

## Govt. school teacher booked under POCSO Act in Mahabubabad

Mahabubabad: The Mahabubabad town police registered a POCSO case against a teacher working at the Kankarabod Zilla Parishad High School in the town.The accused Inugurthi Ravi, a social studies teacher at the school, was said to have been misbehaving with girl students for the past ten days and even threatened the students not to tell anyone about his misdeeds.An argument broke out among the parents and the school headmaster during the parents' meeting on Friday. One of the parents complained that after coming to know about the teacher's misbehaviour from his daughter, he took the matter to the notice of the Headmaster Kotya Naik, who assured he would take action but failed to do so even after three days.

## BRS disqualification petitions: Telangana Speaker holds hearing against turncoat MLAs

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Hyderabad: Assembly Speaker Gaddam Prasad Kumar on Saturday conducted a hearing on the disqualification petitions filed by Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) against turncoat MLAs, including Bhadrachalam MLA T Venkat Rao and Jagtial MLA Dr Sanjay.The hearing was conducted for over three hours in the Speaker's Office on the Assembly premises. Advocates representing BRS MLA KP Vivekanand cross-examined Venkat Rao, while those representing MLA G Jagadish Reddy cross-examined Dr Sanjay.The Speaker's Office had already quizzed Rajendranagar MLA T Prakash Goud and Chevella MLA Kale Yadaiah on October 1.Similarly, Patancheru MLA Gudem Mahipal Reddy and Jogulamba Gadwal MLA Bandlera Krishnamohan Reddy were questioned on October 4. Serilingampally MLA Arekapudi Gandhi and Banswada MLA Pocharam Srinivas Reddy were grilled on Friday.

Among the 10 BRS turncoat MLAs, eight legislators have responded to the Speaker's notice. Khairatabad MLA Danam Nagender and Station Ghanpur MLA Kadiyam Srihari had sought time to respond to the notices.After hear-



ing the petition filed by BRS on July 31, the Supreme Court wanted the Speaker to act on the disqualification of MLAs within three months. The deadline expired on October 31.However, the Speaker had appealed for a two-month extension on the disqualification cases hearing.It may be recalled that the Calcutta High Court had disqualified senior BJP MLA Mukul Roy after defecting to the Trinamool Congress under the anti-defection law.

## KTR warns Congress against physical attacks on BRS activists

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Hyderabad: Coming down heavily on the post-poll violence unleashed by the Congress party in Jubilee Hills Assembly constituency, BRS working president KT Rama Rao on Saturday sounded a warning against any further escalation in the situation.“If Congress does not stop its goondaism, the people will teach it a lesson,” he said after visiting BRS activist Rakesh in Rahmat Nagar on Saturday to express solidarity after he was assaulted by the Congressmen.

“I condemn the assault on our party worker. Within 24 hours of the Jubilee Hills election results, Congress is resorting to goondaism,” he said, emphasising that during the 10-year rule of the BRS, which included multiple by-election wins, the party had never engaged in attacks on Congress workers.“But now, the people of Telangana are witnessing the rowdiness being perpetrated by Congress,” he said.Holding the Congress responsible for the incident, he said the BRS would protect its workers by all means, and alleged that the Congress had secured victory through “bogus votes, goonda tactics and distribution of money”.Responding to remarks by Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy urging him to reduce arrogance, Rama Rao retorted: “The people are observing whose arrogance it is. The Congress party took out a victory rally yesterday (Friday) after the results were announced. We have won numerous elections, if winning alone makes



them this intoxicated, imagine how many elections we have won in the past.”Rama Rao also announced a meeting with Jubilee Hills leaders and workers on Tuesday to discuss further steps in the wake of rising political tensions after the Congress party's win in the by-election.Earlier, he visited the residence of party candidate Maganti Sunitha Gopinath in Jubilee Hills and consoled her family following her defeat in the by-election. He arrived at her residence at 10 am, where he met with Sunitha and her family members. He advised them to remain strong stating that victories and defeats were a natural part of politics.“Stay courageous,” Rama Rao told the family and praised Sunitha and her children for the inspiration and fighting spirit they displayed throughout the election campaign.

## BRS spokesperson Manne Krishank receives threat online

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Hyderabad: In a disturbing escalation of political tensions following the Jubilee Hills bypoll, Bharat Rashtra Samithi spokesperson and social media convener Manne Krishank received a direct threat via a message request on X from a user identified as @naveen\_144.The message appears to warn Krishank against his criticism of Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy. It was sent to him in response to accusations of electoral malpractices in the constituency.The incident comes just days after the November 11 bypoll in Jubilee Hills, where BRS candidate Maganti Sunitha staged a protest alleging large-scale rigging, bogus voting and intimidation of party workers at polling stations.Krishank had publicly commented on these irregularities through his social media postings, highlighting what he described as “State-sponsored threats” to suppress opposition voices. The threatening message was sent in response to one of his posts.

The user, @naveen\_144 – whose profile identified him as a mechanical engineer from Hyderabad with a following



of 16 – wrote: “Thammudu lepesthamu ninu revanth anna joliki osthay.” (Brother, we will lift you if you target Revanth Anna).Krishank, who has faced police cases in recent months for his social media posts against the Congress-led government, shared screenshots of the message request with party leaders and is reportedly considering lodging a formal complaint to cybercrime officials.

## ECI plans for pre-mapped data during SIR Phase 2 remain unclear

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As the second phase of the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls gets under way, it is unclear how the Election Commission of India (ECI) plans to use the “pre-mapping” exercise done by each State before the rollout of the gigantic project.The pre-mapping exercise entailed matching in advance electors who were already present in the voter lists after the previous SIR with those in the current list.

In most States, the last SIR was conducted between 2002 and 2004, and the current lists are the ones which are available as of October 2025.In the second phase, SIR is being conducted across 12 States and Union Territories, including poll-bound Tamil Nadu, Kerala, and West Bengal. The first phase was done in Bihar, which led to the deletion of nearly 69 lakh names.The ECI had — at a meeting with

the Chief Electoral Officers of all States, held in the national capital before the rollout of the SIR — assessed the mapping already been done by various States.Officials in the poll body had said that BLOs would already have this list (voters in the last SIR), and this would ensure that around 60-70% voters would already be covered by the time the SIR process begins.However, things seem to be working out differently on the ground, with a host of officials from State CEO offices as well as Booth Level Officers saying that voters are themselves supposed to fill the Enumeration Forms with details of names figured in the last SIR, and only in cases where they were unable to find their names, the BLOs would assist them with data from the “pre-mapping”.“If voters are unable to locate their 2002 details online, the matching exercise will enable BLOs to inform them whether their names were available in the 2002 list.

## Nine killed, 29 injured in massive accidental blast at Nowgam police station in Srinagar

Srinagar: Nine people were killed and 29 others injured in the massive accidental blast inside the Nowgam police station in Jammu and Kashmir's (J&K) Srinagar district, official sources said on Saturday.“Nine people were killed and 29 others injured when a massive accidental blast took part inside the Nowgam police station when police personnel including those from the forensic wing were sampling the explosive material.”The identities of the people killed in this unfortunate accident will be shared after exact details are confirmed. The dead include a Naib Tehsildar (Executive Magistrate) and a local tailor. Some of the bodies have been completely burnt and this is taking time to identify the dead.

## PM hails tribal community's contribution to freedom struggle; accuses Congress of neglecting them

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday (November 15, 2025) said the tribal community's contribution to the country's freedom struggle was significant, but the Congress did not acknowledge the same and neglected the community during its 60-year rule.The contribution of tribal freedom fighters was ignored so that the credit could be given to a “few families”, he said, speaking at a large gathering at Dediapada town in Gujarat's Narmada district to mark the birth anniversary of tribal icon Bhagwan Birsa Munda on Janjatiya Gaurav Divas.Before his speech, the Prime Minister inaugurated or laid the foundation stone of infrastructure and development projects costing more than ₹9,700 crore.“Whenever the nation's honour, self-respect, and freedom were concerned, our tribal community stood at the forefront. Our freedom struggle is the greatest example of this. Numerous freedom fighters emerged from the tribal community, and they carried forward the torch of freedom,” PM Modi said.Citing the tribal freedom fighters such as Govind Guru, Rupsingh Nayak and Motilal Tejawat from Gujarat, the PM said countless chapters of the freedom struggle are filled with examples of manifestation of tribal pride and bravery



The tribal community shed its blood for freedom, but its contribution was “ignored” so that the credit could be given to a “few families”, PM Modi claimed.“We cannot forget the contribution of tribal communities in the freedom movement, and this work (of recognising the same) should have been done after Independence. But in the pursuit of giving credit for independence to a few families, the sacrifices and dedication of my tribal brothers and sisters were ignored,” he said.Due to this attitude, no one remembered Bhagwan Birsa Munda before 2014, PM Modi added.Family members of Birsa Munda were with him on stage, and he was the first Prime Minister to visit Munda's house, he informed.The celebration of Janjatiya Gaurav Divas provides an opportunity to remember the “injustice done to tribal brothers and sisters”, PM Modi further said.“The Congress party, which ruled the country for six decades, left the tribals to their fate. Though the tribals were facing several issues such as malnutrition and lack of healthcare, education, and connectivity, the Congress governments remained idle,” he alleged.“Tribals are also associated with Lord Ram. They come from that era. But those who ruled for six decades did not realize that something needed to be done for the development of such a large tribal community. Tribal welfare has been the BJP's top priority, and we have resolved to end this injustice,” the PM added.It was former Prime Minister and late BJP stalwart Atal Bihari Vajpayee who established a separate ministry for the tribal community at the Centre, PM Modi said.“But, when Congress came back to power after Vajpayee, they neglected the tribal commu-

nity for the next 10 years and completely forgot about it,” he alleged.Referring to acclaimed sportspersons like Mary Kom, Dutee Chand and Baichung Bhutia, the PM said tribal youths have made a significant contribution to bringing glory for India on the global stage.“Similarly, new players from tribal areas are emerging in every major competition. Recently, India's cricket team won the Women's World Cup, and a daughter from our tribal community played a key role in that. Our government is continuously working to discover new talent in tribal areas and encourage them to progress,” said the PM.His government works with the vision of providing equal opportunities to the underprivileged, PM Modi said, adding that in the last five years, the Union Government has spent more than ₹18,000 crore on building model tribal schools in the country.“Essential facilities have been provided to the students. As a result, the number of tribal children enrolled in these schools has increased by 60%,” he said.Earlier, the PM inaugurated or laid the foundation stones of multiple development projects aimed at uplifting tribal communities and improving infrastructure in rural and remote areas of the region.He also witnessed the ‘Grih Pravesh’ ceremony (marking a family taking possession of a new dwelling) for 1,00,000 houses built under the Pradhan Mantri Janjati Adivasi Nyaya Maha Abhiyan (PM-JANMAN) and Dharti Aaba Janjatiya Gram Utkarsh Abhiyan (DA-JAGUA).The Prime Minister also inaugurated 42 Eklayva Model Residential Schools (EMRS) for tribal students, built at a cost of around Rs 1,900 crore; 228 Multi-Purpose Centres to act as hubs for community-led activities; a Centre of Competence in Assam Medical College, Dibrugarh; and a Tribal Research Institute building in Imphal, Manipur, for the preservation of tribal culture and heritage.In addition, the PM flagged off 250 buses for 14 tribal districts of Gujarat, laid the foundation stone for 748 km of new roads in tribal areas and 14 Tribal Multi-Marketing Centres under DA-JAGUA to serve as community hubs.

## Rana Daggubati appears before Telangana CID in online betting apps case

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Hyderabad: Actor Rana Daggubati and anchor Vishnu Priya appeared before the Telangana Crime Investigation Department (CID) on Saturday in connection with the ongoing investigation into the online betting and gambling applications case.The Special Investigation Team (SIT) of the CID questioned them for over an hour in regard to the case. The SIT formed for the purpose of investigation into the betting app case is recording the statements of celebrities who promoted it.The inquiry follows a series of coordinated raids by the Telangana Special Investigation Team and CID across six locations in Rajasthan, Gujarat and Punjab earlier.A parallel investigation is being done by the Enforcement Directorate un-



der the Prevention of Money Laundering Act into financial transactions and promotional campaigns allegedly linked to illegal betting networks.

## Telangana government plans integrated hostel management software as food poisoning cases persist



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Hyderabad: With task force committees and institution level committees failing to yield the desired results in curbing food poisoning cases in State run schools and hostels, the State government is planning to develop special software for hostel management across all welfare departments.Under criticism from various sections over the rising number of food poisoning incidents in residential

schools and hostels, the government had constituted these committees last year to address the issue. The committees were assigned to monitor food preparation, prevent contamination and control food borne illnesses. They were directed to investigate food safety incidents reported in their respective institutions, identify causes and submit reports to the government.

However, cases of students falling sick after consuming food in hostels continue to be reported from several institutions across the State. There are allegations that many schools and hostels have not formed the mandated committees, and in places where they were constituted, they are not functioning properly.Concerned over the steady rise in cases, the government is now moving towards developing integrated software for streamlined hostel management across all welfare departments.Senior officials from BC Welfare, Minorities Welfare and other departments recently held a meeting and discussed key issues. They identified common areas in hostel management and outlined parameters required for the proposed software.The officials said the system should prioritise core functions, including management of student welfare, hostel facilities, food provisioning, medical emergencies, inspections and report submission.Software developers have been given clear guidelines on the parameters to be included in the integrated system. While no deadline has been fixed for its rollout, officials said efforts are underway to introduce it at the earliest.



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## On the Bihar Assembly election 2025 result

The spectacular electoral victory of the National Democratic Alliance (NDA) in Bihar is one built on clever welfarism, astute social engineering, meticulous propaganda and the sustained popularity of Chief Minister Nitish Kumar and Prime Minister Narendra Modi in the State. The Opposition Mahagatbandhan of the Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD), the Congress and other outfits suffered from the adverse popular memory of their reign, which ended 20 years ago. The NDA nurtured women as a horizontal voting bloc, even brazenly starting a new cash dole scheme on the eve of the election. Its caste alliance covered a larger spectrum, compared to the Mahagatbandhan, which, despite its best efforts, could not overcome the perception of being a narrow platform for Yadavs and Muslims. Mr. Kumar, who entered the campaign as a fading patriarch, turned around his fortunes, reinforced his centrality in Bihar politics, and became the fulcrum of the NDA victory.

The BJP is ahead of the Janata Dal (United) in terms of vote and seat shares, but its route to Bihar's heart is still through Mr. Kumar. The NDA seems to have benefited from a considerable increase in female voter turnout and from welfare schemes focused on women and Economically Backward Class (EBC) households through cash transfers and self-employment subsidies. Despite being in power since 2005, with only a short break, Mr. Kumar not only deflected anti-incumbency but also enhanced his standing. This worked in combination with the image of Mr. Modi, whose Hindutva-development claims have many takers in Bihar. The Congress-RJD coalition failed to function as an organic platform, and its lack of cohesion and sense of purpose were all too evident.

## Negligence Of Officials.. Adivasis Repair Roads At Their Own Expense

"Indian Chronicle" kumram bheem, Asifabad, District Reporte, Jade Srinivas. November, 14""The Road Leading to Rampur Village of Navedari Gram Panchayat in Wankidi Mandal of Asifabad district has become potholed due to rains. Even after 77 years of independence, the tribal people are facing difficulties due to lack of proper roads. The villagers, fed up with the authorities not paying attention, have repaired the dirt roads with their own money. Villagers Patel Madavi Vasu, Jam Leka Shyam Rao, Poosam Bheemrao, Poosam Srikanth and Rampur have demanded that the authorities should respond and approve the permanent road.

## Children's Day Celebrated Grandly at Uppal Bubbles Primary School: SI Chiranjeevi Attends as Chief Guest



"KISHORE VADDEPALLI, Uppal, November 14 (Indian Chronicle):""Children's Day was celebrated with great enthusiasm at Uppal Bubbles Primary School on Thursday. Uppal Sub-Inspector Chiranjeevi attended the programme as the chief guest. He cut the cake along with the children and spent joyful moments with them, sharing sweets and taking part in the celebrations. School Principal Chandan Srinivas Goud, teachers and students participated in the event. Speaking on the occasion, SI Chiranjeevi said that childhood is the most memorable and precious phase of life, and celebrating Children's Day allows everyone to relive that joy. He stated that this celebration reflects the rich culture of our nation. "He recalled that India's first Prime Minister, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, had immense love for children, who affectionately called him Chacha Nehru. His birth anniversary on November 14 is celebrated every year as Children's Day across the country. "He added that the main objective of Children's Day is to ensure love, care and quality education for children. He appreciated the efforts of teachers in shaping children into responsible future citizens of India. SI Chiranjeevi also congratulated the management of Bubbles Primary School for providing education in a student-friendly manner. On this occasion, the school management felicitated SI Chiranjeevi.

## India's first-ever conference on 'Building the Weekend Tourism Economy' held in Hyd

Hyderabad: The Tourism Committee of the Federation of Telangana Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FTCCI), in association with the Tourism Department, the National Institute of Tourism and Hospitality Management (NITHM), Incredible India, Ramoji Film City, Pragathi Resorts, and Summer Green Resorts, organised India's first-ever conference on 'Building the Weekend Tourism Economy' on Saturday at NITHM, Gachibowli. The conference was attended by resort owners, getaway destination promoters, tourism and hospitality professionals, academicians, and students. In his address, Jayesh Ranjan, Special Chief Secretary, Department of Tourism.

## Whale Tank (WT) Biocatalysts Hosts High-Impact Startup-Investor Meet WT 3.0 in Hyd



Hyderabad: Whale Tank (WT) Biocatalysts, a leading startup accelerator, successfully concluded its third annual Startup-Investor Meet, WT 3.0, today at the Indian School of Business (ISB), Hyderabad. The event was held in strategic collaboration with the BIOTECHNOLOGY INDUSTRY RESEARCH ADVISORY COUNCIL (BIRAC), Government of India, aligning with the national BioE3 mission. Fostering Deeptech Innovation

WT 3.0 focused on catalyzing funding for Deeptech startups across critical sectors, including Healthcare, Life Sciences, Biotechnology, Food, and Agritech.

Building on the successes of WT 1.0 and WT 2.0, which facilitated funding for over 100 startups with participation from 50+ investors in the last two years, this year's edition promised and delivered even greater opportunities. Several WT-incubated startups are now nearing major commercial milestones, with two projects progressing toward securing USD 500 million in investments. "The WT event is a transformational platform in the Indian startup ecosystem

for translating deep science into commercial success," remarked Dr. Uday Saxena, Co-Founder, Whale Tank Biocatalyst, during his introductory address. Prof. Reddanna, Executive President, FABA (Federation of Asian Biotechnology Association) in his address to the startups, explained the dynamics of startup ecosystem in Biotechnology and critical success factors for their success".

Dr. Markandeya Gorantla, Founder, Whale Tank BioCatalyst mentioned that Whale Tank 3.0 demonstrated the true strength of India's Deep Tech ecosystem, with over 73 shortlisted startups and 46 investors coming together to accelerate breakthrough science. The launch of NexaSweet at this platform reflects how innovation can move from the lab to industry with national-scale impact. Government Support and New Product Launch Dr. Taranjit Kaur, the representative from BIRAC, DBT (Department of Biotechnology), addressed the audience, underscoring the vital importance of the Government of India's BioE3 mission in driving the nation's bio-economy goals. A highlight of WT 3.0 was the official launch of WT's pipeline product, NEXASWEET. This innovative, stem cell attractant-based sweetener is positioned to offer significant health benefits, including healing and repairing gut inflammation. NEXASWEET is among the first products developed by a BIRAC-funded startup to move toward commercialization, demonstrating the tangible results of the accelerator's efforts. WT 3.0 reinforced Whale Tank's commitment to bridging the gap between cutting-edge scientific research and market opportunities, ensuring India remains at the forefront of global Deeptech innovation.

## ICL Fincorp's New NCD Issue Opens on 17th NOVEMBER 2025, Offering Effective Yield up to 12.62%

Hyderabad: ICL Fincorp is proud to announce the launch of its latest public issue of Secured Redeemable Non-Convertible Debentures (NCDs), opening on 17th November 2025. With an effective yield of up to 12.62%, this offering presents an attractive and secure investment opportunity for those seeking flexible tenures.

Following the remarkable response to our previous NCD issues, we are truly honored by the trust and confidence placed in us by our valued investors. This continued support inspires us to deliver even more robust financial solutions tailored to the evolving needs of our customers. The NCD issue will remain open until 28th November 2025 and is rated CRISIL BBB-

/STABLE. Each NCD carries a face value of ₹1,000, and the issue offers ten options, with tenures of 13, 24, 36, 60 and 70 months, with monthly, annual and cumulative interest options with interest rates ranging from 10.50% to 12.62%. The minimum application amount is ₹10,000, making it accessible to a broad spectrum of investors. Proceeds from this issue will be strategically deployed to support ICL Fincorp's growth initiatives and further enhance the quality of services offered to our customers and stakeholders across India. This step reaffirms our commitment to delivering reliable, innovative and customer-centric financial solutions.

With a legacy of 34 years, ICL Fincorp continues to serve as a trusted financial partner under the visionary lead-



ership of CMD, Adv. K.G. Anilkumar. Our growing presence spans 10 states – Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Odisha, Gujarat, West Bengal and Goa, as we move steadily towards establishing a pan-India footprint. The acquisition of Salem Erode Investments, a BSE-listed NBFC with a 93-year history in Tamil Nadu, has further reinforced our position in the financial sector. ICL Fincorp offers a comprehensive portfolio of services, including Gold Loans, Hire Purchase Loans and Business Loans. The ICL Group has also diversified into sectors such as travel, fashion, diagnostics and charitable initiatives. Under the joint leadership of CMD Adv. K.G. Anil Kumar and Mrs. Umadevi Anilkumar, Whole-time Director & CEO, ICL Fincorp, continues to operate in compliance with the Reserve Bank of India's standards, while earning the enduring trust of customers.

## Prostate Enlargement Becoming a Growing Concern Among Elderly Men – Modern Treatments Offer Significant Relief: Dr. Aman Chandra Deshpande



(SOMAJIGUGA, SECUNDRABAD) "CHITTIMALLA MAHENDAR, KARIMNAGAR BUREAU, NOVEMBER 14, INDIAN CHRONICLE:"At a press conference organized on Friday at Yashoda Hospital, Karimnagar, renowned urologist Dr. Aman Chandra Deshpande (MBBS, MS, MCh – Urology) Consultant Urologist, Andrologist, Laparoscopic, Robotic & Kidney Transplant Surgeon, explained in detail about the increasing prevalence of Prostate Enlargement (Benign Prostatic Hyperplasia – BPH) among aging men. He stated that BPH is one of the most common conditions seen in men above the age of 50, and its incidence continues to rise with age. "Dr. Deshpande noted that prostate enlargement primarily occurs due to hormonal changes, especially the increased production of Dihydrotestosterone (DHT) as men grow older. Although this is a natural physiological change, he cautioned that ignoring early symptoms could lead to severe urinary complications. "Discussing the symptoms, he said that individuals with prostate enlargement commonly experience difficulty in passing urine, weak urine flow, frequent urination, waking up multiple times at night to urinate, a feeling of incomplete bladder emptying, and sudden urgency to urinate. Collectively, these symptoms are known as Lower Urinary Tract Symptoms (LUTS). "Explaining the available treatment options, Dr. Deshpande said that in the early stages, medications such as Alpha Blockers, Finasteride, and Dutasteride provide good relief. However, in some patients where there is significant urine retention or obstruction, surgical intervention becomes necessary. "He highlighted TURP (Transurethral Resection of the Prostate) as a long-practised procedure in which excess prostate tissue is removed using an endoscope, generally requiring 2–3 days of hospitalization. He further explained that HoLEP (Holmium Laser Enucleation of the Prostate) is an advanced alternative to TURP, offering advantages like minimal blood loss, suitability for large prostates, and a faster recovery period. "Dr. Deshpande also spoke about modern minimally invasive treatments such as REZUM and UROLIFT. "REZUM, also known as steam therapy, uses water vapor to shrink prostate tissue. It is a day-care procedure with no sexual side effects, and patients can quickly return to normal life. "UROLIFT, on the other hand, is a non-invasive technique where metal clips are used to widen the

urethra without cutting the prostate. It offers immediate symptom relief, preserves sexual function, and allows same-day discharge. "Concluding his briefing, Dr. Aman Chandra Deshpande urged men not to ignore the symptoms of prostate enlargement. Delayed treatment, he warned, may lead to bladder damage, infections, and deterioration of kidney function. He emphasized that timely diagnosis and appropriate treatment can greatly improve the quality of life.

## Urban Bank Directors Meet Union Minister Bandi Sanjay; Call for Political Neutrality in Bank's Development



"CHITTIMALLA MAHENDAR, KARIMNAGAR BUREAU, SEPTEMBER 13, INDIAN CHRONICLE:"The governing body of the Karimnagar Co-operative Urban Bank Limited met Union Minister of State for Home Affairs, Bandi Sanjay Kumar, and expressed their gratitude for his support in the recently concluded board elections, in which the Karra Rajashekar panel secured a significant victory. "Urban Bank Chairman Karra Rajashekar, along with the board members, thanked the Minister for his continuous guidance and assistance at every stage of the election process, stating that his support played a crucial role in their success. "Speaking on the occasion, Union Minister Bandi Sanjay Kumar urged the newly elected committee to work for the development of the Urban Bank beyond political boundaries. He recalled that his political journey began as a director of the same Urban Bank and assured full cooperation for its future growth. "The Minister felicitated and congratulated the newly elected Chairman Karra Rajashekar and the board members. "On this occasion, the governing body also felicitated former Mayor Yadagiri Sunil Rao and conveyed their appreciation for his contribution.

## 177th Birth Anniversary Of Ambedkar's Father Ramji Maloji Satpal



"Indian Chronicle" kumram bheem, Asifabad, District Reporte, Jade Srinivas. November, 14""The 177th birth anniversary of Subedar Ramji Maloji Satpal was celebrated on Friday at Jetwan Buddha Vihar in Wankidi mandal center under the auspices of Bharatiya Buddhist Mahasabha District President Ashok Mahulkar. Speaking on the occasion, Mahulkar said that Ramji Maloji Satpal went through a lot of hardships to provide higher education to Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar in the days when there was no opportunity for education for the lower classes, and his sacrifice is highly commendable, and that education is the way for everyone to take their children to a higher position. "Later, sweets and fruits were distributed in the bus stand area..

## Uppal MLA Bandari Lakshma Reddy, Corporator Bannala Geetha Praveen Launch 1.50 Crore Development Works in Chilkanagar Division



"KISHORE VADDEPALLI, Uppal, November 14 (Indian Chronicle):""Uppal MLA Bandari Lakshma Reddy attended as the chief guest and formally launched several development works worth ₹1.50 crore across various colonies and bastis in the Chilkanagar Division. He initiated the works along with Chilkanagar Division Corporator and former GHMC Standing Committee member Bannala Geetha Praveen Mudiraj. Speaking on the occasion, MLA Lakshma Reddy stated that a new culvert is being constructed in Azmat Nagar Colony at an estimated cost of ₹1 crore. He added that foundation stones have also been laid for sewerage pipeline works costing around ₹50 lakh. "Corporator Geetha Praveen said that new sewerage pipelines are being laid in the following stretches: From Chilkanagar Hanuman Temple to Das Ration Shop, "From the lane behind Chilkanagar Outpost (Kattal Dawkhan lane) to MedPlus Medical Shop, From Chilkanagar Shiva Temple to Bodrai. He mentioned that the division is steadily fulfilling every promise made during the elections. Nearly 80% of the development works in the division have already been completed, and the remaining 20% will be expedited to ensure early completion. Several senior BRS leaders, association presidents and secretaries, committee members, colony residents and women participated in large numbers in the programme.

## Grand Children's Day Celebrations at Sir Mount School



"KISHORE VADDEPALLI, Uppal, November 14 (Indian Chronicle):""Sir Mount School celebrated Children's Day with great enthusiasm on Thursday, organizing a series of unique and fun-filled games for both children and parents. The activities were designed to help parents relive their childhood moments, creating a joyful and lively atmosphere on the school premises. "Uppal Corporator Mandamula Rajitha Parameshwar Reddy, who graced the occasion as the chief guest, said that watching parents and children play together reminded her of her own school days. She appreciated the school management and parents for consistently supporting children to excel in all fields. The Corporator extended warm Children's Day greetings to everyone. "Sir Mount School Chairman Banala Vijayender Reddy stated that the institution is committed to identifying the hidden talents of students and nurturing them through proper encouragement. He added that the school's teaching methods are designed to match the interests and abilities of every child. He also conveyed his Children's Day wishes to all students. "Director Gravya Reddy, Correspondent Mamatha, parents, and students participated enthusiastically, making the event a grand success.



## Congress Party Celebrations Near Rajiv Gandhi Statue on Ramanthapur Main Road: Leaders Burst Firecrackers and Distributed Sweets“



“KISHORE VADDEPALLI, Uppal, November 14 (Indian Chronicle):“Following the massive victory of Congress Party candidate Naveen Kumar Yadav in the Jubilee Hills by-election with a huge majority, leaders from Ramanthapur and Habsiguda divisions gathered near the Rajiv Gandhi statue at Ramanthapur and held grand celebrations by burst-

ing firecrackers and distributing sweets.“Speaking on the occasion, the leaders said that the people have blessed the leadership of Chief Minister Revanth Reddy and ensured Naveen Yadav’s victory with an impressive majority. They added that despite the false propaganda spread by the BRS party, the public did not believe them, and this victory is clear proof that people have trusted the Congress Party.“Participants in the celebrations included:“TPCC representative Mohammed Tofiq, Ramanthapur Division President Mohammed Rafiq, Uppal Constituency Youth Congress President Akarapu Arun, Habsiguda Division President Vijay Kumar, Upender Reddy, Vallapa Srikanth Yadav, Jaleel Pasha, Poosa Sattayya, Mogili Lingam, Srinivas Goud, Balayya, Babu, Srinivas Chari, Shaga Sridhar, Minority State Leaders and Youth Congress Vice Presidents Mammad Shakeel and Kishore, Minority Leader Mohammed Matin, Ramanthapur Mahila Congress President Sandhya Rani, Gayatri Goud, Manga, Shobha, Surya, Icon Sai Yadav, Chotu, Mama, Jangir, Sheikh Pasha and others.

## Celebrations at Jana Samithi Office Over Congress Victory



“KISHORE VADDEPALLI, Hyderabad, November 14 (Indian Chronicle):“Workers of the Jana Samithi celebrated at their office, expressing joy over the victory of Congress candidate Naveen Yadav in the Jubilee Hills by-election. They distributed sweets and conveyed their greetings. Speaking at the media conference organized on

this occasion, Telangana Jana Samithi (TJS) State President Prof. Kodandaram said that the Congress victory in Jubilee Hills is a matter of happiness. He added that with this win, the responsibility of the Telangana Jana Samithi in Greater Hyderabad has increased further. He suggested that leaders should work harder to address issues in the slums from time to time. He urged the city committee to prepare a plan to strengthen the presence of Jana Samithi ahead of the upcoming GHMC elections. The meeting, held under the leadership of TJS Greater Hyderabad President M. Narasayya, was attended by State General Secretaries Palle Vinay Kumar and Ramesh Mudiraj, State President of the Labour Wing Akula Srinivas, City General Secretary Battala Ramachander, Office In-charge Hanumanth Reddy, Jubilee Hills In-charge Hanumanth Goud, Ranga Reddy District President Darasatyam, SC Cell President Chandra Giri Satyanarayana, and city leaders Mohammed Afzal, Merugu Srinivas Yadav, Ramesh Suresh, Laxman, Manikyam, Nagabhusan, Sudhakar, Ajay Goud, Venkataiah, and others.



are increasing the livelihood of the poor. The local people also expressed happiness over the commencement of the construction work of the houses.

## Congress Leaders Attend Indiramma's House Construction Work

“Indian Chronicle” kumram bheem, Asifabad, District Reporte, Jade Srinivas. November, 14 “The construction work of Indiramma houses undertaken by the public government in Municipality Bazarwadi, the center of Asifabad district, is progressing rapidly. On this occasion, the slab work was started by breaking a coconut. Asifabad Mandal Congress Party President Masade Charan, former Co-option Member Sheikh Ashad, Senior leaders Sheikh Kalim, Chunarkar Deepak, Mahbub Sheikh, and Bazarwadi Congress leaders participated in this program. The leaders said that the welfare schemes undertaken by the government

## Book Exhibition Held at Uppal Government Degree College



“KISHORE VADDEPALLI, Uppal, November 14 (Indian Chronicle):“The Library Department of Uppal Government Degree College celebrated National Library Week with grandeur. As part of the celebrations, a book exhibition was organised for the benefit of students, commemorating the invaluable services of Dr. S. R. Ranganathan, known as

the Father of Library Science in India. “The exhibition featured reference books, Telugu Academy publications, language-related books, competitive exam material (including Telangana Geography, Indian Economy, Indian Polity, Biology, General English, Group-I and Group-II), newspapers and magazines. College Principal Dr. K. Vijay Kumar presided over the programme, while Library Department convener Dr. R. Chandrasagar coordinated the event. “Dr. Jagan, Assistant Professor from Malkajigiri Government Degree College, attended as the chief guest. “Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Jagan encouraged students to make effective use of libraries to enhance their knowledge. He advised them to avoid spending excessive time on mobile phones. Principal Dr. Vijay Kumar also highlighted the importance of utilising library resources without wasting time and recalled the immense contributions made by Dr. S. R. Ranganathan to the nation. “He further shared that faculty and students are actively making use of digital resources such as ONOS and the National Digital Library of India (NDLI). “Faculty members Dr. Raviprasad, Dr. Rajashree, Dr. Tirupathayya, Dr. Yamuna, Vijay Kumar, and Dr. Venkateshwarlu paid rich tributes to Dr. Ranganathan’s services. “Library Department Convener Dr. R. Chandrasagar remarked, “Libraries are embodiments of knowledge. Indian libraries are as sacred as temples, and there is a need to bring modern advancements into them.”

## Police Sir..Collection Style

“Indian Chronicle” kumram bheem, Asifabad, District Reporte, Jade Srinivas. 14 “Asifabad The issue of extortion by an officer of the Armed Reserved Headquarters at the Centre is being discussed. He is intimidating lower-level personnel and taking money from them, tarnishing the department with corruption. If he does not receive his collection every month, the workload on the constables increases. “In the Armed Reserve Division of the police department, there are various categories like constables, gunmen, bomb squad, dog squad, sentry guards, special party, etc. In this, the security of VIPs is provided by gunmen, bomb squad, dog squad, etc. Squads are seen.

Those working in these have the opportunity to take rest according to the number of days worked after duty. Those working in the headquarters do not have this opportunity. It is reported that the said senior officer has turned this opportunity into a source of income. It is learned that a decree has been issued to pay monthly money to the constables who get rest.

Those who give it are being continued in the positions where they get rest, and those who do not give it are being

sent to other places where there is a workload. Some other seniors are from other districts. It is reported that even if they do not come to duty, they are making the duty appear as if they have come, and the duty is being done by the new arrivals.

Those who get the duties they like, they each pay Rs. 10 thousand to Rs. 15 thousand per month. It seems that each person in the other categories is being paid Rs. 1500 per month. Thus, his unofficial monthly income is likely to be up to Rs. 3 lakh. “Using for own needs..

“It is reported that the officer is also using some of the constables for his own needs. It is learnt that he is getting various activities and works done at home. It is reported that he has assigned a constable who works at his house in a neighboring district.”

Usually, district SP s occasionally conduct face-to-face meetings (Bada Wana) with the staff at the headquarters. This tradition has been continued by the previous SP s. Currently, such meetings are not held. If the staff conducts these, they have a chance to share their problems with their superiors.

## Kakatiya School Marks Children’s Day with Splendid Celebrations and Student-Led Governance.“



“ P . S . A S H O K A N “ K A R I M N G A R BUREAU “ “Children’s Day was celebrated with great splendour at Kakatiya English Medium High School in Manthani mandal, commemorating the birth anniversary of India’s first Prime Minister, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru. Adding significance to the occasion, the school also observed Self-Governance Day, during which 10th-grade students

took on the roles of teachers and conducted classes with remarkable confidence and enthusiasm. “A series of vibrant cultural performances captivated the audience and showcased the multifaceted talents of the students. Addressing the gathering, School Principal Pradeep Reddy highlighted that Nehru’s deep affection and warmth towards children earned him the beloved title “Chacha Nehru.” He emphasised the importance of acknowledging children’s perspectives, noting that nurturing their creative instincts and intellectual abilities helps them thrive in a secure and encouraging learning environment. “Outstanding student-teachers were felicitated with awards for their exemplary performance. The school management also honoured Nikhil, a native of Manthani, with a memento in recognition of his commendable contributions to the field of digital marketing. “The event witnessed the active participation of School Director Ravi Kiran Reddy, along with Shravan Reddy, Sravanthi Reddy, Pavani Reddy, teaching staff, and a large number of students, making it a memorable and inspiring celebration.

## Travel Agencies Directed to Strengthen Safety, Verification Measures



“ Coordination meeting with travel agencies conducted by North Zone DCP “ “ Indian chronicle, Secunderabad November 14: “The North Zone Police conducted a coordination meeting with over 50 travel agency owners and man-

agers to review compliance with safety norms and legal requirements under the Telangana Public Safety Act and BNSS. “DCP North Zone S. Rashmi Perumal, IPS, instructed agencies to maintain transparency in operations and ensure strict verification of passengers, staff, and travel records. Agencies were cautioned that any lapse leading to public safety concerns or aiding illegal activities would attract stringent action. “Key directives issued include mandatory passenger ID verification, CCTV installation at offices and inside buses, proper maintenance of booking and staff records, reporting of suspicious activities, verification of employees, and ensuring well-lit boarding points. Travel operators were also asked to inform police about special group tours or high-risk travel and maintain quick communication channels during emergencies. “The police emphasized adherence to fire safety norms and regular vehicle maintenance to ensure safe travel for the public.

## Students preparing for group competitive exams..books should be made available to students in the library:



- Yadadri Bhuvanagiri District Additional Collector Bhaskar Rao “ (Mandava Srisailam.. Yadadri Bhuvanagiri District Bureau... Indian Chronicle.. November 14):- Books related to competitive exams in the library..books related to groups should be purchased and made available to students, students should study books in libraries and excel in group exams..rise to a higher level and get higher jobs..Yadadri Bhuvanagiri District Additional Collector Bhaskar Rao said. The 58th National Library Week celebrations in Yadadri Bhuvanagiri district began on Friday at the District Central Library, Bhuvanagiri. On this occasion, District Library Association Chairman MD Awais Ur Rehman Chisti unfurled the national flag and garlanded the portrait of Jawaharlal Nehru and the portrait of Telangana Thalli to start the week-long celebrations. “Later, the weekly celebrations were inaugurated by District Library Association Chairman MD Awais Ur Rehman Chisti. Yadadri Bhuvanagiri District Additional Collector A. Bhaskar Rao was the chief guest at the program, which was presided over by the chairman of the district library association. Before the commencement of the meeting, the lamp was lit and floral garlands were garlanded on the portrait of Saraswati Devi and on the por-



trait of the library founder S. Ranganathan. “Speaking at the meeting, Yadadri Bhuvanagiri District Additional Collector (Local Institutions) Bhaskar Rao suggested that books related to competitive exams and books related to groups should be purchased in the library and made available to students. Similarly, he said that appropriate orders will be issued to the municipalities and gram panchayats in the district to pay the cess dues due to the library. Similarly, they joined the library as members by paying Rs. 100/- . In addition, in this program, the District Library Association In-charge Secretary M. Sudheer invited as guests “Polisetty Anil Kumar, Pothamsetty Venkateswarlu, “Maturi Baleswara Rao, Jampala Anjaiah, Karipe Narasimha Rao, C Akkinenipalli Narasimha Rao, P Shankar Reddy, Battu Ramachandraiah, Sallavuddin, Kairam Konda Venkatesh, Vadicherla Krishna Yadav, MD Mazhar, Challaguru Raghu Babu, Gurrula Srinivasa Rao, Manga Praveen, Pittala Balaraju, Kollur Raju, Nagaram Shankar, Barre Naresh, “MD ?? . Ujayar and Sai participated. Library employees of the district and students of Readers Bhagayat School also participated in this program. “All the guests were honored with shawls in this program.

## Government releases funds as compensation to beneficiaries who lost land under Regional Ring Road



“Triple R”:- Yadadri Bhuvanagiri District Revenue Additional Collector Veera Reddy “ (Mandava Srisailam.. Yadadri Bhuvanagiri District Bureau... Indian Chronicle..November 14):- Yadadri Bhuvanagiri District Revenue Additional Collector Veera Reddy Triple said that the government has released funds as compensation to beneficiaries who lost land under Regional Ring Road (Triple R). Speaking on this occasion, Revenue Additional Collector Veera Reddy said that the money has been released as per the compensation given under Triple R. As part of this, the government has released Rs. 69,55,534.60/- to 12 people from Datarapalli village in Yadagirigutta mandal, and Rs. 30,86,170.28/- to 15 people from Dattayyapalli village in Turkapalli mandal. The government has released Rs. 13,66,092.00/- to 5 people from Ibrahimpur village in Turkapalli mandal, and Rs. 32,20,179.31/- to 6 people from

Konapur village in Turkapalli mandal. The government has released Rs. 57,69,780.60/- to 11 people from Velpupalli village in Turkapalli mandal, and a total of Rs. 2,03,97,756/- to 49 people in the district who have lost their lives.

## Power Supply Interruption Today in Habsiguda Section Limits— Electricity Department AE V. Ganesh

““By Kishore Vaddepalli, Uppal, November 14 (Indian Chronicle):“Due to departmental maintenance works, power supply will be interrupted on the 15th of this month, Saturday, from 10 AM to 1 PM in the 11 KV ISI Feeder limits, according to a statement issued by Habsiguda Electricity Department AE V. Ganesh.

During this time, there will be no power supply in JSN Colony, VV Nagar, GG Colony, Shobhana Nagar, Brindavan Colony, Sneha Nagar, Main Road Sheet No. 8 Habsiguda, and surrounding areas. “AE Ganesh requested electricity consumers and business owners to cooperate along with their staff during this maintenance period.



# KCR.. KTR is arrogant.. Congress party candidate Naveen Yadav wins in Jubilee Hills by-elections



Bhuvanagiri MP Chamala Kiran Kumar Reddy "" With the victory of Congress party candidate Naveen Yadav in Jubilee Hills.. TRS shops are now closed.. KCR.. KTR is now dedicated to his farm house:- Bhuvanagiri MP Chamala Kiran Kumar Reddy ""(Mandava Srisailam..Yadadri Bhuvanagiri District Bureau.. Indian Chronicle November 5):- The victory of Congress party candidate Naveen Yadav with a huge majority in the Jubilee Hills by-elections.. is evidence of the development work being done by the state Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, and this can be said to be a proof of the arrogance of KCR and KTR, said Bhuvanagiri MP Chamala Kiran Kumar Reddy. Bhuvanagiri MP Chamala Kiran Kumar Reddy said that it is a pleasure for the people of Jubilee Hills to make Naveen Yadav win with a large majority and present him as a gift to Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy. With the victory of Congress Party candidate Naveen Yadav in the Jubilee Hills by-elections.. Now TRS shops are closed.. KCR.. KTR should now dedicate themselves to the farmhouse, Bhuvanagiri MP Chamala Kiran Kumar Reddy explained. As part of this, the Chief Minister of the state said that under the Congress government in Telangana, public development is their goal.. Public welfare is their goal and women have been given a high position, and the Congress government has been credited with providing free bus travel to all women in the state and providing ration cards to every deserving person under the Congress government, Bhuvanagiri MP Chamala Kiran Kumar Reddy said. Speaking to the "Yadadri Bhuvanagiri District Indian Chronicle Bureau In-charge" on Friday, he

said that the people have given a big vote to the government that is developing the state, and the people of Jubilee Hills made Congress candidate Naveen Yadav win with a huge majority in the by-elections held in Jubilee Hills and presented it to the state Chief Minister Revanth Reddy as a gift. This is an auspicious sign for the local elections. He said that the ration card is a symbol of the self-respect of the poor, and that BRS has not given a single new ration card in ten years, and that the people have been prosperous only after the Congress party came to power in the state. He said that as soon as the Congress government came to power, free bus travel was provided to all the women in the state through the Mahalaxmi scheme, and pension facilities were provided to the elderly. He said that BRS has not given a single new ration card in ten years, and that the Congress government will provide ration cards to every eligible child and distribute rice. He said that the Congress government is giving priority to introducing welfare schemes like old age pensions, Indiramma Indlu, and other schemes to increase self-respect of women, and that Chief Minister Revanth Reddy has introduced several schemes with the aim of making all women in the state millionaires, and as part of that, interest-free loans are being provided. He said that business opportunities are being provided through women's associations, and that the victory of Congress candidate Naveen Yadav in the Jubilee Hills by-election is proof of the development of the Jubilee Hills constituency. He said that Telangana is moving forward towards development under the leadership of Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, and that the government is working in line with the aspirations of the people, and Naveen Yadav's victory is an auspicious sign for this development journey. He predicted that every voter in the Jubilee Hills constituency voted for the Congress party in the by-elections, and Naveen Yadav will show how the development of the Jubilee Hills constituency will be. Bhuvanagiri MP Chamala Kiran Kumar Reddy stated that no matter how many tricks TRS leaders used, no one could stop Naveen Yadav's victory, and now KCR and his son KTR should be limited to farm-houses, no one trusts them, no one will trust those who bankrupted the Telangana state, and their political career is now closed.

## Congress wins in Jubilee Hills Congress leaders rally in Malkajigiri

""K, Sadanand "Malkazigiri, (Alwal ) November 14:- ""Former MLA of Malkajigiri on the occasion of Congress candidate Naveen Yadav winning a huge majority in the Jubilee Hills by-election.""On the orders of Mainampally Hanumantha Rao, a victory celebration was held under the leadership of the Congress party at Malkajigiri Square on Friday. On this occasion, the Congress leaders said.. BRS has defeated the Congress candidate Naveen Yadav in the Jubilee Hills by-election. " "He said that people rejected the bad propaganda with their votes.""He thanked the people of the constituency for winning the Congress party with a majority of over 25,000 votes. "Malkajigiri in-charge Lakshmikantha Reddy, B block president Venkatesh Yadav, BC Srinu, Gundaniranjana, Pittala Srinivas GNV Satish Kumar division presidents Sampath Goud Vainala Praveen



Satyamurthy, Santosh Ramdas Mudiraj, Pittala Nagaraju, minority leaders Syed Mabu, Farid Samaj "Shankar, Brahmaiah, Indira Priyadarshini, Asha, Prabha, Sharada, Agamaiah Kondagoud and others participated.

## Steps should be taken for the development of handloom..Request to Handloom and Textile Commissioner Shailaja Ramaiah:-MLC Nellikanti Satyam



"(Mandava Srisailam..Yadadri Bhuvanagiri District Bureau... Indian Chronicle.. November 14):- MLC Nellikanti Satyam has requested the Telangana state government to take steps for the development of handloom in Hyderabad. Along with the leaders of the Telangana Handloom Workers' Association, she handed over the petition to Handloom and Textile Commissioner Shailaja Ramaiah at his office in Hyderabad on Friday. On this occasion, MLC Nellikanti Satyam along with the Telangana Handloom Workers' Association State General Secretary Pasikanti Lakshminarasayya said that about one lakh families in the state depend on the handloom profession for their livelihood and appealed to the government to take steps to revive the handloom sector, which has been in a state of crisis. He urged the state government to immediately implement the schemes and promises announced for the welfare of handloom workers. He reminded that Chief Minister Revanth Reddy had announced 14 months ago that loans up to Rs. 1 lakh would be waived as per the promise made before the elections, and that Rs. 33 crore was being released for loan waiver. He appealed to the Chief Minister to release sufficient funds as all the details of the loan arrears of handloom workers are ready with the government and make the weavers debt-free like farmers. He said that 527 handloom cooperative societies have been formed in the state under the auspices of the Handloom and Textiles Department for the welfare of handloom workers. He explained that the interest burden had increased due to non-payment of money on the clothes purchased by Tesco on time, and the handloom cooperative societies had become indebted, and many handloom societies had closed due to the increase in interest burden, resulting in a situation where the workers could not find employment. He demanded that all the loans of handloom cooperative societies be waived off, new loans be provided through banks and all the closed societies be opened. He said that elections were held for handloom cooperative societies in 2013 as per the Cooperative Act, and even though their term expired in 2018, the government has not held elections so far. He expressed his concern that since the Federation of Handloom Cooperative Societies "TESCO" also does not have a governing

body, there is no one who cares about the welfare of handlooms. He demanded that the government should promote the handloom sector by holding elections for handloom cooperative societies and TESCO and elect new governing bodies. "The state government has announced that it will grant Rs. 18,000 per year to a handloom worker who sets a geo-tagged loom and Rs. 6000 to an associated worker under the "Netannaku Bharosa" scheme, and he demanded that the scheme be implemented immediately. Telangana Handloom Workers' Union State General Secretary Pashikanti Lakshmi Narasaiah, Honorary President Venkat Ramulu, President Pendum Sarveshwar, leaders Jaldi Ramulu, Kasturi Bikshapati, Karnati Maraiah, Surapalli Janardhan, Duduka Uppalaiah and others participated in this program.



(Mandava Srisailam..Yadadri Bhuvanagiri District Bureau... Indian Chronicle.. November 14):- A scene of Congress party leaders celebrating the victory of Congress party candidate Naveen Yadav in Jubilee Hills in Bonagiri, including former Municipal Chairman Potanasetti Venkateswarlu, Yadadri Bhuvanagiri District Library Chairman Awais Chisti, Seva Dal leader Pittala Balaraj, Padigala Pradeep and others.

## ACB raids sub-registrar offices across Telangana, seizes Rs 2.5 lakh unaccounted cash

Hyderabad: The Anti-Corruption Bureau Telangana on Friday conducted searches at sub-registrar offices across the State and seized unaccounted cash.A total of 23 teams participated in the searches conducted at Gandipet, Serilingampally, Medchal, Nizamabad Town, Zaheerabad, Miryalguda, Wanaparthy, Mancherial, Peddapalli, Bhupalpalli and Wyra.A total of Rs 2,51,990 in cash was seized from the offices.

## Kerala School in Jammikunta Celebrates Children’s Day with Resplendent Grandeur.

"P.S.ASHOKAN"KARIMNGAR BUREAU""Children's Day was commemorated with exceptional splendour and heartfelt enthusiasm at Kerala School in Jammikunta mandal. The celebrations commenced with School Chairman K.S. Benny ceremoniously garlanding the portrait of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, honouring his enduring affection for children.""As part of the Student Self-Governance initiative, the students assumed the roles of teachers and efficiently managed the school's academic and daily activities, showcasing their leadership skills and confidence.""The event featured an array of captivating cultural performances presented by the children. Students enthralled the audience with their creative attire, portraying themes inspired by social movements and other meaningful concepts.""Extending his warm wishes, Chairman K.S. Benny encouraged the children to cultivate creativity, imagination, and intellectual curiosity. School Principal K.S. Jolly Madam, alongside the



dedicated teaching faculty, graced the occasion and supported the celebrations.""The teachers' team addressed the students, urging them to uphold the dignity, values, and wisdom imparted by their mentors and to grow into responsible and enlightened citizens.

## Public Auction for License to Set Up Coconut & Pooja Material Stall at Sri Mallikarjuna Swamy Devasthanam on 26th of This Month

"KISHORE VADDEPALLI, Uppal, November 14 (Indian Chronicle).""The Uppal Velugu Gutta Sri Mallikarjuna Swamy temple authorities have announced that an open public auction will be held on 26th of this month (Wednesday) at 11:00 AM in the temple premises for granting the license to sell coconuts and pooja materials for the year 2026. Temple EO Peddigari Srikanth stated in a press release that only those who agree to the conditions of the auction and sign the consent form will be allowed to participate after paying the required deposit amount of ?10,000.The license period will be from 01-01-2026 to 31-12-2026.Participants must pay the deposit in cash or demand draft. They must bid higher than the base amount decided by the temple authorities. Those who have any kind of dues pending with the temple or its staff will not be allowed to participate in the auction.Except for the highest bidder, the deposits of all other participants will be returned immediately after the auction concludes.In the presence of all depositors, the name of the highest bidder will be declared. Immediately after being

declared winner, the highest bidder must pay 50% of the bid amount at the temple office.The remaining amount must be paid within 6 months.If the highest bidder fails to pay the required amount within the given time, the deposit will be forfeited as penalty, and the license will be offered to the second-highest bidder or a new auction will be conducted.The open auction will be subject to approval from the Endowments Department, which also holds full authority to cancel or postpone the auction without assigning any reason.The EO further stated that the highest bidder must submit an agreement on 100 stamp paper, two cheques, and a copy of their Aadhaar card on the same day.If the highest bidder fails to pay the full amount for any reason, legal action will be initiated.

The highest bidder must also prepare and display two price boards at the specified location.The stall must be operated only at the location allotted by the temple, and once the license period ends, the stall must be vacated and the premises handed back to the temple, the EO clarified."

## Moonlight in the morning...darkness in the evening..

""-Irregular maintenance of street lights""-Requesting local people to take action""K Sadanand "Malkazigiri, Alwal November 14:- ""Under Malkajigiri Circle""The maintenance of street lights has become chaotic.""Due to the negligence of the concerned authorities, the street lights are failing in broad daylight. "Itching in those areas without lightening in the morning""Darkness reigns.""Maintenance of street lights""Residents are complaining that due to negligence and negligence in the supervision of the authorities, the lights go on and off whenever they want. "There is no timing for these... there is no damage... they light up during the day. When it gets dark, they dry up. "Street lights to be lit at night""The locals are expressing their grief that the lights are not on. ""Especially in Nared Met, Sitaram Nagar, Devi Nagar and Vinayak Nagar, the street lights are on all day long. "Locals lamented that there is no light at night and they brought this problem to the attention of the electricity authorities several times but to no avail. "The locals want the authorities to focus on the maintenance of these street lights and solve the problem



## 'Contributes To Strengthening Congress's Victory'



""Indian Chronicle" kumram bheem, Asifabad,District Reporte,Jade Srinivas.November,14""On the occasion of the Congress candidate's resounding victory in the Jubilee Hills by- election, party workers under the leadership of Wankidi Mandal Congress President Narayana celebrated by bursting crackers. He expressed his heartfelt congratulations to Naveen Yadav. He said that this victory has increased the enthusiasm in the party ranks locally. He said that he believes that it will contribute to the strengthening of the Congress in the upcoming political situation.

## DYFI Demands Immediate Repair of Escalator and Lift



Indian Chronicle,"Secunderabad, November 14: The escalator and lift installed on the Foot Over Bridge (FOB) near St. Ann's School have been out of service for several months, causing severe inconvenience to students, local residents, and pedestrians. In response a team from DYFI inspected the bridge on Friday to assess the situation firsthand."DYFI District Secretary Md. Javeed stated that with both the escalator and lift non-functional, schoolchildren are forced to climb the stairs carrying heavy bags leaving them exhausted. He added that the situation is especially difficult for young children, senior citizens, and women who frequently use the bridge."Javeed noted that heavy traffic on the main road increases the risk of accidents for pedestrians attempting to cross without a functional escalator or lift. This Foot Over Bridge was constructed nearly 20 years ago following the struggles and demands raised by student unions due to GHMC's negligence the facility has

become unusable he said."Despite repeated complaints over the past year neither the escalator nor the lift has been repaired, and the authorities have failed to respond DYFI leaders alleged."DYFI demanded that GHMC take immediate action to repair the escalator and lift and restore them for public use. Javeed warned that if the authorities do not respond promptly, DYFI will launch major protests under its banner.



(Mandava Srisailam.. Yadadri Bhuvanagiri District Bureau... Indian Chronicle.. November 14):- Bhuvanagiri MLA Kumbham Anil Kumar Reddy discussed with the concerned officials that the Jagadevpur road work should be started immediately. Yadadri Bhuvanagiri District Additional Collector Bhaskara Rao and other official staff participated in this program.



## As reservoirs supplying water to Pune get polluted, metropolitan authority to take up Rs 1,800-crore sewage treatment projects



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The project will cover 930 villages across the Pune metropolitan region. In response to a GBS outbreak linked to contaminated water from Khadakwasla dam, PMRDA has announced a ₹1,800-crore sewage treatment project to prevent untreated discharge into rivers. As the outbreak of Guillain-Barré Syndrome (GBS) due to drinking water drawn from Khadakwasla dam rang alarm bells a few months ago, the Pune Metropolitan Region Development Authority (PMRDA) has now swung into action by planning a Rs 1,800 crore sewage treatment project across its jurisdiction to ensure only treated sewage water is released in water bodies, mainly drinking water sources.

"The metropolitan consists of over 930 villages surrounding Pune and Pimpri Chinchwad city. However, there are few facilities to treat sewage generated in the localities. This has led to untreated sewage getting released in water bodies, and there are reports of water in the main reservoir providing drinking water to Pune city and villages downstream of the Mutha river being polluted. The same exists for other rivers passing through the metropolitan area," said Yogesh Mhase, Metropolitan Commissioner of the PMRDA. The Pune metropolitan authority has taken up a project to treat the sewage generated in its jurisdiction, he

said. The metropolitan region has been divided into two parts for the project, which includes the part downstream of rivers and the second part is upstream of rivers.

"The detailed project report for the metropolitan region downstream of rivers is ready, but its implementation has been kept on hold as implementing projects upstream of the rivers would have a faster benefit. If the sewage generated in the area upstream of rivers is treated first, then the water source will ensure that good-quality water is available for the nearest localities, including Pune and Pimpri Chinchwad cities. The detailed project report for the sewage treatment project upstream of rivers is being prepared and will be implemented first," he said. The area in the upstream of the river includes Haveli, Bhor, Mulshi and Maval talukas, said Mhase, adding sewage lines and sewage treatment plants will be set up in the localities generating sewage in these areas. Many of the localities in urban areas have sewage line networks, but due to a lack of treatment plants, the sewage water is released in the nearest stream, from where the water mixes with water bodies like rivers and dams, he said. The main water source for Pune city is the Khadakwasla dam, which has been reportedly polluted due to urbanisation upstream. The Pune civic body had informed the state government of the same. A few months ago, there was an outbreak of GBS, and the water source was found to be the main reason behind the spread of the disease, mainly in areas close to the Khadakwasla dam, where the dam water was directly supplied to citizens due to the absence of a purification plant for the newly merged area within the city limits.

The issue of failure to provide purified water to citizens by civic bodies has been taken up in the National Green Tribunal (NGT) by citizens. Meanwhile, the union government has decided to fund the construction of a new water treatment plant in Vadgaon Budruk on Sinhagad road, and the PMC has sought forest land for setting up a new water treatment plant near Khadakwasla dam, which would help it provide treated, purified water to citizens.

## ED files prosecution complaint in money laundering probe against Karnataka Congress MLA Veerendra Puppy

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The ED's case against Veerendra stems from a case registered by the Harohalli police based on a cheating complaint against online betting app Betin Exchange. (File Photo) The ED's case against Veerendra stems from a case registered by the Harohalli police based on a cheating complaint against online betting app Betin Exchange. The Enforcement Directorate (ED) has filed a prosecution complaint (chargesheet) in a special court in Bengaluru against Karnataka Congress MLA K C Veerendra on money laundering charges through illegal online betting apps. The prosecution complaint was filed on October 18, just a few days short of the completion of 60 days since the arrest of the Congress MLA in Gangtok, Sikkim, on August 23.

The ED's case against Veerendra stems from a case registered by the Harohalli police in the Bengaluru South district by a marketing executive at a private firm who filed a cheating complaint against online betting app Betin Exchange, the payment gateway Fonepaisa and two other private firms after reportedly losing Rs 30,000 through online gambling. The ED prosecution complaint comes on the heels of the Karnataka High Court rejecting a plea filed by the MLA's wife questioning the arrest of the MLA in a money laundering case in the absence of a valid predicate offence against him. Sources said the ED had filed its prosecution complaint last week while considering the possibility of the Karnataka MLA seeking statutory bail if the ED did not file its prosecution complaint within 60 days of his arrest. On October 15, a single-judge bench of the Karnataka High Court dismissed a plea filed by the MLA's wife against the arrest of her husband, citing the pendency of a police closure report in the Harohalli cheating case against the MLA and materials unearthed by the ED in the course of its money laundering probe against the Congress's Chitradurga MLA. The counsels for Veerendra argued in the HC that out of seven FIRs cited by the ED as being the basis for the money laundering probe against the Congress MLA, as many as six were quashed or the accused had been acquitted. The ED, however, argued in the HC that investigations had revealed a large network of individuals and companies, with Veerendra at its centre, being involved in a huge racket where large sums of money are generated by cheating people on betting apps.

The ED has alleged that the MLA was using a Mercedes-Benz car worth Rs 75 lakh that was registered to a firm of a family member of Gulshan Khattar, the director of the payment gateway service Fonepaisa, which was allegedly servicing the betting payments received by the MLA's betting apps. On August 22 and 23, the ED searched 31 locations linked to K C Veerendra, the Chitradurga MLA



of the Congress party, and his brothers and associates. The ED also arrested K C Veerendra in Gangtok in Sikkim on August 23 while he was on a business visit. The searches on the Congress MLAs' gaming businesses came close on the heels of parliament passing a bill to ban online real money-based gaming activities. The ED seized over Rs 150 crore of assets linked to the MLA since his arrest on August 23, including gold, cars and cash. "The money collected is routed through several mule accounts, which are sourced by these betting operators from intermediaries from all across India. ED investigation has revealed a nexus of online betting apps with isolated instances of cybercrime across India, by way of mule accounts creation in the name of individuals in exchange for petty sums," the ED said. The estimated turnover of betting applications controlled by Veerendra is more than Rs 2,000 crore, an ED statement said recently. Veerendra is considered a close associate of Karnataka deputy CM and businessman politician D K Shivakumar. Among the premises linked to Veerendra that the ED searched was that of Anil Gowda, the brother of Congress's RR Nagar MLA candidate Kusuma G, who is a close associate of Shivakumar's brother and former MP D K Suresh. The Karnataka HC, however, recently stayed the money laundering investigations against Anil Gowda H, an advocate and alleged associate of Puppy in betting and gaming businesses.

## Western Railways to continue special trains to Bihar, UP, West Bengal; adds coaches to manage festive rush

The Western Railways will continue to run special trains to manage the rush of travellers to Bihar, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal during the festive season, adding unreserved coaches to regular trains and operating extra services for the upcoming Chhath Puja, as well as for passengers returning to Gujarat afterward. Divisional Railway Manager (DRM) Vadodara, Raju Bhadke, said Tuesday that over 30 lakh passengers have already travelled to Bihar, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal between October 1 and 21.

"For the convenience of passengers, reserved trains are running from Vadodara station to Mau, Kolkata and Gorakhpur, while two unreserved trains are running from Pratapnagar to Katihar and Jaynagar. Information about special trains is being disseminated to passengers through print, electronic and social media. Lists of special trains have been displayed at adequate locations throughout the station, and announcements are being made continuously over the PA system... The trains will be extended to meet the anticipated rush as well as for those who will look to return to Gujarat. There are very few passengers who now travel unreserved, and so such arrangements are necessary," Bhadke said.

He added that special efforts have been made to man-

age crowds in anticipation of the additional rush of passengers. "A 350-square-metre waiting area has been created at Vadodara station, where passengers can rest before their train arrives. The waiting area includes basic amenities such as seating arrangements, clean drinking water and adequate lighting... The special trains were designated to Platform 6 at Vadodara Railway Station, and some trains that arrive on Platform 3 were also diverted to manage crowds. We also designated some trains to start from Pratapnagar," he said. Round-the-clock ticket checking and additional Railway Protection Force (RPF) staff have been deployed at Ankleshwar, Bharuch, Vadodara, Chhayapuri and Godhra stations to assist passengers. "A war room has been set up at the divisional office, where senior officials are monitoring passenger traffic, their safety and station facilities... Additional booking counters have been opened at Pratapnagar and Vadodara stations to ensure passengers do not face any inconvenience in purchasing tickets. Mobile ticketing has also been implemented by ticket checkers to facilitate ticketing," Bhadke said.

He added that passenger footfall at the stations is being continuously monitored and CCTV cameras are being used to ensure safety. RPF personnel equipped with walkie-talkies and body-worn cameras have been deployed.

## Will examine 'faulty' e-rickshaws for people with special needs: Maharashtra govt body to Bombay High Court



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The court directed a technical review and scheduled the next hearing for November 19. The Maharashtra government assured the Bombay High Court it will inspect e-rickshaws distributed to disabled persons after complaints of defects. The Maharashtra government last week assured the Bombay High Court it will examine electric rickshaws provided to people with special needs through its Maharashtra State Handicapped Finance and Development Corporation in light of a plea seeking a probe into the scheme for providing over 80 faulty vehicles to beneficiaries.

A division bench of Justices Revati Mohite Dere and Sandesh D Patil, on October 15, heard a petition filed by around 115 people with disabilities from different regions of Maharashtra. The petitioners sought a directive to the Social Justice Department, the Department of Disability Welfare, and the Maharashtra State Handicapped Finance and Development Corporation to replace defective electric vehicles provided under a government scheme with "safe and operational alternatives". The petition further requested an

independent probe into the approval process and alleged discrepancies between the government's procurement prices and the prevailing market rates of the e-rickshaws. Represented by advocates Asim Sarode and Shriya Awale, the petitioners argued that forcing them to continue using "defective vehicles" amounted to a violation of their fundamental rights as beneficiaries of the state initiative. Sarode informed the court that the scheme originated from a government resolution (GR) issued by the Social Justice Department on June 10, 2019, titled 'Regarding provision of Green Energy-Powered Environment-friendly Mobile Shop (Mobile Shop on E-Vehicle) for Disabled Persons to become Self-Reliant'. Under this programme, approximately 800 e-vehicles were distributed at a cost of over Rs 20 crore. The petitioners contended that many of the e-vehicles allotted to them suffered from various technical flaws and were of substandard quality, urging that these be replaced with better-built, roadworthy vehicles. On October 15, the lawyer for the company Mac Auto India assured the court that it will address all the grievances not only of the 115 petitioners, but also of all such allottees to whom e-rickshaws have been allotted. Additional Government Pleader Bhupesh V Samant for the state also assured the court that the Corporation will appoint a person having technical knowledge in various districts to examine the e-rickshaws not only of the 115 petitioners, but also of other allottees to whom e-rickshaws have been allotted. AGP Samant sought time to also file a report after examination of the said rickshaws. The HC posted further hearing to November 19 to enable the Corporation to check the vehicles and appoint a technical person. The court also asked the Maharashtra government, through the relevant department, to extend all possible assistance, including deputing a person with technical know-how, for examining the e-vehicles.

## After spat over Bengaluru infrastructure, Kiran Mazumdar Shaw meets D K Shivakumar

Days after Karnataka Deputy Chief Minister D K Shivakumar and Biocon founder Kiran Mazumdar Shaw had a heated exchange over the state of roads in Bengaluru city, the duo held a brief meeting at the former's residence on Tuesday. According to sources, Shaw met Shivakumar to extend an invitation to her relative's wedding. Shivakumar shared a photo of the meeting on X, saying that the two "had an engaging discussion on Bengaluru's growth, innovation, and the path ahead for Karnataka's growth story". It was a pleasure to meet Ms. @kiranshaw, entrepreneur and Founder of Biocon, at my residence today. Subsequently, Shaw also met Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and BJP Parliamentary Board member B S Yediyurappa, and reportedly extended an invitation to the wedding.

Shaw's meeting with Shivakumar comes days after the two had sparred over the state of roads in the city. Recently, Shaw had taken to X to narrate an incident where an overseas business visitor complained about poor roads and inadequate garbage disposal mechanisms in the city. This had elicited sharp reactions from Shivakumar and other Karnataka ministers, such as Industries Minister M B Patil and IT/BT minister Priyank Kharge. Subsequently, Shivakumar had hit back at Shaw and suggested that her



criticism of Bengaluru infrastructure had an agenda and accused her of being silent during the BJP rule. Shaw dismissed the allegations to maintain that she had raised similar concerns during the tenure of the previous government. The exchange of words had put the spotlight on the poor state of roads in parts of the city. Their meeting on Tuesday also attracted a lot of chatter on social media platforms, with many users lauding the duo for trying to resolve the issue through discussions.

## Telangana HC orders probe into Nagarkurnool custodial torture allegation, demands CCTV footage from police station



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Telangana HC orders probe into Nagarkurnool custodial torture allegation, demands CCTV footage from police station. The order dated October 15 stated that the Superintendent of Police (SP) in Nagarkurnool must conduct a full investigation into the matter. The Telangana High Court recently issued a strong directive ordering an immediate inquiry into grave allegations of custodial torture against police personnel in Nagarkurnool district, and the preservation of crucial video evidence in this connection.

The case involves a writ petition filed by a farmer, Chirumani Balaraju, 36, who accused three officers — a sub-inspector and two constables of Kollapur police station of illegally detaining and brutally assaulting him on September 17. The order dated October 15, issued by Justice N V

Shravan Kumar, stated that the Superintendent of Police (SP) in Nagarkurnool must conduct a full investigation into the matter. "... respondent No.3 is directed to cause an enquiry into the matter and file a detailed report, along with CCTV footage recording of Kollapur police station on 17.09.2025 between 11.00 AM to 3.00 PM." According to the petitioner's counsel, Karnati Venkata Reddy, Balaraju went to the Kollapur police station to lodge a complaint over a land dispute. However, instead of registering a First Information Report (FIR), the police personnel detained him illegally and beat him "with leather belts, tire belts and lathis". Balaraju also accused the officers of attempting to murder him. The petitioner filed photographic evidence of his injuries along with his plea. The petition sought a declaration that the failure of the state authorities to register an FIR on his subsequent complaints (dated September 29 and October 6) was illegal, arbitrary, and violative of his fundamental rights, citing landmark Supreme Court judgments on custodial violence and mandatory FIR registration. The court issued the interim order taking cognisance of the serious allegations and the supporting materials. Mentioning the specific four-hour period during which the alleged assault took place, it directed to ensure compliance with Supreme Court mandates regarding CCTV preservation in police stations. The court also issued a show-cause notice to all seven respondents, including the three accused police officers, instructing to file their response by the next date of hearing. The case will be listed again on November 6.

## Jubilee Hills Election Results... A Prelude to the GHMC Elections



"Nacharam, Indian Chronicle, November 14: "The impressive victory achieved by the Congress Party in the Jubilee Hills by-election will serve as a beginning for the upcoming GHMC by-elections, said Nacharam Division President Bandaram Srikanth Goud. "On the occasion of Con-

gress candidate Naveen Yadav winning with a huge majority, victory celebrations were organized in Nacharam under the leadership of Division President Bandaram Srikanth Goud. Congress Party leaders burst firecrackers and distributed sweets on the main road of Nacharam. "Speaking on the occasion, Srikanth Goud said that the people of Jubilee Hills responded with their votes to the false allegations made by BRS leaders against Naveen Yadav. He added that the results of the Jubilee Hills by-election will be repeated in the forthcoming GHMC local body elections. "He further said that the victory in the Jubilee Hills by-election is being dedicated to the entire people of Telangana. "Former Councillor Krishna Reddy, leaders Nuthan Kanti Raju, HR Mohan, Muddasani Ram Reddy, Mahesh Yadav, Krishna Yadav, Raghu, Kranti and others participated in the program



# In Malkajigiri...Mynampalli is a tribute to Hanmantha Rao

## Congress flag in the hearts of people of Jubilee Hills – Balaraju Yadav

### Mainampally Yuva Sena President K Sadanand Malkajigiri

“Malkajigiri, November 15:- Former Malkajigiri MLA Mynampalli Hanmantha Rao, who campaigned extensively for the victory of Congress party candidate Naveen Yadav in the Jubilee Hills constituency by-election, was on Saturday in Malkajigiri. “Mainampally Yuva Sena President Balaraju Yadavsalua was felicitated. “On this occasion he said...“He said that the Congress is in the hearts of the people of Jubilee Hills and the Congress flag is hoisted on every house, that is why the Congress flag is hoisted in Jubilee Hills.”“Mynampally Hanmantha Rao, Malkajigiri for Congress Party candidate Naveen Yadav's victory “He said that his victory was possible due to the fact that he organized extensive campaign programs with the leaders and activists of the Congress party.” “For the victory of Congress candidate Naveen Yadav““He expressed his gratitude on behalf of the Congress family members of Mainampalli Hanmantha Rao Ku malkajigiri Constituency who worked day and night.



# Now, Delhiites can get a cheaper membership at Dwarka Golf Course

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The Delhi Development Authority (DDA) has announced a 40% discount on membership fees at its Dwarka Golf Course, following directions from Delhi Lieutenant Governor V K Saxena. The offer is part of a festive season scheme and applies to all membership categories on a first-come, first-served basis for the first 1,000 members. According to DDA officials, the revised tenure membership fee for government employees is now Rs 1.2 lakh for three years and Rs 1.8 lakh for five years. For non-government members, the charges are Rs 3.6 lakh for three years and Rs 5.4 lakh for five years. Existing members will have their tenure extended proportionately to benefit from the offer. Located in Dwarka's Sector 24, the 18-hole golf course spans 7,377 yards and covers 158 acres — making it the longest in the country. It features large greens, a 375-yard driving range with 52 bays — also the country's longest — and North Shore SLT grass for fairways, introduced for the first time in India. Constructed by the DDA at a cost of Rs 250 crore, the golf course was inaugurated in December last year by Saxena.

The course includes a clubhouse equipped with a restaurant, cafeteria, conference and lecture halls, swimming pool, sauna, steam rooms, and other amenities. The DDA



has also awarded work to an agency for the operation of a 'Centre of Excellence for Golf' to train young golfers. The facility will include coaching, a fitness centre, a tech studio, and physiotherapy services. Officials said the course incorporates sustainable features such as an automated irrigation system, underground drainage, and stormwater recharge wells. The DDA currently operates 18 sports complexes, four mini sports complexes, three public golf courses, 17 swimming pools, and 40 multi-gyms. Several Centres of Excellence are also being developed in Dwarka across various sports complexes.

# ‘A very sad state of affairs’: Allahabad HC says courts overburdened, many lawyers not helping

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Calling it a very sad state of affairs, the Allahabad High Court criticised several advocates for not assisting the court fairly, pointing out that courts are overburdened. The court made the observation while hearing a petition filed by Saba alias Saba Siddiqui seeking directions to the Principal Judge, Family Court, Bahraich for expeditious disposal of her case seeking maintenance from her husband. Saba had filed her petition on June 7, 2023. On March 12 this year, the family court passed an order granting her interim maintenance. The matter was fixed for May 23 for evidence.

Saba's lawyers approached the HC for her petition to be expedited. When the petition came up on September 16, the High Court noted several deficiencies. The May 23 order was missing from the record, and the orders passed by the trial court were annexed in a haphazard manner, forcing the court to spend excessive time reviewing the file. The court had passed over the matter to give the petitioner's counsel time to correct the record and assist the court properly. However, on the next date, the advocate began advancing his submissions afresh without pointing out the previous directive or addressing the document issue. The court, in its order last month, observed, "It is indeed a very sad state of affairs where courts are overburdened with work and several learned counsel do not assist the court fairly and to the best of their ability." The court also recorded the scale of its workload on that particular day: it had 91 fresh matters, 182 listed matters and six miscellaneous applications. The court's scheduled sitting time is for 300 minutes, it added, stating that the roster assigned includes bail applications, anticipatory bail applications, criminal matters pertaining to the Enforcement Directorate and CBI, and all criminal cases involving MPs, MLAs and MLCs among others. Citing a Supreme Court directive to decide bail matters within two months, the HC observed, "When such a huge number of cases are being filed before this court... such poor quality of assistance being provided by advocates is creating a hurdle in speedy dispensation of



justice to the litigants.”

It also said it is really unfortunate that repeated requests "made by this court through reported judgments has not been acceded to by the members of the Bar". "In these circumstances, when the court is under oath to perform its duties to the best of its ability, there is no option except to go through the record to ensure rendering justice to the petitioner despite poor assistance rendered by the advocate," it said. "The petition under Section 125 CrPC was filed by the petitioner in 2023. Although it is true that all courts in the state are working under immense workload, it is equally true that applications under 125 CrPC need to be decided expeditiously. The order sheet of the family court revealed that the opposite party has repetitively abstained from appearing; the family court passed an order for proceeding with the case ex parte," the court stated in its order. "Keeping in view the aforesaid facts and circumstances of the case, the petition is disposed of by issuing a direction to the Principal Judge, Family Court, Bahraich, to proceed with the case... expeditiously in accordance with law, without granting any unnecessary adjournment to any of the parties and by fixing dates at short intervals," the court stated in its order.

# Trials successful, double-decker buses may soon return to Pune roads after 30 years

Double-decker buses may soon return to Pune roads following the successful completion of trial runs conducted by the Pune Mahanagar Parivahan Mahamandal Limited (PMPML). Officials said electric, air-conditioned buses manufactured by Switch Mobility performed well during the trials. "The Rs 100 rate will be reduced once operations begin. The trial runs were successful, and our Chairman and Managing Director, Pankaj Deore, will submit a letter regarding minor issues, such as tree branches obstructing the upper deck, to the Pune Municipal Corporation and the Pune Metropolitan Region Development Authority. A meeting with the board of directors will decide the next steps," said Satish Gavhane, Chief Transport Manager, PMPML.

Each double-decker bus has a seating capacity of 65 passengers and standing space for 20 passengers. The trial routes included Magarpatta to Kalyani Nagar, Ramwadi

Metro Station to International Tech Park (Kharadi), Pune Station to Pune Airport, Dehu to Alandi, Chinchwad to Hinjewadi, and a circular Hinjewadi-to-Hinjewadi route. Passengers across Pune, especially those working in major IT hubs such as Hinjewadi and Magarpatta, have welcomed the move, calling it a step toward easing congestion and improving comfort. Anjali K P, an IT professional working in Hinjewadi, said, "The route conditions are not in great shape, but most buses are already overcrowded. Double-decker buses would definitely help manage the rush. If the roads are improved, these buses could become a really convenient mode of travel." Highlighting the benefits, Swapnil Birajdar, a software engineer working in Hinjewadi, said, "Double-deckers can carry almost twice as many passengers as regular ones, meaning fewer buses and less traffic. They're electric, so less smoke, less noise, and a cleaner environment, something Pune really needs.

# ‘No respect for Dalits under this government’: Mallikarjun Kharge condemns attack on CJI, lynching of man in UP



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All India Congress Committee (AICC) president Mallikarjun Kharge on Wednesday condemned the attack on Chief Justice of India (CJI) B R Gavai and the lynching of a Dalit man at Rae Bareilly in Uttar Pradesh, saying there was no respect for Dalits in the country. "If a shoe is thrown at the CJI, what is the fate of ordinary people, clerks and officials from the community?" Kharge, who also hails from the Dalit community, asked. This was the AICC president's first response regarding the two incidents following his surgery last week to implant a pacemaker.

Referring to lawyer Rakesh Kishore, who hurled shoes

at CJI Gavai, Kharge said that his ideology was the "one that does not consider a human as a human, and does not provide the status for women in the modern society, and talks of a religion which for thousands of years has kept humans in slavery". Kishore was debarred from the Bar Council of India after attempting to throw a shoe at the CJI in a courtroom on Monday.

Kharge rued that such a mentality prevailed among some people even after 78 years of independence. "In the name of Manusmriti and Sanatana Dharma, whoever attacks the fundamental rights of people should be punished. Those who unnecessarily try to create tension in society and disrupt law and order, such individuals should be punished," he said, calling for people from progressive ideologies to band together against such development. On the lynching of a Dalit man, Hariom Valmiki, by a mob at Rae Bareilly, Kharge said that it was a reflection of the deteriorating law and order situation in Uttar Pradesh. "May it be for ordinary Dalit citizens or those in higher positions, there is no respect for them under this government... If we sit idle when a shoe is thrown at the CJI, what will happen to ordinary people, clerks and officials from the community?" the AICC president asked. Valmiki was lynched by a mob on October 2, while he was on his way to his in-laws. He was suspected of being a thief and was beaten to death by a gang.

# Baranagar jeweller murder: Two arrested from Jharkhand, plan to kill and loot ‘was hatched inside jail’, say cops as they try to retrieve 15 kg gold

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In the loot and murder of Baranagar jewellery shop owner Sankar Jana in Bengal, police have so far arrested five persons, including two from Jamshedpur, Jharkhand. On Saturday, in broad daylight, 60-year-old Jana was found dead with his legs tied inside his jewellery shop Saraswati Chain and Ornaments, located at Shambhunath Das Lane in Baranagar of North 24 Parganas district. Kolkata police officials said the latest arrests were made in Jamshedpur. The accused from Jamshedpur are alleged to have beaten Jana to death with iron rods inside his own shop. They will be brought to Kolkata on transit remand and produced before the Barrackpore court, where police will seek their custody. Investigations have allegedly revealed that the plan to loot and kill the victim was hatched inside Presidency Jail by Sanjoy Maity, a history-sheeter from North Kolkata arrested a month ago in an arms case, and Rakesh Das, another inmate. Das had earlier allegedly killed businessman Deepak Das on Amherst Street in North Kolkata in 2022. Kolkata Police had arrested him and his accomplice from Bihar. Police sources said that since Rakesh had strong connections in the criminal networks of Bihar and Jharkhand, he "arranged three robbers" from there. They allegedly travelled to Kolkata and made contact with Maity, who had recently been granted bail. After his release, Maity allegedly conducted a reconnaissance of the jewellery shop to set the plan in motion. On Monday, police made the first arrests in the case — Sanjoy Maity and Surajit Sikdar. Sikdar, a resident of Gouri Shankar Ghoshal Lane in Narkeldanga, was picked up



following leads from Maity's interrogation, officials said. The questioning of both men led police to Panchu Samanta, allegedly the purchaser of the looted gold. On Tuesday, police produced Samanta before the Barrackpore court, seeking 10-day custody. The court granted three days of police custody. Search operations are still underway in Bihar and Jharkhand to nab another accused who remains absconding. A senior police officer said, "Even before the loot, Maity had already arranged for the gold to be sold to Samanta. But Maity did not take the entire amount in cash. Right after the loot, the gold was given to Samanta." According to police sources, around 15 kilograms of gold is yet to be recovered. Speaking to The Indian Express, Barrackpore Police Commissioner Murlidhar Sharma said, "Five persons have been arrested in the case. Investigations are still on."

# When medicine meets art: Pune neurosurgeon’s paintings capture brain’s hidden beauty, its complexities

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Artists have always been fascinated by how light reflects off different surfaces, be it shiny objects or the depth of dark caves. For Pune-based neurosurgeon Dr Jaydev Panchwagh, the same play of light and shadow exists within the human brain when illuminated during surgery. This inspired him to merge aesthetic and scientific perspectives through his paintings. An initiative that led the doctor to embark on his artistic journey five years ago has grown into a collection of over 60 paintings, which were recently displayed at an international conference in Mumbai. The exhibit caught the eye of Dr Michael Lawton, President and CEO of Barrow Neurological Institute—also known for his involvement with Elon Musk's Neuralink. Soon after, the idea of creating a painting based on one of Dr Lawton's surgeries took shape.

"Arteriovenous malformation of the spinal cord is one of the most difficult neurosurgeries. Such was the complexity that it took 10-12 hours to create a single painting based on Dr Lawton's surgery. This was the first time that I have painted someone else's surgery, and I am happy that it was of one of the world's leading neurosurgeons," Dr Panchwagh, Chairman of Synapse Brain and Spine Foundation and founder member of the Indo German Neurosurgery Foundation, told The Indian Express. He added that he was pleasantly surprised that his artwork had found appreciation from various neurosurgeons across India and the world. Among Dr Panchwagh's collection is a unique painting that captures the tangle of abnormal blood vessels in the brain, in shapes and shades of red, transforming as if alive. "The aim is to reveal the hidden beauty of vital brain structures and the remarkable complexity of their functions," he said.

With modern endoscopy, doctors can look deep inside the brain to understand its intricate architecture and its striking visual patterns, according to Dr Panchwagh. "Imagine the excitement of unfolding these internal landscapes, not just through science, but also through art," he said, explaining how he entered the world of art. "I have sketched several drawings during my ongoing research. So, taking to painting was a natural extension," he added. Trigeminal Neuralgia Awareness Month

Dr Panchwagh also highlighted the significance of his endeavour in light of October being observed as Trigeminal Neuralgia Awareness Month, with October 7 marked as Trigeminal Neuralgia Awareness Day. This rare and debilitating facial pain disorder affects the trigeminal nerve and is often described as a disease causing the most severe pain—sometimes referred to as the "suicide disease" due to its severity. The condition recently gained public attention when actor Salman Khan spoke about his experience with it. "There can be severe shooting pain attacks on one side of the face, gums or forehead that can even be triggered by touching the face, breeze of air, brushing teeth, opening the mouth, and so on. Unfortunately, this pain is often misdiagnosed," Dr Panchwagh said. Some of his paintings displayed at a recent exhibition in Germany were sold



to raise money for patients suffering from Trigeminal Neuralgia and Hemifacial spasms.

# Cyber security courses for Telangana students in NACS



Hyderabad: The National Academy of Cyber Security has invited online applications from eligible candidates across Telangana for its Government of India certified online training programmes in Cyber Security and Ethical Hacking. The academy is offering multiple courses including Cyber Security Officer, Diploma, PG Diploma, and Master Programmes in Cyber Security & Ethical Hacking. Course durations range from six months to one year, and successful candidates will receive a government-recognized certificate. Applicants with qualifications such as Intermediate, Diploma, Degree, Engineering, or PG are eligible to apply. The training aims to equip participants with industry-relevant skills, opening up career opportunities in roles like Cyber Security Officer, Information Officer, and Security Analyst, both in India and abroad. Interested candidates can apply online at [www.nacsindia.org](http://www.nacsindia.org).



# Yemen’s Houthi rebels claim missile attack on Dutch-flagged ship in Gulf of Aden



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Dubai: Yemen's Houthi rebels early Wednesday claimed the attack that left a Dutch-flagged cargo ship ablaze and adrift in the Gulf of Aden, underlined the range of their weaponry and their campaign targeting shipping over the Israel-Hamas war. The attack Monday on the Minervagracht was the most serious assault in months by the Iranian-backed Houthis in the Gulf of Aden, which is some distance from the Red Sea where they have sunk four vessels since November 2023. The attack also comes as Israel engages in a new ground offensive targeting Gaza City as efforts to reach a ceasefire again hang in the balance.

Meanwhile, the Mideast also remains on edge after the United Nations reimposed sanctions on Iran over its nuclear programme. The Houthis separately threatened to “employ all means and instruments available” to target several American oil firms. The Houthis fired a cruise missile that targeted and struck the Minervagracht, Houthi military spokesman Brig Gen Yahya Saree said. Saree accused the ship’s owners, Amsterdam-based Spliethoff, of violat-

ing “the entry ban to the ports of occupied Palestine.” Initially, the US Navy-overseen Joint Maritime Information Centre said the Minervagracht had no ties to Israel, but a note Tuesday said the centre was “reviewing vessel affiliations for possible links to Israel.” The attack wounded two mariners on board the Minervagracht, whose 19-member crew hailed from the Philippines, Russia, Sri Lanka and Ukraine. They were forced to evacuate the ship after the strike inflicted substantial damage. A European naval force operating in the region, known as Operation Aspidos, said on Tuesday the Minervagracht was on fire and adrift after the crew’s rescue. The Houthis have launched missile and drone attacks on over 100 ships and on Israel in response to the war in Gaza, saying they were acting in solidarity with the Palestinians. However, some of the group’s targets have had tenuous links or no connections at all to Israel.

The Houthi attack widens the area of the rebels’ recent assaults, as the last recorded attack on a commercial vessel in the Gulf of Aden before the Minervagracht came in August 2024. Their attacks over the past two years have upended shipping in the Red Sea, through which about US\$ 1 trillion of goods passed each year before the war. The Houthis stopped their attacks on shipping and Israel itself during a brief ceasefire in the war. They later became the target of an intense weekslong campaign of airstrikes ordered by US President Donald Trump before he declared a ceasefire had been reached with the rebels. The Houthi campaign against shipping has killed at least eight mariners and seen four ships sunk. Meanwhile on Wednesday, the Houthis said they had levied sanctions against multiple American oil companies, including Chevron Corp, ConocoPhillips and Exxon Mobil Corp, as well as individuals and two ships. The rebels in the past have issued such designations before launching attacks.

# Trump says denial of Nobel Peace Prize would be “big insult” to US

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New York/Washington: US President Donald Trump has said it will be a “big insult” to America if the Nobel Peace Prize is not awarded to him even though he has ended over seven global conflicts. Referring to his plan to end the Gaza conflict, Trump said Tuesday in remarks to military leaders in Quantico: “We got it, I think, settled. We’ll see. Hamas has to agree, and if they don’t, it’s going to be very tough on them. But all of the Arab nations, Muslim nations, have agreed. Israel has agreed. It’s an amazing thing. It just came together.”

Trump said that if his plan, announced Monday, to end the Gaza conflict works out, he would have solved eight conflicts in as many months. “That’s pretty good. Nobody’s ever done that. ‘Will you get the Nobel Prize?’ Absolutely not. They’ll give it to some guy that didn’t do a damn thing. They’ll give it to a guy that wrote a book about the mind of Donald Trump and what it took to solve the war... The Nobel Prize will go to a writer, yeah, but we’ll see what happens,” Trump said. “But it’ll be a big insult to our country. I will tell



you that. I don’t want it. I want the country to get it. It should get it because there’s never been anything like it. Think of it. So if this (plan to end the Gaza conflict) happens, I think it will. I don’t say that lightly, because I know more about deals than anybody. This is what my whole life was based on,” he said.

# Trump says Harvard deal is close, university will pay \$500 million

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U.S. President Donald Trump said on that his administration was close to a deal with Harvard University that would include a \$500 million payment by the Ivy League institution, after months of negotiations over school policies. The administration has been wrangling with several prestigious universities, threatening to withhold federal funds over issues including pro-Palestinian protests against Israel’s war in Gaza, campus diversity and transgender policies. “We are in the process of getting very close,” Mr. Trump told reporters at an event in the Oval Office. “Linda is finishing up the final details,” he said, referring to Education Secretary Linda McMahon. “And they’ll be paying about \$500 million and they’ll be operating trade schools. They’re going to be teaching people how to do AI and lots of other things, engines, lots of things,” he said. He offered no further details on the deal. Cambridge, Massachusetts-based Harvard had no immediate comment on Trump’s remarks. Rights advocates have raised free speech, privacy and academic freedom concerns over the Trump administration’s probes into universities. Mr. Trump has said that Harvard and other universities allowed displays of antisemitism during pro-Palestinian protests. Protesters, including some Jewish groups, say the government wrongly equates criticism of Israel’s assault on Gaza and its occupation of Palestinian territories with antisemitism, and advocacy for Palestinian rights with support for extremism. The government has not announced probes into Islamophobia. Harvard task forces said in late April that the school’s Jewish and Muslim students faced bigotry and abuse during the course of Israel’s war in Gaza after the October 2023 Hamas attack.

Actions against Harvard, other Ivy League schoolsSeveral other Ivy League schools have made deals with the Trump administration in recent months, including Columbia University and Brown University, which accepted certain government demands. Columbia agreed to pay more than \$220 million to the government and Brown said it will pay \$50 million to support local workforce development. The Trump administration zeroed in on the pro-Palestinian protest movement that roiled Harvard’s campus, moving to terminate more than \$2 billion in research grant funding to the university. It also sought to bar international students from attending the school, threatened Harvard’s accreditation status, and opened the door to cutting off more funds by finding it violated federal civil rights law. Harvard President Alan Garber has said that the various federal actions since Trump returned to office in January could strip the school of nearly \$1 billion annually, forcing it to lay off staff and freeze hiring. Challenged in courtHarvard challenged some of those actions in court, arguing the Trump administration was retaliating against it in violation of its free-speech rights after it refused to meet officials’ demands that it overhaul its governance, hiring and academic programs to align with their ideological agenda. Its two lawsuits were assigned to U.S. District Judge Allison Burroughs, a Boston-based appointee of Democratic former President Barack Obama, who blocked the Trump administration from closing the door to international students and on September 3 barred it from continuing to cut off Harvard’s research funding. But the administration in the days since the ruling has continued to escalate its fight with Harvard. A day before Trump’s latest comments, the U.S. Department of Health and Human



Services said that it would start a process that could lead to the school being barred from contracts with all government agencies or receiving funding. The government has faced other legal setbacks in its attempts to freeze federal funding to universities. Last week, a federal judge ordered Trump’s administration to restore more than \$500 million of frozen federal grants to the University of California, Los Angeles.

# Speculating on ‘Kathipara’

WhatsApp University has no doubts whatsoever. It says Kathipara acquired its name because of the scissor-like manner in which the roads on the clover there cut across each other. The earliest record I can trace of Kathipara is from the 1960s. So clearly, whoever gave the place its name was prescient. Kathipara Road exists in district administration manuals of Saidapet and Chengalpattu from the 1960s and so it clearly was a village of that name. In my view, the name has something to do with the stationing of the East India Company’s garrison at St Thomas Mount though I am no closer to explaining the name that way. The entire area has a lot of streets that have Army connotations — Lashkarkhana (a camp), Asarghana (Afsar Khana or Officer’s Enclave), Butt Road (there was a rifle practice butt here), Magazine Road, North Parade, etc. And the para in Kathipara was probably pahra — which means a guard post. It must not be forgotten that this was after all the southern border of Madras city for long, separating it from Chengalpattu. What is overlooked is that we have a Kathbada in the northern end of our city too. That is in Fort Tondiarpet, just north of where the Town Wall once existed. In fact, Kathbada Road very clearly defines its purpose. It exactly follows the contour of the town wall, north of Old Jail Road/Ebrahim Sahib Salai and stretches west to east, connecting Buckingham Canal to Washermanpet. In other words, it was the northern bound of the city, linking two important exits from the old town — to Kathivakkam and Tiruvottiyur. Both were old villages that the East India Company was very heavily invested in. And so, both the northern and southern extremities of our city had Kathbada/Kathipara. Kathipara had a garrison close by at St Thomas Mount. Kathbada too had Army presence for a while before the unit moved to Perambur in an area that is still known as Pattalam or garrison. Sadly for us, relying as we do on modern day maps, both areas have undergone major transformations.

# U.S. Government shutdown: What to expect as partisan division rules Washington



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Washington is bracing for what could be a prolonged Federal shutdown after lawmakers deadlocked and missed the deadline for funding the government. Republicans supported a short-term measure to fund the government generally at current levels through November 21, but Democrats blocked it, insisting the measure address their concerns on health care. They want to reverse the Medicaid cuts in President Donald Trump’s mega-bill passed this summer and extend tax credits that make health insurance premiums more affordable for millions of people who purchase through the marketplaces established by the Affordable Care Act. Republicans called the Democratic proposal a nonstarter that would cost taxpayers more than \$1 trillion. Now that a lapse in funding has occurred, the law requires agencies to furlough their “non-excepted” employees. Excepted employees, which include those who work to protect life and property, stay on the job but don’t get paid until after the shutdown ends. The White House Office of Management and Budget begins the process with instructions to agencies that a lapse in appropriations has occurred and they should initiate orderly shutdown activities. That memo went out Tuesday (September 30, 2025) evening. The Congressional Budget Office estimates that roughly 7,50,000 federal employees could be furloughed each day of the shutdown, with the total daily cost of their compensation at roughly \$400 million.

What government work continues during a shutdown?

FBI investigators, CIA officers, air traffic controllers and agents operating airport checkpoints keep working. So do members of the Armed Forces. Those programmes that rely on mandatory spending generally continue during a shutdown. Social Security payments still go out. Seniors relying on Medicare coverage can still see their doctors and health care providers can be reimbursed. Veteran health care also continues during a shutdown. Veterans Affairs medical centres and outpatient clinics will be open, and VA benefits will continue to be processed and delivered. Burials will continue at VA national cemeteries.

Will furloughed federal workers get paid?

Yes. In 2019, Congress passed a bill enshrining into law the requirement that furloughed employees get retroactive pay once operations resume. While they’ll eventually get paid, the furloughed workers and those who remain on the job may have to go without one or more of their regular paychecks, depending upon how long the shutdown lasts, creating financial stress for many families. Service members would also receive back pay for any missed paychecks once federal funding resumes.

Will Postal Services works?

Yes. The U.S. Postal Service is unaffected by a government shutdown. It’s an independent entity funded through the sale of its products and services, not by tax dollars.

What closes during a shutdown?

All administrations get some leeway to choose which services to freeze and which to maintain in a shutdown. The first Trump administration worked to blunt the impact of what became the country’s longest partial shutdown in 2018 and 2019. But on Tuesday (September 30), Mr. Trump threatened the possibility of increasing the pain that comes with a shutdown. “We can do things during the shutdown that are

irreversible, that are bad for them and irreversible by them,” Mr. Trump said of Democrats. “Like cutting vast numbers of people out, cutting things that they like, cutting programmes that they like.” Each federal agency develops its own shutdown plan. The plans outline which workers would stay on the job during a shutdown and which would be furloughed. In a provocative move, the White House’s Office of Management and Budget has threatened the mass firing of federal workers in a shutdown. An OMB memo said those programmes that didn’t get funding through Mr. Trump’s mega-bill this summer would bear the brunt of a shutdown. Agencies should consider issuing reduction-in-force notices for those programmes whose funding expires, that don’t have alternative funding sources and are “not consistent with the President’s priorities,” the memo said. That would be a much more aggressive step than in previous shutdowns, when furloughed federal workers returned to their jobs once the shutdown was over. A reduction in force would not only lay off employees but eliminate their positions, which would trigger another massive upheaval in a federal workforce that’s already faced major rounds of cuts due to efforts from the Department of Government Efficiency and elsewhere in Mr. Trump’s Republican administration.

What agencies are planning

Health and Human Services will furlough about 41% of its staff out of nearly 80,000 employees, according to a contingency plan posted on its website. As part of that plan, the Atlanta-based Centres for Disease Control and Prevention would continue to monitor disease outbreaks, while activities that will stop include research into health risks and ways to prevent illness. Meanwhile, research and patient care at the National Institutes of Health would be upended. Patients currently enrolled in studies at the research-only hospital nicknamed the “house of hope” will continue to receive care. Additional sick patients hoping for access to experimental therapies can’t enroll except in special circumstances, and no new studies will begin. At the Food and Drug Administration, its “ability to protect and promote public health and safety would be significantly impacted, with many activities delayed or paused.

” For example, the agency would not accept new drug applications or medical device submissions that require payment of a user fee. — National Park Service: As the shutdown neared, the National Park Service had not yet said whether it will close its more than 400 sites across the US to visitors. Park officials said Tuesday afternoon that contingency plans were still being updated and would be posted to the service’s website. Many national parks including Yellowstone and Yosemite stayed open during a 35-day shutdown during Mr. Trump’s first term. Limited staffing led to vandalism, gates being pried open and other problems including an off-roader mowing down one of the namesake trees at Joshua Tree National Park in California. — Smithsonian Institution: In the event of a government shutdown, our museums, research centres, and the National Zoo will remain open through at least Monday, October 6. Impact on the economyPhillip Swagel, director of the Congressional Budget Office, said a short shutdown doesn’t have a huge impact on the economy, especially since federal workers, by law, are paid retroactively. But “if a shutdown continues, then that can give rise to uncertainties about what is the role of government in our society, and what’s the financial impact on all the programmes that the government funds.”

“The impact is not immediate, but over time, there is a negative impact of a shutdown on the economy,” he added. Markets haven’t reacted strongly to past shutdowns, according to Goldman Sachs Research. At the close of the three prolonged shutdowns since the early 1990s, equity markets finished flat or up even after dipping initially. A government-wide shutdown would directly reduce growth by around 0.15 percentage points for each week it lasted, or about 0.2 percentage points per week once private-sector effects were included, and growth would rise by the same cumulative amount in the quarter following reopening, writes Alec Phillips, chief US political economist at Goldman Sachs.

# U.S. senators reintroduce Bill to reform H-1B, L-1 visa rules as Donald Trump fee fuels scrutiny

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The top Republican and Democrat on the U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee on reintroduced legislation to tighten rules on the H-1B and L-1 worker visa programmes, targeting what they called loopholes and abuse by major employers. Committee Chairman Chuck Grassley, a Republican from Iowa, and Democratic ranking member Dick Durbin of Illinois said the Bill tightens rules by raising wage and hiring standards, mandating public job postings, and narrowing visa eligibility, among others.

The H-1B visa programme, widely used by the U.S. technology sector to hire skilled workers from India and China, has been under the spotlight after the Donald Trump administration earlier this month imposed a \$100,000 fee on new applications. Unlike the H-1B programme for skilled foreign hires, the L-1 visa allows multinational companies to transfer existing employees from overseas offices to the U.S. The two senators, who first introduced similar legislation in 2007, said they sent letters last week to 10 major U.S. employers including Amazon.com, Alphabet’s Google and Meta Platforms scrutinising their reliance on H-1B visas while laying off staff. The companies did not immediately respond to requests for comment. “Congress created



the H-1B and L-1 visa programmes as limited pathways for businesses to acquire top talent when it can’t be found at home. But over the years, many employers have used them to cut out American workers in favour of cheap foreign labor,” Mr. Grassley said in a statement. U.S. Senators Tommy Tuberville, a Republican from Alabama, Democrat Richard Blumenthal of Connecticut and Bernie Sanders, an Independent from Vermont, are among the original cosponsors of the legislation.

# Pakistan's top leadership will decide on deployment of troops in Gaza: FM Dar

Pakistan’s top leadership will decide on the deployment of troops as part of the peacekeeping force of the Muslim nations in Gaza under the recently announced peace deal to end the bloodshed in the region, Foreign Minister Ishaq Dar said on Tuesday (September 30, 2025). Mr. Dar addressed a press conference where he was asked if Pakistan would send troops to Gaza under the peace plan announced by President Donald Trump on Monday.

He talked at length about the effort to bring a ceasefire and ultimate peace in Gaza, including the preparatory meeting of leaders of eight Muslim countries with President Trump on the sidelines of the U.N. General Assembly session in New York last week. “The idea is to have an independent Palestinian government of technocrats there. It will be overseen by an international oversight body, which, too, will mostly comprise Palestinians...,” he said. “The force [here] is a peacekeeping force. On the ground, there will be Pal-

estinian law-enforcement agencies... there will be [separate] forces supporting them. Indonesia has offered 20,000 troops for that. I am sure Pakistan’s leadership will also be making a decision on this,” he said. “We have asked them to document the arrangement, whatever it is, at the [UN] Security Council,” he added. Meeting with TrumpGiving some details of the meeting with Mr. Trump, he said the objectives were to try for a ceasefire in Gaza, make arrangements for sending humanitarian aid, stop the forced displacement of Palestinians and make arrangements for the return of the displaced Gazans. He said that the Muslim leader also wanted to have a plan for Gaza’s reconstruction and to stop Israel’s attempts to annex the West Bank. Donald Trump attends a multilateral meeting with leaders of Qatar, Jordan, Turkey, Pakistan, Indonesia, Egypt United Arab of Emirates and Saudi Arabia, during the United Nations General AssemblyDonald Trump attends a multilateral meeting with leaders of Qatar.







# Kerala woman gets a ‘thank you’ from Gaza



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A young woman from Kerala is making headlines with visuals showing displaced families in Gaza thanking her for arranging drinking water supply for them going viral on social media.Sreereshmi Udayakumar, the founder of the ‘Koottu’ collective, had, with the help of her close friends and acquaintances, arranged a 3,000-litre water truck to make the supply to around 250 Palestinian families evacuated to southern Gaza during the ongoing conflicts.Instagram reels show children and women holding boards which read,

‘Thank you Reshmi and her friends from Kerala India.’ “The place where these families are currently staying does have streams. But the war has left them polluted and the children had started going down with jaundice, diarrhoea, and skin infections,” Ms. Udayakumar, who lives in Kochi, said on Friday. “They need around 6,000 litres a day.”

The water truck reached the families on Wednesday. As part of the humanitarian effort, she had taken the initiative to arrange donations for the families through her friends abroad.“More than the financial help, the big challenge was getting someone to take the water there. Contacts were collected through the families. A private truck owner agreed to supply the water. We shouldered the cost,” she said. “This is a humanitarian crisis. It can happen anywhere. The families have no food, no water. Everything is expensive and in short supply,” said Ms. Udayakumar, who has been in contact with several families in conflict-ridden Gaza over the past eight-nine months.“The families say they have no idea how long they will be staying in the place where they are now. They say they have no more places to evacuate to,” she said.Ms. Udayakumar says it is the duty of everyone to extend a helping hand to people facing such situations. “I view it as such. I don’t see any politics in it,” says the young woman, who describes herself as someone without a passport. Ms. Sreereshmi is married to Yasir.

# Mind and body

“Health? My dear, that’s what money is for,” my busy friend ascending the corporate ladder would quip. “Why worry about? little aches and pains when you have specialist doctors to fix the problem?” He genuinely believed that health was a commodity, something that could be purchased, repaired, or outsourced with enough financial muscle. He represents a large captive clientele for the hospital industry — their?reliable revenue stream. ?We often speak of “my body”, a phrase that suggests absolute ownership and control. We believe our bodies are our personal property, to be used and enjoyed as we see fit. Yet, a closer look at biology and genetics reveals a truth far more profound and humbling: we are not the owners of our bodies. We are merely their temporary custodians, entrusted with a vessel built from a genetic blueprint thousands of millennia in the making. This body, a tapestry woven from the DNA of countless ancestors, is a loan — and it’s a loan with strict terms.

Our physical form is a masterpiece of evolution, the culmination of millions of years of adaptation, struggle, and survival. It is a biological archive, a library of traits passed down through a chain of millions of ancestors. Within our DNA lies the genetic code for our physical attributes, as well as our predisposition to certain diseases. It is a complex mixture of qualities, some advantageous and some detrimental. We may inherit the quick wit of a great-great-grandmother, the athletic prowess of an ancient hunter, or the propensity for heart disease from a recent ancestor. We are, in essence, a living museum of our genetic heritage, and this heritage is both our greatest asset and our most significant challenge.

The body is a programme “unspooling” according to its embedded genetic instructions. Without our conscious intervention, this script is inescapable. We can either fatalistically let go and let it play out its genetic blueprint, or we can choose to do something about it. This is where the concept of the “will” comes into play. We can forge our bodies in the fire of our will. That is done through a daily commitment to exercise, proper nutrition, and healthy habits. Physically, each day’s health has to be earned through a regimen of exercises. Unless you have exercised in the last 24 hours, the negative imprint of that day will catch up with us later when we least expect it. The debt of inactivity always comes due. Skipping today’s workout borrows from tomorrow’s



health. Health is a daily tax; the penalty for non-payment is steep.Our bodies are not our “friends” in the way we might think. They are not lenient companions who will tolerate our indulgences. Instead, they are strict disciplinarians who operate on a simple, unforgiving logic: cause and effect. A consistent lack of exercise will lead to muscle atrophy (use it or lose it) and poor cardiovascular health. A diet rich in processed foods and sugar will lead to inflammation, metabolic dysfunction, and weight gain. The subtle shifts begin in our forties. ? The spring in our steps turns into a noticeable drag. The mental agility starts to falter, replaced by a frustrating fog. The blood pressure readings begin their steady, upward march. The pre-diabetic diagnosis, which felt like a personal affront, is now an unwelcome permanent resident. ?The body keeps a meticulous ledger and will show no mercy for our dietary excesses and laziness. This is a tough lesson that many learn too late. They believe that they can outsmart or outpend the consequences of their actions.No amount of money can save a body that is going downhill due to a lack of discipline. The world’s most expensive medicines and treatments are often just temporary fixes for problems that could have been prevented with simple, consistent effort. You can’t buy your way out of a lifetime of poor habits. The most expensive gym memberships, the latest health gadgets, and the most exclusive personal trainers are all worthless if you lack the will to use them.We are the choices we make every single day on nutrition and exercise. ? All other issues of our lives pale in comparison to a debilitating health issue. ?If we neglect to prioritise our health, our priorities will be dictated by hospital visits.

# Sardar Patel Road to be widened at a cost of 45 crore

The State Highways Department will soon call for tenders to widen Chennai’s Sardar Patel Road. The estimated cost of adding two additional lanes, building near footpaths for pedestrians, and constructing a soundproof wall for the Cancer Institute (WIA) will be approximately Rs. 45 crores.Sources in the department said that the road is an important one that connects two important roads — the IT Corridor and Anna Salai — that are each six lanes wide.“It is pertinent that this road with several academic institutions and memorials, has a similar width. Already, due to the construction of the flyover at Madhya Kailash junction, the carriageway beneath has been widened for about 400m. The remaining portion from IIT Madras to Anna Salai will become broader to carry more vehicles,” explained an official. The work is to be taken up in two phases, with phase 1 running to a length of 1.70 km from IIT Madras to Raj Bhavan to be the first. The remaining 0.80 km from the Raj Bhavan to Anna Salai will be taken up later. A couple of months ago, Highways Minister E. V. Velu had taken upon himself to check the width of the road after inspecting the flyover.The road has wide footpaths just after Gandhi Mandapam to accommodate the large number of pedestrians entering/exiting the memorials and the educational institutions. However, the footpaths near the hospital and IIT Madras need widening.“They are extremely narrow and even if people walk in single file, it is nearly impossible to keep off the road. We see patients and their attenders walk-



ing on the side of the road ignoring the flowing traffic. It would be great if the footpath in that stretch is also widened,” said Mary, who works at a store in Adyar. Highways officials said that this portion was also in their scope of work.A retired official of the department recalled that way back in 2005-06 when the Chennai Metropolitan Development Plan (CMDP) was launched, it was proposed to widen the road and an administrative sanction was obtained from the State government for Rs.6 crore. “We had also completed the land plan schedule. However, since the road belonged to the Chennai Corporation, the plan was dropped. We formed bus bays at Anna University and near the memorials at that point,” he recalled.

# What is a supermoon?



A supermoon occurs when a full moon or new moon coincides with the moon’s closest approach to the earth in its elliptical orbit — a point known as the perigee. Because the moon’s orbit is not a perfect circle, its distance from the earth varies throughout the month by around 50,000 km.

# Russia’s decision to supply JF-17 jet engines to Pakistan a failure of PM’s personalised diplomacy, says Congress



The Congress on Saturday (October 4, 2025) said the Narendra Modi government must explain why Russia, one of India’s most reliable strategic ally, has ignored New Delhi’s appeals and proceed to supply advanced RD-93MA engines to Pakistan’s fleet of Chinese-made JF-17 fighter jets.In a post on social media platform X, Congress general secretary (communications) Jairam Ramesh said it was a failure of Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s personalised brand of diplomacy and Mr. Modi’s diplomacy prioritises image-building and global spectacle over national interests.‘Russia ignored New Delhi’

In his post, Mr. Ramesh said the government “must

# Women in Gaza say they were promised food, money or work in exchange for sexual interactions

At a shelter, a friend told her about a man who could help with food, aid, maybe even a job. The woman — separated from her husband, and forced to shutter the business that once kept the family afloat — approached him.It was about a month into the war in Gaza, she said, and he promised her work, a six-month contract with an aid agency. On the day she believed she’d sign the paperwork, he drove her not to an office but to an empty apartment. He complimented her, she said, and told her to remove her headscarf.He told her he loved her and wouldn’t force her, she said, but he also wouldn’t let her leave. Eventually, they had a sexual encounter, she said. She declined to give details of the nature of their interaction, saying she felt fear and shame.

“I had to play along because I was scared, I wanted out of this place,” the woman said.Before she left, she said, he handed her some money — 100 shekels, about \$30. Two weeks later, he gave her a box of medicine and a box of food. But for weeks, the job didn’t materialise.As Gaza’s humanitarian crisis grows, women say they have been exploited by local men — some associated with aid groups — promising food, money, water, supplies or work in exchange for sexual interactions. Six women detailed their experiences to The Associated Press, each speaking on condition of anonymity for fear of retribution from their families or the men and because sexual harassment and assault are considered taboo topics. Sometimes, they said, the men’s solicitation was blatant: “Let me touch you,” one woman recalled being told. Other times, it was culturally coded: “I want to marry you,” or “Let’s go together somewhere.”Aid groups and experts say exploitation often arises during conflicts and other times of desperation, particularly when people are displaced and reliant on assistance. Reports of abuse and exploitation have emerged during emergencies in South Sudan, Burkina Faso, Congo, Chad and Haiti.“It’s a horrible reality that humanitarian crises make people vulnerable in many ways — increased sexual violence is often a consequence,” said Heather Barr, associate director for the women’s rights division at Human Rights Watch. “The situation in Gaza today is unspeakable, especially for women and girls.”

Four psychologists working with women in Gaza described patients’ accounts to AP. One said her organization — focused on protecting women and children — treated dozens of cases involving men sexually exploiting vulnerable women, including some in which they became pregnant. The psychologists, all Palestinians working for local organizations in Gaza, spoke on condition of anonymity because of privacy concerns for the women involved and the sensitive nature of the cases, in a conservative culture where sex outside of marriage in any context is seen as a grave offense. They said none of their patients wanted to speak with AP directly.

Five of the women who shared their stories with AP said they did not engage in sexual interaction with the men. The psychologists said some women who came to them agreed to the men’s demands, while others refused.Six human rights and relief organisations — including the local Palestinian group the Women’s Affairs Center and the Protection from Sexual Exploitation and Abuse network, which coordinates with various aid groups including United Nations agencies — told AP they were aware of reports of sexual abuse and exploitation linked to receiving aid.

Aid groups say the context in Gaza — nearly two years of war, the displacement of at least 90% of the population, and turmoil over aid access — has made humanitarian work for vulnerable people particularly challenging. As hunger and desperation grow across the enclave, women in particular say they’ve been pushed to make impossible decisions.The groups blame Israel’s offensive and blockade for the humanitarian crisis and say the war has made documenting exploitation cases difficult. More than 66,000 Palestinians have been killed, according to Gaza’s Health Ministry, which is part of the Hamas-run government and staffed by medical professionals. The ministry does not say how many of those killed were civilians or combatants, but it says women and children make up around half the fatalities.“Israel’s siege on the Gaza Strip and the restrictions on humanitarian aid are what’s forcing women to resort to this,” said Amal Syam, director of the Women’s Affairs Center.

Israel says there are no restrictions on aid and that it has taken steps to expand what comes into Gaza. Israel also accuses Hamas of siphoning off aid — without providing evidence of widespread diversion — and blames U.N. agencies for failing to deliver food it has allowed in. The U.N denies there is widespread aid diversion.One of the women who spoke to AP described phone calls that began in October, a year into the war. At first, she said, the man’s questions were simple. What happened to her husband? How

explain why Russia’s, which was once India’s most reliable strategic ally, has chosen to ignore New Delhi’s appeals and proceeding with supplying advanced RD-93MA engines to Pakistan.“The latest Block III variant of this aircraft will feature the upgraded engine and the same PL-15 missiles believed to have been used against our country during Operation Sindoor. The IAF chief has also stated that the JF-17 may be among the Pakistani fighters that were used against us,” Mr. Ramesh said.The Congress leader said multiple news reports suggest that this deal is moving forward despite direct interventions by External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar in June 2025.“The government owes the nation an explanation as to why a long-time and trusted partner like Russia is now providing military support to Pakistan, even as India continues to purchase S-400 missile systems and negotiates for Su-57 stealth fighters from Moscow. This development underscores yet another failure of Prime Minister Modi’s personalised brand of diplomacy, which prioritises image-building and global spectacle over national interests,” Mr. Ramesh said.The Congress communications chief claimed that that “years of high-profile summits, choreographed photo opportunities with hugs, and grandstanding on the world stage have failed to yield substantive outcomes”.‘India remains unable to diplomatically isolate Pakistan. Instead, Pakistan’s leadership — including its Army Chief Field Marshal Asim Munir, whose communally poisonous statements provided the immediate backdrop to the Pahalgam terror attack — is being courted very warmly by President Donald Trump and supplied weapons by President Vladimir Putin, all while enjoying unqualified backing from China during Operation Sindoor,” Mr. Ramesh added.



many children did they have? But, the 35-year-old widow said, his tone took a turn. What underwear was she wearing? How did her husband please her?She said she’d met the man in Muwasi, a strip of land Israel designated a humanitarian zone. She described standing in line to get assistance and giving her phone number to an aid worker — a Palestinian in a uniform labeled United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA). Shortly after he took her number, the late-night calls began. He would ask sexual questions, she said, and she’d stay silent. She said that at one point, he asked to come to her, for sex. She refused, and after nearly a dozen calls but no aid, she blocked his number, she added.The woman said she reported him to UNRWA in Gaza in a verbal complaint. She said she was told she needed a recording of the conversations as proof, but she had an old phone that couldn’t record calls.

UNRWA communications director Juliette Touma said via email that the agency has a zero-tolerance policy for sexual exploitation, takes each report seriously, and doesn’t require proof. But she wouldn’t say whether staff were aware of this particular incident, citing UNRWA’s policy against discussing individual cases, and wouldn’t comment further on its awareness or work on exploitation cases overall.The PSEA network — to which UNRWA belongs — said survivors can report anonymously or without naming the perpetrator and are never required to provide proof.

Understanding the scale of exploitation is challenging, said Sarah Achiro, a coordinator for the network, which works to prevent, and respond to sexual exploitation and abuse in humanitarian and development settings. Gaza’s limited connectivity restricts calls that could report abuse, and constant displacement makes it harder for survivors to seek in-person help and for aid groups to build trust.Achiro noted that sexual violence is vastly underreported, particularly in humanitarian and conflict settings, where data often shows just “the tip of the iceberg.”The PSEA network said that last year, it received 18 allegations of sexual abuse and exploitation linked to receiving humanitarian aid in Gaza, all involving either aid workers or those associated with it, such as community representatives or private contractors. Allegations against aid workers are investigated by the employer organization. The network wouldn’t indicate how many of the cases were being investigated, saying it can’t disclose information unless they are formally concluded.Four of the women who spoke to AP said the men who solicited them identified themselves as aid workers, and, in one case, a community leader promising aid.Like the widow, several women said it happened while registering or trying to register for aid, with men taking their numbers — frequently a step in the aid process — and later calling. The women said all the men were Palestinian. Several said they weren’t able to identify which aid group the men seemed to be associated with.The U.N. and aid groups generally work with local communities: paying people as contractors, using volunteers, or having leaders appointed by the community as liaisons.The mother of six said the man who promised her a job drove a car with U.N. markings. After their interaction, she said, the messages kept coming — late-night sexual calls and requests for photos. She described dodging them with excuses: She was busy, her phone was broken, she couldn’t talk.But about a month after their sexual interaction, she saw the man at an aid site, in December 2023. He then helped her get a six-month position with UNRWA, which she completed, she said.She told AP she never reported the man, their encounter or his exploitation attempts.“I told myself that no one would believe it,” she said. “Maybe they would say I am only saying this so that they would give me a job.”Asked about the woman’s story, UNRWA’s Touma emphasized the organization’s zero-tolerance policy and said it would seek more information on the exploitation incidents and accusations.Since the interaction and her job, the woman has been displaced, doesn’t have work and struggles to feed her family. She said she blocked the man’s number but he’s tried to contact her as recently as this summer.Some women say they’ve been solicited multiple times, by various men throughout the war.A 37-year-old mother of four told AP she was approached twice, once by the head of a shelter.



# Removal from Tata Trusts: Mehli Mistry gears up for legal battle, seeks ‘a fair hearing’



Industrialist Mehli Mistry has filed a caveat petition before the Maharashtra Charity Commissioner, requesting that he be given “a fair hearing” before any formal move is made to remove him as a trustee of Tata Trusts. While the caveat, a pre-emptive legal measure, ensures that the court or the Charity Commissioner cannot pass any order against him without first giving him an opportunity to present his side, Mistry is understood to have got the support of Ratan Tata’s half-sisters.Mistry’s challenge could complicate the plans of the Noel Tata camp, potentially leading to another high-profile legal tussle. It’s learnt that half-sisters of Ratan Tata, Shireen and Deanna Jeejeebhoy, are supporting Mistry and had gone on record expressing displeasure over the developments. Darius Khambata, a senior lawyer and a close associate of Mistry, Shireen, Deanna and Mistry are the executors of Ratan Tata’s will. Khambata, who voted for Mistry, is on the board of both Sir Ratan Tata Trust and Sir Dorabji Tata Trust.

The stand of Jimmy Tata, brother of Ratan Tata, is not clear. Pune-based Jimmy Tata, who is on the board of Sir Ratan Tata Trust, did not vote in the proposal for renomination of Mehli Mistry last week. He has never voted in any of the resolutions relating to Tata companies and even abstained from the voting for the removal of Cyrus Mistry in 2016-17.According to a source familiar with the development, copies of the caveat have also been served to all trustees of Tata Trusts, including chairman Noel Tata, on Friday. The filing underscores Mistry’s determination to challenge what he considers “an unjust and procedurally flawed decision” regarding his continuation on the board of the powerful Tata Trusts which own the majority 66 per cent stake in Tata Sons, the holding company of the Tata group. Mistry and Tata Trusts did not respond to mails from .Legal experts say that by filing a caveat, Mistry has effectively placed himself in a position to contest both the procedure and the grounds of his removal. It also signals that the matter could escalate into a wider legal confrontation, potentially revisiting issues of governance, transparency and trustee rights within the Trusts.

Mistry’s move follows a crucial meeting on October 28, when three trustees — Noel Tata, industrialist Venu Srinivasan, and former Defence Secretary Vijay Singh — voted against the reappointment of Mehli Mistry, thereby preventing his continuation as a trustee. Pramit Jhaveri, Khambata and Jehangir HC Jehangir are supporters of Mistry. The Charity Commissioner’s approval is required

before any formal changes are made in the Trusts’ composition, given their registered status as public charitable entities under the Maharashtra Public Trusts Act. Once Tata Trusts communicate the board’s decision to the Commissioner’s office, the process for Mistry’s formal removal will be initiated. However, Mistry’s caveat ensures that he must be heard before any such step is taken. While a caveat doesn’t initiate litigation, it prevents one-sided orders. In this case, Mistry wants to ensure that no unilateral step is taken by the Trusts without giving him a chance to defend his position.According to the Maharashtra Public Trusts Act, “the Charity Commissioner may, either on application of a trustee or any person interested in the trust, or on receipt of a report under section 41B or suo motu may suspend, remove or dismiss any trustee of a public trust”, if he/ she fails to meet certain conditions. Mistry’s exit has also led to speculation about shifting power equations within Tata Trusts. His exit is seen as a consolidation of influence by Noel Tata, who succeeded Ratan Tata as chairman earlier this year. Mistry, a long-time associate of Ratan Tata and a cousin of former Tata Sons Chairman Cyrus Mistry, was known to have played a behind-the-scenes role during key strategic phases of the Trusts’ functioning. For now, Tata Trusts are expected to formally communicate the board’s resolution to the Charity Commissioner, setting the stage for the next legal step. Once the Commissioner acknowledges the decision, Mistry could either contest the removal, seek an injunction, or initiate independent proceedings challenging the validity of the trustees’ vote.Earlier last week, Tata Trusts unanimously reappointed Venu Srinivasan as a lifetime trustee, with the backing of Mehli Mistry. Mistry, along with trustees Pramit Jhaveri, Jehangir H.C. Jehangir and Darius Khambata, supported Srinivasan’s reappointment as a trustee of Tata Trusts. However, they attached a key condition — that all future renewals of trustees must be approved unanimously. In the absence of unanimity, they warned, their approvals would stand withdrawn.During Ratan Tata’s tenure, voting was never an option within the Trusts. Decisions were traditionally reached through consensus and collective agreement — a practice now being tested amid signs of internal friction. Mistry is likely to contend that a resolution adopted by the Tata Trusts on October 17, 2024, soon after Ratan Tata’s passing, had conferred on him a permanent tenure as trustee, ensuring his position for life unless he chose to step down. However, the Noel Tata camp is understood to have taken a different view. They are said to believe that the resolution was misconstrued, arguing that it did not amount to a perpetual appointment and that every trustee’s term must be subject to periodic review and collective approval.Noel Tata, Srinivasan and Singh apparently ignored the conditions proposed by Mistry. It remains unclear whether Mistry will now revoke his earlier conditional approval for Venu Srinivasan’s continuation as a trustee, or pursue legal recourse to challenge his rejection. Under Ratan Tata’s leadership, the selection of trustees was traditionally guided by consensus and unanimity. As of now, both sides have refrained from issuing public statements, but the filing of the caveat makes one thing clear: Mehli Mistry is not bowing out quietly.

# Foreign debt inflows trail expectations despite easier Fully Accessible Route norms

While foreign players had invested Rs 1,52,775 crore (\$17.26 billion) in debt instruments in 2024, expectations were that \$20–25 billion would flow into the market through FAR alone in 2025.

Of the total debt investment, Rs 66,528 crore (\$7.5 billion) flowed in through the FAR, while just Rs 12,083 crore was invested in the debt general category so far in 2025, according to NSDL data. There was an outflow of Rs 9,538 crore from debt-VRR. This marks a reversal from 2024, when Rs 1,10,813 crore came via the debt general category and only Rs 28,962 crore came through FAR.Under the FAR channel, FPIs and other eligible non-resident investors can freely invest in specified Indian government securities, which offer competitive yields, full repatriation, and fewer restrictions. In October alone, inflows into FAR stood at about Rs 15,144 crore, even as equity markets continued to see net foreign outflows.The FAR category, as defined by the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) and the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), refers to Indian government securities that foreign investors can purchase without investment caps or many restrictions.The inclusion of government securities (G-secs) in global indices — scheduled to be spread over 10 months, i.e., till March 31, 2025 — was expected to bring nearly \$20–25 billion into the country, according to various estimates.However, it has brought in only \$10.7 billion so far — less than half of the anticipated inflows — when figures for 2024 and 2025 are taken into account.

On the other hand, inflows through the debt-general category, which were Rs 110,813 crore in 2024, have remained at just Rs 12,083 crore till October 2025.In August last year, over a month after Indian Government Bonds (IGBs) were included in the much-awaited JP Morgan emerging markets bond indices, the government and the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) turned cautious and excluded long-term government bonds with 14-year and 30-year tenors from the FAR. The decision was taken amid speculation that unrestricted inflows by FPIs could trigger uncertainties and risks in the future.Global, domestic factors driving FPIsA mix of global and domestic factors is driving the FPI move. With stock markets swinging wildly and global cues turning uncertain due to trade tensions and shifting interest-rate expectations, foreign investors are looking for safer, steadier avenues. Indian debt, especially through the FAR window, fits that bill — offering predictable returns, full capital access, and fewer regulatory hurdles. The comfort of steady government bond yields, coupled with India’s resilient economy, moderate inflation, and strong consumption trends, should have made this route a natural magnet for cautious global capital. “But inflows into the debt market were below expectations. The remaining two months of 2025 may not be enough to bring more inflows. Geopolitical issues and FPI withdrawals from the equity market could have played their part,” said an analyst.Foreign players have pulled out Rs 1.39 lakh crore in 2025 so far. That doesn’t mean FPIs have turned their backs on equities altogether. Their strong participation in recent IPOs shows a more selective, calculated approach, chasing clear growth stories and strong fundamentals rather than spreading bets across the broader market. The contrasting trend of equity outflows and positive debt inflows reflects a strategic rebalancing of portfolios. For many global investors, Indian equities have become a tactical play — used for short-term gains — while Indian debt, with its predictable returns and policy stability, still remains as a long-term anchor in their investment mix.For India, the trend carries significant implications. The lukewarm inflows into the debt market and the persistent



withdrawals from equities is a warning sign, underscoring that India’s market must rely increasingly on domestic strength. Sustained growth in earnings, steady reforms, and global confidence will determine whether foreign investors return in a meaningful way.Debt inflows, however, are not guaranteed to last. A sudden flare-up in global inflation or a sharper-than-expected policy shift by the US Federal Reserve could narrow India’s yield advantage and trigger an unwinding of positions.Yet, for now, the flow of foreign funds into Indian bonds — even amid trade frictions and stock market volatility — shows that global investors still trust India’s macroeconomic story.Going forward, several factors may turn FPIs into buyers in India. The valuation differential between India and other markets has narrowed, discouraging further FPAI selling and shifting funds elsewhere. Meanwhile, earnings growth in India is gradually picking up and is expected to gather momentum in FY27. “Diwali sales this year across a wide range of goods are at an all-time high, indicating a resilient economy and robust consumption. There are also indications of a potential trade deal between India and the US, which could substantially improve market sentiment,” said an analyst.

# Apple Watch to notify 1 million users about hypertension with new AI-powered feature

New Delhi: Tech giant Apple is planning to notify one million people about hypertension — a high blood pressure condition impacting about 1.3 billion adults globally — using the alert feature on Apple Watch, said CEO Tim Cook.The groundbreaking hypertension notifications feature — available on Apple Watch Series 9, Series 11, and Apple Watch Ultra 2 and Ultra 3 — alerts users if signs of chronic high blood pressure are detected.“With our latest Apple Watch lineup, we were proud to introduce hypertension notifications, developed using large-scale machine learning models. Hypertension is one of the leading risk factors for heart attack and stroke, affecting more than one billion adults worldwide, and we expect to notify more than 1 million users of this life-threatening condition,” said Cook, during the company’s Q4 2025 earnings call on Thursday (US time).“AI and advanced machine learning are at the core of powerful health features like heart rate monitoring, fall detection, crash detection, and more,” he added.Hypertension, known to be a silent condition, often remains undiagnosed because it shows no symptoms.The hypertension notifications on Apple Watch use data from the optical heart sensor to analyse how a user’s blood vessels respond to the beats of the heart.

# 7 animals with the longest lifespan



Most long-lived animals share a few common traits. They grow and mature slowly, live in environments with few threats, have efficient DNA repair mechanisms, and don’t suffer from many age-related diseases. These biological advantages mean their bodies simply don’t wear out the same way others do. Studying these creatures helps scientists understand ageing and may even provide clues for human longevity.But who really holds the crown when it comes to the longest lifespan? And what can we learn from these time-defying creatures?

- Meet the Methuselahs of the animal kingdom
1. Ocean Quahog (*Arctica islandica*)  
A humble clam might not seem impressive at first, but the ocean quahog is anything but ordinary. One specimen named Ming was estimated to be over 500 years old when discovered off the coast of Iceland. These bivalves live in cold, deep waters and grow extremely slowly, which scientists believe contributes to their impressive longevity.
  2. Greenland shark  
These elusive giants of the deep Arctic can live for over 400 years, making them the longest-living vertebrates known to science. One individual was estimated to be nearly 400 years old, possibly born in the early 1600s. They mature incredibly slowly and have few predators, which may contribute to their slow biological ageing.
  3. Bowhead whale  
Bowhead whales, native to Arctic and sub-Arctic wa-

# Farah Khan calls Sonu Sood ‘Punjabi He-Man’, recalls what he ate for 150 days while shooting Happy New Year: ‘He is a pure vegetarian’

Farah Khan, along with her cook Dilip, recently visited actor Sonu Sood’s home. As Sood, known for his physique, whipped up an avocado toast, Khan revealed an interesting tidbit from the set of the Shah Rukh Khan-starrer film Happy New Year, which she directed. “This Punjabi ‘He Man’ is a pure vegetarian. He ate only one thing during the 150-day Happy New Year shoot. It was salad,” Khan recalled while Sood nodded in approval. The choreographer continued that she has been friends with the actor for a long time now.

Taking a cue from her candid revelation, let’s understand what happens to the body when you eat salad for 150 days.Adopting a diet consisting only of salads for 150 days as a pure vegetarian can have a profound impact on the body, according to Kanikka Malhotra, a consultant dietician and certified diabetes educator.“On the beneficial side, regular salad consumption significantly increases vitamin, mineral, antioxidant, and fibre intake, supporting hydration, gut health, metabolic function, and potentially reducing cholesterol levels, as well as potentially lowering risks for chronic diseases, including heart disease and certain cancers. Consistent fibre intake aids satiety, bowel regularity, and may assist weight management. For brain health, daily salads—especially those rich in leafy greens—can even slow cognitive decline,” said Malhotra.However, subsisting on only salads, even with variety, poses significant long-term risks if not balanced with other essential food groups. “Salads are low in energy, protein, vitamin B12, iron, zinc, and omega-3 fatty acids, all critical for maintaining muscle mass, immune function, hormonal health, and sustained energy—

ters, can live well over 200 years. In fact, harpoons dating back to the 1800s have been found embedded in some individuals, proving their astonishing age. Scientists believe their thick blubber and slow metabolism help them withstand extreme conditions and age gracefully.

4. Rougheye rockfish  
Living in the cold waters of the Pacific Ocean, this small fish can survive for up to 200 years. Though not as famous as whales or sharks, the rougheye rockfish is one of the longest-living fish species. Their slow growth rate and deep-sea habitat likely help protect them from predators and disease.
- Galápagos Tortoise  
Many Galápagos tortoise live past 100 years, and some have been recorded living over 175 years (file)
5. Galápagos tortoise  
These iconic reptiles from the Galápagos Islands are famous not just for their size but also their age. Many live past 100 years, and some have been recorded living over 175 years. Their slow pace of life, vegetarian diet, and lack of natural predators play a role in their longevity.
6. Red sea urchin  
Found in the shallow waters of the Pacific Ocean, these prickly creatures can live more than 200 years. They continue to reproduce even at old ages, which is rare in the animal kingdom. Their simple anatomy and low-stress lifestyle are thought to help them avoid ageing-related decline.
7. Immortal jellyfish (*Turritopsis dohrnii*)  
While not technically immortal in every sense, this jellyfish has a unique ability: it can revert to its juvenile form after reaching adulthood. This biological trick allows it to potentially escape death by ageing—though it can still be killed by predators or disease.Understanding the biology of long-living animals is valuable. These creatures offer insights into how life can be stretched over centuries, and what might cause ageing in other species, including humans. By studying how they repair cells, resist disease, and survive stress, we might one day apply these findings to extend our own health spans.



especially in physically demanding professions like acting,” said Malhotra.According to Malhotra, consuming only raw vegetables can lead to digestive discomfort (bloating or irregularity), inadequate calorie intake (resulting in fatigue and potential nutrient deficiencies), and loss of muscle or impaired physical performance due to insufficient protein intake. “While salads should be a dietary cornerstone, optimal nutrition for demanding lifestyles depends on dietary diversity, including grains, legumes, nuts, seeds, and, where appropriate, fortified foods or supplements,” said Malhotra.Salads provide excellent health benefits as part of a balanced vegetarian diet, but relying exclusively on them for over 150 days is likely unsustainable and may ultimately hinder rather than help overall health and performance, said Malhotra.

# ‘They literally become zombies’: Telegram co-founder Pavel Durov says he has stayed away from alcohol for over 20 years



Telegram co-founder Pavel Durov recently reflected on his 20-year-long vow to refrain from alcohol. “It turns out that when you drink alcohol, the thing that happens is that your brain cells become paralysed. They literally become zombies. And then the next day, sometime after the party is over, some of your brain cells die and never get to normal,” Durov said on the Lex Fridman podcast.Stressing the need to address the root cause of the problem one is trying to escape, Durov added that alcohol may seem like a temporary fix, but not a long-term solution.

“So, think about it. If your brain is the most valuable tool you have in your journey to success and happiness, why would you destroy this tool for short-term pleasure? This sounds ridiculous. Very often, people are trying to escape something in their lives with alcohol. What is it that they are trying to escape? What is the problem? You have to get to the bottom of it. Your mind is trying to tell you something valuable. Instead of addressing it directly, you are flooding it in alcohol, which is sort of a spiritual painkiller, but works only temporarily and then you have to pay the debt or interest.”

So, what really happens to your body when you give up alcohol for 20 years?

The body is incredibly resilient. When someone abstains from alcohol for years, almost every organ starts to function better, explained Dr Aniket Mule, consultant in internal medicine at KIMS Hospitals, Thane.The liver, which takes the most damage from drinking, gradually heals and returns to normal function, said Dr Mule. “Blood pressure stabilises, digestion improves, and sleep quality gets better. Over time, people also notice clearer skin, sharper memory, and better emotional balance. The changes aren’t just physical; you gain mental clarity, better focus, and steady energy throughout the day,” said Dr Mule.

What are the long-term health benefits of staying alcohol-free?

The benefits grow over time. Long-term abstinence also means learning healthier coping methods for stress and social situations. Anyone, especially those with liver problems, high blood pressure, diabetes, or a family history of addiction, benefits greatly from giving up alcohol, said Dr Manjusha Agarwal, senior consultant, internal medicine, Gleneagles Hospital, Parel, Mumbai.

Who benefits the most from long-term abstinence?

Everyone benefits, but it’s especially life-changing for those with existing health issues, like hypertension, fatty liver, diabetes, or anxiety disorders, experts urge. “Younger individuals who quit early often see the most improvement in their health. Even those who stop later in life enjoy significant health benefits, including better longevity and a higher quality of life,” said Dr Mule.

What else helps maintain a healthy lifestyle after quitting alcohol?

A balanced diet, regular exercise, staying hydrated, and good sleep routines help the body heal faster. “Staying socially connected and finding other ways to manage stress, like meditation, travel, or creative hobbies, also makes a big difference. The goal isn’t just to stop drinking; it’s to rediscover how good life feels when your body and mind are in harmony,” said Dr Mule.

# Indian travellers can soon pay via UPI in Malaysia: Razorpay

Bengaluru: In a big step towards taking India’s digital payment innovation global, Razorpay on Thursday announced that Indian travellers will soon be able to make UPI payments in Malaysia.

The move comes through Razorpay’s Malaysian entity, Curlec, in partnership with NPCI International Payments Limited (NIPPL), the international arm of the National Payments Corporation of India.

The collaboration, formalised at the Global Fintech Fest 2025, marks a major milestone in expanding UPI’s acceptance beyond Indian borders.



# Lakshya Sen enters quarterfinals, Prannoy bows out of Japan Masters



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Japan: Star Indian shuttler Lakshya Sen progressed to the quarterfinals with a straight-game win over

Singapore's Jia Heng Jason Teh, but HS Prannoy bowed out of the men's singles competition at the Kumamoto Masters Japan here on Thursday. A 2021 World Championship bronze medallist, Sen, seeded seventh, prevailed over world No 20 Teh 21-13, 21-11 in a 39-minute contest. The world No 15 will next face former world champion Loh Kean Yew of Singapore in the quarterfinals. Later in the day, Prannoy, 33, went down 18-21, 15-21 to Denmark's Rasmus Gemke in a 46-minute second-round match. Lakshya opened up an 8-5 lead early in the opening game. Teh briefly took a slender 10-9 lead before the Indian regained control at the break. The duo fought hard till 14-13, when Lakshya pulled away with seven straight points. After the change of ends, it was a more dominant show from the Indian as he raced to 5-0 and then 11-3 at the interval to quash his rival's hopes. Lakshya stayed steady to comfortably close out the match.

## PCB reschedules tri-series against Zimbabwe and Sri Lanka amid security concerns



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Rawalpindi: The Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) has rescheduled the opening of the T20I tri-series against Sri Lanka and Zimbabwe from November 17 to November 18, besides making Rawalpindi the sole venue for the tournament amid security concerns following a suicide attack in Islamabad. The second game of the seven-match series has also been postponed by a day to November 20. Earlier, Lahore was scheduled to host five games of the event, including the final on November 29, but the three boards have agreed to hold the proceedings exclusively in Rawalpindi.

"The decision to revise the schedule was made in consultation with Sri Lanka Cricket (SLC) and Zimbabwe Cricket (ZC), following mutual discussions to accommo-

date operational and match requirements," the PCB said in a statement after hectic negotiations to ensure that the Lankan players did not leave an ongoing ODI series midway. The Zimbabwe cricket team reached Islamabad early Thursday morning amid tight security for what the PCB described as an "important preparatory platform ahead of the 2026 ICC T20 World Cup." Each team will feature in four matches, with the top two sides qualifying for the final. The Sri Lankan cricket team will also continue with its bilateral tour of Pakistan and no player or official is planning to return home, according to team manager Mahinda Halangoda.

Eight players had expressed concerns about continuing the tour after the terror attack in Islamabad, which left 12 dead and several injured. But after SLC spoke to them and gave assurances, they decided to stay. Halangoda confirmed that no player would be returning to Sri Lanka. A reliable source said it had taken massive behind-the-scenes efforts to convince the players that they would be safe in Pakistan. "The Sri Lanka board President Shammi Silva and the Sri Lankan High Commissioner in Pakistan got involved and things are settled for now," the source said. PCB Chairman and Interior Minister Mohsin Naqvi expressed gratitude to the Sri Lankan team for continuing the tour. The PCB later announced a slight change in the schedule of the remaining two one-day games, which will now be played on Friday and Sunday in Rawalpindi instead of the originally planned dates of November 13 and 15.

## ‘Barca is above every one of us’: Joan Laporta reacts to Lionel Messi’s comments about returning to Barcelona in future

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Barcelona president Joan Laporta has said that the club was above everyone and called the possibility of Lionel Messi returning to play for the Catalan giants again "unrealistic". The 63-year-old's comments come after the Inter Miami forward visited Nou Camp on Sunday, with the club unaware of his visit. Messi left Barcelona in 2021 after his contract expired, with the club unable to renew his stay due to financial difficulties, ending his time with an emotionally-charged press conference to join Paris Saint-Germain before moving to the United States in 2023.

"Barca is above every one of us. It did not happen as we would have liked to, but at that moment it went how it went. For me to make speculation that is unrealistic, nor do I think is fair, I believe that is not appropriate," Laporta told Catalunya Ràdio. "I didn't know he was coming, but Camp Nou is his home. They told me what happened. It was a nice gesture. He had just finished dinner and felt like coming with some friends. It was a spontaneous act in the spirit of Barcelona," he added. However, Laporta hoped that he could give Messi a tribute match at Nou Camp after the stadium reopened last Friday, following a 895-day gap due to renovation activities. "It would be right that he has the best



tribute in the world, and it would be wonderful to have it here, in front of 105,000 fans," he said. Messi had taken to Instagram on Monday to express a desire to return to Barcelona one day to play at the club, not just to compete in a farewell match. "Last night, I returned to a place that I miss with all my heart. A place where I was immensely happy, where you made me feel a thousand times like the happiest person in the world. I hope that one day I can return, and not just to say goodbye as a player, as I never got to do," he wrote on the social media platform.

## Post fireworks with Pakistan, Abhay Singh builds ammo on pro Tour for Round 2 at 2026 Asiad



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When Abhay Singh defeated squash World No 5 and 2016 World champion, Egyptian Karim Gawad, on a glorious September day at the Qatar Classic, his mind had started whirring towards a challenge 12 months away. A crackling rivalry with Pakistan. The year-long countdown to the Nagoya Asian Games next September has started. And though Singh is now the highest-ranked Indian on the PSA circuit, had scalped World Nos 17 and No 5 in the last few months, and is easing into the Platinum grade top-tier squash events, the Chennaiite knows the Pakistan clash beckons from the horizon. To revise memories, Singh went down a tunnel of embarrassment and darkness when he lost in the individual groups at Hangzhou, cursing himself for letting his teammates down at the 2022 Asiad. The turnaround time to redemption was three evenings away, as he won a crucial team event decider against Pakistan. The chirping in those three days on social media and a throw-away "aaj India ko buri tarah se haraenge" comment had famously flared him up, guiding him to that historic gold.

There was no hatred at the outset, but Singh says he took social media scribbles personally. "It became a bigger deal because of the nonsense that went on, and their players had a lot to say. I wanted to win because we'd have to hear a lot if we didn't. So I took it personally and decided

that every time there's a team event, we will not lose. We see it in cricket and I know you can't get caught up in this if you want to win," he says about needing to stay clinical. "But it brought out a different side of me." Pakistan last won a squash individual gold in 1998 and men's team in 2010, and the sport in a nation that boasted colossals like Jahangir and Jansher Khan, has been on the wane. It's the dissonance from what was once a great legacy (in men), that annoyed Singh. "Look, cricket, hockey, squash, you can't be delusional when playing India and say stuff while you are always losing," he says. But there's hardly any scope for being complacent, and also no lingering cartoonish hatred when their paths cross on the professional tour, though the Pakistan strutting has ended, he notes. "Now, when I meet them on Tour, there's a lot of mutual respect. And at the doubles this summer, they were unexpectedly tough to beat and gave a good fight. So it's going to be harder than last time. You have no clue how sharp that rivalry will get. Noor Zaman is in incredible form, Ashab Irfan has a few wins against our guys. Whatever the scenario, I'm up for it," says the World No 26.

For a serious athlete though, life can't revolve around Pakistan. There's the world to beat, even if it inevitably looks like a gold medal showdown again in Nagoya, Japan at the upcoming Asiad in 2026. While last season it offered Singh a breakthrough, moving up ranks from 70s to 50s, and now 30s, his pre-season work had ensured he was moving freely on court, and the accuracy was spot on. "I told a few people I sense a Top 30 win coming. It gave me confidence that I can be in Top 20 pretty soon myself," he says, having manifested his career-high rank, within five events. The late Malcolm Willstrop gave Singh the confidence he belonged, and his son James, now his coach, has helped him find equanimity beyond navigating pace and persistence in rallies. Singh is notoriously self-flagellating – as squash pros tend to be – and went through dark phases. "Winning-losing has an impact. The world feels like a good place when you win, but negatives can feel like pits.

## ‘I didn’t know earlier that winning title here makes one world champion’



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Samrat Rana became only the fourth Indian shooting world champion when he reigned supreme in the men's 10m air pistol category in Cairo earlier this week. The 20-year-old from Haryana follows in the footsteps of Abhinav Bindra (2006), Manavjit Singh Sandhu (2006) and Rudranksh Patil (2022) to bag the world title. In a chat with The Indian Express, Rana reflects on his achievement, path to glory including his early training under his father, and much more. Excerpts:

Q. Has the feeling of being world champion sunk in yet? What were your thoughts going into this world championships as it was your first senior competition?

Samrat Rana: The feeling is surreal. I didn't know previously that winning the title here makes one a world champion. I had come here to gain experience in my first senior competition and had not thought about winning a medal. I wanted to focus on my technique and have trust in myself.

Q. Your father built a range at home within a year of you starting as a shooter. He also talked about making you shoot at odd hours and being a strict coach. Can you talk to us about that?

Samrat Rana: I don't even remember when I shot my first shot. I guess I may have been 5-6 when I shot with a small air gun in our fields. I would watch my father practise shooting with wooden targets at our fields in village Uplana and later when he got me enrolled at an academy, I knew that I loved shooting. To see him build the range for me and search for all the equipment motivated me to give my all to shooting. As a coach, my father was strict and determined. He would make me shoot after waking me up at midnight or after a hectic run. I wasn't on social media and didn't

## Sherfane Rutherford traded to Mumbai Indians from Gujarat Titans

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West Indies all-rounder Sherfane Rutherford is set to represent the Mumbai Indians (MI) in the IPL 2026 season following a successful trade from the Gujarat Titans (GT), the Indian Premier League confirmed on Thursday. Acquired by the Titans for a fee of Rs 2.6 crore, Rutherford will move to MI at his existing fee. The 27-year-old has featured in 44 T20Is for the West Indies and holds the record for the highest sixth-wicket partnership in T20Is, having stitched together a 139-run stand with Andre Russell against Australia in Perth. Rutherford has played 23 IPL matches so far, having earlier represented Delhi Capitals in 2019 and Royal Challengers Bengaluru in 2022. He was part of the MI squad in 2020 and the Kolkata Knight Riders in 2024, but did not feature in the playing XI during those seasons.

The Rutherford trade comes on the same day that the Mumbai Indians acquired Mumbai lad Shardul Thakur from the Lucknow Super Giants. After going unsold in the auction before the IPL 2025 edition, the 34-year-old Thakur, who hails from Palghar on the outskirts of suburban Mumbai, was picked up by the Lucknow Super Giants for Rs 2 crore as an injury replacement for the 18th edition of the league and featured in 10 games. There, Thakur started the season with a bang, even holding the Purple Cap for leading wicket-taker at one point. He finished the season with 13 wickets from 10 matches but was expensive, going at 11.03 runs per over. Overall in the IPL, he has played 105 games, taking 107 wickets, along with a highest score of 68. Shardul

have many friends. All my time was spent on improving my shooting.

Q. In Cairo, you topped the qualification and took an early lead in the final. Can you talk to us about that?

Samrat Rana: Scores were a bit high, at 583-585, when I started shooting in the qualification round. I just tried to follow my process and technique and shoot a good score. I was a little nervous before the final but we had been practising for finals under Samresh Jung sir for many weeks prior to the World Championships. The only thought in my mind was that if I could stay true to my training and basics, I should not worry about the other shooters. The finals had series as well as two single-shot eliminations. So I did not want to lag behind much after the second series. And once that happened, I knew I could win a medal. Shooting World Cup Aishwary Pratap Singh Tomar, Esha Singh-Samrat Rana missed gold by a whisker at the Shooting World Championships. (ISSF)

Q. You required a last shot of 10.3 or more to deny Chin's Kai Hu a shot at winning the world title. Were you tense at the end?

Samrat Rana: When a medal was confirmed with me, Varun Tomar and Hu left in the field, I was a bit relaxed. But I wanted to defeat Hu. I had seen him win many World Cup titles this year but was not afraid of him or any other shooter. The only competition I have is with myself.

Q. We have seen the likes of Manu Bhaker and Anish Bhanwala winning junior world titles or other honours at a young age. You have become one of the youngest world champions from India. Can you tell us about your inspirations in shooting and those you want to emulate?

Samrat Rana: When I started shooting in 2018, I idolised Abhinav Bindra sir. It was also the same time when Manu Bhaker, Anish Bhanwala and Saurabh Chaudhary won big titles, so I wanted to be like them. Especially Saurabh Chaudhary, I idolise the way he shoots with a calm mind and the kind of dominance he showed at the Asian Games very early in his career.

Q. Next year's World Championships will also offer Olympic quota places. Have you thought about the Los Angeles Games?

Samrat Rana: The Olympics is the biggest target and an Olympic medal the biggest reward. My focus will be on maintaining consistency in my form as well as stay true to my technique and basics.



Thakur had previously turned out for five different teams – CSK in two stints, either side of playing for Punjab Kings, Rising Pune Supergiants, Delhi Capitals and Kolkata Knight Riders. "What is important for me is to keep playing matches and perform," Thakur told PTI recently when asked about his future in the white-ball format playing for India. "To get back into the Indian team, I also need to keep having those good, match-winning performances, which is eventually going to help in the selection. And, yes, the ODI World Cup is also in South Africa so there might be a place open for a bowling all-rounder at No. 8. I am, of course, eyeing that spot. Whenever the Indian team needs me or whenever I am selected, I am ready to play international cricket. My preparation is such that if tomorrow I am asked to play international cricket, I am ready," he said.

## Josh Hazlewood ruled out of 1st Ashes Test against England



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Australian speedster Josh Hazlewood was ruled out of the first Ashes Test against England at Perth, starting on November 21, due to a hamstring injury. The 34-year-old was representing New South Wales in the Sheffield Shield clash against Victoria and had walked off the field after Steve Smith's recommendation to do so, after he informed the 36-year-old about feeling a bit of tightness in his hamstring. "He [Hazlewood] literally bowled his last ball and I looked at him and said, 'how are you going?' He's like, 'I'm a bit tight in my hamstring.' I was like, 'Get off the field. Disappear. You're done, go and figure it out.' Smith had said. Initial scans had cleared him of any major injury, but further medical examinations revealed that Hazlewood had sustained a muscle strain. The lanky pacer's absence from the match will mean the hosts will be without him and regular captain Pat Cummins for the Perth Test. Michael Neser was included in the squad with Hazlewood not travelling to the Western Australian capital later this week.

"Initial scans Wednesday were clear of muscle strain, however, follow-up imaging today has confirmed the injury. Early imaging can occasionally underestimate low-grade muscle injuries," a Cricket Australia statement said. Hazlewood did not feature in three out of the five Tests against India last year, initially due to a side strain and later because of a calf injury. His absence could force Australia to hand a debut to Brendan Doggett and put extra load on the likes of Mitchell Starc and Scott Boland to work with

Nathan Lyon in dislodging 20 English wickets. Australia have played only two home Tests without both Cummins and Hazlewood in their playing XI since 2014. The first instance came against England in 2021 and the second against the West Indies in 2022. In both instances, Neser was included in the playing XI.

## Carlos Alcaraz qualifies for ATP Finals semifinals after de Minaur's win

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Turin: World No 1 Carlos Alcaraz has qualified for the semifinals at the ATP Finals following Alex de Minaur's 7-6(3), 6-3 victory against Taylor Fritz on Thursday afternoon. With Alcaraz winning two matches, Fritz's defeat cleared his path to the last-four stage.

The Spaniard won his opening two matches at this year's prestigious year-end event and will top the Jimmy Connors Group if he defeats Lorenzo Musetti later on Thursday, with de Minaur advancing in second place. If Alcaraz loses to Musetti, he will finish second behind the Italian. Alcaraz will also be playing for ATP Year-End No 1 honours when he walks onto court in the Inalpi Arena. If the Spaniard captures a tour-leading 70th victory of the season, he will end the year as World No 1 and subsequently end Jannik Sinner's challenge.

If Alcaraz loses to Musetti tonight, he would face Sinner in the semifinals. If Sinner defeats Alcaraz and then goes on to win the title as the undefeated champion, he would end the year as World No 1. Alcaraz is making his third appearance at the Nitto ATP Finals, with his previous best result a semifinal run in 2023. The 22-year-old has lifted eight trophies in 2025, including majors at Roland Garros and the US Open. He has also won ATP Masters 1000 titles in Monte Carlo, Rome and Cincinnati.



# Bollywood’s unluckiest music director earned Rs 100 a month, won National Award yet struggled for work; died before his musical masterpiece Pakeezah



Perhaps one of the most talented film music composers in post-Independence India, Ghulam Mohamed gave music to films such as Pakeezah and Mirza Ghalib. While the songs live on, the composer himself has been lost from memory, with his life marked by struggle and penury, never to enjoy the fruits of his success as he passed away years before Kamal Amrohi’s magnum opus released, struggling for food and medicines.Ghulam Mohammed was born in Naal village in Bikaner in 1905. His father, Nabi Baksh, was a noted tabla player, and Ghulam received his initial training in music from him. Under his father’s guidance, he became an accomplished player of traditional instruments like the dholak, tabla, and pakhawaj. He would often travel while playing music and once in the princely state of Junagadh, a minister was so impressed by his performance that he presented him with a gilded sword.

In 1924, Ghulam moved to Bombay to pursue a career in music. After eight years of struggle, he finally got his first break as a tabla player in a film, earning a salary of Rs 100 per month. His early work included Saroj Movietone’s Raja Bharthari (1932). Ghulam went on to assist the legendary music director Naushad for over 12 years, learning the intricacies of film composition under his mentorship before making his independent debut as a composer with the 1947 film Tiger Queen.After stepping out on his own, Ghulam Mohammed went on to compose for several films,

including the Madhubala-starrer Pardes, where Lata Mangeshkar lent her voice to his melodious tracks such as “Jiya Laage Nahin Mora” and “Raat Hai Taaron Bhari.” His later works included Ajeeb Ladki (1952), Amber (1952), and Dil-E-Nadaan (1953). Despite his musical talent and critically appreciated compositions, mainstream success continued to elude him, and he struggled with financial hardships throughout much of his career.Ghulam Mohammed achieved national recognition when he won the National Film Award for Best Music Direction for Mirza Ghalib (1954), a film based on the life of the renowned Urdu poet. His soulful compositions in the film, including timeless ghazals like “Dil-E-Nadan Tuihe,” “Phir Mujhe Deeda-E-Tar,” and “Aah Ko Chahiye Ek Umar,” became immensely popular. The film was even screened at Rashtrapati Bhavan, and then–Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru personally praised its music, calling it a fitting tribute to the legendary poet.Ghulam Mohammed died before witnessing Pakeezah’s success

Despite the national recognition, Ghulam’s career did not flourish as expected. By 1956, work opportunities had nearly dried up, and he managed to compose music for only one film over the next several years. His fortunes changed when filmmaker Kamal Amrohi approached him in 1962 to compose music for Pakeezah. Ghulam poured his heart and soul into the project, creating numerous songs—so many that Amrohi eventually had to remove three tracks from the final cut of the film.However, Pakeezah’s release was delayed for years due to personal and professional differences between Kamal Amrohi and Meena Kumari. During this period, Ghulam Mohammed’s health deteriorated, and he tragically passed away in 1968, years before Pakeezah finally released in 1972. After his death, when Amrohi needed someone to complete the film’s background score, Ghulam’s old friend and mentor Naushad stepped in to finish the work.Pakeezah went on to become a musical masterpiece, with its immortal songs such as “Inhin Logon Ne,” “Thade Rahiyo,” “Chalte Chalte,” “Mausam Hai Aashiqana,” “Teer-E-Nazar,” and “Najariya Ki Maari.” These tracks remain some of the most beloved compositions in the history of Indian cinema.Pran refused to accept his Filmfare AwardIn a powerful gesture of respect, actor Pran refused to accept his Filmfare Award for Best Supporting Actor for Be-Imaan in 1972. He felt that music composer Ghulam Mohammed had been unjustly overlooked for his extraordinary work in Pakeezah. The Best Music Director award that year went to Shankar–Jaikishan for Be-Imaan, but Pran publicly stated that the honor rightfully belonged to the late Ghulam Mohammed.

## Chetan Bhagat says Gulzar ‘is his biggest fan’; told his mother, ‘Wish I could write like your son’

Chetan Bhagat is often accused of writing his books solely from a male perspective. In a recent interaction, he opened up about the criticism he faces and revealed that both he and his books are targeted by trolls even before their release.Speaking to Pinkvilla, Chetan was asked about trolls who called his latest book — 12 Years: My Messed-Up Love Story — not a mature love story but a male fantasy. He responded, “How do I write a book then? Do I co-author the book with a woman? What is this nonsense? I have been writing for 21 years. If the story is not mature, it will not work. If I handle it in a creepy, vulgar way, it will just collapse.”

Talking about why he is accused of being gender-biased towards men, Chetan admitted that he is often stereotyped just for being a man. “That’s classic stereotyping. These people tell me that I stereotype, but they are stereotyping me. They say that if a 45-year-old man writes about a 21-year-old woman, it must be a fantasy. But it is not my fantasy.” He added, “It’s very difficult to be in the writing profession. I am very sensitive to people who write. There is no money. There is no fame. You work for years and you get nothing.”

Chetan also explained that he keeps his language simple to reach a wider audience. “My final presentation is very simple because I have to reach the common man. I talk in Hindi and present myself as a grounded boy. The way I talk, the way I mention tea — it makes people think ‘isko baja bhi sakte hai.’ And I’m successful, so they see me as someone who doesn’t deserve it because they have struggled in their writing careers. If I wasn’t Chetan Bhagat, I would have hated Chetan Bhagat.”He also spoke about getting appreciation from one of Hindi cinema’s most pro-



lific writers and lyricists, Gulzar. “One person who routinely sends me messages, talks about my columns, and praises my work is Gulzar sahab. One of the first things he told my mother was, ‘I wish I could write like your son.’ Nobody who is doing so well and is as successful ever says that.”For unversed many of Bhagat’s books have been adapted for films. These include Five Point Someone (3 Idiots), One Night @ The Call Center (Hello), The 3 Mistakes of My Life (Kai Po Che!), 2 States (2 States), and Half Girlfriend (Half Girlfriend).

## The Morning Show actors Billy Crudup, Mark Duplass open up on their characters giving it back to Reese Witherspoon, Jennifer Aniston this season

The Morning Show is that rare series where women are seen calling the shots both in front of and behind the camera. The newsroom drama is led and executive produced by Jennifer Aniston and Reese Witherspoon, with Meme Leder as the lead director and Charlotte Stoudt as the showrunner. It’s come a long way since season 1 in 2019, which revolved around the Me Too movement within the newsroom, to the ongoing season 4, in which most male faces are out of the media house UBA and it’s the women who are calling the shots and running the show.

The makers — Lede and Stoudt — wanted to explore with season 4 the ethical and practical challenges of the seemingly ideal scenario where the women are in charge. But with great power comes not only great responsibility, but also great sacrifice. That allows a couple of men — Cory Ellison (Billy Crudup) and Chip aka Charlie Black (Mark Duplass) — to get back at the women they’ve always played subservient to, whether in love or at work. “The way they constructed Cory’s relationship with Bradley (Witherspoon) was particularly a slow-burn ideological bonding. It was truthful, entertaining, dramatic, and relatively easy to play because they’d constructed it so well over time. Even when he’s pining for somebody he’s pretty certain wouldn’t reciprocate, it’s still joyous to play,” says Crudup to SCREEN.

Season 4 sees Bradley finally reciprocate Cory’s long-

pent up feelings for her now that they don’t work together anymore. But he gets his heart broken yet again when he suspects she’s using their affair to elicit information about a major scandal that was allegedly covered by the UBA in the past. While that dynamic has its own fair share of challenges, Chip finally enjoys some liberation from playing the “whipping boy” to Alex Levy (Aniston) for years, now that he’s a free bird. “Chip has a complicated relationship with Alex. There’s a lot of obsession that’s born out of their past that I don’t fully understand. And I think it goes both ways. Some people like to whip, and some people like to be whipped. But at the same time, Alex needs him to be there. The complexity of that relationship is wonderful for me. Jen is such a great actress and person for me to share that dynamic with. It’s been a real gift,” says Duplass.

In season 4, when Chip finds himself drawn back to the UBA for a story, Aniston asks him to pull her a favour, out of sheer habit. However, he sets his boundaries and asks her to stick to hers. He’s a free agent now, making documentaries independently, even if it may come at a financial cost. “We’re fortunate that a little camera in your hands and an online platform guarantees you a source without any kind of obfuscation from corporate America. You can get the story, film it, and put out yourself. I think Chip is really excited to not deal with corporate red tape for the first time and go tell his story,” points out Duplass.

## Bollywood stars can’t enjoy meal if paps don’t click them in restaurants, says Chetan Bhagat: ‘It’s a sick life, many suffer from mental health issues’



As a bestselling author, a couple of Chetan Bhagat’s books have been adapted into films. While not all of them received the same level of appreciation or love, a few, such as 3 Idiots (2009) and Kai Po Che! (2013), did win the hearts of audiences, propelling him to greater heights. However, Bhagat recently stated that he isn’t enthralled by cinema, nor does it give him satisfaction, as he feels there isn’t much creativity involved in the process.

Mentioning that he had always been a “people-pleaser,” the author explained that he began considering adapting his books into movies to gain more popularity. “Indians love movies more than books, on average. So, I thought if I started making movies, people would like me more. With that notion, I entered Bollywood. It takes three years to make movies, and you are mostly just sitting with the producer, drinking tea, or trying to convince actors. There’s no creative process,” he said in an interview with Pinkvilla, adding that he loves creating worlds and characters far more, which is why he quit his “high-paying job.”“I spent 10-15 years of my life trying to make movies. I did six. Then I realised I

didn’t want it. They are just translating my stories. Sure, it’s great with songs and glamour, but it’s not satisfying me. Creating magic from blank paper is my gift from God. And there I was, running around sets, waiting for an actor to give me dates. Due to my people-pleasing nature, I had been chasing movies for 15 years. It’s not me; it doesn’t give me deep satisfaction,” he said.

Revealing that the newfound self-assurance hit him when he turned 50 recently, Bhagat shared that it came when he saw some in Bollywood fade. “There are some actors and directors whose movies worked previously but don’t anymore. They don’t take it well; they have mental health issues. There are actors who, when going to a restaurant, if they aren’t recognised, don’t enjoy the meal. They wonder, ‘No one came to click photos?’ Can you imagine what a sick life that is?” Recalling that he left his investment banking job at a time when his books weren’t selling that much, he added, “My last bonus in banking was a million dollars, aside from salary. I bought a house in Bandra with that money. Then I went on to live my life.”Stating that fame is a drug, Bhagat revealed that he moved to Dubai to escape it. He also maintained that he is no longer addicted to it. “I mostly live in Dubai now, and I am not famous in my neighbourhood. I still love it. The shadow of fame influences creation. If I am constantly aware that I am famous, it won’t lead to very good writing. But Bollywood is the drug house of fame. The intoxication of fame in Mumbai is so strong that it can be felt in the air. It’s hard to leave Mumbai; it’s like smoking.”Recalling that many celebrities had wished him on his birthdays that came immediately before and after the release of 2 States (2014), Bhagat noted that nobody wishes him anymore. “I didn’t even know those people. They put a veneer of love and friendship around it. However, there’s no real friendship in Bollywood; it’s a deal-making factory. It’s fundamentally a very insecure industry. Even the biggest star is insecure because in three movies, they could be gone. Don’t look for friendships in Bollywood. People used to send me food whenever an announcement regarding one of my movies arrived. People would start sending sweets and gifts to my house, trying to get cast in my film. I don’t blame them; it’s part of the hustle. You can call it selfishness or say that it’s their hustle.”

## Siddharth Anand laughs at comparisons between Shah Rukh Khan’s King look with Brad Pitt’s from F1: ‘Funny logic by haters’

Moments after director Siddharth Anand dropped the title reveal promo of his upcoming action thriller King, starring Shah Rukh Khan, some eagle-eyed social media users couldn’t help but notice the familiarity in one of Shah Rukh’s looks — the one where he dons a blue denim shirt with a dark beige jacket over it. Some claimed it’s lifted from Brad Pitt’s styling in Joseph Kosinski’s blockbuster sports thriller F1 earlier this year.That couldn’t have been too surprising, given Anand may as well have a beef with F1. Earlier this year, when fans of his 2007 romantic comedy Ta Ra Rum Pum, starring Saif Ali Khan and Rani Mukerji, claimed that the film explored Formula1 racing 18 years before F1 did, Anand cashed in on the renewed love for his film and tweeted, “Ta Ra Rum Pum, you beauty!”

Before Anand, fans of Shah Rukh jumped in to defend his look in King. They shared a picture of Shah Rukh’s look from Imtiaz Ali’s 2017 rom-com Jab Harry Met Sejal, where he’s sporting the same look. They claimed that if King has lifted the look from F1, Brad Pitt’s movie has lifted from Shah Rukh’s 2017 film.

Comparisons of his films with Hollywood tentpoles are not new to Anand as just last year, many called his aerial action entertainer Fighter, starring Hrithik Roshan and Deepika Padukone, as a rip-off of Tom Cruise-starrer Hollywood franchise Top Gun. Anand went on to even defend the film’s underwhelming box office performance by claiming that not too many Indians are well-versed with fighter planes.Even a couple of years ago, Anand’s blockbuster spy thriller Pathaan was at the receiving end of social media trolling for the orange bikini Deepika wore in the song “Besharam Rang”. Several trolls claimed that’s a veiled attack on Hinduism, assuming the colour of the bikini to be saffron instead.Now, Anand has reacted to the comparisons between Shah Rukh and Brad Pitt’s looks. An X user wrote on Monday, “Funny logic by haters these days. If Bollywood movie has:- Fighter Jet – Copy of Top Gun; Ship – Copy of Titanic; Same dress code – Copy of F1; Orange Dress – Anti-Hindu (crying



emoji). Their IQ level is like — buffering since 1947.” Anand replied to the tweet with a couple of laughing with tears emojis.Anand is well-known for taking veiled digs through his X posts. A couple of days ago, on Shah Rukh’s 60th birthday, he shared a picture with the superstar and wrote in the caption, “When stars go beyond being ‘just a superstar’ they are called (crown emoji). Happy Birthday INDIA’s KING.” Social media users took that as a dig on filmmaker Sandeep Reddy Vanga introducing Prabhas as “India’s biggest superstar” while dropping a promo of their upcoming action thriller Spirit on the latter’s birthday on October 25.Yet again, there’s ground to assume that this has to do the leading lady of Anand and Shah Rukh’s King — Deepika Padukone, who was earlier doing Spirit too. Days after exiting Spirit because her demand of an eight-hour work shift wasn’t met, Padukone shared a picture from the sets of King, holding hands with Shah Rukh. She wrote how he’s always made working together the most enjoyable and comfortable, prompting their sixth reunion.

## Kamal Haasan, Chiranjeevi, Mahesh Babu congratulate Indian women’s cricket team on historic World Cup win!



Chennai: Several top stars and celebrities from across south India including actors Kamal Haasan, Chiranjeevi and Mahesh Babu were among those who congratulated the Indian women’s cricket team after it registered a historic win against South Africa in the ICC Women’s World Cup 2025 Finals.

Megastar Chiranjeevi took to his X timeline to congratulate the team. He wrote, “What a proud and historic day for Indian Cricket! Congratulations to our Indian women’s cricket team on such a sensational win at the

#WomensWorldCup2025. It’s the victory of every young girl who dared to dream, every parent who believed, and every fan who cheered with pride. Keep shining and keep breaking barriers. Jai Hind.”For the unaware, Harmanpreet Kaur-led India outclassed South Africa by 52 runs to claim their first-ever World Cup crown. Shafali Verma top-scored with a fluent 87, while Deepti Sharma anchored the middle overs with a composed 58. Richa Ghosh provided late impetus with 34 runs.Tamil actor, producer and politician Kamal Haasan, in his congratulatory post, wrote, “The 1983 moment of Indian Women’s Cricket has arrived! Your names will live in folklore. Their legacy will ignite a million dreams. Congratulations, Team India!”Telugu star Mahesh Babu, for his part, wrote, “What a surreal moment... History added its proudest chapter with the tricolour flying higher than ever... The Indian Women’s Team has shown extraordinary composure and character throughout the tournament... And this champions’ moment defines everything India stands for... Telugu actor Gopichand too penned a congratulatory message on his X timeline. He wrote, “A celebration of talent, grit & never-give-up energy! Our women have shown what fearless cricket truly looks like, inspiring a whole new generation to dream bigger. So proud of our champions! #WomensWorldCup2025.”Actor Manchu Manoj wrote,