected as the District Treasurer.



Education Empowers Growth, Skills, and Better Opportunities

“NARRA SRINIVAS REDDY (NSR), Medchal - Malkajgiri Staff Reporter, Ghatakesar, October 27, (Indian Chronicle): Education helps people solve problems, think creatively, and make ethical decisions. It improves employment opportunities, as those with higher education are more likely to get better jobs. It also helps reduce poverty and supports the nation's economic growth. Literacy enables people to read instructions and avoid mistakes. Health education spreads awareness about hygiene and disease prevention. Team games in schools promote co-operation and mutual respect. Technical education provides the skills needed for today's job market.



Vaddepalli Kishore, Uppal, October 27 (Indian Chronicle): “As part of the Police Martyrs' Remembrance Week celebrations, an essay writing competition on the topic



“Anti-Drugs” was conducted on Monday at ZPHS Uppal. Nearly 120 students participated enthusiastically in the program.



Manduva Srisailam..Yadadri Bhuvanagiri District Bureau... (Indian Chronicle.. October 27):- A scene of Santosh Rao, Harish Rao, Naveen Rao, Telangana State Govern-



ment Whip Aleru MLA Beerla Ayilaiah, Bhuvanagiri MP Chamala Kiran Kumar Reddy and others at the police station in Yadagirigutta town.

‘Neither shaken nor surprised’: Karnataka minister Priyank Kharge after receiving threat calls over his demand to ban RSS activities at govt premises



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Days after the Karnataka IT/BT minister Priyank Kharge sought a ban on RSS activities at public grounds and other government institutions, he said Tuesday he was bombarded with threat calls aimed at him and his family members.Describing it as an "organised conspiracy" against him, Priyank Kharge said such tactics will not cow him down. In a post on X, the minister said his phone hasn't stopped ringing for the past two days, since his letter to Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah about banning RSS activities on government premises in the state.

"Calls filled with threats, intimidation and the filthiest abuse directed at me and my family, simply because I dared to question and restrain RSS activities in government schools, colleges and public institutions. But I'm neither shaken nor surprised. When the RSS didn't spare Mahatma Gandhi or Babasaheb Ambedkar, why would they spare

me?" he said in the post. "If they think threats and personal jibes will silence me, they are mistaken. This has just begun. It is time to build a society founded on the principles of Buddha, Basavanna and Babasaheb, a society rooted in equality, reason and compassion and purge this nation of the most dangerous viRuSS." For the past two days, my phone hasn't stopped ringing. Calls filled with threats, intimidation and the filthiest abuse directed at me and my family, simply because I dared to question and restrain RSS activities in government schools, colleges and public institutions.

Speaking to reporters during the day, he said that such intimidation tactics were natural. "If you recall, when I was in the Opposition, I had filed a couple of complaints over threats issued to me. (Former CM Basavaraj) Bommai was the home minister then. FIRs were registered," he said.Kharge also noted that the police had submitted a report stating that the calls originated from foreign countries, and that, since the IP addresses were masked, they could not be traced. "This time too, the same has happened. Whenever I raise my voice against this system, I have received such calls. I am not afraid," he said, adding that the callers spoke in Hindi or English while threatening him and speaking ill of his family members. In a letter dated October 4, and shared with the media earlier this week, Kharge had urged the Karnataka CM to prohibit RSS activities at public grounds, grounds of government and aided educational institutions, Muzrai temples, and other government land.Siddaramaiah had then directed the chief secretary to look into the issue and cited that a similar prohibition was in place in the neighbouring state of Tamil Nadu.

‘We’re offered free trip to Colombo, then asked to bring a parcel’, says Navi Mumbai couple held with Rs 5 crore marijuana at Mumbai airport

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The Customs Department in Mumbai arrested a couple, who arrived at the Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaja International Airport (CSMIA) from Colombo, with marijuana worth Rs 5 crore.The couple, identified as Mohammad Saud Siddique, 29, and Sana Siddique, 27, residents of Navi Mumbai, however, claimed in the court that they were approached by an unknown person who had offered them a free trip to Colombo. While returning from Colombo to Mumbai, the couple received a call from the same person, who asked them to bring a parcel with them, unaware that it contained contraband.

The Air Intelligence Unit (AIU) of the Airport Customs Department got specific information about the couple bringing contraband in their trolley bag. Once the couple arrived at the Mumbai airport on Sunday evening, they were intercepted and taken aside for inspection.

The officials found three vacuum-packed packets containing suspicious contraband in their bags. On testing through the field testing kit, it was found that the suspicious contraband products, weighing 5 kilograms, were hydroponic weed (marijuana) worth Rs 5.45 crore in the illicit market, said a Customs officer.Lawyer, Sunil Tiwari, who was representing the couple, submitted before the court,



"The couple were allegedly lured into the crime, as they were approached on social media by an unknown person offering them a free trip to Colombo. They followed the process and got a visa and visited the country. While returning, the couple got a message from the stranger asking them to take a parcel containing chocolates and deliver it in Mumbai. They were not aware of the contraband in the parcel".The couple was arrested under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act and was produced in court on Monday. They were sent to judicial custody till October 27.

Punjab and Haryana HC directs Haryana Staff Selection Commission to revisit teacher recruitment exam



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In a ruling that could affect the recruitment of more than 1,700 post-graduate teachers in Computer Science in Haryana, the Punjab and Haryana High Court Tuesday asked the state's Staff Selection Commission to get detailed explanations from experts about questions in a recent exam.The decision came after six unsuccessful candidates argued that parts of the test were unfair, and were not based on the given topics.The case stems from ads issued by the Haryana Staff Selection Commission in June 2023, inviting applications for 1,633 teacher posts in most parts of the state, and 78 in the Mewat area. Over 5,000 people, including the six who filed the petition, took the subject knowledge test on June 15, 2025.

The petitioners, led by Tejpal, said questions numbered 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 11, 12, 14, and 15 were "out of syllabus, which caused them serious prejudice." They also pointed out that their test had only 15 mandatory questions, while tests for other subjects like Sociology, Physics, and Math had 18 questions, allowing candidates to choose 15.Justice Tribhuvan Dahiya, in his order, rejected the claim of unfair treatment in the exam pattern. Justice Dahiya noted that all Computer Science candidates faced the same setup, so there was no bias. "There is uniformity in the examination pattern within the class of candidates who applied for the posts of PGT Computer Science," the judge wrote, adding that candidates for other subjects "belong to different class(es)," making the comparison invalid.However, the court agreed with the petitioners on one key point: the experts who reviewed the complaints did not fully explain their conclusions. The Commission consulted professors in Computer Science, who said only one question (number 14) was outside the syllabus and recommended dropping it. But their report lacked reasons for most decisions. "It remains unfathomable as to why the experts would give justification only for two of their recommendations, leaving the rest sans any," the order stated.

The judge emphasised that reasons are needed because "it not only enhances the worth of the advice but also helps the authorities concerned, including the Courts, to take

Chhath Puja Celebrations at Charlapally Lake



""NARRA SRINIVAS REDDY (NSR), Medchal - Malkajgiri Staff Reporter, Cherlapally, October 27, (Indian chronicle): Standing Council Member and Corporator Bonthu Sridevi Yadav took part in the grand Chhath Puja celebrations organized at Charlapally Lake. The event, conducted by the North Indian community, witnessed a large gathering of devotees who performed traditional rituals and offered prayers to the Sun God with deep faith and devotion. The lake premises were beautifully decorated with lights and flowers, creating a festive and spiritual atmosphere. Women devotees observed fasts and offered Arghya during sunset and sunrise as part of the traditional customs. Bonthu Sridevi Yadav appreciated the organizers for maintaining the cultural heritage and promoting harmony among different communities. She interacted with the devotees and extended her wishes for happiness, peace, and prosperity to all.

‘Grabbed my t-shirt... tried to drag me to an empty room’: South Asian University student alleges in complaint to police



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SAU University Assault Case: A student at South Asian University (SAU) in Delhi was allegedly lured to a deserted stretch on the campus and assaulted by four men, after receiving a series of threatening emails and messages warning that her morphed nude photograph would be circulated if she did not comply, according to the FIR registered Tuesday by the Delhi Police.For two days before the incident took place on Sunday (October 12), the FIR said, the student had received explicit emails with directions to meet the accused near a guest house close to midnight. Another email followed, with obscene emoticons and lewd remarks, that said she wasn't listening, it added.

"The next day, after 6 pm, I received messages on both WhatsApp and Telegram stating that the photo I had uploaded to my email profile had been morphed to appear nude and sent... It said if I do not come to Gate 3 within an hour, the photo would be circulated..." the woman said, as per the FIR.Believing that the image had already been shared, she walked alone towards the construction zone near the university's convocation centre around 8 pm — an area she described as "dark and empty at night". According to her statement, as recorded by police, the victim was approached by a security guard. He made a call and a middle-aged man and two others arrived. "One grabbed my T-shirt and tried to pull it up. Someone hit my thigh. They tried to drag me to an empty room. One of them covered my eyes," the FIR read.She said her clothes were torn when she resisted.The assault stopped only when the sound of a food cart passing near the mess area caused the men to flee. "While running, one of them hit me on the face," the woman said, as per the FIR.The student then informed her friends who went to check the spot, but there was no one there.

According to the FIR and statements recorded, it was fellow students — not the administration — who first alerted police. A call was received at Maidangarhi police station around 3 pm on Monday. The caller, a classmate, told police that the student was in distress and untraceable for

several hours.By the time a PCR van arrived, students had found her sitting near an open-air theatre area. She appeared disoriented, said multiple students present that night. She was taken briefly to a hostel room before being moved under police escort to a city hospital, where she was medically examined.In her statement to the police, the student alleged that hostel staff discouraged calling the police or informing her family.According to the FIR, she told police: "The warden said to change my clothes and have a bath, everything will be fine. They said they will call the PRO and handle it internally."She further alleged that when she attempted to video call her parents, hostel staff and a guard "physically covered the phone and stopped" her from speaking.The administration has not yet responded to calls and messages from The Indian Express.In a post on X on Tuesday, the varsity wrote: 'We the SAU community, Faculty, Staff and Students stand in solidarity in light of the alleged horrific act of sexual violence that has been reported on campus. The South Asian University condemns this alleged act of sexual violence, in the strongest terms and in one voice. We stand with our students, and assure them of our full support. SAU has a zero-tolerance policy on Sexual Harassment and all forms of violence against women...'

Speaking toThe Indian Express, the uncle, who runs an independent business in Bihar, said he learned of the assault only when her classmates called."Her college friends told me she was not able to walk and was scared. They asked me to come immediately. I took a flight from Patna at 6 am, landed in Delhi at 8.30 am, and came straight to the hospital from the Metro station. The police, not the university, took me there," he said.He alleged: "The warden only sent a WhatsApp message saying she was hurting herself and manipulating things. This is how they hide it — by calling it a security issue."The uncle said he has raised the student since she was two. "The university called her father but because he is unwell, I am here to attend to her."The purported message sent to the uncle by the SAU warden read: "I would like to inform you that your daughter has had a panic attack and is trying to hurt herself. The campus medical doctor has advised that she be taken to the hospital. We have already informed and called her local guardian."The incident has sparked a protest on campus. By late Monday night, more than a 100 students gathered inside the main administrative corridor, launching a sit-in. They demanded the suspension of the hostel warden and an inquiry committee that includes students.Deputy Commissioner of Police (South) Ankit Chauhan said: "The FIR has been registered under relevant sections of the BNS. The investigation is being conducted with due sensitivity and priority."Police units remained deployed at Gate No. 3 of the university on Tuesday and officers said they are examining CCTV footage, guard logs and the IP trail of emails sent to the student.

From Khattar’s confidant to being sent on leave amid row over IPS officer’s death: Who is Shatrujeet Kapur?

From an engineering graduate to Haryana’s top cop, Director General of Police Shatrujeet Kapur, who was sent on leave on Monday night as pressure mounted over the suicide of senior IPS officer Y Puraan Kumar, has over three decades of service marked by a mix of high-profile postings.Known as Union minister Manohar Lal Khattar’s blue-eyed boy in Haryana’s political and bureaucratic circles, Kapur, a 1990-batch IPS officer, is known for his anti-corruption initiatives and administration reforms. He is now under scrutiny following the alleged suicide of Kumar, whose body is lying in a mortuary since October 7.Kumar’s wife, IAS officer Amneet P Kumar, has lodged a formal complaint against Kapur and former Rohtak superintendent of police Narendra Bijarniya, blaming them for her husband’s death. In a note, Kumar had named nine serving police officers (including Kapur and Bijarniya), a retired IPS officer, and three retired IAS officers for forcing him to take the step.

Kapur was born in Jind on October 21, 1966. He pursued BTEch in Mechanical Engineering from NIT Kurukshetra, graduating in the late 1980s.His career is marked by a steady rise through the ranks and a mix of district policing and policy-making roles. From the 1990s to 2000s, he held various field level postings across Haryana as district police chief in various districts. From 2002-2005, he served in the Central Bureau of Investigation, where he handled several high-profile national cases.From 2014-2016, Kapur played a prominent role in state policing during Khattar’s tenure as chief minister. In April 2016, Khattar appointed him as additional director general of police (crime) and chief of the CID state intelligence unit, both considered to be key postings for a senior IPS officer.From 2016-2023, Kapur held various administrative roles, including director of public sector entities like Haryana Power Generation Corporation and other power utilities. In 2023, he also served



as director general of the Anti-Corruption Bureau, overseeing major graft case investigations. During this time, several IAS officers came under scrutiny for alleged corruption.

It was during that tenure that he found himself at loggerheads with the state government’s bureaucrats. Since August 2023, Kapur continued as Haryana DGP. Although his two-year tenure ended in August 2023, he was asked to carry on.Kapur is often described as media-shy but result-driven, known for his close ties with the current political establishment in Haryana and at the Centre. His critics see him as politically aligned; his supporters, as a tough and capable reformer.In early 2024, he released a book titled Wired for Success, offering insights into organisational leadership from a policing lens.As Kapur awaits the outcome of the ongoing inquiry into the IPS death case, his legacy hangs in the balance. Whether his tenure ends with vindication or censure, his imprint on Haryana’s policing narrative remains undeniable.

2 more arrests in connection with Dalit man’s lynching case in UP’s Raebareli

Protest against lynching (File)The chief minister expressed condolences and assured the family of justice and government support, including housing under the CM's Housing Scheme, a permanent job for Sangeeta Valmiki, and coverage under welfare schemes. Two more people were arrested on Tuesday in connection with the lynching of a Dalit man earlier this month in Raebareli district after being mistaken for a thief, police said.According to a statement issued by the Raebareli police, the two arrested have been identified as Chhotu alias Sujeet Agrahari and Avinash Singh alias Saurabh Singh Baghel, both residents of Baniyan ka Purwa in Pachkhara village.

The arrests were made on Monday and Tuesday, taking the total number of people held in the case to 14, the statement said."The investigation is being conducted by Circle Officer (Dalmau) Girija Shankar Tripathi. Efforts are on to trace others involved in the incident, including those who may have fled to other districts or states. Strict legal action will be taken against all the accused," the police said.Officials said the main accused, who had allegedly beaten the victim, Hariom Valmiki, to death, was arrested following an encounter with the police on October 10. Earlier, nine people were arrested immediately after the case was registered, and two more were held on October 8.

Police also said that accountability has been fixed on

the law enforcement side, with five policemen, including two sub-inspectors, suspended. Social media videos related to the incident are also being examined.The police said among those accused in the case are people belonging to various castes, including Dalits and backward communities, and appealed to the public not to give the incident a caste colour.

Valmiki, a Dalit resident of Fatehpur district, was lynched on the night of October 2 near Jamunapur in Rae Bareli's Unchahar area after being mistaken for a thief. Following the incident, the police registered a case and arrested several accused.The incident also raised a political furor with Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha and Raebareli MP Rahul Gandhi expressing concern over it and speaking to the family, assuring them justice even even as opposition Samajwadi Party in UP slammed the BJP-led government over law and order issues, particularly crimes against Dalits.On October 11, Valmiki's wife, Sangeeta Valmiki, along with her family members, met Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath in Lucknow. The chief minister expressed condolences and assured the family of justice and government support, including housing under the CM's Housing Scheme, a permanent job for Sangeeta Valmiki, and coverage under welfare schemes.Adityanath had said the accused were arrested within 24 hours and that ensuring the safety and dignity of Dalits and deprived sections remained the government's top priority

Beyond Sharm El-Sheikh: Hostage exchange was the easy part, Israel-Palestine peace plan enters choppy waters now



Israel Palestine peace plan: US President Donald Trump has declared the war in Gaza “over” as he heads to the Red Sea resort city of Sharm El-Sheikh in Egypt for a peace summit that marks the release of the Israeli hostages and Palestinian detainees. The hostage release kicked off early this morning, with the Israeli government saying it will free about 2,000 Palestinian detainees under the agreement. Hamas has said that all 20 living hostages will be released to the Red Cross, followed by the handover of 28 bodies. The big questions, though, are if this truce will continue to hold and what comes next. An agreement is yet to be reached on Gaza’s post war governance and the territory’s reconstruction. The exchange of hostages and detainees was the easy part, though for Hamas, it does mean a complete loss of whatever leverage it had in this conflict so far. It is all downhill from here.

There are multiple stumbling blocks. The hostage exchange was point number one in Trump’s 20-point plan, literally signalling the first phase of the initiative. The heavy-lifting was to come after this, including issues such as the disarming of Hamas, the security guarantee for Gaza and the far bigger task of rebuilding the enclave, which is pretty much a demolition site now. Then follows the painstaking task of progressively rehabilitating the displaced and getting them continuing aid. And even if all this is done, the bigger question is: who will govern Gaza, if not the Hamas or the Palestinian Authority, as has been suggested in the deal. There’s one vague reference to Palestinian statehood, but no tangible commitment to that in the text that follows. What happens to that festering issue?

The problem with the spectacle likely to unfold at Sharm El-Sheikh is that it will be just that — a spectacle. None of the leaders assembling there have a shared vision of what to do next. The only consensus is they want to be seen as following the lead of Donald Trump. At the heart of this conflict is the question of occupation and the denial to one of the parties to the conflict to even participate in the building of a peace plan. That issue is unaddressed. The Palestinians have had no voice in this peace plan; they were not even at the table. “If Hamas refuses to disarm and relinquish control over Gaza, today is little more than a temporary cease fire,” Jonathan Conricus, Senior Fellow at the Washington DC-based Foundation for Defense of Democracies (FDD), a non-partisan institution focusing on national security and foreign policy, and former IDF spokesperson, said in a post on X. Also, the problem is that after the hostage exchange and the bash at the Egyptian resort is over, and everybody goes back home, there is a chance that the situation could go back to where it started, according to Nader Hashemi, the Director of the Alwaleed Center for Muslim-Christian Understanding and an Associate Profes-

sor of Middle East and Islamic Politics at the Edmund A. Walsh School of Foreign Service at Georgetown University. The basic questions that are at the heart of this enduring conflict have been ignored largely in Trump’s so-called peace plan. And that’s the issue of the occupation of the Palestinian territories by Israel, and the inability, or the refusal, of the international community to deal with that fundamental subject. Is Hamas sincere about eventually handing over all functions of the government to someone else in Gaza? Looks totally unlikely. The international stabilisation forces in Trump’s plan, which are supposed to consist of Arab and Muslim states, is unlikely to make a dent without Hamas agreeing to disarm and allowing this force to come in. That is the only way things can move forward. Hamas has not said anything about disarming as yet.

The big positive in the larger picture is Trump’s extraordinary leverage over Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu. Netanyahu, Israel’s longest-serving Prime Minister, has repeatedly described Trump as “the best friend Israel has ever had in the Oval Office”. Netanyahu has previously scored political points by browbeating American democratic administrations and exploiting political divisions over the Palestinian issue in the US. While former president Joe Biden, in all fairness, did kick off parts of this peace plan, including the process of hostage release, he was faced with a wrangling within his party, especially from some of the left-leaning members. That is something that Netanyahu exploited to the hilt. Now with Trump, he wouldn’t dare do any of that. Trump knows that and has used that leverage when he needs to, whether in forcing Netanyahu to accept a deal early this year that brought 30 of the living hostages and eight deceased hostages home, or in June, when during the 12-day war between Israel and Iran, Trump ordered Israel to call off an imminent airstrike, posting an order on Truth Social: “BRING YOUR PILOTS HOME NOW.” Israeli jets are reported to have turned around mid-air. And just before the announcement of this peace plan, Netanyahu was literally forced to apologise to Qatar for the killing of a Qatari citizen during an unprecedented Israeli attack on Hamas leaders in Doha last month. The White House said that during the call, Netanyahu acknowledged Israel violated Qatari sovereignty and said it would not happen again. That kind of leverage over Netanyahu by an American President is unprecedented. The question though, is whether Trump himself would be invested in seeing his 20-point plan work out, down to the last detail. That, commentators say, looks highly unlikely. Trump is already disappointed that he did not win the Nobel Peace Prize for this initiative, which means that he is unlikely to be interested in investing more time in this issue now that the Peace Prize has been awarded to somebody else. Meanwhile, Netanyahu, the other significant party to this deal, is also not very keen to see this peace plan work. This is because the conflict, Israel’s longest since 1948, provides a distraction from Netanyahu’s own domestic problems, including legal troubles and a disruptive fight with the judiciary. A permanent ceasefire could stoke the clamour within Israeli society to hold Netanyahu accountable for security lapses that led to the events of October 7 in the first place, and restart the corruption probe that was underway when the attack happened. Analysts point to the distinct possibility that Netanyahu, over the course of the next few weeks or months, will allege that Hamas has likely violated some clause of the peace pact, and cite that as a reason to go back on his endorsement of the deal. By then, the dust would have settled on the events of Sharm El-Sheikh and the difficulties in implementing the more untenable clauses of the peace deal would have dawned on everyone, including Trump.

From street to studio: Remembering artist Hanif Kureshi’s prolific work



Artist Hanif Kureshi held a firm conviction that art possesses the power to connect with the masses and evoke a deeper emotional engagement. This belief not only inspired his interest in street art, but also informed his artistic expression. From ‘We Love Dilli’ in Devanagari and the black-and-white ‘Yaha’ and ‘Must’ on building facades in Lodhi Colony to a mural on a municipal school that transforms the wall into an extension of the classroom, with motifs such as books, rulers and backpacks, several of his works still adorn the walls in the neighbourhoods of the Capital.

A year after he passed away last September, an exhibition at Delhi’s Gallery XXL has now brought together select works from his final five years. “When he moved from Delhi to Goa in 2020, one of the first things he did was set up a studio to pursue his practice alongside the street art he continued to create,” recalls Arjun Bahl, co-founder of Gallery XXL and St-art India. Drawing similarities between both engagements, he adds, “He had a sharp, thoughtful mind and a clear understanding of both his own preferences and what people liked. His approach was to keep things simple and bold.”

Titled ‘Sabr, Ghar and Suroor’, the show that opened on October 12 to mark Kureshi’s 43rd birth anniversary includes, among others, the ‘Painter Kureshi’ series, rooted in hand-painted street typography, also recalling the times when as a young art graduate from MS University in Baroda, his interest in sign-board painting and hand-lettering prompted him to travel through the bylanes of India in search of street sign painters whom he began commissioning to paint alphabets in their unique styles and fonts. Realising how patronage for the art form was dwindling, he began digitising typefaces and brought them under the banner of Handpainted Type. As a 16-year-old, he had also apprenticed with Saleem, a sign painter in Palitana (Gujarat), from whom he learned to work with radium stickers, fluorescent lights, CDs and steel plates to create licence plates. While his explorations had given Kureshi a gateway into public art, in 2013-14 St-art India was founded to initiate art interventions in public spaces and take art to the streets where people lived. “Our aim is to make art more accessible. When you are working in an art gallery, your concerns are differ-

ent, but this is art on the streets, for everyone,” stated Kureshi in an interview with The Indian Express in 2022.

While Delhi’s Lodhi Colony was one of the first neighbourhoods transformed by St-art India into a public art district, with wall paintings in varied hues and themes, it was followed by similar initiatives in MS Maqta in Hyderabad, Dharavi in Mumbai and Panjim in Goa. “His work with sign painting also inspired him to take art to the streets... It was a very indigenous idea with humble beginnings, without much expectation... It remains a purist initiative at heart, where we are driven by the desire to contribute to our ever-growing, highly urbanised cities,” adds Bahl. The exhibition also bridges Kureshi’s work on the streets to his studio. So in an untitled series, he plays with red and blue to investigate the materiality of metal and redefine linear perspective by distorting architectural angles. The acrylics Udaipur and Banaras are not mere landscapes but layered rectangular grids with a natural rhythm. Created months before he passed away, the Tetris series — named after ancient Greek city units — is painted in enamel on MS sheets, transforming letters into dynamic building blocks in motion, and inviting viewers to construct their own landscapes of colour and form. The three works that form the title — ‘Sabr, Ghar and Suroor’ — belong to the Urdu series. Giulia Ambrogio, chief curator and co-founder of Gallery XXL and St-art India Foundation, states, “Suroor, Ghar, and Sabr seem to slip away from the eye even as they enter it — rhythmic scripts oscillating between calligraphy and abstraction. Ghar (home), Suroor (joy), and Sabr (perseverance) embody Hanif’s approach to creation: rooted in joy, guided by belief, and sustained by perseverance. This is how he became a prolific creator across multiple fields — always remembering where he came from.” The exhibition is on till November 30.

India invites applications for 3 global AI challenges at India-AI Impact Summit 2026

New Delhi: The government on Monday said it has invited applications for three flagship global impact challenges under the upcoming India-AI Impact Summit 2026, offering a total prize pool of Rs 5.85 crore. Announced by Minister for Electronics and Information Technology, Ashwini Vaishnaw, in September, the challenges seek to identify, nurture, and showcase transformative AI-driven innovations with strong potential for social and economic impact. Applications for all three challenges are now open on the official portal, and the last date for submission is October 31.

Limitations of Trump’s tariff strategy on China — some cues for India amid shifting trade winds



After a steep decline in American equities following US President Donald Trump’s threat to impose 100% tariffs, a familiar script seems to be playing out — China standing firm against threats, signalling its willingness to bear the tariff heat, and Trump moderating his aggressive rhetoric. In a sign that Trump may not make good on his threats of 100% tariffs on China, he said on Sunday: “Don’t worry about China, it will all be fine! Highly respected President Xi just had a bad moment. He doesn’t want depression for his country, and neither do I. The US wants to help China, not hurt it.” Reacting to the tariff threats, the Chinese embassy in the US said: “China’s position on the trade war is consistent: we do not want it, but we are not afraid of it.” In one of its most direct responses yet to American tariffs, China said: “If the US insists on going the wrong way, China will surely take resolute measures to protect its legitimate rights and interests.” Trump’s toning down may not guarantee the cessation of further flare-ups with China, just as in the case of India, where the US has maintained 50% tariffs on Indian goods despite Trump calling Prime Minister Narendra Modi his “friend” on multiple occasions. But it could be a cue for India — with its large domestic economy — that standing up to Trump’s bullying may be the only way out of the current challenges with the US.

In the face of steep US demands, New Delhi has indicated a higher appetite for reforms. NITI Aayog CEO B V R Subrahmanyam said that after the GST rate rejig, new reforms could be introduced, and that India should focus on trading with Asian countries. With shifting trade winds, India is also dialling down tensions with China in a calibrated manner. India-China direct flights have restarted after five years, and ministries are weighing investments from China.

Limitations of tariffs to correct trade imbalances The US has imposed tariffs on India and China to correct trade imbalances, but a World Trade Organization (WTO) report released last week suggested that not only are such imbalances not necessarily problematic, they are a feature of an open economy. The WTO’s trade outlook report said that sectoral imbalances arise from specialisation: for instance, a country with a comparative advantage in services may run a surplus in services and a deficit in goods, as is the case of India’s trade with the US. While India runs a surplus in goods exports with the US, Washington enjoys a trade

surplus with India in services. Ignoring this, Trump has imposed 25% reciprocal tariffs and aggravated India’s challenges by levying an additional 25% tariff for importing Russian oil. “What is less clear is the extent to which tariffs can affect aggregate trade imbalances. In terms of national accounting, the overall trade balance reflects the gap between national saving and investment. Tariffs can influence this balance, but only indirectly — for instance, if firms accelerate imports ahead of expected tariff hikes, or if heightened policy uncertainty leads to greater precautionary saving or reduced investment,” the WTO said. The WTO report added that while trade policy can, in principle, influence aggregate trade imbalances, macroeconomic factors tend to play a far more decisive role. “Trade policy changes have had limited impact on current account trends, with fiscal and monetary variables accounting for the lion’s share of variation. The persistence of a surplus or deficit position in the long run typically reflects a web of structural and macroeconomic factors — the existence of social safety nets and national pension schemes, growth rates, and the demographics of the working population,” the report said.

China displays preparedness for tariff heat, US reacts too While India is unfairly penalised by the US for importing Russian oil and running a goods trade surplus — a natural phenomenon, as per the WTO report — China seems to be better prepared to deal with American coercion. China’s net exports to the US have declined, but its shipments to other parts of the world, particularly ASEAN countries, have surged following the US tariffs. Moreover, the recent curbs on critical minerals could be part of a well-thought-out plan. A report by Japan-based MUFG Research said: “Our best sense right now is that these export control measures by China are probably something the Chinese authorities were planning for a long time, given the significant comprehensiveness of the measures. Put differently, these policy changes are not something a bureaucracy can do over the course of one or two weeks.”

“As such, we think that beyond the potential tactical reasons for pushing out the policy — for instance, gaining more leverage over Trump and also hitting back at perceived bad-faith negotiations — there is far more likely a longer-term and strategic imperative for China to push out these measures,” the note read. As far as critical minerals are concerned, New Delhi too had begun taking steps to secure them, though the efforts may take years to bear fruit. The government last year announced the setting up of a National Critical Minerals Mission to secure critical mineral resources for India, both domestically and abroad. The Union Cabinet approved an outlay of Rs 34,300 crore over seven years for this mission. Notably, while the US has toned down its threats, it has begun preparing for a possible hit due to Chinese curbs on critical minerals. A Financial Times report on Sunday said that the Pentagon has sought to procure up to \$1 billion worth of critical minerals as part of a global stockpiling spree to counter China’s dominance of metals that are essential to defence manufacturers. The Trump administration’s accelerated effort to bolster the national stockpile is outlined in public filings published in recent months by the Pentagon’s Defence Logistics Agency. It follows export restrictions imposed on many of these materials by China, which dominates the supply chains for critical minerals and permanent magnets needed for technologies ranging from smartphones to fighter jets, FT reported.

How AI has revolutionised the world of assistive devices to aid persons with disabilities



Unlocking the AI promise for assistive technology at scale require investments in inclusive innovation, nurturing scalable solutions, and mass deployment across society. This is not the task of startups and technologists alone, but a collective responsibility of governments, investors, and communities

What if your thoughts could control technology directly or even shape everything around you? Imagine a future where people could 3D print their food, or where edible pass-word pills secure your identity. These are no longer distant fantasies. Once confined to science fiction, such scenarios are rapidly becoming reality. They reveal a future where Artificial Intelligence (AI) reshapes human life, not just through faster processors or smarter machines, but by redefining what it means to be human. Researchers are already experimenting with technologies that blur the lines between biology and machines. The Massachusetts Institute of Technology’s Dormio headset, for instance, can influence dream content by delivering auditory prompts while the wearer is asleep, opening up a market where dreams themselves could be recorded, traded, or replayed. Neural prostheses, like those being tested by U.S.-based neurotechnology company Neuralink and National Institutes of Health-funded groups, have shown potential to erase or alter memories, raising profound questions about identity, and consent.

Driving these shifts are powerful accelerators pulling AI from the ivory tower into daily life. First, accessibility: what once needed labs and supercomputers can now run on laptops, with pre-trained models and simple interfaces, lowering entry barriers. Second, speed: months of trial-and-error now collapse into days, making innovation about rapid iteration, not buggy prototypes. Third, creativity: with cloud, low-code platforms, and democratised deep-tech, expertise is no longer the bottleneck—imagination is. The real differentiator is bold questions and new possibilities. Finally, human-AI collaboration: the shift is not machines replacing people but amplifying judgment—doctors diagnosing faster, teachers personalising lessons, entrepreneurs testing ideas at scale. Together, these forces make AI not just a technological revolution but a human one. This convergence points to an undeniable truth: the future of you will not be a passive outcome but will be actively engineered, negotiated, and, in many cases, disrupted by AI.

AI is no longer in the background. It is rapidly transforming economic, social, and even emotional aspects of life. The challenge is not to resist, but to shape and harness it for human progress. With purpose, AI becomes an enabler, not just a disruptor. Nowhere is this clearer than in disability inclusion, where AI-driven tools are breaking barriers in education, employment, and daily living, turning limitations into possibilities. Already, AI-powered assistive tools are breaking barriers. AI-based assistive technology innovations prove that AI is not just about efficiency, but also about dignity, and inclusion. The impact is economic too. Globally, the AI-powered Assistive Technology market is projected to grow from \$22 billion in 2022 to \$31 billion by 2030. Within this, AI-based rehabilitation tools are set to triple from \$2 billion to \$5.6 billion between 2023 and 2031. At a macro level, inclusion through AI could help societies reclaim 1–7% of GDP currently lost due to exclusion. One of the most profound applications of AI lies in communication and learning for persons with disabilities (PwDs). For persons with speech impairments, traditional augmentative and alternative communication systems often fall short. AI-enhanced tools can now recognise atypical patterns such as slurred or stuttered speech and translate them into clear output. Voiceit from Israel, for instance, uses AI-driven speech recognition to give non-verbal or differently speaking individuals a fluent voice in real time.

In education, students with ADHD or cognitive challenges often struggle with organisation and deadlines. AI-powered scheduling systems bridge this gap. Vanderbilt University’s Planning Assistant can scan syllabi, extract deadlines, and auto-create calendars—making learning more structured and accessible for diverse learners.

Job readiness, a common barrier for PwDs, is being addressed through AI-driven VR simulations. Platforms such as SIMmersion’s PeopleSim or Indian startup Halara help candidates practice interviews and workplace interactions in safe, adaptive environments, boosting confidence and employability, especially for autistic youth. Technology careers themselves are becoming more inclusive. GitHub Copilot, a generative AI coding assistant, supports blind programmers by suggesting code and explanations. This enables them to focus on design thinking and problem-solving while fully participating in software development careers.

AI is redefining mobility, sensory assistance, and daily living. Wheelchairs that respond to facial gestures and brain-spine interfaces enabling paralysed individuals to walk again are no longer futuristic dreams. Similarly, AI-powered glasses like Microsoft’s Seeing AI, MetaAI Ray-Ban, and Smart Vision Glasses describe surroundings, read signs, and even interpret facial expressions, giving visually impaired users autonomy and connection. As we stand on the edge of a technological revolution, AI is emerging as a great equalizer. In the disability space, it is already transforming learning, livelihood, and living—showing that when guided by empathy and purpose, technology can dissolve barriers once thought insurmountable. But unlocking this promise at scale requires more: investments in inclusive innovation, nurturing scalable solutions, and mass deployment across society. This is not the task of startups and technologists alone, but a collective responsibility of governments, investors, and communities. We must build ecosystems that dare to design for inclusion.

Why are European nations now moving to recognise Palestine? | Explained



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In a significant diplomatic shift, several European nations, including Spain, Ireland, and Norway, have formally recognised the state of Palestine. The move has created a ripple effect, prompting major powers like France to clarify their own positions. French President Emmanuel Macron stated he is “totally ready to recognise a Palestinian state,” but stressed such a move “must come at a useful moment.” This wave of recognition is the culmination of overlapping geopolitical, moral, and domestic pressures that have reached a tipping point.

What makes recognition urgent now?

The primary catalyst has been the war in Gaza following the October 7 attacks. The scale of the subsequent Israeli military response, resulting in widespread destruction and a humanitarian catastrophe, has shocked European sensibilities and made the previous status quo untenable. This has been compounded by the official stance of Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu’s government, which has rejected the two-state solution, the foundational principle of decades of international diplomacy. The legal proceedings at the International Court of Justice, where South Africa has accused Israel of violating the Genocide Convention, have further intensified the pressure on European nations to take a definitive stance. For many governments, recognition is no longer a final reward for a settlement but a necessary act to preserve the very possibility of a two-state solution.

How has Ukraine reshaped Europe’s stance on sovereignty?

The Russian invasion of Ukraine in 2022 forced Europe to adopt a principled stand on national sovereignty and the inadmissibility of acquiring land by force. However, this robust defence of international law has thrown Europe’s decades-long inaction on the Israeli occupation of Palestinian territories into sharp relief. Intellectuals, media commentators, and civil society across the continent have increasingly pointed out this glaring hypocrisy, weakening the moral authority of European foreign policy. Governments now face immense pressure to demonstrate consistency. This “consistency gap” has become a significant liability, prompting a re-evaluation of their position. Recognising Palestine is thus partly an attempt to realign their policies and project a more coherent and principled stance on the world stage.

What are the domestic political pressures inside European countries?

The foreign policy shift is also a direct response to roiling domestic politics. Across Europe, public opinion has shifted palpably. The European Parliament’s own Eurobarometer survey (2023) showed that 72% of Europeans support upholding international law in all conflicts — a principle increasingly seen as applying to Palestine as well. The harrowing images from Gaza have fuelled massive public demonstrations, student-led university encampments from Paris to Dublin, and relentless advocacy from human rights organisations. Youth and progressive constituencies, which form a crucial voter base for many ruling centre-left and green parties, are demanding concrete action beyond mere condemnation. For these governments, the political cost of inaction is rising steeply. Being perceived as passive is becoming a significant electoral risk, making recognition a signal to the domestic audience that their government is aligned with the evolving moral consensus of its electorate.

Why are some countries moving faster than others?

The varied pace of recognition reveals the deep historical and political fault lines within Europe. Countries like Spain, Ireland, and Norway share a history of sympathy for the Palestinian cause, rooted in their own experiences with national struggle or a tradition of social democratic internationalism. Norway was host to the 1993 Oslo Accords; its recognition of Palestine in 2024 was seen as admitting that the negotiated path has collapsed, and new leverage is needed. In stark contrast, nations like Germany and Austria remain reluctant, constrained by the profound historical responsibility of the Holocaust, which has forged an ironclad commitment to Israel’s security. Meanwhile, many eastern European countries, such as Poland and Hungary, recognised Palestine decades ago under Soviet influence. However, today these same countries tend to align their foreign policy closely with the U.S. and are hesitant to take a leading role on the issue, prioritising transatlantic unity.

How are these moves coordinated at the European Union level?

This patchwork approach is a direct consequence of the European Union’s institutional structure. The European Union’s Common Foreign and Security Policy requires unanimity among all 27 member states to form a collective position — a consensus that is currently impossible to achieve. As a result, the decision on recognition has been left to individual member states. However, these are not entirely isolated actions. The moves by Spain, Ireland, and Norway were deliberately coordinated to create a greater political impact. This “like-minded group” approach builds momentum; when one set of countries acts, it provides political cover and encouragement for others to follow. While a unified EU position remains distant, this state-by-state process is creating a de facto shift in Europe’s collective posture. The war in Gaza, the intellectual contradiction exposed by the Ukraine conflict, and rising domestic political activism have forced a change. This is a symbolic shift in how a growing part of Europe wants to project its values and power globally. While recognition itself does not end the occupation or the conflict, it signals unequivocally that many in Europe are no longer comfortable being passive spectators to the dismantling of the two-state solution.

Caste tensions that sparked after Immanuel Sekaran’s murder in 1957

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September 11 carries a special significance for Tamil Nadu for more than one reason. The date marks the death anniversary of nationalist-poet Subramania Bharati. It is also on this day that Immanuel Sekaran, an activist representing the interests of the Scheduled Castes (SCs) in the caste-ridden composite district of Ramanathapuram, was murdered at Paramakudi 68 years ago. The murder led to sensational events, including the arrest of U. Muthuramalinga Thevar, a contemporary of the then Chief Minister, K. Kamaraj, of the Congress and a key political figure of the Forward Bloc. Interestingly, Sekaran spent the day attending a function in memory of Bharati. (In January 1959, Thevar was acquitted of the charge by the trial court at Pudukkottai). Despite the passage of time, the 1957 events, starting with riots at Mudukulathur, known for the concentration of the SCs, continue to dominate the public discourse. While the SCs were among the adversely impacted people, an incident of the police firing at Keezhathooval, wherein five persons belonging to the Mukkulathors were killed, confounded the situation. It gave rise to an impression that the Congress government of Kamaraj was ill-disposed towards the community. Much has been written on the Mudukulathur episode, with the versions of the two sides presented. A senior citizen, who was in the mid-20s then and who belongs to the Maravar community (which is the denomination of Thevar too), feels that great clarity is still not available on every aspect of the episode and perhaps, more time is required to understand the full import of certain events of 1957. An end to servility

There are other views about the whole affair. V. Geetha, a writer-social historian, in an article in June 2024, described the events as one “signifying a clash between social and political democracy”. A veteran academic, K.A. Manikumar, in his work, Murder in Mudukulathur (published by Leftword in 2017), referring to the killing of Sekaran and the subsequent “positive intervention” of the Congress government, stated that this had “helped to end the servility in their [SCs’] social relationships”.

The Mudukulathur disturbances were an outcome of the changing political and economic dynamics in eastern Ramanathapuram. Radha Kumar, in Police Matters-The Everyday State and Caste Politics in South India, 1900-1975 (published by Cornell University Press in 2021), cites two factors — the rise of Nadars (to which Kamaraj belonged) in terms of “economic and caste standing” over the first half of the 20th Century and the enhanced activism and political participation of Devendra Kula Vellalars (to which Sekaran belonged) — for sharpening of the long-standing tensions among the three caste groups. Though Thevar began his career in the Congress, he followed his leader “Nethaji” Subhas Chandra Bose, who formed the Forward Bloc in 1939. It so happened that Thevar and Kamaraj, who became chief of the Tamil Nadu Congress Committee (TNCC) in 1940, found themselves on different sides of the political spectrum. Though the Forward Bloc posed no threat to the Congress’s dominance in the State, the political differences between the two leaders were also viewed as one of the factors that contributed to the disturbances, which had attracted media attention in the western countries, including the United States, as reflected in a news item of The Hindu on October 26, 1957. Predictably, the treatment by the international press of the government’s handling of the situation was negative. Union Minister of State for Home Affairs B.N. Datar, who made a three-day visit to



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the riot-hit areas, told reporters in Madurai on October 7, 1957 that the origin of the disturbances in east Ramanathapuram was “political” in the sense that what happened after the last general and by-elections in Mudukulathur gave an impetus to the “already existing bitter communal feelings” between the Maravars and the Scheduled Castes. Beyond that, he added, it could not be called political, according to a report published by this newspaper on October 8, 1957. Datar was on the dot, when he said the primary task would be “to enable the people” to get over the “strong communal feeling”, a point that holds relevance for all time to come. Biographers of Kamaraj, including V.K. Narasimhan and A. Gopanna, record that the Chief Minister and his government had realised that elementary needs, including those on the economic and educational fronts, had been neglected in the eastern part of Ramanathapuram. An emphasis was laid on housing and rural roads that would benefit all the sections. Manikumar mentions that “the measures that the Kamaraj government adopted might not have put an end to the caste animosity between the two conflicting groups in the region. But, certainly, they helped the Mukkulathors gain better access to educational and job opportunities.” In the last 68 years, the successive governments have done their bit to keep the communal equations under control during the death anniversary of Sekaran and the birth anniversary of Thevar in October. Only once — in 2011 — did the situation go out of control when seven SC persons were killed and many others injured in police firing and the subsequent violence. Jayalalithaa was the Chief Minister then. The firing occurred when SC members assembled in large numbers at Paramakudi to pay homage to Sekaran on his 54th death anniversary. The violence broke out after the arrest of Tamizhaga Makkal Munnetra Kazhagam leader John Pandian, whose supporters demanded his release. Last month, this newspaper reported that the CBI, which had taken over the probe into the Paramakudi incident on the orders of the Madurai Bench of the Madras High Court, declined to share details of its investigation under the Right to Information (RTI) Act, 2005. The Mudukulathur riots of 1957 have been caused by a mix of complex social, political and economic factors. The need of the hour is to study the reasons dispassionately.

A ‘health check’ for the new GST health-care reforms



India’s recently announced Goods and Services Tax (GST) reforms mark a turning point in the journey towards achieving universal health coverage. This overhaul of health-care taxation signals a strong push to make medical care more affordable and accessible for millions, especially those struggling with high costs of treatment or health products.

Sectoral changesThe biggest win for households is the complete removal of GST on individual health and life insurance premiums. Until now, a family paying ₹50,000 a year for health insurance had to add on another ₹9,000 in GST. From September 22, 2025, that extra burden disappears — making insurance 18% cheaper. The reform covers all types of individual life insurance — term, Unit Linked Insurance Plan (ULIP), and endowment — as well as health insurance plans such as family floaters and senior citizen policies. Even reinsurance is included, so the entire chain benefits. This step directly supports India’s policy goals, tackling one of the biggest hurdles to insurance coverage, which today is only about 3.7% of GDP compared to a global average of 6.8%. How much consumers actually gain, however, will depend on whether insurers pass these savings on. Without clear monitoring, there is a risk that part of the benefit could get absorbed before reaching policyholders.

Hospital room charges continue to be treated differently under GST. Rooms costing less than ₹5,000 a day remain exempt, protecting middle- and lower-income families. Non-intensive care unit (ICU) rooms above ₹5,000 per day still attract 5% GST without input tax credit, a rule in place since July 2022. By contrast, all critical care units — ICU, Critical Care Unit (CCU), Intensive Coronary Care Unit (ICCU), and Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) — stay fully exempt from GST regardless of cost. This ensures that lifesaving care remains tax-free, while only premium accommodation choices during in-patient care face tax. Core medical services provided by hospitals, doctors, and paramedics also remain GST-exempt, keeping treatment itself untaxed. In short, there is no change here — the system

Mysterious malady strikes Guntur village

In the rural expanse of Guntur, Turakapalem is a close-knit community, with most residents working land, doing small trades or taking employment at stone crusher units and jute mills. Sprawling near a hill, the village is home of 2,517 people in 827 families, living in the steady rhythm of hope, stability and shared happiness. In 2025, however, a mysterious malady descended on Turakapalem, picking off 29 people in a span of just five months and plunging the once-thriving village in grief and a desperate search for answers. The village is currently under a health emergency, and government teams are visiting households and compiling health profiles of all residents to find the cause and prevent further deaths. At her modest house, 45-year-old Menthula Sujatha stands by the portrait of her husband Ratna Kumar. Sujatha, a farmhand, and Ratna Kumar, a supervisor at a stone crusher unit, had been married for 30 years and raised two sons — Anil Kumar, a budding software engineer and Paul Chakravarthy, who is pursuing his MS in the U.S. Theirs was a life built from the scratch and just when the success of their sons was about to bring relief and happiness to their family, tragedy struck.

On July 24, Ratna Kumar began feeling a bit unwell. A teetotaler and non-smoker, he thought it could be some seasonal illness. Despite taking the medicines prescribed by the local clinic, however, there was little improvement. Two days later, his blood samples were tested at a private hospital in Guntur city, and the results showed that he had typhoid and urinary tract infection. The doctors also discovered that he had kidney stones and recommended a surgery to remove them. The surgery was performed on July 31, and he was healing properly afterwards. Though the doctors said he would be discharged in a week, the holidays delayed it by three days. Just before his discharge on August 11, he began shivering and asked for a blanket, despite not having any fever at that time. After examining him, the doctors suggested that he be admitted to another private hospital. There, the doctors declared him brain dead. The panicked family rushed him to Government General Hospital, where he was placed in ventilator, but three days later, on August 14, he died. “He sacrificed his whole life for us. Now, when our children are ready to stand on their feet, he is no more; this loss is unbearable,” says Sujatha. Sujatha is not alone in the grief. A short distance away, 66-year-old carpenter Dodda John Babu mourns the death of his only son, 42-year-old Satish Babu, who left behind a wife and two teenage daughters. John Babu says Satish Babu was the first person to die in the series of deaths reported in the village since January. “The doctors at a private hospital in Guntur told us that he was suffering from kidney and liver issues and started dialysis, but he died within a month.” Dodda John Babu Father of Satish Babu Satish Babu was a cab driver and was in Tirupati in January on a contract when he suddenly took ill with breathing problem and was admitted in the Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanam’s hospital. He was late shifted to Guntur. “The doctors at a private hospital in Guntur told us that he was suffering from kidney and liver issues and started dialysis, but he died within a month,” explains Dodda John Babu, grief breaking his words. A medical team taking the blood sample of a villager at Turakapalem village near Guntur following the announcement of a health emergency.

A medical team taking the blood sample of a villager at Turakapalem village near Guntur following the announcement of a health emergency. | Photo Credit: T. Vijay Kumar John Babu says deaths happened almost every week and, in certain months, one person died every alternate day. Deaths surged between April and September 3, with July-August alone reporting 20 deaths. The development prompted Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu to declare a health emergency in the village. Subsequently, the government deployed special medical teams in the village to collect blood samples from every resident. The Crude Death Rate (CDR) in India is seven per 1,000 population per annum. In Andhra Pradesh, it is 8 and 9 in Guntur district. Turakapalem, however, witnessed 29 deaths — 22 men and 7 women — in this financial year, according to reports

continues as it has since 2022.

The recent GST cuts substantially reshape costs for health product manufacturers and service providers. By lowering GST on most medicines to 5% and cutting tax on life-saving drugs to zero, the GST Council has simplified compliance and lowered prices in supply chains. Medical devices and diagnostics are now largely under a uniform 5% slab. In practice, this means that hospitals buying diagnostic kits that earlier attracted 12% GST will now pay only 5%, reducing procurement costs. For example, a CT scan machine is now taxed at only 5% compared to 18% earlier. A hospital purchasing a CT scan machine, will face a much lower upfront bill, reducing capital costs and potentially lowering patient charges over time. Common services such as blood tests, X-rays, and MRIs at laboratories may also become a little cheaper. While laboratories themselves remain GST-exempt on services, their inputs — kits, reagents and equipment — are now taxed less. If laboratories pass on the savings, patients should see reductions in routine test prices. Pharmacies and small clinics gain from simpler tax structures and sharper price competitiveness. Manufacturers and distributors will need to adjust pricing and contracts, while hospitals and labs can negotiate better terms with insurers and corporate clients. The reforms do not stop at treatment. They also push preventive health. GST on gymnasiums, fitness centres, yoga studios, salons, barbers and wellness services is down from 18% to 5%. Cigarettes remain heavily taxed at 28% GST plus compensation cess, which adds up to an effective tax of between 52% and 88%. A new 40% “sin goods” slab has been announced but will only apply once cess liabilities are cleared. Sugary drinks — whether aerated, sweetened, or flavoured — have been moved to the new 40% slab, up from 28% plus cess, placing all such beverages in the highest tax bracket to discourage consumption and generate revenue for public health. For everyday households, healthier living becomes a little easier: personal care items such as hair oil, soap bars, shampoos, toothpaste, toothbrushes, talcum powder, face powder, shaving cream, and aftershave now fall to 5% GST from the earlier 12% to 18%. A ₹100 shampoo bottle that earlier cost ₹112 to ₹118 with GST will now cost only ₹105.

These GST reforms are designed to reshape how India funds health care in line with the 2047 Viksit Bharat goals. By removing GST on insurance, cutting costs for life-saving medicines, simplifying taxes on equipment, and lowering rates on preventive services, the government has built a framework that supports the entire health-care chain. The true test of success will not be in higher revenue collections but in how many more treatments people can access, whether preventive and wellness services become routine, how far consumer trust in health care grows, whether misuse of antibiotics and Schedule H drugs is curbed, and,



from the Health department. That’s more than one percent of the village’s total population. Of the total deaths, two men died in April, two men and a woman in May, a man and a woman in June, six men and four women in July, 10 men in August, a man and a woman in September (till 3). “Field investigation revealed that most of the deceased had fever with breathlessness, with a high prevalence of co-morbidities such as diabetes, renal diseases and respiratory illness.” Korra Vijaya Lakshmi District Medical and Health Officer of Guntur According to District Medical and Health Officer (DMHO-Guntur) Korra Vijaya Lakshmi, field investigation revealed that most of the deceased had fever with breathlessness, with a high prevalence of co-morbidities such as diabetes, renal diseases and respiratory illness. The medical teams also noticed environmental risk factors such as damp soil, cattle sheds, poor drainage and superstitutions stopping the people from seeking early medical intervention. A deadly infection One suspect is a deadly infection called Melioidosis, which a private clinic has confirmed in two deaths in the village. According to a paper titled ‘CD Alert, National Centre for Disease Control, Directorate General of Health Services,’ published in April 2019, Melioidosis is an infectious disease caused by gram negative bacterium Burkholderia pseudomallei. It is seasonal with 75-85% of cases occurring during the monsoon. The clinical spectrum of illness is diverse and ranges from pulmonary consolidation and localised abscesses to rapidly fatal septicemia. Melioidosis has a high case fatality rate (CFR), ranging from 16% to 50% in known endemic regions. Several risk factors are associated with melioidosis including immunosuppressive conditions such as diabetes and other diseases like chronic kidney disease, and certain drug treatments. The government has initiated measures such as house-to-house survey, health camps, blood sample collection, water testing, health education and counselling. The Health department has come to the preliminary opinion that the cause was likely infectious in aetiology, occurring in immunocompromised individuals. According to the preliminary death analysis report of the Health department, the deaths occurred owing to co-morbidities such as cardiac arrest, stroke, heart attack, renal failure, myocardial infarction, bladder cancer, cardiopulmonary arrest, cirrhosis of liver, sepsis, multi organ failure and multi organ dysfunction syndrome. There were 13 deaths related to non-communicable diseases, 10 related to communicable diseases and five owing to old age. Nine persons were aged above 60 years, 14 were aged 45-60, four were aged 30-45 and two were aged 20-30. S.S.V. Ramana, superintendent of Government General Hospital (GGH-Guntur), says that a 2025 study, titled ‘Two decades of melioidosis in India: A comprehensive epidemiological review’, puts the total number of cases reported by different States in India till date at 499 in Karnataka, 210 in Tamil Nadu, 58 in Kerala, 79 in Puducherry, 36 in Telangana, 10 in Maharashtra, 7 in Goa, 5 in Bihar and 4 in Andhra Pradesh (including the newly identified cases). Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu has instructed the Health department to prepare a complete health profile of each individual in the village. As part of it, the department conducted a house-to-house survey through 14 teams, each comprising of a medical officer and four paramedical staff. The government also arranged two medical camps to screen symptomatic persons and identified over 75 residents suffering from fever.

After Sergio Gor’s meeting, Indian negotiators headed back to US for trade talks



SIGNALLING a likely thaw in trade talks with the US, Indian negotiators are set to reach Washington this week to bridge differences with American negotiators and inch closer to a trade deal, a senior government official said Monday. This comes after newly appointed US Ambassador-designate Sergio Gor met Prime Minister Narendra Modi, External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar, as well as Commerce Secretary Rajesh Agrawal over the weekend.While it’s unclear if the upcoming meeting with the United States Trade Representative (USTR) will be a formal round of negotiations, India has expressed willingness to step up energy imports from the US to resolve Washington’s concerns over New Delhi’s imports of Russian oil.Officials from both the US and India have indicated that resolution of the Russian oil issue is a precursor to the negotiations for a Bilateral Trade Agreement (BTA).Tensions between India and the US began to ease after a phone call between US President Donald Trump and Modi last Thursday in which the PM congratulated Trump on the “success of the historic Gaza peace plan.” Modi added that he had also reviewed the “good progress achieved in trade negotiations.”

That was their second conversation since September 16, when the Prime Minister received a call from the US President on the eve of his 75th birthday. The Indian Express had reported that the two sides have been exploring the possibility of a meeting between the two leaders on the sidelines of the ASEAN and East Asia Leaders’ Summit in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, from October 26-28. Both sides have yet to announce their travel plans.The likely thaw between the two countries comes when US-China talks appear to be faltering. Reacting to fresh curbs announced by China on critical minerals, Trump threatened 100 per cent tariffs. However, Trump seemed to dial down Sunday, “Don’t worry about China, it will all be fine! Highly respected Presi-

dent Xi just had a bad moment. He doesn’t want depression for his country, and neither do I. The US wants to help China, not hurt it.”The Chinese embassy in the US said: “China’s position on the trade war is consistent: we do not want it, but we are not afraid of it.” In one of its most direct responses yet to American tariffs, China said: “If the US insists on going the wrong way, China will surely take resolute measures to protect its legitimate rights and interests.”The talks with the US assume significance as the Trump administration’s 50% tariffs on Indian products have begun to hurt small businesses. A survey report released by the Confederation of Indian Textile Industry (CITI) on Monday said about a third of the respondents reported that their turnover had been adversely reduced by more than 50 per cent, as majority of American buyers are seeking discounts or have resorted to cancelling orders.“About 85 per cent of the respondents have reported an inventory build-up due to the reduction in orders, and about two-thirds of the respondents have had to offer discounts to their buyers, the majority of which are to the tune of 25 per cent to remain competitive,” the survey report said.Manufacturers have also flagged an extended credit cycle across the supply chain as a result of the recent tariffs, stating that the credit period has increased by three to six months, reflecting a substantial strain on liquidity.The US is the top export destination for India’s textile and apparel (T&A) products, accounting for about 28 per cent of India’s global T&A exports.

The Centre had asked exporters to hold on to their market share in the US as key ministries were working on a relief package, but discomfort has been growing among exporters as the package remains stuck. Exporters’ concerns assume significance as front-loading until now had masked the original impact of the tariffs, and mitigation, officials said, is needed immediately.Gem & Jewellery Export Promotion Council (GJEPC) chairman Kirit Bhansali met Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on September 24 to seek urgent relief measures for the sector, which has been severely impacted by the US tariffs.GJEPC said it has requested further interventions from the government to help the sector survive and sustain employment until the ongoing India-US trade negotiations are concluded. “These include measures such as allowing reverse job work and DTA sales by SEZ units, extending export obligation periods for US shipments, providing an interest moratorium on packing credit and working capital loans, and offering liquidity support to exporters,” it said in a statement.

Vegetable prices drag inflation below 2% in September, but gold inflation at record high

India’s headline retail inflation rate, as measured by the Consumer Price Index (CPI), fell below 2 per cent again in September, with data released on Monday by the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) showing that it came in at an over-eight-year low of 1.54 per cent last month. A fall in vegetable prices was a key driver, although the impact of the Goods and Services Tax (GST) cut that came into effect on September 22 will reflect in the data for October, economists said.At 1.54 per cent, CPI inflation – which measures the change in consumer prices in a month compared to the same period a year ago – in September is the lowest since it was at an all-time low of 1.46 per cent in June 2017 under the current data series. As such, the latest inflation print is the second-lowest ever.

In September, the vegetable index of the CPI was down 3.2 per cent from August, leading to a year-on-year inflation rate of -21.38 per cent. Pulses also posted a sizable negative inflation rate of -15.32 per cent, helping drag down food inflation to -2.28 per cent, the lowest since December 2018. September was the fourth month in a row that food inflation was below zero – meaning that food prices were lower compared to the same month last year.“In rural areas, food producers continue to face lower inflation compared to urban consumers,” Paras Jasrai, an economist at India Ratings & Research, said. “Of the 23 major groups, 17 saw a decrease in their inflation rates in September compared to the previous month, the most significant drop since April 2024, indicating a broader benign inflationary trend across the consumption basket.”

While food prices fell in September, core inflation – or inflation excluding food and fuel items – rose to a two-year high of 4.5 per cent, as per calculations by The Indian Express, driven by a continued increase in gold prices. Core inflation is seen as an indicator of demand conditions – rising core inflation is indicative of increasing demand for goods and services.However, the current up-tick in core inflation has been driven by surging gold prices. Gold falls under the ‘miscellaneous’ group of the CPI basket and accounts for 1.1 per cent of the weight of the consumption basket.As per the CPI data released on Monday, gold inflation continued to rise further in September, hitting a record high of 46.87 per cent last month, up from 40.35 per cent in August.

Price of gold has been surging globally and crossed the \$4,000 per ounce mark. Domestically, the price is closing in on Rs 1.3 lakh per 10 grams. Gold inflation, as measured by the CPI, has almost doubled to 35 per cent in 2025 from just over 19 per cent in 2024.The fall in retail inflation comes after the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on October 1 retained its policy repo rate at 5.5 per cent even as it cut its inflation forecast to 2.6 per cent. The RBI’s Monetary Policy Committee (MPC), which has reduced the repo rate by 100 basis points (bps) so far in 2025, noted in its statement that space to further support growth had opened up.With infla-



tion undershooting the RBI’s forecast of 1.8 per cent for July-September by around 10 bps and expected to be lower than its full-year projection, economist think the MPC is likely to reduce the repo rate further in the coming months – especially with inflation likely to fall further in October due to the GST cuts that came into effect on September 22.At 1.54 per cent, CPI inflation in September was below the RBI’s medium-term target of 4 per cent for the eighth consecutive month.

“The disinflationary impulse from indirect tax relaxation on most goods categories is likely to be more material in October’s print, as changes took effect in late September,” Radhika Rao, Senior Economist at DBS Bank, said. “Global energy prices have also been subdued, offsetting the spillover risks from a weak rupee, while precious metals continue to stay buoyant, keeping core inflation closer to 4.5 per cent. Growth and pipeline headwinds are likely to matter more to the central bank than the price outlook at this juncture, with the dovish commentary in October leaving the door open for a rate cut by the end of 2025.”According to Gaura Sen Gupta, Chief Economist at IDFC FIRST Bank, the preliminary estimate for CPI inflation for October – which will be released on November 12 – is a mere 0.2 per cent, which would be an all-time low. However, Sen Gupta thinks the need for an interest rate cut will only appear when growth is at risk, with the likely sources being continued US tariff issues and domestic consumption not responding to the GST rate cuts. GDP growth in April-June had jumped to a five-quarter high of 7.8 per cent. Data for the July-September quarter will be released at the end of November, days before the MPC’s next interest rate decision on December 5.“The current bilateral tariff on India of 50 per cent can drag real GDP growth by 1 percentage point over a 12-month period. Impact will be felt on labour-intensive MSME sector which accounts for ~45 per cent of merchandise exports. The tariffs are likely to more than offset the positive impact of GST cut on growth, which is estimated at ~0.6 percentage points (over-12-month period). By the December policy, there will be some clarity on bilateral tariffs assuming the ongoing negotiations between India and US are concluded,” Sen Gupta said.

Hyderabad based MedPlus shares dip over 3 per cent after Karnataka store suspension

Mumbai: Shares of MedPlus Health Services slipped over 3.6 per cent on the BSE, touching an intra-day low of Rs 755.3 per share on Monday. However, later in the day, the stock recovered and was trading 2.42 per cent lower at Rs 765 per share. The company’s market capitalisation stood at Rs 9,166.43 crore. The fall in MedPlus shares came after its subsidiary, Optival Health Solutions Private Limited, received a suspension order for a drug license at one of its stores in Karnataka.According to the stock exchange filing, the suspension will remain in effect for 15 days for the store located at MG Road, Chikkamagalore, leading to a potential revenue loss of Rs 10.15 lakh.“We would like to inform you that Optival Health Solutions Private Limited, a subsidiary of the company, has received one suspension order for a Drug License of a store situated in Karnataka,” the firm said in its filing.

This is not the first such instance for the company. Earlier, on October 9, a store under Optival Health Solutions at Alaknanda Colony, Vizianagaram, Andhra Pradesh, was also suspended for seven days.In addition, some stores in Chhattisgarh and Telangana have also faced temporary suspension of drug licenses. Despite these setbacks, rating agency CareEdge Ratings recently reaffirmed its confidence in the company’s financials.On October 10, CareEdge maintained its ‘CARE A’ rating for Optival Health Solutions’ long-term bank facilities worth Rs 236 crore (up from Rs 200 crore) with a ‘Stable’ outlook. For short-term bank facilities worth Rs 14 crore (up from Rs 12 crore), the agency reaffirmed the ‘CARE A1’ rating.MedPlus Health Services operates one of India’s largest pharmacy retail networks, with over 4,230 stores across 600 cities in 10 states, including Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Karnataka, Odisha, West Bengal, Maharashtra,

Women account for 70 pc of autoimmune disease patients in India, experts urge early screening



New Delhi: Women, especially young, account for seven out of 10 patients with autoimmune diseases, said health experts, emphasising the need for increasing awareness and early screening among females.Autoimmune diseases are chronic conditions where the body’s mistakenly attacks healthy cells and tissues. Common conditions include rheumatoid arthritis, lupus, thyroiditis, psoriasis, and Sjögren’s syndrome. These diseases can affect joints, skin, blood vessels, and even internal organs like the heart or lungs.

The condition is far more common among women, especially between the ages of 20 and 50, when hormonal and lifestyle factors are most active. Many times, with a lack of awareness and other burdens, women tend to ignore their symptoms, leading to worsening outcomes.“In my outpatient clinic at AIIMS, almost seven out of every 10 patients with autoimmune diseases are women. We see a clear pattern — women often come late because they overlook persistent symptoms,” said Dr. Uma Kumar, Head of Rheumatology at AIIMS, New Delhi.“Genetic make-up, hor-

Should you be concerned about ‘overspending’ your daily heart beats?

Birmingham: Imagine if your smartwatch didn’t just tell you how many steps you’ve walked or calories you’ve burned, but how many heartbeats you’ve “spent” each day.According to a recent study, that number might one day become another marker of health – a “heartbeat budget” that could, in theory, tell you if you’re overspending your most vital resource.

The idea of a lifetime heartbeat limit has floated around for decades. It’s based on an old myth that the heart comes with a fixed number of beats, often said to be about 2.5 billion, so every extra one you use brings you closer to running out. Thankfully, that’s pretty roundly accepted now to be untrue.Exercise doesn’t shorten your life by making your heart beat faster. If anything, people who exercise tend to have lower resting heart rates and live longer. But the new research, published in JACC: Advances, borrows that same metaphor in a modern, data-driven way.

The scientists behind the study analysed fitness-app data from elite athletes, comparing resting heart rates with total daily beats. They estimated that endurance-trained athletes “save” around 11,500 heartbeats per day compared with untrained adults, thanks to lower resting rates.But those savings don’t last. A single Tour de France stage can cost riders about 35,000 extra beats – according to the researchers’ estimates – reflecting just how hard the heart works during a competition.This push and pull, saving beats at rest, spending them during exertion, is what researchers call heartbeat consumption. The concept is simple: your total beats per day reflect how your heart responds to everything you do, from sleep to stress to sport.

Fitness trackers already measure heart rate continuously, so it wouldn’t take much to start summing those beats and turning them into a new health metric.But does it actually mean anything? That’s where things get murkier. The study’s authors admit their analysis was small and observational. They didn’t track participants’ health outcomes, only patterns in their heart rate data.A high daily heartbeat count could mean someone is active, or it could reflect anxiety, poor fitness, caffeine or heat. Without context, the number itself tells us little.Still, the idea has intuitive appeal. Heart rate is one of the clearest windows into how our body is coping with life’s demands. A persistently high resting heart rate has been linked to an increased risk of heart disease, stroke and early death.Meanwhile, variability in the timing between beats, known as heart rate variability, is a well-established indicator of stress and emotional wellbeing. Thinking in terms of “beat consumption” could help people visualise that connection between physical and mental load.Athletes already know the power of that balance. Train-

Spread of drug-resistant superbugs surging, WHO warns

The World Health Organization sounded the alarm Monday over soaring numbers of drug-resistant bacterial infections, compromising the effectiveness of life-saving treatments and rendering minor injuries and common infections potentially deadly.The United Nations’ health agency warned that one in six laboratory-confirmed bacterial infections worldwide in 2023 showed resistance to antibiotic treatments.

“These findings are deeply concerning,” Yvan J-F. Hutin, head of the WHO’s antimicrobial resistance department, told reporters.“As antibiotic resistance continues to rise, we’re running out of treatment options and we’re putting lives at risk.”Bacteria have long developed resistance against medicines designed to fight them, rendering many drugs useless.This has been accelerated by the massive use of antibiotics to treat humans, animals and food.Antimicrobial-resistant (AMR) superbugs directly cause over a million deaths and contribute to nearly five million deaths every year, according to the WHO.

In a report on AMR surveillance, the WHO examined resistance prevalence estimates across 22 antibiotics used to treat infections of the urinary and gastrointestinal tracts, the bloodstream and those used to treat gonorrhoea.In the five years leading to up 2023, antibiotic resistance increased in over 40% of the monitored antibiotics, with an average annual rise of between five and 15 %, the report found.For urinary tract infections, resistance to commonly-used antibiotics was typically higher than 30 % globally, it showed.The report looked at eight common bacteria pathogens, including E. coli and K. pneumoniae, which can lead to severe bloodstream infections that frequently result in sepsis, organ failure and death.The WHO warned that more than 40

monal changes during reproductive age and after childbirth, combined with stress, obesity, and nutritional deficiencies, can make them more vulnerable to autoimmune diseases,” she added, while speaking at the recently held 40th Annual Conference of the Indian Rheumatology Association (IRACON 2025).

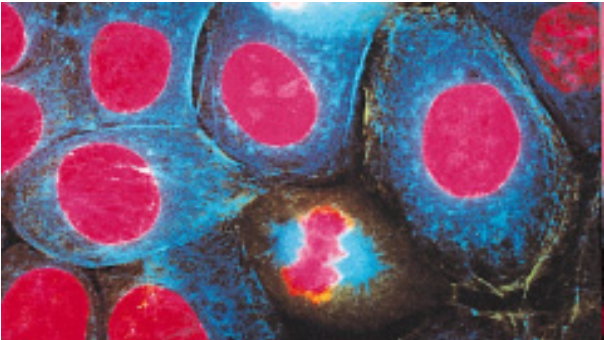
The doctors lamented that the condition gets worse in India, because women often ignore early warning signs like tiredness, joint stiffness, or swelling — dismissing them as minor problems or results of stress or ageing.Many delay visiting doctors due to family responsibilities, lack of awareness, or social reasons, which allows the disease to progress silently until it becomes more severe.Kumar urged the need to recognise autoimmune disorders as a major women’s health issue in India.A recent study by Stanford University found that women’s bodies produce a special molecule called Xist RNA, which helps control one of the two X chromosomes that they carry.However, this molecule can sometimes confuse the immune system, making it attack the body’s own healthy cells instead of protecting them — one of the key reasons why autoimmune diseases are seen more often in women.“In my practice, about 70 per cent of autoimmune patients are women, and many have gone through years of wrong treatment before reaching a specialist. We must identify the early signs, especially in women, so they can be referred to rheumatologists sooner. Early diagnosis can prevent long-term disability,” said Dr. Pulin Gupta, Professor and Rheumatologist at Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital.Dr. Bimlesh Dhar Pandey, from a leading city-based hospital, said that women tend to live with unexplained joint pain or swelling for years before getting diagnosed.“Many are in their 30s or 40s, juggling family and work. By the time they reach us, the disease has already damaged their joints or organs,” said Pandey, urging for more awareness.



ing too hard, too often, can elevate resting heart rate, reduce heart rate variability and blunt performance – a classic sign of overtraining.Lighter, so-called active recovery sessions, where the heart rate stays low, are known to speed recovery, improve overall performance and stabilise mood. If a “heartbeat budget” helps people notice when their ticker is working overtime, it might encourage gentler activity days before burnout hits.

There are also implications for people living with chronic conditions. Some health apps already use heart rate thresholds to help users avoid overexertion, especially when fatigue or heart strain can make recovery costly.In that sense, tracking heartbeat consumption could serve as a safety signal rather than a competition, a way of knowing when the body needs to slow down.But as with most bright new ideas in fitness science, a note of caution is needed. The JACC authors acknowledge that they used fitness tracker data from a small sample of highly trained cyclists and runners. That’s a narrow slice of the population.They didn’t measure blood pressure, oxygen levels or recovery biomarkers – all of which matter for heart health. Translating those findings into advice for ordinary smartwatch users will take larger, long-term studies.

Then there’s the philosophical question: should we really treat heartbeats as a finite commodity? Exercise “spends” heartbeats in the short term but often “earns” more life in the long run.A long-distance runner’s heart might beat more times in a single day, but fewer times across a lifetime, because endurance training lowers resting rate and improves cardiac efficiency. In that sense, using your heart isn’t the problem, but not using it might be.Heartbeat consumption, at least for now, remains a metaphor in search of meaning. Still, it’s a poetic one. Whether or not your fitness tracker or smartwatch ever starts counting total beats, the message behind it is simple: pay attention to how your heart behaves across the day. It’s not about saving beats – it’s about spending them wisely.



% of E. coli infections and 55 % of K. pneumoniae infections globally are now resistant to third-generation cephalosporins -- the first-choice treatment for these infections.“Antimicrobial resistance is outpacing advances in modern medicine, threatening the health of families worldwide,” WHO chief Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus warned in a statement.The WHO hailed improvements in surveillance, but warned that 48 % of countries were still not reporting any AMR data.“We are definitely flying blind in a number of countries and regions that have insufficient surveillance systems for antimicrobial resistance,” Hutin acknowledged.Judging from the available data, most resistance was found in places with weaker health systems and less surveillance, WHO said.The highest resistance was found in the Southeast Asian and Eastern Mediterranean regions, where one in three reported infections were resistant.In the African region, one in five infections was meanwhile resistant.

‘Your life situation changes, as mine has..’: Kane Williamson on striking the balance between international cricket and family



As New Zealand's leading run-getter in Tests and fourth-highest run-getter in ODI cricket, Kane Williamson has been the mainstay of the Kiwis batting lineup for long. With the 35-year-old missing the tour to Zimbabwe early this year to play for Hundred-franchise London Spirit as well as Middlesex in England, followed by him missing last week's three-match T20I series against England due to an unspecified medical issue, Williamson returns to international cricket for the first time since the Champions Trophy with the ODI series against England. The Kiwi batsman is currently under a casual playing agreement with Cricket New Zealand and has spoken about how he is making the balance between cricket and family and how he sees the balance as the 'most important thing' for him.

"It's just an ongoing communication with New Zealand Cricket and with Rob (Walter), and I'm grateful for that. It's a lot about the balance, with family and time away, but also the delicate balance of being a part of this team that I've really loved and enjoyed for such a long period of time. Your life situation changes, as mine has, and I'm incredibly grateful as well for that. With three young children, the balance between where you spend your time and [who] you give your attention [to] is really important to me. Still being able to play for New Zealand, and play the sport that I love at the

highest level, is great, but balance is the most important thing for me," Williamson said in a video released by New Zealand Cricket. Williamson's last international tournament was the Champions Trophy in the UAE early this year. While New Zealand reached the final, where they lost to India by four wickets, Williamson scored a total of 200 runs in the tournament including a hundred against South Africa. The ODI series against England starting Sunday will see Williamson in New Zealand colours for the first time since March.

"It's nice to be back amongst the group. There's been quite a bit of change since the last time I was here, so it's nice to meet the new coach and some new players as well. And I'm looking forward to the start of the series. I still love the game. I still have a strong desire to get better and train hard, and offer whatever I can for the team. It's been a huge part of my life for 15-plus years, we've been through a lot as a group, and a number of transitions. But I've just loved playing with a bunch of people that are really committed to each other, and to the team," Williamson said. When asked about his plans for the 2027 World Cup, the 35-year-old batsman shared how Test cricket is also dear to him, and the coming years will be more about what the New Zealand team wants from him. "There are always other things. Test cricket is pretty dear to me as well. So it's a little bit about what I want, and a little bit more about what the team wants, and where it's going, and what we're buying into.. We'll keep those lines of communication open to make sure that we're focused and clear on what it looks like. I'm respectful of the fact that this is a team and a special place, and that they're always trying to build towards something. For me, in this phase of my career, if I'm there and able to add to it, then brilliant," said Williamson. Stay updated with the latest sports news across Cricket, Football, Chess, and more. Catch all the action with real-time live cricket score updates and in-depth coverage of ongoing matches.

‘Let Virat Kohli start at 0/0’: Former India opener wants Shubman Gill to step down to No. 3 in Sydney ODI

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Virat Kohli's bat has not done the talking as yet in Australia, and the clamour regarding his ODI future has picked up after the former India skipper bagged two successive ducks in the format for the first time in his career. Chinks in contrasting styles in Kohli's gameplay were exposed in Perth and Adelaide by the Australia seamers. Kohli went fishing for a delivery outside the off-stump in the series opener before being trapped lbw by an incoming delivery in the second. With Kohli struggling to get off the mark, former India opener Sadagoppan Ramesh has urged the team management to allow him to open in the final game in Sydney, as he did during the 2024 T20 World Cup along with Rohit Sharma. Ramesh instead wants captain Shubman Gill to take up the No. 3 spot and provide Kohli a stabler platform to start on.

"I urge the Indian think tank to think differently. Like T20s, open with Virat Kohli and Rohit Sharma and have Shubman Gill bat at No. 3. Let Kohli start at 0/0 so that the situation-based pressure can be erased. Sometimes even legendary cricketers need a helping hand," Ramesh said on his own YouTube channel. "It looks like Kohli is under tremendous pressure when he is batting. It's okay to fail but it's sad to see him batting without joy. Batters face two kinds of pressure. One is career-based pressure and the



other is the pressure due to the match situation. I feel for Virat Kohli because they've started putting pressure on his career. It's clear he is being affected by that, especially when he is playing only one format," Ramesh explained. "He is also lacking in match practice because of it. But apart from the career pressure, he is also under pressure match-situation wise.

He is walking in at 10 or 15 for one every time, which brings extra pressure," Ramesh added. Kohli and Sharma are featuring in their 391st international match together on Saturday, the joint-most for India alongside Sachin Tendulkar and Rahul Dravid.

All-time record: Virat Kohli, Rohit Sharma have now played as many matches Sachin Tendulkar and Rahul Dravid did together for India



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Virat Kohli and Rohit Sharma, the modern-day stalwarts of the Men in Blue, equalled a colossal Indian record held by Sachin Tendulkar and Rahul Dravid during the final ODI against Australia at the Sydney Cricket Ground on Saturday. Kohli, appearing in his 305th ODI, and Rohit, playing in his 276th one-day international, combined for their 391st match together across formats. The duo equalled the Indian record for the most matches played by a pair across formats, levelling with the legendary Tendulkar-Dravid combo, who appeared in a whopping 391 games between 1996 and 2012. Rohit Sharma debuted for India in 2007, a year before Virat Kohli made his ODI debut in 2008—a match in which Rohit was already part of the final XI. The two Indian legends went on to play all three formats together until 2024, jointly retiring from T20Is after their victory in the 2024 T20 World Cup. Tendulkar began his ODI career in 1989, seven years before Dravid made his India debut in 1996, with Tendulkar being part of the playing XI for Dravid's first game. Their final match together came in 2012. While Dravid announced his international retirement following the 2011/12 Border-Gavaskar Trophy, Tendulkar played on until November 2013. Interestingly, both had limited T20I exposure, with Tendulkar playing one game in 2006 and Dravid playing one in 2011.

Overall, Sri Lanka legends Mahela Jayawardena and Kumar Sangakkara have played the most international matches together, representing the national team in a staggering 550 games. After having a mixed tour thus far in Australia, the combined futures of Kohli and Rohit remain uncertain in the 50-over format. While Kohli bagged successive ducks in Perth and Adelaide for the first time in his

Ultimate Kho Kho Season 3 anthem unveiled ahead of November 29 launch



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Hyderabad: The beat of India's fastest game just got louder as Ultimate Kho Kho (UKK) has unveiled its Season 3 anthem, a high-octane tribute to the sport's raw speed, emotion, and national reach.

Blending Indian rhythm with a modern sporting pulse, the anthem captures how Kho Kho has ignited passion from rural heartlands to urban arenas, featuring the game's star players Dilip Khandavi, Rohan Singhade, and Avdhut Patil—alongside fans and athletes from across the country. With an almost equal following among men and women, a fan base that stretches evenly across India's towns and villages, and a strong youth presence with nearly half of its audience below the age of twenty-one, Ultimate Kho Kho continues to unite the nation through movement, momentum, and pride. Premiering exclusively on SonyLIV, the anthem sets the pace for an electrifying new season kicking off November 29, 2025. Ultimate Kho Kho appoints Dhiraj Parasher as CEO ahead of Season 3 with international players Amit Burman, Promoter, Ultimate Kho Kho,

said, "Ultimate Kho Kho is a movement celebrating India's Kho Kho legacy through a modern lens. This anthem captures that spirit perfectly, deeply rooted in Indian pride, yet presented with a global edge. As we edge closer to the start of Season 3, our focus is on elevating the league's stature, broadening its reach, and continuing to inspire fans to embrace Kho Kho as a symbol of India's sporting resurgence."

With India's bid for the 2030 Commonwealth Games set to make waves, this season of Ultimate Kho Kho arrives at a pivotal moment. As the country builds toward hosting the centenary edition of the Games, indigenous disciplines are poised to move from regional stages to global recognition. The anthem and Season 3 of UKK capture this shift, not just in play and perception, but in opportunity: for Kho Kho to become a flagship sport, for its athletes to inspire on a wider international stage, and for the league to act as the catalyst that transforms India's traditional game into a globally visible force. Dilip Khandavi, one of the league's leading players and a key face in the anthem film, said, "Being part of this anthem means a lot because it reflects how much the game has grown in just a few years. Ultimate Kho Kho has given players like me opportunities we could only dream of earlier, from better training and exposure to representing the sport on a national platform and television. The journey has been life-changing, and with Season 3, Kho Kho is set to take another big step forward in the way the streaming generation consumes sports across India." UKK Season 3 will feature six franchise teams, strengthening the league's pan-India presence and showcasing the growing ambition of India's own high-intensity sport. The season will blend competitive spirit with regional and national pride, reflecting Kho Kho's rise as one of the country's most dynamic leagues. All matches will air on Sony Sports Network and stream live on SonyLIV.

India dominates Australian Para Badminton International 2025 with multiple golds

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Hyderabad: India reaffirmed its supremacy in global para-badminton with a stellar showing at the Yonex Australian Para Badminton International 2025, led by superstars Pramod Bhagat and Sukant Kadam. Bhagat bagged two gold medals, while Kadam impressed with one gold and one silver, as India swept multiple categories to finish atop the standings. In the Men's Singles SL3 final, Pramod Bhagat produced a clinical performance to defeat compatriot Manoj Sarkar in straight sets (21-15, 21-17). The 27-minute encounter highlighted Bhagat's unmatched tactical sharpness—mixing soft touches at the net with powerful smashes to dictate the rally pace. Sarkar fought hard in the second set, pushing Bhagat into longer rallies, but the seasoned champion held his nerve under pressure to seal his first gold of the tournament.

Bhagat teamed up with Sukant Kadam in the Men's Doubles SL3-SL4 final to clinch his second gold medal, overcoming the Indian duo Umesh Vikram Kumar and Surya Kant Yadav in a gripping three-set battle (21-11, 19-21, 21-18). Speaking after his double triumph, Bhagat said, "I'm really happy to win two gold medals here in Australia. The match against Manoj was tough, we know each other's game so well, and it's always a challenge when we face off. I'm also very happy for Manoj winning the silver; it's great to see Indian players performing strongly on the international stage." Sukant Kadam, who also delivered a standout performance, earned a silver medal in Men's Singles SL4 after a hard-fought final against Surya Kant, ending (21-23, 21-14, 19-21). "It's been a fantastic tournament," Kadam reflected. "Congratulations to Surya Kant, he played really well today. I'm a bit disappointed that I couldn't fully execute my game plan, but that's sport. I'll work harder and come back stronger. My aim is to change the colour of my medal in the



next tournament." India's dominance extended across multiple categories with a series of commanding performances: Manasi Joshi captured two gold medals, winning the Women's Singles SL3 against Australia's Celine Vinot, and the Mixed Doubles SL3-SU5 alongside Ruthick Ragupathi. Ruthick Ragupathi also clinched a gold in Men's Doubles SU5 with partner Chirag Baretha, defeating England's Robert Donald and Sean O'Sullivan in straight sets. Sivarajan Solaimalai and Sudarshan Muthuswamy dominated the Men's Doubles SH6, taking gold and silver respectively. Yashodhan Ravankole and Dheeraj Saini powered their way to gold in Men's Doubles SU5, defeating Australia's Brandon Ka Nam Poon and Michael Simpkins. Sarumathi captured gold in the Women's Singles SL4 + SU5 category, overcoming Australia's Zashka Gunson. Umesh Vikram Kumar and Surya Kant Yadav added silver in the Men's Doubles SL3-SL4, while Manoj Sarkar took silver in the Men's Singles SL3.

Chamari Athapaththu blames defeats to India, England for Women's World Cup setback

Sri Lanka skipper Chamari Athapaththu on Friday admitted that her team made plenty of mistakes in all three departments of the game during a disappointing Women's World Cup campaign and said "we are in this position" because of the losses to India and England. Co-hosting the tournament along with India, Sri Lanka concluded their campaign after their last round-robin fixture against Pakistan was called off due to rain, a regular feature at this venue during the ongoing event. Asked about the weather conditions in Colombo, Chamari said, "I will try to control what I can control. I feel as a team, the expectations are high when we come to this World Cup. Unfortunately, we lost the first game against India and another game against England. "In this World Cup, we made a lot of errors in the India and England matches, and that's why we lost those two games. Those games have really affected us, that's why we are in such position." Three of their seven matches were washed out and they achieved one win while suffering three defeats.

"We've made a lot of mistakes, in the field, as a batting unit, and as a bowling unit. This isn't the way we want to play, unfortunately, but we're focusing on what we can do better in the future." Chamari held out hope for the future. "We have good young players and good senior players. The seniors always go and talk to the youngsters and give advice. As captain, I'm trying to free all the girls. I always tell them to play positive cricket. That's what I want to see." "We have a good domestic structure now, and we're playing a lot of cricket in Sri Lanka. So, hopefully, we can become a good team in the future." She added, "Actually, compared to South Africa, India, and New Zealand—these are three teams we've beaten in the last 12 months. We also beat England in England in the T20 format, though that's a different format. But on any given day, the team that plays its best cricket will win. "We need to improve our batting a bit, especially in the longer format where patience is key, we got to play our natural game. I think we're very close to the top four teams, but we need to keep improving. If we make too many mistakes in one game, we can't win." "Pakistan endured a forgettable campaign as they failed to win a single game and the only time they looked poised for victory, against England, the match was called off. Captain Fatima Sana too reminded that the weather also did not help her team's cause. Reflecting on the tournament, Sana said, "We were very good in bowling and in fielding, but we lacked in batting. "We were very close against Australia and England, but unfortunately, we could not cross the line, and that is the main thing." Asked about the team's performances against Australia and England, she said, "As a captain and youngest captain, these matches give me a lot of boost. The only thing is weather did not go in our favour



in the England match and the other matches. "ICC must arrange good venues for World Cup because we are waiting for four years. We are not playing much cricket in the recent past. Definitely we need much more cricket after the World Cups. "Next year, we have T20 World Cup as well, and hopefully we get more cricket and prepare well for the next big event."

India bags three gold medals on opening day of SAAF Championships

Ranchi: India made a dominant start at the 4th South Asian Athletics Federation (SAAF) Senior Athletics Championships at the Birsu Munda Football Stadium, Ranchi, clinching multiple medals, including three gold, on the opening day.

In the Men's 5000m Race, Prince Kumar clocked 14:22.17 seconds to secure India's first gold of the championship. Currently serving with the Uttar Pradesh Police, Prince outpaced Sri Lanka's Vakshan Vicknaraj (14:23.21) and Nepal's Mukesh Bahadur Pal (14:25.25), who settled for silver and bronze respectively. India continued its strong show in the Women's 5000m Race, where Sanjana Singh clinched gold and compatriot Seema bagged silver, ensuring a 1-2 finish for the host nation. Adding to the tally, Samardeep Singh Gill, India's Flag-bearer at the opening ceremony, dominated the Men's Shot Put with a best throw of 19.59 metres. Fellow Indian Ravi Kumar took silver (17.95 m), while Sri Lanka's Mithunraj won bronze.

Louis Tomlinson releases new music video days after admitting decline in solo career: ‘I have to work really hard to keep my head above water’



Pop artiste Louis Tomlinson was part of one of the most iconic boy bands of all time, One Direction. He, along with Harry Styles, Niall Horan, Liam Payne, and Zayn Malik, sold millions of records, and the world was their oyster until Malik decided to leave the band. The rest soon broke off too and started their solo careers. Louis is gearing up to release a new album, How Did I Get Here, next year, and he recently released the music video for the first single, “Lemonade”. During a recent interview, Louis talked about how things were very different for him while he was in One Direction. “It’s still something that I am tracking through. I remember that after the split, Julian Banetta, who worked

on a lot of One Direction’s stuff, said something to me during the Billboard Awards in Las Vegas. I think he had too many vodkas with Red Bulls that day, but he said, ‘Where do we go from here?’ The ‘we’ upset me a little bit. I understand that we are all in this together, but that question is a lot deeper for me than it is for you,” he said on the Life of a CEO podcast.

He continued, “I still don’t know the answer to that, and I don’t think I will. A lot of people have this trajectory: the older they get, the more famous they are. The weird part was being 24 and realizing that the only way is down. There is no alternative reality where I keep up with or supersede what we had done, no chance. It was very obvious to the people around us.” Louis Tomlinson admitted that he doesn’t have the kind of muscle he once did while he was a part of One Direction, but it doesn’t really bother him. “Maybe there are some things that I had then that I don’t have now. I don’t have a billboard for the album here in New York or in LA. I don’t get those kinds of opportunities anymore, but am I bothered? Not really.” The English singer clarified that it takes a lot more effort now if he wants to be considered as one of the top guys in the game. He said, “The thing is, I have to work really hard to compete at the level I do. The last project I did – never in a million years did I think when I started my solo career that I would have a number one record. I always feel that I have had to work very hard to keep my head above water. You can’t compare my solo career to One Direction, but it is hard to ignore.”

Entering Shah Rukh Khan’s Mannat is like entering Buckingham Palace, says Rajat Bedi: ‘There’s a 100-seater theatre, your belongings are screened like at an airport’

Rajat Bedi, who was recently seen in Aryan Khan’s The Ba***ds of Bollywood, has made his comeback in the entertainment industry with a character that was vaguely inspired by his personal life, and carried some references to his older movies. Rajat’s character has received a lot of love and the actor has been going around town thanking Shah Rukh Khan and Aryan for their generosity in casting him. In a recent interview, Rajat recalled going to Shah Rukh Khan’s fortress Mannat, and compared it to the royals’ residence Buckingham Palace.

In a chat with Filmygyan, Rajat was asked about Shah Rukh Khan’s mansion, and he said, “Entering mannat is like entering Buckingham Palace. The way you enter an airport, where your belongings are screened... Your belongings are screened when you enter Mannat.” Rajat also shared that the gate of the house where fans are often seen gathering for a glimpse of the star is actually the exit gate of the house, and said that the entry is located elsewhere. Rajat Bedi also recalled the day when he went inside the house for the first time and shared that Shah Rukh Khan’s house has a 100-seater theatre. Rajat shared that he was invited to the house for the viewing of the extended trailer that was screened for the cast members, and other close friends and associates of the star. He shared that Karan Johar, Shweta Nanda, and other close friends of the Khan family were also there.

“We went to the home theatre, which is like a proper theatre. I think there must be around 100 seats there and it’s like a proper cinema hall,” he recalled and shared that SRK addressed the gathering before the viewing of the ex-



tended trailer. Rajat said that here, SRK also spoke about their long association, which started when Rajat was an assistant director on SRK’s Zamaana Deewana at the age of 18. “Very sweetly, SRK said that we have Tiger in our midst, who started his career when he was a child. I was very overwhelmed because I saw him talking about me. He calls me Tiger, never Rajat,” he said. Rajat Bedi shared more details about Shah Rukh Khan’s residence, revealing that Mannat comprises two sections, a bungalow and an adjoining building. “There is a bungalow and there is a building behind it. It’s one piece of land but there is a bungalow attached with a big tall building. I have not been in that building. I believe there are floors for everyone there but I have just been in that bungalow and that’s also massive. It has huge 2-3 spread out seating areas and dining room,” he shared.

Sudipto Sen takes dig at awards show for honouring ‘plagiarised’ film Laapataa Ladies, expresses disappointment over The Kerala Story snub: ‘Didn’t choose us’



Filmmaker Sudipto Sen, who recently won the National Award for his film The Kerala Story (2024), has taken a swipe at this year’s Filmfare Awards for naming Laapataa Ladies Best Film. In his latest Instagram post, he described the awards show as a “tamasha in the name of cinema.” Taking to his Instagram handle, Sen posted a long note on the awards show, which read, “This year Filmfare truly is an expose of Indian ‘nouvelle vague’... A blatantly plagiarised film... a film which is a tutorial of brutality and a film which did not survive the box office for more than 72 hours took away most of the crowns. As expected the best work of 2024 remain elusive. Realised, why Filmfare was so vocal against The Kerala Story receiving National Awards. I am happy that this ‘wood’ community does not recognise, invite or choose us.” He added, “We are spared from faking smiles, faking comradie, and most importantly, not indulging in any sycophancy. In the end- I am happy that we are saved

from hobnobbing with this tamasha in the name of cinema in Mumbai and clicking selfies in Cannes. Atleast we are saved from these ugly hypocrisies and fake tapestry in the name of cinema.” Along with the post, Sudipto Sen wrote in the caption, “I never expect anything great from any Indian cinema establishment, particularly when it is media or cinema journalism. Mostly enamored by the glamor and rich-world of the stars, exactly the way people from villages and small cities gather in front of Mr. Bachchan or SRK’s house. They actually have ZERO contribution towards cinema, cinema art, the way world media does for world cinemas.” While Sen did not mention any film titles directly, it was evident that the film he called “blatantly plagiarised” referred to Laapataa Ladies, the one he described as a “tutorial of brutality” was Kill, and the film that “did not survive at the box office for more than 72 hours” was I Want to Talk. For the unversed,

Triptii Dimri’s travel mantra: cute cafes, coffee and quiet people-watching in New York

Mumbai: Actress Triptii Dimri, who is currently in New York shared a glimpse of her favourite travel ritual. Triptii took to her Instagram stories, where she shared a string of images and clips from her visit to the Big Apple. The first was a glimpse of her onboard a flight and wrote: “6 hours... 1 flight and a skin care routine later.” The actress then treated fans to a cosy cafe moment as she captured her mid-sip, savouring a steaming cup of coffee against a warm, rustic backdrop and captioned it: “One of my favorite things to do when I travel is to find cute cafes sip on my coffee... and people watch. Best feeling.” Triptii also shared an image of the iconic Manhattan Bridge in New York City taken from the famous Washington Street viewpoint in the Dumbo neighborhood of Brooklyn, which is known as a popular photography spot for tourists.

When Diane Keaton joked about suing Stephen Colbert for sexual assault because of a backstage hug: ‘I am bringing you up on charges’



The whole of Hollywood and fans across the world are mourning the loss of actor Diane Keaton. The 79-year-old was known for her roles in movies like Annie Hall, Father of the Bride, The First Wives Club, and the Godfather trilogy. Apart from being an Academy Award winner, the actor was also known for her offbeat sense of humour and her chaotic interviews. Late night television host Stephen Colbert recently paid homage to her by playing an old interview he did with Keaton.

Recalling how much of a fan he was, Colbert revealed that he interviewed the actor as part of his Colbert Report series. At the time, Keaton was promoting her new book Then Again, but the two talked about everything but the book.

Vijay Raaz recalls failing for two years in college, sold sarees, worked with CA: ‘I submitted a blank exam paper’

Actor Vijay Raaz has been a part of the film industry for almost three decades. The actor started exploring the web space in 2019, having delivered some great performances in web shows like Made In Heaven, Sherni, Murder In Mahim, and Showtime. Now, the actor is seen playing an important role in Amazon MX Player’s show Jamnaapar Season 2. Recently, during the promotion of the web series, Vijay sat down for an exclusive conversation with SCREEN, where he revealed that acting was never on the cards for him. He even recalled doing various odd jobs as a youngster and failing in his final year exams.

Vijay recalled that while studying at the evening DAV college in Delhi, he was only 19 when he first learned about theatre and started experimenting with it. He shared, “For me, it was very accidental; I never wanted to come into this profession. Life was going on, I was doing a job as an accountant, and was studying at an evening college. Suddenly, I met with a few people who did theatre, and I heard the term for the first time. I was 19 back then, and from there it all started. Initially, my family thought I was busy; they were happy I was doing something. But when they got to know that this is what I will be doing permanently, then it became a problem. My father was a government servant. That time, government jobs were only seen as respectable; even if you were appointed a peon, the government took care of you till you died. It was a fixed thought in that generation, so my father also expected me to do that. Even though it was accidental, the universe was pushing me towards it.”

Vijay made his acting debut in 1999 with Bhopal Express. After that, he went on to star in some great films like Jungle, Monsoon Wedding, Run, Gangubai Kathiawadi, Gully Boy, Welcome, Delhi Belly, and many more. His latest films, Chandu Champion and Bhool Bhulaiyaa 3, went on to become quite successful. But it was the fascination with the stage that took over a young Vijay Raaz, leading him to fail in his final year graduation exams. Sharing an incident from his college days, Vijay said, “I started doing

She said, “Can I ask you something? Are you still running for president?” To which, Colbert replied, “Well never say never.” Keaton continued, “Well I just wanted to say that I am not going to vote for you. I don’t care that I have hurt you at all. The hug backstage was a little tricky, and I am brining you up on charges.”

Stephen Colbert tried to divert the topic and talk about Diane Keaton’s book. She stopped him midway, “This is the paperback version and it is coming out tomorrow.” Colbert hit back and said, “It is wonderful that this is paperback version, because it will be so easy to pulp. It won’t jam up the gears.” The two continued joshing around and making fun of each other, and at one point, Colbert said, “Before I encourage my viewers to by the book, you have to say one f***** thing about it.” Of course, that didn’t happen as chaos and laughter continued. During the same episode of The Late Show, Colbert had Keanu Reeves and Alex Winter as guests, who were promoting their new play Waiting For Godot. Colbert asked Reeves whether he had any interesting anecdotes about working with Keaton on the 2003 film Something’s Gotta Give. The actor replied, “I think everybody knows what an incredibly extraordinary, unique, special artist and person Diane was. It was cool for me, because I got to shoot a scene where Diane and Jack Nicholson were at this table in a restaurant in Paris. Just watching those two legends, not only react but insult each other. She would turn to Jack and just go, ‘You’re such a blah blah’ and then Jack would respond. They were grinning but they were just insulting each other.”



theater in my second year of BCom, and then I lost interest in studies. In my final year, I had my economics paper, and I was lost in this newfound love for theater. So, when I got the paper, I couldn’t write a word; I was blank. I sat there, told the teacher to take the paper back, they asked me to wait for 30 minutes at least, and I just wrote my name on that paper. And I was confident that the teacher would appreciate my honesty, but I failed. I had failed in the first two years, also, so I was writing those exams simultaneously.”

Vijay also shared, “I started earning when I was 18. I was working with a chartered accountant, my father had put me there, and I learned accounting from them. It became my profession, and then I worked at several places. My last job was at a saree shop in Karol Bagh. I used to do a part-time job there. I have done a lot of odd jobs. Today, people consider 17-year-olds as kids; in our times, we started working at 15.” His co-star Varun Badola also recalled selling carpets at Lajpat Nagar.

Kangana Ranaut says her journey was tougher than Shah Rukh Khan’s: ‘They are from Delhi, convent educated, I was from a village’



Kangana Ranaut compares her struggle and journey with Shah Rukh Khan. Kangana Ranaut compares her struggle and journey with Shah Rukh Khan’s. Actor-politician Kangana Ranaut recently compared her journey to that of superstar Shah Rukh Khan, claiming her struggles have been tougher than his. She made the remarks while speaking at a PHDCCI event in Delhi. While comparing her journey and roots with Shah Rukh, Kangana said, “Why did I get so much success? There is probably nobody else who came from a village and got such success in the mainstream. You talk about Shah Rukh Khan. They are from Delhi, convent-educated. I was from a village that nobody would have even heard of – Bhamla. Maybe others may disagree, but I feel it’s because I am brutally honest, not just with people but with myself too.” Kangana Ranaut was born and raised in Bhamla, Himachal Pradesh. She moved to Mumbai after leaving home at the age of 15 and made her Bollywood debut at 19 with Gangster. Over the years, she has

emerged as one of the industry’s most successful actors and has won four National Film Awards. On the other hand, Shah Rukh Khan hails from Delhi, where his father worked at the National School of Drama canteen. He began his acting career in television before moving to Mumbai in 1991, eventually becoming one of the biggest stars in Indian cinema. On the work front, Kangana Ranaut was last seen in the political drama Emergency, which was a box office disaster. The actor is set to mark her Hollywood debut with the horror drama Blessed Be the Evil, set to hit the theatres next year. Shah Rukh Khan will next star in Siddharth Anand’s King, alongside his daughter Suhana Khan. The film will release on the big screen at the end of next year. It also stars Raghav Juyal, Abhishek Bachchan and Deepika Padukone.

Javed Akhtar slams grand welcome to Taliban minister at Deoband: ‘Hang my head in shame’

Mumbai: Afghan Foreign Minister Amir Khan Muttaqi visited Darul Uloom Deoband in Saharanpur, Uttar Pradesh, and was given a grand welcome during the visit. Expressing his disappointment, well-known Bollywood screenwriter and lyricist Javed Akhtar penned a heartfelt note on social media, saying that his head hung in shame after seeing the massive respect being given to the representative of the world’s worst terrorist group, the Taliban. Taking to his X (Earlier known as Twitter) handle, Akhtar criticised the Darul Uloom Deoband in Saharanpur for giving the Taliban leader a grand welcome. He penned, “I hang my head in shame when I see the kind of respect and reception has been given to the representative of the world’s worst terrorists group Taliban by those who beat the pulp against all kind of terrorists. (sic)”