

Couple killed, infant injured in Vemulawada road accident

Rajanna-Sircilla: A man and his wife died, while their two-month-old daughter sustained injuries in a road accident near Sankepalli in Vemulawada urban mandal on Wednesday.The accident occurred when a lorry coming from the opposite direction hit the motorbike on which Waseem, a resident of Karimnagar, was travelling with his wife Aifa and their daughter. The family was on its way to Sircilla.Waseem died on the spot, while Aifa succumbed to injuries while being shifted to a hospital in Karimnagar. Their baby sustained a leg fracture and is undergoing treatment.

Dr. B.R. Ambedkar’s Transformation of the Constitution into a Unique ‘Site of Struggle’

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The prosaic and unimaginative 35-word Preamble to the draft of the Constitution of India prepared by Benegal Narasingha Rau, former British colonial civil servant and constitutional adviser to the Constituent Assembly, and presented by Rau to the Drafting Committee in October 1947 merely contained an apolitical, anodyne administrative statement: “We, the people of India, seeking to promote the common good, do hereby, through our chosen representatives, enact, adopt, and give to ourselves this Constitution.”Rau’s draft borrowed an approach common to the preambles of then-prevailing constitutions in which the act of “the people” is seen as basically administrative in nature — granting agreement and approval, adopting and enacting the constitution. For example, the preamble to the world’s oldest major living written constitution, the 1787 United States Constitution, says “We, the people... do ordain and establish this Constitution.” The 1901 Australian Constitution says “the people... have agreed to unite”.

As Chair of the Drafting Committee, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar rejected the approach of the Rau draft and produced a dramatically different new preamble in 1948, which infused the Preamble and the Constitution as a whole with profound normative content which, to this day, defines the essential character of the Constitution. The production of this new draft preamble by Dr. Ambedkar is recounted in Aakash Singh Rathore’s interesting book, Ambedkar’s Preamble: A Secret History of the Constitution of India (Vintage Books,



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Ambedkar’s Preamble records the minutes of the meeting of the Drafting Committee on February 6, 1948 as follows: “Preamble: It was decided that for the [B.N. Rau] Preamble, the Preamble as shown in Appendix B to these minutes should be substituted”: “We, the people of India, having solemnly resolved to constitute India into a sovereign independent state, and to secure to, or promote among, all its citizens: Justice, social, economic and political; Liberty of thought, expression, belief, faith, worship, vocation, association and action; Equality of status, and of opportunity; and, Fraternity assuring the dignity of every individual without distinction of caste or creed . . . do hereby adopt, enact and give to ourselves this Constitution.” This was a draft produced by Dr. Ambedkar.

Nehru Zoological Park becomes first in India to earn 5-Star Quality Rating and ISO certifications

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Hyderabad: The Nehru Zoological Park Hyderabad has been awarded with the 5 Star Quality Rating and ISO 9001:2015, ISO 14001:2015 certificates by the HYM, International Certifications Pvt Ltd.

The certificates were presented to Forest Minister Konda Surekha in presence of Dr. C. Suvarna, Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Elus Singh Meru, Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife) and Chief Wildlife Warden, Dr. Sunil S. Hiremath, Director Zoo Parks, TG and J Vasantha, Curator, Nehru Zoological Park, Hyderabad.The HYM International certifications Pvt Ltd team conducted an audit in the first week of November and checked all the quality management parameters.The Minister appreciated the Forest department officials, zoo management and staff for putting efforts in achieving these cer-



tificates. Nehru Zoological Park is the first Zoo in the country to receive all these certificates, the Minister said, adding that the zoo management and staff who are working in a dedicated manner deserves these certifications.

KTR recalls Telangana movement spirit on eve of ‘Deeksha Divas’, slams Congress misrule



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Warangal: Invoking the spirit of Telangana’s Statehood struggle, BRS working president KT Rama Rao on Wednesday recalled the unforgettable moments of party president K.Chandrashekhar Rao’s ‘fast unto death’ and the sacrifices of martyrs while urging people to reignite the same revolutionary zeal today against the Congress misrule and turmoil triggered by its corruption in the State.Addressing party workers and functionaries after visiting the Kakatiya Mega Textile Park, he said the day Chandrashekhar Rao raised the slogan ‘Telangana vachhado, KCR sachhado’ and shook the entire Telangana society still resonates in his mind. Contract

SCCL trade unions protest against four labour codes across Telangana

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Kothagudem: The SCCL trade unions across Telangana have staged protests on Wednesday against the BJP government at the Centre, which brought four labour codes in place of 29 labour laws.Telangana Boggu Gani Karmika Sangham (TBGKS) chief general secretary Kapu Krishna, AITUC leader Vanga Venkat, INTUC vice-president Thyagarajan and CITU leader Raja Rao along with others took out a rally to the district collectorate and submitted a memorandum to the administrative officer.In the evening the leaders staged a dharna at SCCL head office and GM office in Kothagudem. Speaking on the occasion they al-

leged that the BJP government was disregarding the rights of the workers by adopting the four labour codes.Krishna said all the Singareni labour unions were opposing the Central Government’s decision to repeal 29 labour laws, which he termed illegal. They demanded that the new labour codes should be repealed and the 29 laws should continue.He said that the trade unions would not accept the implementation of four labour codes under any circumstances and the unions would continue their fight until the labour codes were repealed. Trade union leaders Kusana Veerabhadram, Gadapa Rajaiah, Kishtapar Mallikarjun, Razak, Vijayagiri Srinivas and others participated in the protest.

Google Meet outage hits India, thousands unable to join calls

New Delhi: Google Meet faced a major disruption in India on Wednesday, leaving thousands of users unable to join or host video calls.The video-conferencing platform appeared to suffer a widespread outage, forcing many people to cancel work meetings, online classes and interviews.According to outage-tracking website Downdetector, around 1,760 users had reported problems by 1:55 p.m.Of these, 63 per cent said the website itself wasn’t working, while 35 per cent flagged server issues.A small share, around 3 per cent, reported video-quality problems. Many users trying to join meetings saw a “502, that’s an error” message on their screens.

Prez Murmu, leaders pay homage to civilians and security personnel martyred in 26/11 Mumbai attacks

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New Delhi: President Droupadi Murmu on Wednesday paid tributes to the soldiers who laid down their lives to protect the public during the 26/11 Mumbai terror attacks and said that the nation will always remember their supreme sacrifice.The 26/11 attacks, also known as the 2008 Mumbai attacks, were a series of 12 coordinated terrorist attacks that took place from November 26 to 29 and were carried out by 10 members of the Lashkar-e-Taiba, a Pakistan-based terror organisation.A total of 175 people died, including nine out of the 10 attackers, 26 foreign nationals and 20 security force personnel. One of the attackers, Ajmal Kasab, was captured alive and later executed.In a post on X, President Murmu said, “On the anniversary of the 26/11 Mumbai terror attacks, I pay my humble tribute to the brave soldiers who sacrificed their lives to protect the people of our country. The nation remembers their supreme sacrifice with gratitude. Let us reaffirm our commitment to combat terrorism in all forms. Let us move forward together on the path of progress with a resolve to build a stronger and more prosperous India.”

Union Home Minister Amit Shah also took to X and offered his tributes to the people who lost their lives.“On this very day in the year 2008, terrorists carried out a cowardly attack on Mumbai and committed heinous and inhuman acts.I pay my respects to the brave soldiers who sacrificed their lives while bravely facing the Mumbai terrorist attacks, and I offer my tributes to all the people who lost their lives in this cowardly attack,” Shah said in a post on X.

Reiterating the Modi government’s firm stance on terrorism, the Home Minister said, “Terrorism is not a curse for just one country, but for the entire human race. The Modi government’s zero-tolerance policy against terrorism is clear, which the entire world is appreciating and providing



broad support to India’s anti-terrorism campaigns.”Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha, Rahul Gandhi, paid homage to the innocent lives lost and said that India will never forget their courage and sacrifice.“My humble tribute to the brave soldiers and common citizens who were martyred in the cowardly terrorist attack in Mumbai on 26/11. India will never forget their courage, sacrifice, and martyrdom,” Gandhi wrote on X.Union Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan, paying tributes to the victims of the terror attack, said, “On this very day in 2008, we lost many of our loved ones due to the cowardly acts of terrorists in Mumbai, but our valiant sons responded to the terrorists with indomitable courage and valour. Every Indian will forever remain indebted to the sacrifice of our brave sons. Today, India stands united and strong against terrorism with a ‘zero tolerance policy’ and is firmly committed to eradicating terrorism from its roots.”Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath also took to social media and said, “Heartfelt tribute to all innocent citizens and brave security personnel who sacrificed their lives in the cowardly terrorist attack in Mumbai on 26/11! The nation will never forget their sacrifice.”

Telangana HC pulls up Endowments Dept for withholding temple land records

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Hyderabad: Justice Anil Kumar Jukanti of the Telangana High Court on Wednesday pulled up the Endowments Department for failing to place crucial records relating to temple lands before the court, despite the issue being litigated for several years.The court, while hearing a batch of writ petitions concerning lands in various survey numbers of Devaryamjal village in Shamirpet mandal, directed the Commissioner of the Telangana Endowments Department to personally appear before the court on the next date of hearing along with the entire original record of temple lands from 1925–26 till November 26 this year.The petitioners contended that the inclusion of their lands in a memo dated September 25, 2014, issued by the Endowments Department to the Registration Department, is illegal, unconstitutional, and violative of their rights. They asked the court to strike down the memo insofar as it pertains to their lands, contending that it is ultra vires the Endowments Act and the Registration Act.They also challenged the action of the Sub-Registrar in refusing to register and release sale deeds relating to their lands alleging that the officer acted solely on the basis of the disputed memo.

The judge made it clear that the record must include all OAs, orders passed in the OAs, and all material relating



to the full extent of land in question. The court expressed displeasure that an earlier order of a learned single judge which specifically dealt with the OAs filed before the Department was never brought to its notice by any party. The judge described this omission as “unfortunate” and stressed the need for full disclosure when issues of such importance are being adjudicated. The Bench also warned that if the complete record is not produced on the next date, the court would be compelled to take further action.The Registry has been instructed to communicate the order to the Commissioner by special messenger to ensure compliance. The matter has been posted to Thursday for further hearing.

Hyderabad hosts South Asia’s largest Poultry India Expo 2025



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Hyderabad: The 17th Poultry India Expo 2025 at the HITEX Exhibition Centre, Hyderabad, was inaugurated by Minister Ponnam Prabhakar Goud and Tummalala Nageswara Rao, marking the opening of South Asia’s largest poultry event.Organised by the Indian Poultry Equipment Manufacturers’ Association (IPEMA), the expo is being held from November 25 to 28 and features unprecedented global participation, strategic collaborations and an extensive showcase of innovation across the poultry value chain.With India ranking second in global egg production and among the top four broiler-producing nations, the sector continues to expand as a global powerhouse, contributing significantly to nutrition, employment and economic growth.The expo, centred on the theme “One Nation, One Expo,” has built strong partnerships with 16 international poultry associations, over 40 national bodies, 18 national

media houses, 15 global media organisations and more than 100 influencers.

Harish Rao says Revanth Reddy engineering Rs 50,000 crore power scam

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Hyderabad: Senior BRS leader and former Finance Minister T Harish Rao on Wednesday alleged a massive Rs 50,000 crore power sector scam through the proposed construction of new thermal power plants while deliberately rejecting cheaper electricity options offered by the National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC).He said the new plants would cost the State exchequer tens of thousands of crores extra and alleged that the real motive behind the projects was to generate 30–40 percent kickbacks for ruling party leaders.Demanding an immediate judicial probe into the power scam, the BRS leader said Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy owed an explanation to clarify the issue to the people of the State.He urged the BJP leadership to stop shielding the Congress government over the issue by responding immediately to the scam.

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On Indian badminton

For Indian badminton, 2025 has been a tough year. Successes have been fleeting, top players' form has undulated and serious questions have been asked of not just the established but also the young and upcoming. But for Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty's doubles bronze at the World Championships in Paris in August, there has been precious little. Against this backdrop, Lakshya Sen's triumph at the Australian Open on Sunday has come like a breath of fresh air. It was not the toughest of fields and the tournament — a BWF Super 500, third in the sport's hierarchy after Super 1000 and 750 — is not pedigreed. But it was no low-hanging fruit either, for Lakshya had to spend long hours on court, including in the come-from-behind semi-final victory over World No. 6 Chou Tien Chen. The title was the 24-year-old's first since the Syed Modi International Super 300 last December, and the first outside India since the Canada Open Super 500 in July 2023. Ever since the disappointment of losing the 2024 Paris Olympics bronze medal match from a dominant position, Lakshya has endured difficult times. Injuries and a spate of early exits — 11 in the first round this year alone — had sent him tumbling down. But a trophy in his last act of 2025 should give him the required fillip.

Whether this acts as a springboard for other Indians in 2026 remains to be seen. Apart from Satwiksairaj and Chirag, no other Indian is ranked in the top 10 of any badminton discipline. Since July 2022, P.V. Sindhu has just one Tour title to show — the Syed Modi International last December. H.S. Prannoy, who bagged a men's singles bronze at the 2023 Worlds and soared to No. 6, is now down to 35. Worryingly, the supply line of stars appears to have undergone a rupture. Ayush Shetty, 20, winning the U.S. Open Super 300, and Tanvi Sharma, 16, finishing with a silver medal in girls' singles at the World Junior Championships, are noteworthy achievements indeed.

Special Focus on Development of New Bharat Nagar: Uppal Corporator Rajitha Parameshwar Reddy



“KISHORE VADDEPALLI, Uppal, November 26 (Indian Chronicle):“Uppal Division Corporator Mandumula Rajitha Parameshwar Reddy said that special measures are being taken for the overall development of New Bharat Nagar. She instructed officials to immediately take up underground drainage works in the colony with an estimated cost of Rs. 19 lakh.“On Wednesday, Uppal Assembly Constituency Congress Party In-charge Mandumula Parameshwar Reddy and Corporator Rajitha Parameshwar Reddy conducted an extensive visit in New Bharat Nagar along with the residents. They assured that CC roads will also be laid in the colony shortly. In addition, they stated that further development works will be undertaken and all local issues will be resolved on a priority basis.“Officials including DE Venugopal (Venil) Goud, AE Raj Kumar and Sanitation DE Sai Tarun took part in the inspection. Leaders and residents who attended the program included New Bharat Nagar Colony President Jajula Nageshwar Goud, Kadige Shekhar, Vice Presidents Mettu Kanaka Reddy and Salla Prabhakar Reddy, Vemula Durga Reddy, Joint Secretary Domakonda Narasimha, Organiser Secretary Kushangala Ravi Mudiraj, Hari Shankar, Sundar Rao, Somachari, Cultural Secretary Vighrhalala Srikanth Chary, Temple Committee President Pagadala Venkatesh Yadav, Panga Narasimha Reddy, Annapureddy Venkata Reddy Venkataiah, Suresh Goud, Narasimha Chary, Sundar Rao, Gourishetty Chandrashekar, Mishrilal, Gundu Kaila Krishna Reddy, Salla Pratap Reddy, Poosa Narsimulu and several other local residents.

Students Should Stay Mentally Strong and Achieve Their Goals – Principal Goli Jagannatham



“Chittimalla Mahendar, Karimnagar Bureau, November 26, Indian Chronicle:“Students should maintain personal hygiene and stay mentally strong, advised Devampalli Social Welfare Pratibha Gurukula School Principal Goli Jagannatham while addressing the students. He urged the students to stay away from harmful substances such as drugs and to ensure cleanliness in their surroundings.“A three-day National Child Health Medical Camp is being conducted in the school under the supervision of Health Supervisor Harini. Dr. Mogili and Pharmacist Pushpanjali conducted medical examinations for students and distributed necessary medicines. Tests were performed for Hemoglobin levels, BMI, allergies, anemia, congenital disorders, vitamin deficiencies, and other health issues, and medicines were provided accordingly.“Those present at the program included School Principal Sri Goli Jagannatham, Vice Principal Adikomurayya, Junior Vice Principal M. Renuka, Teachers Shrivaprasad and Manohar, Teacher Secretary Narasimhachari, Office Supervisor Gurram Srinivas, and other teachers.

Domestic Demand Revival Spurs Earnings Upgrades; NIFTY Poised for 29,000-Level Ahead: PL Capital



Hyderabad:PL Capital, one of India's most trusted financial services organizations, in its latest India Strategy Report titled "Earnings upgrade cycle might begin", cited that India appears to be entering a long-awaited earnings upgrade cycle, driven by resilient corporate performance, strong festive demand, supportive policy actions, and an improving macroeconomic environment, according to the latest India Strategy report released today. After five consecutive quarters of downward revisions, NIFTY earnings have finally reversed course, showing upgrades of 0.7%, 0.9% and 1.3% for FY26, FY27 and FY28 respectively. This marks a significant shift in sentiment and establishes early but clear signals of a broad-based revival in corporate profitability.

NIFTY has risen 4% in the past three months, breaking out of a prolonged consolidation phase. The report attributes this shift to better-than-expected 2Q26 corporate earnings, hopes of progress in resolving tariff disagreements with the United States, and a visible resurgence in domestic consumption during the ongoing festive and wedding season. This revival is also supported by GST rate rationalization introduced in September 2025, which reduced effective retail prices across several consumer categories and boosted spending across urban and rural markets.

11th Telangana State Weightlifting Championship Sets New Record With 276 Athletes

Hyderabad:The 11th Telangana State Weightlifting Championship 2025–26, organised by the Warangal District Weightlifting Association under the aegis of the Telangana State Weightlifting Association (TWLA), concluded successfully after three days of competitions at the KUC Grounds, Kakatiya University, from 21–23 November 2025.

State Sports, Youth Services and Animal Husbandry Minister Vakati Srihari presented medals to the winners and urged youth to stay away from addictions and focus on discipline-driven sports careers. He said the Government is prioritising sports infrastructure and opportunities across Telangana.TWLA President Ms. Sruthi Rao said that Telangana has tremendous raw talent in weightlifting, and this championship proves that the State's lifters have the potential to excel at national and international levels. She added that TWLA will continue supporting every district and athlete with training, exposure and opportunities.On the successful completion of the championship, Ms. Sruthi Rao further said, "This year's event has been truly historic for Telangana. For the first time ever, a record-breaking 276 weightlifters participated in the State Championship, reflecting the rapid growth of weightlifting culture across districts. The dedication of athletes, coaches and organisers has set

Using a 15-year average PE of 19.2x and September 2027 EPS estimate of 1,515, the report pegs the 12-month NIFTY target at 29,094, with a bull-case valuation of 30,548 and a bear-case scenario of 26,184. The model portfolio remains overweight on banks, healthcare, consumer goods, automobiles, and defence, while maintaining underweight positions in IT services, commodities, and oil & gas. Corporate earnings for the quarter have been resilient. Companies within the coverage universe recorded growth of 8.1% in sales, 16.3% in EBITDA and 16.4% in PAT. Importantly, EBITDA and PAT surpassed estimates by 5% and 7.1% respectively, leading to the first upgrades in NIFTY EPS since August 2024. Sectoral performance was notably strong for hospitals, capital goods, cement, electronics manufacturing services (EMS), ports, NBFCs, and telecom. Commodity-linked sectors, particularly cement, metals, and oil & gas, posted robust profit expansions in the range of 33–58%.

While government capital expenditure has been a major pillar of economic momentum over the past four years—growing more than threefold since the pandemic—the report cautions that the second half of FY26 may see some moderation. Capital spending in 1H26 has already reached 52% of the annual target, compared with 41% in the previous year. However, the combination of GST rate rationalization, higher fertilizer subsidies, and modest direct tax collections could limit the government's ability to overshoot its current capex budget. Nonetheless, the report states that domestic demand is now better positioned to drive economic momentum due to income tax cuts, 100 basis points reduction in interest rates, a normal monsoon, and 12-year low inflation.



a new benchmark for future competitions."

MLAs Naini Rajender Reddy, K.R. Nagaraju, and Sports Corporation Chairman Shiv Sena Reddy participated in the ceremony. MLA Nagaraju highlighted KU's sporting legacy and assured support for new facilities such as a synthetic track, swimming pool, open gym and floodlighting.TWLA General Secretary Venkata Ramana, Warangal District Weightlifting Association President K.R. Divyaja Raj, Secretary Srinivasa Rao, district sports officers, coaches, technical officials and hundreds of athletes attended.

I will extend all possible support for the reconstruction of Chilkanagar Bada Masjid: Uppal MLA Bandari Lakshma Reddy



“KISHORE VADDEPALLI, Uppal, November 26 (Indian Chronicle):“Uppal MLA Bandari Lakshma Reddy attended as the chief guest at the ongoing reconstruction programme of Masjid-e-Aqsa (Chilkanagar Bada Masjid) in Chilkanagar Division, being undertaken under the leadership of Masjid President Yusuf Bhai and the Mosque Committee members. He was accompanied by BRS State leader Bannala Praveen Mudiraj and senior BRS leaders of the division.“On the occasion, the Mosque Committee mem-



bers felicitated MLA Bandari Lakshma Reddy and State leader Bannala Praveen Mudiraj with shawls and requested their support for the mosque's reconstruction works. Speaking at the event, MLA Bandari Lakshma Reddy said that Chilkanagar Bada Masjid is a well-known and historic place of worship, and assured continuous support for its reconstruction. He stated that he would personally extend all necessary assistance required for the completion of the works.“BRS leaders Yeddula Kondala Reddy, Masa Shekhar, Cheryala Srinivas, Kokonda Jagan, Sundar, Abbu Bhai, Anif, Shafi, Gouse, Sakinalla Chandu, Baba, Mohammed, Farid and others were present at the programme.

Urmila bags tender for coconuts and pooja materials shop at Srimallikarjuna Swamy Temple for Rs.16,000



“KISHORE VADDEPALLI, Uppal, November 26 (Indian Chronicle):“An open auction was conducted on Wednesday morning at the premises of the Srimallikarjuna Swamy Temple, Velugugutta, Uppal, for allotment of license to sell coconuts and pooja materials for the year 2026.“The auction was held at 11:00 AM under the supervision of Temple Executive Officer Srikanth Peddi Garu. A total of seven participants took part in the auction after completing necessary formalities by submitting consent letters and paying the required deposit.In the bidding process, Ms. T.

Urmila emerged as the highest bidder and secured the license with a bid amount of Rs.16,000.“The license period will be valid from January 1, 2026 to December 31, 2026, the Temple Executive Officer informed. The successful bidder has been instructed to display two price boards at the temple premises and strictly operate the shop only at the location specified by the temple authorities.Mr. Srikanth further stated that the shop must be vacated and handed over to the temple after the license period ends, as per the terms and conditions of the agreement.

Hyderabad police warn jewelers over stolen gold purchases

Hyderabad city police have warned jewellery shop owners of strict legal action if they are found purchasing stolen gold or silver articles. At a meeting with jewellers' associations, DCP (North) S Rashmi Perumal urged shop owners to avoid buying ornaments from unverified sources, stressing that such practices encourage crime.

Bengaluru Student's AI-powered Innovation: Smart Glasses to Empower the Visually Impaired



Hyderabad:Nineteen-year-old Tushar Shaw from Bengaluru, pursuing second-year engineering student from Scaler School of Technology, has crafted not just a gadget but a gesture of social imagination. His creation, Perceivia — intuitive glasses for the visually impaired — earned him a place among the national winners of Samsung Solve for Tomorrow 2025.Samsung Solve for Tomorrow is the company's flagship education programme that challenges young minds to identify real-world problems and develop solutions using technology. This year the four winning teams from the themes AI for a Safer, Smarter, and Inclusive Bharat; Future of Health, Hygiene, and Well-being in India; Environmental Sustainability via Technology; and Social Change through Sport and Tech, received a grant of ₹1 crore incubation support at IIT Delhi.

Perceivia is designed to help visually impaired users perceive their surroundings through sound. Using an integrated suite of audio sensors, object-recognition cameras, and AI-based spatial analysis, the glasses detect and describe what lies ahead — from identifying objects and estimating distances to recognising human voices and faces. The device alerts users through subtle vibrations or real-time voice feedback, creating a kind of “sensory map” of their environment.“I grew up next door to a visually impaired neighbour,” Tushar recalls. “I saw firsthand how daily tasks like crossing a road, identifying people, or locating objects could become monumental challenges. I knew I had to create something that gave them a sense of independence.”At the time, he admits, his ambition far outpaced his technical competence. “I had no background in computer vision or hardware design,” he says. “But Samsung Solve for Tomorrow gave me not just the resources, but also the confidence and mentorship to bridge that gap.”

Steps Initiated for Construction of New Roads in Habsiguda: Uppal Youth Congress President Aakarapu Arun Patel



KISHORE VADDEPALLI, Uppal, November 26 (Indian Chronicle):“Uppal Youth Congress President Aakarapu Arun Patel stated that necessary steps are being taken to resolve the problem of damaged and pothole-ridden roads and to lay new roads in areas such as Madhura Nagar, Ganesh Nagar, Vasavi Nagar, and Venkat Reddy Nagar under the Habsiguda Division.“He visited several localities along with residents and reviewed the situation on the ground. Speaking to the media on this occasion, Arun Patel said that measures are being taken to replace old and dilapidated roads in the Habsiguda area with newly built roads at the earliest.“He further informed that the issue regarding the roads was brought to the notice of the concerned Assistant Engineer Saikiran and Supervisor Ramesh, and assured that the problem would be resolved soon.Leaders and residents who participated in the programme included Madhura Nagar Colony Vice President Srinivas Reddy, Narasimha Yadav, General Secretary Jagadish, Ashok Reddy; Venkat Reddy Nagar Colony leaders Yakanth Rao, Ravinder, Venu, Shobhan, Sharad, Akula Suresh, Raghu Patel; Vasavi Nagar Colony President Srinivasachari, Kishore, Prakash, Rajesh, Narayana Reddy, Siddulu, Ganesh, Santosh, Sirisha; and Ram Reddy Nagar Colony General Secretary Rakesh along with Bhanu, Ramulu, Naveen, and Venkatesh.

Four Jailed In Woman Trafficking Case.. Constable Among Those Sentenced

“Indian Chronicle” kumram bheem, Asifabad, District Reporte,Jade Srinivas.November,26“Adilabad SC and ST Court Judge Kumar Vivek on Tuesday sentenced four people to jail in a woman trafficking case,SP Nitika Pant said. On July 1, 2019, a woman was sold to Lalagiri Goswami from Madhya Pradesh for Rs 1.30 lakh by Gourabai, Venkati and Haridas (constables) under the Tiryani police station limits of Asifabad district on the pre-text of providing her with work. Goswami sexually assaulted the victim several times and made her work in the field. The victim escaped from there on the 25th of the same month.

Congress Betrays BC Reservation Promise – BC Youth Association Protests Blindfolded



Chittimalla Mahendar. "Karimnagar Bureau, November 26, Indian Chronicle: "The BC Youth Association staged a massive protest at Telangana Chowk on Thursday, blindfolding themselves to symbolize injustice, alleging that the Congress government failed to fulfill its election promise of implementing 42 percent reservations for Backward Classes (BCs). "Speaking on the occasion, BC Youth Association District President Narsingoji Srinivas and BC Welfare Association State General Secretary Kesupeddi Sridhar Raju said that before coming to power, the Con-

gress party promised 42 percent BC reservations in local body elections through the Kamareddy Declaration and included it in its election manifesto. However, after coming to power with the support of BC votes, the party has completely gone back on its commitment, they strongly criticized. "They stated that after large-scale protests by BC organizations against irregularities in caste census, the government conducted a second census and, based on the demand of R. Krishnaya, formed a Dedicated Commission, enacted a bill in the Assembly, and sent it to the Governor and the President. Although the bill is still pending, the Congress government failed to create pressure on the Centre to include it in the 9th Schedule for legal validation, they alleged. They accused the current government of deceiving BCs by reducing the promised 42 percent quota to 22 percent and preparing to conduct elections under the old system. "If BCs decide, they can dethrone governments," they cautioned, declaring that the movement will intensify under the slogan "BC Vote for BCs – BC Political Empowerment is the Ultimate Goal." They demanded that the government immediately cancel G.O. 46, postpone the elections, and ensure legal implementation of 42% reservations by exerting pressure on the Central government. "BC leaders including District Convener Ravindra Chari, Umamaheswar, Narala Srikanth, Dilip, Bhargav, Sandeep, Kishore, and others participated in the protest.

Newly Appointed DCC President Vajresh Yadav Meets Government Advisor and Minister, Expresses Gratitude



"KISHORE VADDEPALLI, Uppal, November 26 (Indian Chronicle): "The newly appointed Medchal District Congress Committee (DCC) President, Vajresh Yadav, paid a courtesy visit to the State Government's Chief Advisor (CM Public Affairs) Vem Narender Reddy and District In-Charge Minister Sridhar Babu, and expressed his gratitude for their support and guidance. On this occasion, both leaders congratulated Vajresh Yadav and conveyed their best wishes. They advised him to work towards strengthening the party from the booth level and to engage closely with the people



to further reinforce the Congress party at the grassroots. They also urged party workers to work collectively and with dedication, stating that every cadre should be motivated if the goal of seeing Rahul Gandhi as the Prime Minister in 2029 is to be achieved. "Vem Narender Reddy and Sridhar Babu assured full support in providing new energy and direction to the District Congress Committee. Uppal Constituency Congress In-Charge Mandamula Parameshwar Reddy and former AICC General Secretary Narsareddy Boopathi were also present at the meeting.

Civil Services: A Pathway to Nation-Building, Asserts Additional District Judge Munawar Hussain.

"P. S. ASHOKAN "KARIMNAGAR BUREAU. "Motivational Session Inspires Future Leaders at Model Courts, Mahabubnagar "In a compelling address to students at the Model Courts in Mahabubnagar, Additional District Judge Mr. Munawar Hussain emphasized the transformative potential of civil services in fostering national development. "Opportunities proliferate when one embarks on the noble path of public service," he declared during a motivational session aimed at inspiring future leaders. "Reflecting on his own educational journey, Judge Hussain recounted his formative years at Akshara High School, Manthani, and underscored that true success is a product of knowledge, unwavering dedication, and diligent effort—rather than solely the prestige of one's educational institution. He highlighted the indispensable influence of parental encouragement and the pivotal role of teachers in shaping a student's trajectory. "Judge Hussain articulated that esteemed examinations such as the UPSC and TSPSC serve as gateways for aspiring civil servants to make meaningful contributions to society. He urged students to pursue academic excellence, adhere to rigorous self-discipline, and embrace a mindset of lifelong learning. "He further elaborated on the profound respect and responsibility associated with state-level services, which present abundant opportunities for individuals committed to serving the community. "Students must maintain a laser focus on their aspirations and leverage every available resource for skill enhancement," he advised. "The session also featured practical



demonstrations elucidating the operations of courts, case processing, and the intricacies of the justice-delivery system, providing students with invaluable real-time insights into judicial procedures. "ACM Mr. Praveen, Model Court Principal Mr. Sridhar, and various faculty members were integral to the programme. Guest speakers elaborated on the nuances of competitive examinations, reinforcing that diligence, consistent effort, and perseverance are paramount to achieving success. Special emphasis was placed on encouraging female students, acknowledging the significant increase in women's representation within civil services. "Additionally, students received guidance on effective time management, communication skills, and the importance of regular practice through mock tests. Faculty members motivated attendees to establish clear, attainable goals and to pursue them with unwavering commitment and confidence.

Yadadri Bhuvanagiri District Road Safety Committee Meeting



Yadadri Bhuvanagiri District Collector Hanumantha Rao "Mandava Srisailem.. Yadadri Bhuvanagiri District Bureau...Indian Chronicle.. November 26) :- The District Road Safety Committee meeting was held at the District Collector's Conference Hall of Yadadri Bhuvanagiri District on Wednesday. The meeting was presided over by District Collector M. Hanumantha Rao, and DCP, DSP, district level officers of various departments and officials from NHAI PIU

Warangal participated. As part of the meeting, the NHAI PIU Warangal team gave a comprehensive presentation on the topics of '1033 service, background, introduction, how the system works, strengthening IMS'. "Highlights of the presentation..

Explanation on the importance of 1033 helpline in high-way emergencies and its use. Details of how this system works and how it provides rapid response to incidents. "Activities undertaken to further strengthen the Incident Management System (IMS). Gaps, Risks, Challenges in the current system and their solutions. Role of stakeholders, coordination and distribution of responsibilities. Details of health mapping areas requiring emergency medical assistance. "After the presentation, the District Collector and DCP appreciated the IMS dashboard and appreciated the steps being taken by NHAI, HLL/HLFPPT. They stated that this will help in further improving the road safety measures of the district through real-time data. "The meeting ended in a positive atmosphere. They expressed the hope that the NHAI – HLL/HLFPPT partnership will play a key role in strengthening road safety in the district and that more progress will be achieved in the future with the coordination of all stakeholders.

Arrangements should be made for the conduct of Panchayat elections



State Election Commission Commissioner I. Rani Kumudini instructs collectors in video conference "Mandava Srisailem.. Yadadri Bhuvanagiri District Bureau...Indian Chronicle.. November 26) :- State Election Commission Commissioner I. Rani Kumudini instructed that arrangements should be made for the conduct of Panchayat elections. State Election Commission Commissioner I. Rani Kumudini issued several orders and instructions to the district collectors through video conference on Wednesday from Hyderabad on the conduct of Panchayat elections. Speaking on this occasion, the State Election Commission Commissioner said that the first phase of the 2nd general elections to the village panchayats in the state will be held on December 11, the second phase on December 14, and the third phase on December 17. He said that the updated reservations, polling phase and geo-location details of polling stations related to the Panchayat elections should be updated on the T-Poll website. He said that a nodal officer should be appointed in the district to resolve the complaints received through the T-Poll website and the complaints received from the Election Commission should be resolved within three days. He suggested that the list of polling stations and digital details should be recorded in T-Poll, that light, power, ramp, furniture and security should be taken care of in the polling stations, that a help desk should be set up near the building where more than 2 polling stations are located, that details of polling stations where webcasting is done should be sent, that distribution centers should be at the mandal center, and that arrangements

should be made to monitor the arrangements for strong rooms that were not prepared 3 days in advance for the counting of votes. He said that nominations should be received from 10:30 am to 5 pm every day from November 27 to November 29. He said that necessary arrangements should be made to file nominations with the relevant returning officers for the Panchayat elections. He said that the district election officers should issue necessary guidelines to ensure that the receipt of nominations, scrutiny, resolution of appeals, allocation of symbols, and announcement of contesting candidates are carried out in a strict manner. "Printers in the district were ordered to strictly implement Section 216 of the TPR Act and not to print election campaign pamphlets without permission. The Election Commissioner advised the Collectors to finalize the prices for recording the expenditure details of the candidates regarding the election campaign and to issue clear instructions on the implementation of the election code of conduct. He said that a flying squad team, an AEO (Assistant Expenditure Details Registration Officer) and a static surveillance team should be formed for each mandal and a static surveillance team should be formed for each district to ensure that the implementation of the election code of conduct is mandatory. He said that an MCMC committee and a district media cell should be formed in each district. He said that the electronic videos used during the election campaign should have the prior permission of the MCMC. In view of the elections, he said that farmers should be made aware that they must keep a receipt while taking crop money. He said that during the inspections conducted under the MCC, a receipt should be provided at the time of seizure of cash, gold and other equipment, and the details of which officer should be present to submit evidence related to the seized equipment should be in that receipt. The District Collector explained to the Election Commissioner about the conduct of the elections and said that all steps have been taken to ensure the smooth conduct of the first phase of elections. He said that refresher training has been given to the returning officers and assistant returning officers. He said that they are ready for the nomination process. He said that FST and SST teams have been appointed and that they are fully prepared for the reception of the first phase of nominations. Additional Collector of Local Bodies Bhaskar Rao, Nodal Officers, MPDOs and others participated in this video conference.

Grand Constitution Day celebrations in Chilkanagar: BJP leader Devasani Balachander administers Preamble pledge

"KISHORE VADDEPALLI, Uppal, November 26 (Indian Chronicle): "On the occasion of Constitution Day, grand celebrations were held at Chilkanagar. BJP Uppal Assembly Convener Devasani Balachander paid floral tributes to the statues of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar and Babu Jagjivan Ram and administered the pledge of the Preamble of the Constitution of India to all present, calling for the continued prosperity of Constitution Day. "Addressing the gathering, Balachander said the Constitution is not merely a book of rules for governance, but a sacred document that provides guiding values such as justice, equality, liberty and fraternity. He stated that the Constitution is the unifying force that binds a nation of many languages, religions, cultures and communities into one. He further noted that the Constitution grants rights to the oppressed, exploited, deprived and backward sections of society, while also outlining civic duties and responsibilities for citizens. Calling the Constitution India's priceless democratic legacy, he said it is the duty of every Indian citizen to protect and uphold it. "Those who participated in the programme included Shamirpet Chandrayya, SC Morcha Division President Dasari Yadagiri, Sanghi Swamy Yadav, Boda Vidyasagar, Balakrishna, Pendem Nagarajuna, Palle Ramulu, Dr. Ashok, Mutyala Krishna Reddy, Scheduled Castes Seva Sangham President Ramulu, Chintala Ilaiha, Danaiah and others.



The father of the White Revolution, Dr. Verghese Kurien, should work with the inspiration -



Vijaya Dairy Chairman Gutta Amit Reddy. "Indian Chronicle OU November 26: Vijaya Dairy Chairman Gutta Amit Reddy said that it is a true tribute to the greats only when everyone works with dedication and dedication towards the progress of the organization. To this end, a program was organized at the Vijaya Dairy headquarters in Lalapeta on Wednesday to commemorate the 104th birth anniversary of Padma Vibhushan Dr. Varghese Kurien, the father of the white revolution, and National Milk Day. Vijaya Dairy Chairman Amit Reddy and dairy officials paid tribute to Kurien. He praised the establishment of organizations like the National Dairy Development Organization and IRMA with the inspiration of the cooperative movement around the world and the milk revolution that they brought. He wanted to further strengthen the reputation of Vijaya Telangana with the inspiration of Varghese Kurien. GMS Madhusudhan, Kavitha, Mallaiah, Kamesh, Mallikarjun, Mohana Murali, officials Lavanya, Prasanna, Yadagiri, Bala Prasad and others were present at the event.

Contract and outsourcing employees of MGM Warangal Hospital to begin indefinite strike from Dec 10

GNS News Agency, Nov 26

Hyderabad: The contract and outsourcing employees from Kakatiya Medical College (KMC) and MGM Hospital, Warangal on Wednesday served notices to launch an indefinite strike starting from December 10, over non-payment of salaries for the past five months. On Wednesday, the members of Telangana United Medical and Health Employees union submitted strike notices to the Principal of Kakatiya Medical College (KMC) and the Superintendent of MGM Hospital. Speaking on the occasion, the union State General Secretary, K. Yada Naik, said "For the past five months, families of Nursing Officers, Lab Technicians, Pharmacy Officers, Operation Theatre Assistants, PROs, Data Entry Operators, Store Keepers, Record Assistants,



and other staff are suffering due to salary backlog. They are unable to manage their households or secure loans. The State government should immediately respond and pay pending salaries".

Gram Panchayat Election Code of Conduct Implementation..Thursday



Special Grievance and Job Vacancy to be held on Monday cancelled:- Yadadri Bhuvanagiri District Collector Hanumantha Rao ""(Mandava Srisailam.. Yadadri Bhuvanagiri District Bureau...Indian Chronicle.. November 26) :- District Collector Hanumantha Rao said in a statement today that since the Gram Panchayat Election Code of Conduct came into effect on the 25th of this month, the Prajavani program held every Monday and Thursday has been cancelled, and the Special Grievance and Job Vacancy to be held every Thursday has also been cancelled. Therefore, the people of the district should take note and do not come to the Collectorate to file complaints on Monday and Thursday until the election code of conduct is completed.

To save precious lives in road accidents, concerted measures should be taken

Yadadri Bhuvanagiri District Collector Hanumantha Rao ""(Mandava Srisailam.. Yadadri Bhuvanagiri District Bureau...Indian Chronicle.. November 26) :- Yadadri Bhuvanagiri District Collector Hanumantha Rao said that to save precious lives in road accidents, concerted measures should be taken."On Wednesday, a coordination review meeting was held with district-level officials on road safety at the V. C. Conference Hall."Speaking on the occasion, the Collector said that road safety measures are crucial in reducing road accidents. Coordination between all departments is necessary in taking these measures, and each department should be examined collectively at the field level. He said that places where there is a possibility of road accidents should be identified and strict measures should be taken to prevent accidents from happening there in the future. Especially in the black spots identified by the police department, R&B, National Highways, as well as other departments, should provide full cooperation to prevent accidents and help prevent accidents. They should identify the areas (black spots) where accidents occur most in the district and take comprehensive measures to prevent accidents. They said that accidents are happening most on the National Highway. They should install accident indicator boards in places where accidents are likely to happen. They suggested that rumble strips, studs, indicator boards, blinkers should be installed on the roads. To prevent accidents, strong arrangements should be made to prevent road accidents in the districts with coordination between all depart-



ments. Accidents are happening due to high speed, and they should strictly enforce the speed limit. They should install indicator boards at necessary places. DCP Akanksha Yadav said that they should identify the spots where accidents occur most. They should immediately repair the roads where they are not in good condition. They want to install indicator boards, blinkers, and speed limit boards at places where accidents occur most. Additional ACP Lakshminarayana, Traffic ACP Prabhakar Reddy, RDO Krishna Reddy, District Roads and Buildings Officer Saritha, Assistant Executive Engineer Ramaraju and other relevant officials participated in this program.

Collector Hanumantha Rao administered the Constitution Day pledge at the Collectorate Conference Hall“



“(Mandava Srisailam.. Yadadri Bhuvanagiri District Bureau...Indian Chronicle.. November 26) :-Yadadri Bhuvanagiri District Collector Hanumantha Rao extended greetings to everyone on the occasion of Indian Constitution Day..Collector administered the Constitution Day pledge at the Collectorate Conference Hall on Wednesday..On the occasion of Indian Constitution Day, all the district officers and staff took the pledge in the presence of Yadadri Bhuvanagiri District Collector Hanumantha Rao at the Collectorate Conference Hall on Wednesday. "We, the people of India, have solemnly resolved to build India as a



sovereign, socialist, secular, democratic republic, to ensure social, economic, political, and legal justice, freedom of thought, expression, belief, religion, and worship to all citizens, equality in status and opportunity, and to promote the dignity of the individual, the integrity of the country, and the brotherhood that must be brought about, and we submit to the Constitution of India, which was approved and made legal by the Constituent Assembly on November 26, 1949, and pledge to work with dedication to maintain its integrity." "DRO Jayamma, AO Jaganmohan Prasad, officers and employees of various departments participated in this program.

Grand Celebrations of Constitution Day at Uppal Government Degree College



“KISHORE VADDEPALLI, Uppal, November 26 (Indian Chronicle):""On the occasion of the 75th anniversary of the adoption of the Constitution of India, grand Constitution Day (Samvidhan Divas) celebrations were held at Uppal Government Degree College."The program was organized under the joint auspices of the Department of Political Science and the NSS Unit. College Principal Dr. K. Vijay Kumar presided over the function, while High School Headmaster P. Ashok attended as the chief guest.Addressing the gathering, Principal Dr. K. Vijay Kumar said that democracy is the true spirit of the Constitution. Chief Guest P. Ashok described the Constitution as the guiding light of the people of this country and emphasized that protecting it is the responsibility of every citizen. Vice Principal Dr. A. Ravi Prasad stated that the Constitution has gifted citizens the values of freedom, equality, and fraternity. Political Science faculty member P. Vijay Kumar noted that the Constitution is the supreme authority of the nation and should always be respected. NSS Programme Officer Vishwanath said that there is no greater patriotism than performing one's duty and serving society."The speakers collectively expressed that the protection of secularism and the achievement of a socialist society should be the common goal of all citizens. Students took a pledge by reciting the Preamble of the Constitution."A quiz competition was conducted for Uppal Zilla Parishad High School students, who were trained by



lecturers Pandurangaiah, Jyothi, and Jamuna, and for BA students of the Degree College. Prizes were distributed to the winners by Principal Dr. K. Vijay Kumar and Chief Guest P. Ashok.NSS volunteers Srikant, Bharat, Sardonicus, Komali, Lakshmi, and Vaishnavi, who organized the quiz, were appreciated by the faculty members.

21-yr-old ‘set on fire’ on birthday was a case of prank gone wrong: police

A 21-year-old college student who was allegedly "set on fire" by his friends in Kurla on Monday after they invited him to cut his birthday cake was a case of a prank gone wrong, said police.While the family members of Abdul Rehman Khan, who sustained 35 per cent burns and is recuperating at the hospital, have alleged that the friends bullied him in the past as well, the police said their intention was not to cause him harm.The incident had taken place on Monday when the accused called Abdul to come out of his house to cut his birthday cake around 12 am. They, however, started playing pranks by throwing eggs at him,

Vajresh Yadav Takes Charge as Medchal District Congress President, Meets Key Leaders



“NARRA SRINIVAS REDDY (NSR), Medchal - Malkajgiri Staff Reporter, November 26, (INDIAN

CHRONICLE):""Medchal district's newly appointed Congress District President, Vajresh Yadav, paid a courtesy visit to State Government Chief Advisor (CM Public Affairs) Vem Narender Reddy and District Incharge Minister Sridhar Babu, expressing his gratitude for the new responsibility. On this occasion, the leaders congratulated Vajresh Yadav and extended their best wishes. They advised him to strengthen the party from the booth level, stay connected with the people, and work with commitment for the organizational growth of the party. They further emphasized that if the goal is to see Rahul Gandhi as the Prime Minister of India in 2029, every party worker must be motivated, and collective hard work is essential. They urged Vajresh Yadav to lead this effort with dedication. Vem Narender Reddy and Sridhar Babu assured him of their full support in bringing new energy and direction to the Medchal District Congress Committee. Uppal constituency Congress in-charge Mandamula Parameshwar Reddy and ex TPCC general secretary Narsa Reddy Boopathi participated in the program.

The Constitution written by Babasaheb Ambedkar.. is for the rights of the poor.. Everyone should follow it with diligence

Yadadri Bhuvanagiri District Library Chairman Awaiz Chisti""(Mandava Srisailam.. Yadadri Bhuvanagiri District Bureau...Indian Chronicle.. November 26) :- Officials should follow it with determination. The Constitution of India is not just a formulation of government policies and laws, but a reflection of the aspirations of crores of oppressed people.. This country's system is the source of morality....Constitutional Rally..."The Constitution of India is not just a formulation of government policies and laws, but a reflection of the aspirations of crores of oppressed people.. This country's system is the source of morality." On Wednesday, a constitution rally was organized from the Jijivan Ram statue to the Ambedkar statue in the Yadadri Bhuvanagiri district center. After garlanding the Ambedkar statue, many people spoke and said, "I salute Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar, the architect of the Indian Constitution, who gave us the highest constitution that is praised by the countries of the world with a thousand years of foresight and all the great people who contributed to the writing of the constitution. On the occasion of the adoption of the constitution, I wish to express my greetings to all the people of the country on the occasion of Constitution Day. Jahangir "Former Municipal Chairman"Barre Sudarshan, Bandaru Ravivardhan, Itukala Devender Madiga, Kanukuntla Ramesh Koti, Kartala Srinivas, Padigala Pradeep, Chiluveru



Ramesh, Dargai Ganesh, Nalla Krishna Eerapaka Narasimha, MD Imran, Sirpanga Subhash Diravat Rajesh Nayak,,Barre Pramila, Barre Naresh, Mutyala Jalandar, MD Atahar Nagaram Shankar, Sirpanga Shivalingam, Kolluri Raju, Dubba Ramakrishna, Gas Chinna, Barre Nagesh, Boddu Krishna, Medi Kotes, MD Laik Ahmed, Banoth Venkat Nayak, Sunnam Lakshminarayana, Bandaru Jahangir, Nalla Krishna, Dandu Naresh, Shobhan Babu, Bonthala Narasimha and others participated.

Rachakonda Police Turn History-Sheeters Into Community Volunteers

NARRA SRINIVAS REDDY (NSR), Medchal - Malkajgiri Staff Reporter, November 26, (INDIAN CHRONICLE):""In a significant shift from routine surveillance practices, the Rachakonda Police have launched an innovative reform initiative aimed at rehabilitating history-sheets and integrating them into mainstream society. Traditionally, police departments keep strict watch on the movements of rowdy-sheets and history-sheets. However, breaking away from conventional policing methods, the Rachakonda Police have introduced a programme focused on transformation rather than mere monitoring. As part of this initiative, individuals who have shown positive behavioural change were identified and encouraged to participate in community service activities. They were deployed at major traffic junctions in Uppal, LB Nagar, ECIL, and other busy points to assist in traffic management. Working alongside volunteers and traffic personnel, these ex-history-sheets helped regulate vehicle movement and guided commuters, demonstrating their commitment to change and social responsibility. Under the Kushaiguda Police limits, 20 reformed rowdy-sheets, along with 20 from Uppal Police Station and 20 from LB Nagar Police Station, voluntarily took part in traffic regulation and awareness programmes. We remember the mistakes we made in the



past... Today, getting an opportunity to serve the public gives us a sense of pride, said the participants. They expressed that moving from a phase where society rejected them to a stage where they are able to serve the community marks a new beginning in their lives. Rachakonda Police officials said they plan to involve more individuals under surveillance in similar reform-oriented programmes. The aim, they emphasized, is to guide society towards positive change. Rachakonda Commissioner of Police Sudheer Babu stated that the initiative reflects the department's commitment to constructive transformation and community-oriented policing.

Constitution Day Celebrated with Grandeur at JSPS Government Homeo Medical College, Ramanthapur

“KISHORE VADDEPALLI, Uppal, November 26 (Indian Chronicle):""On the occasion of Constitution Day, the celebrations were held in a grand manner on Wednesday at JSPS Government Homeopathic Medical College, Ramanthapur.Speaking on the occasion, the College Principal said that the Constitution is the guiding light and hope of the people of this country, and protecting it is the responsibility of every citizen. He stated that the Constitution has bestowed upon us the invaluable principles of liberty, equality and fraternity. He also emphasized that the Constitution is the supreme authority of the nation and should always be respected."He further remarked that there is no greater patriotism or service to society than sincere discharge of one's duties. The speakers expressed the view that protecting secularism and striving towards building a socialist society should be the collective goal of all citizens."As part of the programme, students were administered a pledge by recit-



ing the Preamble of the Constitution."Vice Principal Dr. Srinivas Reddy, Dr. Krishnamurthy, NSS Coordinator Dr. Dasari Parthasarathi, PG students, faculty members and teaching staff participated in the event.

family said that they resided in the same area and recently they had moved to a bigger building. The family has questioned why the police have not invoked an attempt to murder case against the five persons.Senior inspector of VB Nagar police Popat Avhad said, "We have arrested the five accused on charges of attempt to culpable homicide. We have not invoked an attempt to murder as it appears it was a prank gone wrong and they actually did not intend to set him on fire.""They were carrying petrol in a bottle as one of the accused's bikes had run out of fuel and they were using the bottle to transfer petrol from another bike," he said.



Constitution Day Greetings: Chintala Nirmala Reddy, NARRA SRINIVAS REDDY (NSR), Medchal - Malkajgiri Staff Reporter, November 26, (INDIAN CHRONICLE): "On the occasion of the Constitution Day, we remember and honour the supreme law of our nation that laid the foundation for Indian democracy. Equality, liberty, justice, and fraternity these guiding principles continue to inspire and unite us. We pay heartfelt tribute to the architects of the Indian Constitution whose vision shaped modern India. It is the responsibility of every citizen to uphold these constitutional values and contribute to the progress of the nation."



Mandava Srisailem.. Yadadri Bhuvanagiri District Bureau... Indian Chronicle.. November 26):- A scene from Bhuvanagiri MLA Kumbham Anil Kumar Reddy explaining that Congress party candidates should be elected as Sarpanchs with a large majority in the upcoming Gram Panchayat elections in Bhuvanagiri constituency.



(Mandava Srisailem Yadadri Bhuvanagiri District Bureau Indian Chronicle November 26):- A scene of BRS Party senior state leaders Chintala Venkateshwar Reddy who visited Tirumala Tirupati Sri Venkateswara Swami on Wednesday and took Swami's blessings.



(Mandava Srisailem Yadadri Bhuvanagiri District Bureau.. Indian Chronicle..November 26):- Andhra Jyothi reporter Pothamsetty Karunakar from Bhuvanagiri district headquarters.. Bhuvanagiri Parliament member Chamala Kiran Kumar Reddy, who participated in the Dashadina Karma of his mother Pothamsetty Manemma and paid tribute to her, along with former municipal chairmen Pothamsetty Venkateshwar, Barre Jahangir, Congress leaders Mohammed Atahar, Nuka Kiran, Gorrakala Shiva Shankar, Polishetty Anil, Pothamsetty Manjula, Padigela Pradeep, Babu Rao, Kondal and others participated in this program.

Constitution Day Observed at Rachakonda Commissionerate



NARRA SRINIVAS REDDY (NSR), Medchal - Malkajgiri Staff Reporter, November 26, (INDIAN CHRONICLE): "Rachakonda Commissionerate marked Constitution Day by reading the Preamble of the Indian Constitution and administering an oath to the staff. The event was held at the Commissionerate headquarters under the leadership of Rachakonda Commissioner of Police Sudheer Babu, IPS. Speaking on the occasion, the CP emphasized the importance of remembering the architects of the Indian Constitution and upholding its core values—justice, liberty, equality, and fraternity. He said that the Constitution serves as the guiding framework for the nation and that every citizen has the responsibility to protect and preserve its spirit. Constitution Day is observed every year on November 26 to commemorate the adoption of the Indian Constitution. Reading the Preamble is an important part of the celebrations, reaffirming the commitment of citizens to constitutional principles. SB DCP G. Narasimhareddy, DCP Administration Indira, Additional DCP Shivakumar, and other officers participated in the programme."

Hyderabad Open Karate Championship 2025 Brochure Released



"NARRA SRINIVAS REDDY (NSR), Medchal - Malkajgiri Staff Reporter, November 26, (INDIAN CHRONICLE): "The brochure for the Hyderabad Open Karate Championship 2025 was released on Wednesday

by TPCC president and Telangana Karate-Do Association president, MLC Bomma Mahesh Kumar Goud. The championship will be held on December 13 and 14 at the Saroornagar Indoor Stadium. The event is being organised by Seikokai Karate Telangana in association with the Telangana Sports Karate-Do Association. Representatives of the association said the championship is being conducted with the approval of the Karate India Organisation (KIO), which is affiliated with the World Karate Federation (WKF). Speaking on the occasion, Bomma Mahesh Kumar Goud said the Hyderabad Open Karate Championship would serve as an excellent platform for young karate students to showcase their skills at national and international levels. He added that the aim of the event is to promote karate among the youth across the country and to help build confidence and motivation. Salute Martial Arts founder and AKF judge, WKF Sensei Tadoori Kanaka Raju; Telangana Karate-Do Association treasurer Ramaswamy; Vijay, Bharat, G.K. Ganesh and others were present at the programme.

Medchal–Malkajgiri Officials Observe Constitution Day Preamble Pledge Administered

"NARRA SRINIVAS REDDY (NSR), Medchal - Malkajgiri Staff Reporter, November 26, (INDIAN CHRONICLE): "District officials marked Constitution Day at the Collectorate on Wednesday by reciting the Preamble of the Indian Constitution. The event was held in the conference hall, where District Additional Collector Vijayaender Reddy and DRO Haripriya led the proceedings. Officials and employees from various departments attended the programme, reaffirming their commitment to the constitutional values of justice, liberty, equality, and fraternity. As part of the observance, the Preamble was read out in unison, highlighting the fundamental principles that guide the nation. Speaking on the occasion, officers noted that Constitution Day serves as a reminder of the responsibilities entrusted to citizens and government institutions. They emphasized the need for continued awareness of constitutional values in public service and administration. The programme concluded with a call for all departments to uphold trans-



parency, equality, and democratic practices in their day-to-day functioning.

Shades Of Sadness....Two Full Lives Sacrificed Before The Wedding.. Unable To Bear The Death Of Her Fiancé, A Young Woman Commits Suicide.



"Wankidi: A young woman named Neelam Srilatha (31) from Bambara village in the mandal committed suicide after being unable to bear the death of her fiancé. According to the police, Neelam Srilatha was married to a man from Jagityal about five years ago. However, due to differences between the husband and wife, they got divorced within a month of the marriage. Since then, Srilatha has been living in her mother's house in Bambara. In this context, Srilatha's marriage was fixed on August 15, 2025, with a man named Sherla Ranjit from Kishtapur village in Jaipur mandal. Unfortunately, her fiancé Sherla Ranjit committed suicide by consuming poison on the 23rd of this month. Srilatha was deeply distressed by the sudden death of her fiancé. Disappointed with her life, on the night of the 24th of this month, when no one was home, she hanged herself with a saree from the ceiling of her house. The police have registered a case and are investigating based on the complaint of the deceased's mother, Neelam Sattamma. The incident has cast a shadow of sadness over Bambara village.

In Velpupally “Mother Dairy Chairman Gudipati Madhusudhan Reddy attended the wedding of Congress leader Lingala Yadagiri's son “

"(Mandava Srisailem.. Yadadri Bhuvanagiri District Bureau.. Indian Chronicle.. November 26):- The wedding of the son of Congress party leader Lingala Yadagiri from Velpupally village in Yadadri Bhuvanagiri district was held at the Vattipalli Srinivas Goud Function Hall in Rajpet Mandal Center. Mother Dairy Chairman Gudipati Madhusudhan Reddy and former Velpupally Sarpanch Gudipati Vijaya Simha Reddy, who attended the wedding as the chief guest, blessed the newlyweds. Gudipati Amara Simha Reddy, Turkapally Mandal Congress Party Working President Erukala Venkatesh Goud, District ST Cell District Vice President Gugulothu Dhoop Singh Nayak, Velpupally Village Branch President Korella Rajalu Goud, Mandal Congress leaders, Dhyanaobaya Bondaiah, Dhyanaobaya Karunakar, Jeripotula Narender, Siddhulu, Hayat Nagar



Mother Dairy Electrical Engineering Boini Nagaraju and others participated in this program.

Officials Respond After Corporator Bandaru Srivani Venkatrao Raises Issue in Council



"KISHORE VADDEPALLI, Uppal, November 26 (Indian Chronicle): "At the GHMC governing council meeting held earlier this week, Ramantapur Corporator Bandaru Srivani Venkatrao strongly questioned the authorities over the severe unhygienic and inconvenient conditions at the Ramantapur Chinna Cheruvu, which has been completely covered with water hyacinth. "Is this Ramantapur lake... or a cricket stadium?" she asked, drawing immediate attention from the officials, who responded promptly. "Following this, senior officials deployed a special mission this morning to remove the water hyacinth from the Chinna Cheruvu. The authorities stated that the mission will continue at the site until the complete clearance of the weeds from the lake is achieved. Those who participated

in the operation include Senior Entomologist Madhava Reddy, AE Nareesh Reddy, Uppal fogging in-charge Mahender, and senior BJP leaders Muttineni Jagadish, Bandaru Venkatarao, Vempati Srinivas, and Vemula Venkat Reddy, among others.

Indrajaal unveils India's first mobile anti-drone patrol vehicle

Hyderabad: Indrajaal Drone Defence on Wednesday announced the launch of India's first Anti-Drone Patrol Vehicle (ADPV), a groundbreaking, fully mobile, AI-enabled counter-drone system designed to redefine how the nation responds to drone-led threats. Breaking away from traditional vehicle-mounted anti-drone solutions that work only when parked, Indrajaal engineered the ADPV (Indrajaal Ranger) as a purpose-built combat vehicle that delivers on-the-move drone detection, real-time patrolling and surveillance, autonomous threat assessment through AI and instant interception and neutralisation.



(Mandava Srisailem Yadadri Bhuvanagiri District Bureau.. Indian Chronicle.. November 26):- In Anantaram village of Yadadri Bhuvanagiri district, former ward members of TRS from other parties Palapati Nagarani, Rajalingam, Venta and 10 MLAs joined the Congress party under the leadership of Kumbham Anil Kumar Reddy. District leaders Fakir Kondal Reddy, former Upasarpnach Vitthal Venkatesh, village branch president Erra Mahesh, Salla Pandu, Manda Siva, Nirudu Sekhar, Rambabu Siva Sai and others participated in this program.



(Mandava Srisailem.. Yadadri Bhuvanagiri District Bureau... Indian Chronicle November 26):- Chintala Yuva Sena leader Godasu Anil Sister Godasu Jayashree Surya Vamsi's wedding at Pochampally Balaji function It happened on Wednesday. Senior state leaders of BRS Party Chintala Venkateshwar Reddy attended the wedding and blessed the newlyweds. Godasu Jangaiah, Valapu Vijay, Kutadi Suresh, Gangadevi Venkatesh, Manohar participated in this program.



Uppal MLA Bandari Laxma Reddy marked his birthday on Thursday, receiving greetings from party workers, local residents, and well-wishers across the constituency. On this occasion, (Indian Chronicle) Medchal–Malkajgiri Staff Reporter Narra Srinivas Reddy extended his wishes, highlighting the MLA's ongoing involvement in developmental activities in Uppal. Supporters noted that several key infrastructure works, public welfare programs, and community outreach initiatives have progressed under his leadership in recent months. The birthday celebrations remained simple, with visitors meeting the MLA and conveying their best wishes for his continued work in public life.

21-yr-old 'set on fire' on birthday was a case of prank gone wrong, 5 friends of college student held



A 21-year-old college student who was allegedly "set on fire" by his friends in Kurla on Monday after they invited him to cut his birthday cake was a case of a prank gone wrong, said police. While the family members of Abdul Rehman Khan, who sustained 35 per cent burns and is recuperating at the hospital, have alleged that the friends bullied him in the past as well, the police said their intention was not to cause him harm. The five have been arrested by the police.

The incident had taken place on Monday when the accused called Abdul to come out of his house to cut his birthday cake around 12 am. They, however, started playing pranks by throwing eggs at him, police said. According to police, as he was about to cut the cake, one of them who had petrol in a bottle, poured it on him and another was scaring him with a lighter when Abdul's shirt actually caught fire and he had to be rushed to the hospital. A family member told mediapersons that the five accused who have been arrested are Abdul's friends and they have bullied him in the past as well. "They had invited him to cut his birthday cake last year as well but he did not go. They would harass him and hence he avoided them. This time however they called him and said they got a cake for him and hence he decided to go," a family member said. The family said that they resided in the same area and recently they had moved to a bigger building. The family has questioned why the police have not invoked an attempt to murder case against the five persons. Senior inspector of VB Nagar police Popat Ayhad said, "We have arrested the five accused on charges of attempt to culpable homicide.

4 cops among 9 arrested in separate cases of robbery, extortion in Karnataka



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In two separate cases reported in Karnataka, nine people, including 4 police personnel, were arrested in connection with charges including robbery, extortion and issuing threats. In Davanagere, seven people, including two police sub-inspectors, were arrested for allegedly threatening and robbing a jeweller on Monday. The police have also seized the car used in the crime and a fake pistol. The arrested officers were identified as Malappa Chippalakatti and Praveen Kumar, attached to the office of the Davanagere Eastern Zone Inspector General of Police (IGP). The two were recently transferred to this office from Haveri district. Their accomplices were identified as Satish Revankar, Nagraj Revankar, Dundeppa, Nagesh, and Dilyappa.

According to the police, the incident took place on Monday near the Davanagere bus stand when Vishwanath Arkasali, a jeweller from Karwar who buys and sells gold bullion from traders in Davanagere to make ornaments, boarded a bus to Karwar via Hubballi. The two accused police personnel allegedly entered the bus, took Arkasali by the collar and dragged him out of the bus without informing why they were doing so. Uma Prashant, Superintendent of Police (SP), Davanagere, told reporters on Tuesday that the accused officers took the man to KTJ Nagar police station in an official vehicle before transferring him to another vehicle. "The accused threatened the victim and accused

that he was involved in smuggling gold from Dubai and other countries, and threatened to give away the gold," the SP said. As per the First Information Report (FIR), Arkasali said that when he questioned the actions of the officers, they flashed their official ID cards and took away 76 grams of gold bars and a ring weighing 2.15 grams before dropping him back at the bus stand. Following the incident, Arkasali initially proceeded to Karwar, but returned to Davanagere on Monday to file a complaint at KTJ Nagar police station. The police subsequently arrested the two sub-inspectors on Monday night and the other accused by Tuesday morning. In Bengaluru's JP Nagar, two police constables were arrested for allegedly extorting Rs 10,300 from an insurance agent earlier this month.

The arrested constables were identified as Basavaraj and Gurudutt, both attached to the JP Nagar police station. The incident allegedly took place on November 1, when the victim, Varadaraju, an insurance agent, was sitting in a car with a woman friend around 8.45 pm. The constables, who were on patrol, approached them and questioned their presence at the spot, while accusing the two of indulging in anti-social activity. Before Varadaraju could explain, Basavaraj got into the car and began driving to the police station, with Gurudutt following them. On the way to the station, the officer allegedly halted the vehicle and said that they would seize the car if Varadaraju did not pay them Rs 40,000, following which Varadaraju transferred Rs 10,300 to one of the constables and left. On November 5, Varadaraju approached the JP Nagar police station and filed a complaint. Internal probe revealed that Basavaraj and Gurudutt had extorted the money. On Tuesday, the police said they were arrested and suspended from service. Last week, Chalapathy, a constable from Malur police station in Karnataka's Kolar district, was arrested for allegedly kidnapping four BPO managers in Bengaluru in a bid to extort Rs 8.90 lakh from them. Seven others were also arrested in the case. On November 19, Annappa Naik, a constable attached to Govindapura police station in Bengaluru, was arrested for alleged involvement in robbing Rs 7.11 crore from a vehicle carrying cash to restock ATMs.

'Pledge to protect democracy': On Constitution Day, Mamata backs BLOs, slams BJP



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West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Wednesday pledged to "protect democracy" in India and slammed the BJP government at the Centre for attacking democracy and religion, raising questions on citizenship and voting rights, and for "rushing" the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) process in the country. "Today, when democracy and religion are being attacked, and questions are being raised on citizenship and voting rights, we must ask ourselves: do we have to give proof of our citizenship? NRC [National Register of Citizens] is behind this. We are shocked and saddened by this. This is why I take a pledge here today to protect India's democracy, which is the biggest," Banerjee said, after offering tributes to a statue of Dr B R Ambedkar in Kolkata on the occasion of Constitution Day.

"Do one thing [BJP], send 4 crore notices and we will still fight you! I condemn them for what they are doing. They have pushed the nation so low. Where is neutrality? There is only unfairness and partisanship," she said. Banerjee, who warned the BJP that it would lose power soon, also spoke up in defence of the thousands of block level officers (BLOs) in West Bengal who are scrambling to complete the SIR process. "BLOs are dying everywhere. Their demands are justified. Can you imagine that they had to sit for 48 hours just for a meeting?" she asked, referring to a protest staged by members of the BLO Adhikar Raksha Committee outside the West Bengal chief electoral officer's (CEO's) office over "excessive work pressure".

Bombay vs Mumbai row heats up over 'IIT Bombay' as Raj Thackeray slams Union minister Jitendra Singh's IIT speech



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A Union minister's remark on IIT Bombay retaining its name rather than changing it to Mumbai has become the latest flashpoint in the city, with civic elections around the corner and Raj Thackeray picking up the cudgels, bringing up Marathi pride and identity. On Monday, during an event at IIT Bombay, Jitendra Singh, Union Minister of State for Science and Technology, said, "Thank God, IIT Bombay has still retained its name... you have not changed it to Mumbai. It is true for Madras. It remains IIT Madras."

A day later, Maharashtra Navnirman Sena (MNS) chief Raj Thackeray—whose party has long championed sons-of-the-soil and anti-migrant politics—slammed Singh, saying his statement reflected the government's "mindset". "And what is this mentality? So the plan to separate Mumbai, which belonged to the Marathi people, from Maharashtra was foiled by the Marathi leaders and the people. And our Marathi remained in Mumbai, Maharashtra. The bitterness that had been building up in their stomachs for decades has started to come out once again," Thackeray said in a post on X. Pointing out that Singh has no connection with Mumbai, Maharashtra or Gujarat, Thackeray alleged that his aim was to get praise by knowing what was going on in the minds of top leaders and saying so. Appealing to Maharashtrians to "open their eyes", Thackeray further said, "They hate the name 'Mumbai' because it is named after Mumbai, the original goddess of Mumbai. Her children are the Marathi people who have lived here for generations. They hate you and your city." The MNS chief then referred to how the Centre had "tried to take away the city of Chandigarh from Punjab". "It faced all-party opposition, so it withdrew, but it was a temporary withdrawal. As regards Mumbai, a similar agenda is on their minds," he added.

"There is definitely an attempt to slowly take over this city by saying, 'I don't want Mumbai, I want Bombay'. First, there is an attempt to take over Mumbai and then the entire MMR area and connect it to Gujarat!" Thackeray said, adding that it was high time Marathi people woke up. Navnath Ban, the state BJP media in-charge, rejected the "baseless charges". "The renaming of Bombay was done under a BJP-led government at the Centre and the state. In Maharashtra, the undivided Shiv Sena and the BJP were in coalition. It was senior BJP leader Ram Naik who first mooted the idea in Parliament," he said. "Those questioning the BJP are doing politics. Mumbai saw maximum development under the BJP regime, under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chief Minister Devendra Fadnis. Unfortunately, Raj Thackeray is overlooking facts and making baseless charges," he added. According to legend, the city was once captured by a demon named Mumbāraka. Troubled by him, the Kolis prayed to Lord Brahma for help. Lord Brahma then created an eight-armed goddess named Mumba to kill the demon. Another theory suggests that in the 16th century, the Portuguese called the area 'Bombai', meaning 'good bay'. Later, during British rule, the name evolved into Bombay. Bombay was officially renamed Mumbai during the Shiv Sena-BJP coalition government's

"You (BLO) should not die by suicide because life is very precious. Yet they have no mercy and took 48 hours just to meet the BLOs and listen to them. Look at the audacity of a small leader [state CEO]! We have the records of all the deaths. Who is responsible for the BLO deaths in Gujarat and MP? BJP is in power there. Why are they rushing the SIR? Are they all saints? They are threatening the BLOs by saying their jobs will be taken away. Who will save your jobs when you are threatening others?" she said. Banerjee said that the SIR work could be completed within two months. "How can you complete the work of three years in two months? This is farming season. Even the distribution figures of the enumeration forms are wrong. We will follow the Constitution and work as per it. Whatever guidance the freedom fighters have given us, we will follow their guidelines and not the BJP's guidelines," she added. Taking a dig at the BJP, Banerjee said, "We did not get freedom because of the mercy of those in power today [BJP], we got it because of the freedom fighters. Ninety per cent were Bengali, while Punjab also made one of the biggest contributions. It was Bengal that brought renaissance and revolution to India." "Are they trying to destroy Bengal's identity? We are a part of India, and we are proud to say that Bengal has always fought for democracy, secularism, and unity in diversity. We are saddened to see democratic rights being taken away and division happening everywhere on religious grounds," she added. Accusing the BJP of "pushing people to the verge of dying" because of the citizenship issue, Banerjee said, "Those who are doing politics with this, it is a shame! People's houses have been demolished in Bihar. This is the BJP's trick, to loot after the polls. We have to unite against this. If we cannot say Jai Hind and Vande Mataram and if they disrespect Raja Ram Mohan Roy, is this acceptable? You are disrespecting our land! A leader is one who understands and respects people. All agencies have been complicit!" Atri Mitra is a Special Correspondent of The Indian Express with more than 20 years of experience in reporting from West Bengal, Bihar and the North-East. He has been covering administration and political news for more than ten years and has a keen interest in political development in West Bengal. Atri holds a Master degree in Economics from Rabindrabharati University and Bachelor's degree from Calcutta University. He is also an alumnus of St. Xavier's, Kolkata and Ramakrishna Mission Asrama, Narendrapur. He started his career with leading vernacular daily the Anandabazar Patrika, and worked there for more than fifteen years. He worked as Bihar correspondent for more than three years for Anandabazar Patrika. He covered the 2009 Lok Sabha election and 2010 assembly elections. He also worked with News18-Bangla and covered the Bihar Lok Sabha election in 2019.

tenure in Maharashtra in March 1995. The renaming, which required approval from the Centre, was carried out while the National Democratic Alliance (NDA) government led by then Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee was in power. The coalition government in Maharashtra, led by then chief minister Manohar Joshi and his deputy Gopinath Munde, had then justified the renaming of the city, saying that it was to honour Mumbai, the presiding deity worshipped by people in the island city. Bombay was also at the heart of a dispute on whether the city should stay with Maharashtra or Gujarat while states were being carved out on a linguistic basis. The tussle led to the Samyukta Maharashtra Movement between 1956 and 1960, which saw political parties set aside ideological differences and fight unitedly to retain Mumbai in Maharashtra. More than 100 people died as part of the agitation. Shripad Dange, Shreedhar Joshi, Narayan Gore, Uddhavrao Patil, Annabhau Sathe, Prahlad Atre, Keshav Thackeray, Pandurang Bapat, Bhausaheb Raut, Amar Shaikh, G T Madholkar, Madhuri Dandavate, Y K Saini, and Keshavrao Jedhe were prominent leaders of the movement. The Samyukta Maharashtra Movement was recently referred to by NCP (SP) president Sharad Pawar and Shiv Sena (UBT) leader Sanjay Raut during an Opposition protest against alleged vote fraud and the bid to push Hindi as a compulsory third language, respectively.

U.S. Senator raises concerns over Pakistan's discriminatory policies against religious minorities

A key U.S. Senator has raised concerns over the continuous suppression of religious freedom and discriminatory policies of the government against minority groups in Pakistan. According to a report released by Pakistan's top human rights body earlier this year, there has been an alarming rise in violence against religious minorities, apart from forced conversions and underage marriages of Hindu and Christian girls.

"The Pakistani government continues to suppress religious freedom for minority groups by imposing blasphemy law and other discriminatory policies," Senate Foreign Relations Committee Chairman Senator Jim Risch said in a social media post on Tuesday (November 25, 2025).

'Streets of Fear: Freedom of Religion or Belief in 2024/25,' a report by the Human Rights Commission of Pakistan (HRCP) released in August, highlighted such cases of suppression against minority groups, especially the Ahmadis, Hindus and Christians in the country.

File picture of Pakistani civil society activists calling for protection of Hindu girls at a protest in Hyderabad, Pakistan. File picture of Pakistani civil society activists calling for protection of Hindu girls at a protest in Hyderabad, Pakistan. [There has been a trend of mob lynching of minority members accused of blasphemy, it said. Raising concern over such incidents, Risch said, "Atmosphere of intolerance including mob violence, hate speech, arbitrary arrests, and forced conversions often remains unchecked"] against minority groups in Pakistan. The rights body had pointed out the rise in hate speech, ranging from threats against the chief justice of the Supreme Court to public vilification of elected representatives. File picture of a protest to condemn the attacks on churches and houses in Faisalabad, Pakistan

Martial law charges: South Korean special prosecutor seeks 15-year jail term for former PM Han Duck-soo

South Korea's special prosecutor on Wednesday (November 26, 2025) sought a 15-year jail term for former Prime Minister Han Duck-soo on allegations he abetted former President Yoon Suk Yeol's botched bid to impose martial law last December. Mr. Han is expected to be the first former Cabinet member to be handed a ruling by a lower court on criminal charges related to martial law and his case may set the tone for Mr. Yoon's current trial and other rulings that are expected to follow. A ruling in Mr. Han's case is likely to occur early next year. South Korean court overturns impeachment of PM Han, reinstates him as acting President "We believe severe punishment of the defendant (Mr. Han) is inevitable to prevent such an unfortunate history from being repeated," one of the prosecutors said on Wednesday (November 26, 2025). Mr. Han has been charged with aiding and abetting Mr. Yoon's role as a "ring-leader of an insurrection" that declared an illegal emergency martial law. According to the charge, Mr. Han was obliged to check the President's arbitrary abuse of authority as Prime Minister, the "second-in-command in state affairs."

Mr. Han has denied the charges, except perjury, saying he had "no knowledge of the overall plan (of martial law) and opposed it in the Presidential office because it would



cause significant problems for the economy and external credibility." Mr. Han, 76, is an experienced technocrat who served in senior posts under five Presidents. He became acting President after Mr. Yoon was impeached, before he too was impeached over accusations that he had aided Yoon in the martial law declaration. The Constitutional Court overturned Mr. Han's impeachment, restoring his powers to serve as leader before he resigned from the post to run in a snap election in June.

Village on UP-Nepal border was trapped between a river and forest for years — now it gets a new address



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Residents of this village on the Indo-Nepal border rarely leave their homes. The only way in and out is via boat, across a river teeming with gharial. The settlement is surrounded by water on three sides, the only land route cutting through the dense Katarniaghat Wildlife Sanctuary. It has no hospital, no police station, and its only school has classes up to Grade 5.This is Bharthapur. Located about 130 km from the Bahraich district headquarters, it is accessible only via Lakhimpur Kheri or Bahraich after crossing the Kaudiyala and Girwa rivers. The village, however, is about to witness a major change.After five residents were killed when a boat with 22 on board capsized on its way to a market in Lakhimpur Kheri, UP Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on November 2 ordered that the people of Bharthapur be relocated within a month.Approving Rs 21.55 crore for the project, he directed officials to ensure prompt provision of land, housing, and financial assistance to all displaced families.village A 4.2-acre plot in Semrahna vil- lage, 50 km away, has been identified for relocation. (Ex- press photo by Vishal Srivastav)For residents, who had been demanding relocation for the past 15 years — meet- ing forest officials, the Bahraich district administration, and even visiting Lucknow five years ago to hand over an applica- tion to an official at the CM’s Janata Darbar — this comes as a welcome development.The Indian Express makes the long journey to Bharthapur to speak to residents about life in the village and what the decision means for them.

From Bahraich, the journey begins with a three-hour drive, traversing 40 km through the dense forests of Katarniaghat. The car halts at the Ghagra river bank, where a motor boat waits to ferry one across. Along the 6-km route, gharials and mugger crocodiles can be seen lying on the sandbanks, soaking in the sun, their scales shimmering in the light.village Gharials can be seen lying on the sandbanks en route to the village. (Express photo by Vishal Srivastav)Near the village, the Ghagra branches out into the Girwa and Kaudiyala rivers; both rivers originate in Nepal.Soon, thatched huts with solar panels glinting atop rooftops, lining a sandy bank, come into view. A few resi- dents watch the approaching boat. Inside Bharthapur, it ap- pears time has stood still. Every house is made of grass and straw, and the only concrete building is a small, single- storey government primary school. There are no concrete roads, just narrow earthen paths. Only two small shops serve the entire village of about 600 people — most of them from the Maurya community. At the centre is an open space where people gather to celebrate festivals and perform rituals.village The only concrete building is a small, single- storey government primary school. (Express photo by Vishal Srivastav)

“Our elders used to say the village was once much bigger,” said 83-year-old Asa Ram, the oldest resident of Bharthapur. “But over the years, the river kept cutting into the land and the village kept shrinking. . . We don’t remem- ber when we ended up settling deep inside the forests of Katarniaghat.”Government officials said revenue records show the village has existed since before Independence. The residents are mostly illiterate, while some have studied only upto Class V at the primary school. They subsist mainly on farming and fishing; the younger generation has moved out to earn a living and send money back home.Doodhnath Maurya (46), who claims he was part of the group who at- tended the CM’s Janata Darbar in Lucknow, said the river has claimed most of their farmland. “Only a few people are left with small patches where they mostly grow turmeric and peppermint.”To buy household essentials, he said, vil- lagers have to travel long distances — some go to Khairatiya market in Lakhimpur Kheri, about 7 km away. Others head to the Bichiya market in Bahraich, nearly 10 km away.

“For grinding wheat, mustard seeds, and other work, we go to Bardiya district in Nepal,” said Doodhnath. “We have to cross a stretch of the Bardiya National Park to get there. . . it’s quite an adventure,” he smiled.

For Uma Devi, the river has proved treacherous — her husband, Shiv Nandan (50), was among those who died in the boat tragedy last month. “Crossing the river is never easy — the water is deep and flows fast, and is full of croco- diles. If a boat ever overturns, people think twice before jumping in to help because they fear these reptiles.”The jour- ney through the forest isn’t safe either. “That’s why we avoid going out of the village too often and always make sure to return before sunset,” Uma added.Education is also a chal- lenge. Anyone who wants their children to study beyond Class V has little option but to send them to live with rela- tives in other villages or districts. “It’s too risky for children to cross the river and the forest every day, so we send them away if we want them to continue studying,” said an- other resident. “But only a few families can afford to do that. Most simply have to give up on the idea.”

The fact that there are no doctors or even a clinic is also a cause for worry — the nearest hospital is in Bahraich.Then the monsoon brings its own troubles. The river floods the village and residents have to build machans to stay above the water, said Jagat Ram (35). Some seek refuge on the roof of the primary school.As their only source of electricity is solar lights, they usually retire early, around 8 or 9 pm. But nights in Bharthapur are anything but calm. “There’s always the danger of wild animals,” said another resident, Mohan Lal (27). He works in Delhi and returned home recently. “Every night, groups of villagers take turns keeping watch. The biggest threats are elephants and ti- gers, so we keep firecrackers ready to drive them away. Years ago, an elephant destroyed several houses and killed a villager — since then, we’ve kept watch at night,” said Mohan Lal.

There is also no police station in the village. Asked how disputes among residents are resolved, another resi- dent, Ram Naresh Yadav, said, “We settle it among our- selves. If there’s something serious, we call the village pradhan to resolve it. No one calls the police — and hon- estly, we know they wouldn’t come here anyway.”An of- ficer at the Sujauli police station, under whose jurisdiction the village falls, admitted that they rarely go to the village as there are no complaints from there. The village falls under the Amba gram sabha. Amba’s pradhan, Ikrar Ansari, said, “I visit the village once or twice a month; whenever they face any dispute, they call me to resolve it.”During elec- tions, a team from the district administration arrives at Bharthapur a day in advance and sets up the polling booth

— the first booth of the district — at the primary school campus. Locals said they don’t recall any senior political leader visiting them to canvass for votes.“But we are re- lieved,” said Doodhnath. “We are hopeful that the shift will happen soon.”Relocation plan

Following the Chief Minister’s directive, the Bahraich district administration has identified government land for the relocation — a 4.2-acre plot in Semrahna village, 50 km away. It has prepared a detailed layout plan and cost esti- mate, which has been sent for approval to the government, officials said.As per officials, the plan includes giving each family a 700-800 sqft plot where they can build a house and toilet under government housing schemes. Bahraich Dis- trict Magistrate, Akshay Tripathi, said in addition to allotting plots, the administration is also arranging electricity, drain- age, and road facilities.The new settlement will have 8-foot- wide roads, water and sewer pipelines, streetlights, and a dedicated space for keeping animals, said two-time MLA Saroj Sonkar. She won the election from Balha assembly seat in Bahraich on BJP ticket; Bharthapur falls under Balha constituency.

An official said the identified land is well-connected — a panchayat bhawan, primary school, and anganwadi are located about 550 metres away, while a private school is at a distance of 250 metres. Sources also said the govern- ment plans to provide 2.5 bighas of farmland to every family.Sub-Divisional Magistrate (SDM) Ram Dayal said that so far, the revenue and development departments have identified 135 families for relocation. After obtaining approval from the government, SDM Dayal said the PWD will de- velop the site and officials will take consent from each fam- ily before the move.

Sources said that if names of any residents have been left out of the initial list, the administration will prepare a re- vised one and send it to the government for approval.Alongside this, a separate Forest Department pro- posal to relocate Bharthapur residents following a spike in man-animal conflict was also approved.The plan was pro- posed in 2016. “The forest department has been pursuing the matter with the central government for several years, and approval was received last month,” Divisional Forest Officer (DFO), Katarniaghat Wildlife Sanctuary, Sooraj, said.“We submitted the names of 118 villagers who had consented to relocate (when the report was prepared). They have been informed of the government’s decision,” he said.

Sooraj said the approved plan offers each beneficiary Rs 15 lakh in cash, along with compensation for all immov- able assets — including land, houses, and handpumps.After the village is vacated, it will be merged into the forest. He also clarified that the Forest Department scheme is inde- pendent of the CM’s directions issued to the district administration.Apart from the residents, two government school teachers, Vinod Kumar and Begraj Singh, are also relieved by the decision. They have been teaching at the village for nearly a decade — it was their very first posting after joining the Education Department.The duo lives in Girjapuri Colony and make the gruelling 12-km commute back and forth to the school every day — starting with a 6- km drive through the Katarniaghat forest, crossing a 1-km stretch across the river via boat, and then traversing an- other 5 km through the forest.

“We load our motorcycle onto the boat daily because once we cross the river, we still have to ride 5 km to reach the school,” said Vinod (45), who hails from Jaunpur district.He added that they have often faced danger from wild animals, particularly elephants, and have had to aban- don their vehicle and run for cover. The two teachers even hired a local resident to guide them through the forest each day.The school’s strength has also fallen over the last four years. Vinod said there used to be over a hundred students before, but now there are just 47.Both teachers have sought transfers, but their applications were rejected. “The depart- ment told us we could be shifted only if we found another government teacher willing to come here — and no one agreed,” Vinod added.

Daughter-in-law of pan masala baron dies by suicide at Delhi home, note mentions marital discord



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The daughter-in-law of a pan masala baron allegedly died by suicide at her home in Southwest Delhi’s Vasant Vihar, police said. A purported note she left behind pointed to marital discord, police said.As per sources in the Delhi Police, the woman, aged 40, was found dead in a room at a bungalow in Vasant Vihar, which is one of several owned by her husband’s family in the area.

Police said it was the husband who discovered the body around 12.30 pm on Tuesday and made the PCR call.He was at the gym when his mother told him his wife was not picking up her calls. “The husband got home, went up to the second floor and entered the bedroom, where he found his wife. . . They were both living together in the house,” a police officer investigating the case said.

The woman was taken to the Safdarjung hospital, where she was declared dead on arrival.“A diary and some notes recovered from her room mention marital discords between the two,” the officer said. Another investigator claimed that the notes mentioned terms like “no love and trust” and that she doesn’t blame anyone.Police said that apart from seven to eight domestic help, no one else was at home when the incident happened.The couple got mar- ried in 2010, the officer said, and have a 14-year-old son and a 5-year-old daughter.‘A team of doctors will carry out the post-mortem today. Inquest proceedings have been ini- tiated but no formal complaint has been received from the woman’s family. The statement of all her family members would be recorded. Further inquiry is underway,” a police officer said.

Indonesia landslides, flash floods kill 17, six still missing in North Sumatra



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Medan: Rescuers recovered more bodies in the search for dozens of people buried under landslides or swept away after torrential rains unleashed flash floods and triggered landslides on Indonesia’s Sumatra island, increas- ing the death toll to 17 and leaving six people missing, offi- cials said Wednesday.Rescue teams were struggling to reach affected areas in six regencies of North Sumatra province after the monsoon rains over the past week caused rivers to burst their banks, tearing through hilly villages as mud, rocks and trees tumbled down, leaving destruction in their wake, the National Police said in a statement.Rescue workers by Wednesday had recovered at least five bodies and three injured people in the worst-hit city of Sibolga and were searching for four villagers who were reported miss- ing, the statement said.In the neighbouring district of Cen- tral Tapanuli, landslides hit several homes, killing at least a family of four, and floods submerged nearly 2,000 houses and buildings.

Rescuers retrieved seven more bodies in South Tapanuli district, raising the death toll to eight, after floods

Hong Kong high-rise blaze kills four, leaves several injured

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Hong Kong: A fire ravaged a high-rise Hong Kong housing complex on Wednesday, killing four people and leaving others trapped inside, authorities said.The Hong Kong government reported four deaths and said three other people were hospitalised. Two of the injured were in critical condition and the other person was stable, a brief state- ment said.Hong Kong media said that one of the deceased was a firefighter, but that could not be immediately con- firmed. Police said they had received multiple reports of people trapped in the affected buildings.The raging fire sent up a column of flames and thick smoke as it spread on bamboo scaffolding that had been set up around the exte- rior of the complex in the city’s Tai Po district. Live video from the scene showed firefighters aiming water at the in- tense flames from high up on ladder trucks.The blaze was reported mid-afternoon and upgraded to a No 4 alarm fire, the second-highest level of severity, the Fire Services De- partment said. Tai Po is a suburban area in the New Terri- tories, in the northern part of Hong Kong and near the bor-

der with the mainland Chinese city of Shenzhen.Bamboo scaffolding is a common sight in Hong Kong at building con- struction and renovation projects, though the government said earlier this year that it would start phasing it out for public projects because of safety concerns.

Sibolga police chief Eddy Inganta said emergency shelters have been set up and authorities urged residents in high-risk zones to evacuate immediately, warning that continued rainfall could trigger more landslides after six land- slides in the hilly city flattened 17 houses and a café.“Bad weather and mudslides hampered the rescue operation,” Inganta said, adding that access remains limited as rescu- ers battle harsh conditions. Tuesday’s disasters occurred the same day the National Disaster Mitigation Agency de- clared the official end of relief efforts in two areas of Indonesia’s main island of Java after 10 days of operations.More than 1,000 rescue workers had been de- ployed to search for people buried under landslides triggered by torrential rains that left 38 people dead in Central Java’s districts of Cilacap and Banjarnegara.At least two people in Cilacap and 11 in Banjarnegara were still unaccounted for when the operations ended, as unstable ground, bad weather and the depth and extent of the landfill material pose a high safety risk to rescue teams and residents, the agency said.Heavy seasonal rain from about October to March fre- quently causes flooding and landslides in Indonesia, an archipelago of 17,000 islands where millions of people live in mountainous areas or near fertile floodplains.



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Pakistan’s economic crisis driven by corruption, elite control: IMF

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New Delhi: A new 186-page report by the International Monetary Fund (IMF) has again highlighted an uncomfort- able reality: Pakistan’s economic troubles are mainly the result of internal weaknesses, not outside pressure.The report says corruption, weak institutions, and powerful vested interests have pushed the country to the edge of economic collapse, according to Pakistan Observer website.

According to the IMF, corruption affects almost every level of governance in Pakistan. Policymaking is often con- trolled by influential groups that use state institutions for personal gain.The report said Pakistan has no reliable sys- tem to measure corruption, but one indicator is the National Accountability Bureau’s recovery of 5,300 billion rupees in just two years.Even this massive figure, the IMF says, rep- resents only a small part of the bigger problem, as per the report. The report states that ordinary people face corrup- tion in everyday services, while the judiciary is widely seen as compromised.Public trust in state institutions has been steadily falling. It also notes how powerful business and political groups manipulate regulations and laws to protect their interests.The IMF cites the 2019 sugar crisis as a clear example. Influential business networks hoarded sugar, in- creased prices, and moved billions through fake accounts, while the state did little to stop them.

Beyond such scandals, the IMF points to deeper struc- tural issues such as a complicated tax system, weak fi- nancial management, non-transparent government buying processes, and poor performance in public institutions.It says Pakistan could add 5 to 6.5 percent more GDP growth over five years if it implements serious governance reforms. The IMF report also highlights that corruption in Pakistan is not new. Both civilian and military governments have prom- ised reforms but ended up creating new forms of misuse.Many leaders dismiss corruption allegations as political attacks, which allows the problem to continue un- checked. The IMF’s findings, however, cannot be brushed aside as political — they are based on independent analy- sis.

The report warns that unless Pakistan breaks the power of strong business families, political dynasties, and elite groups, the country will remain in crisis. Citizens pay heavy taxes and high utility bills, yet public wealth benefits only a small group. The IMF says this imbalance harms not just the economy but also the moral foundation of the country.The report also points to global examples where strong action against corruption led to major reforms. Coun- tries like China, Japan, South Korea, Singapore, Saudi Arabia, the UAE, Malaysia, Indonesia, and Rwanda have punished powerful officials, business leaders, and even former presidents. Their common principle is that no one is above the law.For Pakistan to follow the same path, the report suggests that accountability institutions must work independently, without political control. Judicial appoint- ments need transparency. Political influence in state de- partments must end.Taxes should be simplified, govern- ment procurement must be transparent, and political financ- ing must be regulated so that policymaking reflects public interest, not elite pressure. The IMF says its report is not meant to punish Pakistan, but to give it one last opportunity



to fix its governance system. If Pakistan continues to bor- row from the IMF, then it must also implement the govern- ance reforms recommended in the report. Those respon- sible for the current crisis must show restraint and accept accountability.

Trump says envoys headed to Putin, Ukrainian officials as he ‘fine-tunes’ Ukraine peace plan

Washington: President Donald Trump said Tuesday his plan to end the war in Ukraine has been “fine-tuned” and he’s sending envoy Steve Witkoff to meet with Russian President Vladimir Putin and Army Secretary Dan Driscoll to meet with Ukrainian officials.

Trump suggested he could eventually meet with Putin and Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy, but not un- til further progress has been made in negotiations. Speak- ing to reporters on Tuesday evening aboard Air Force One, Trump said resolving the war was difficult, and described what had been a 28-point plan as a work in progress. “That was not a plan — it was a concept,” Trump said.Trump’s plan for ending the nearly four-year war emerged last week. It heavily favoured Russia, prompting Zelenskyy to quickly engage with American negotiators. European leaders, fear- ing for their own future facing Russian aggression but ap- parently sidelined by Trump in drawing up the proposal, scrambled to steer the negotiations toward accommodat- ing their concerns.Trump said he believed Witkoff would be meeting with Putin next week in Moscow, with his son-in- law Jared Kushner potentially joining the meeting. “People are starting to realize it’s a good deal for both parties,” Trump said.

The president played down the element of his plan that would require Ukraine to cede territory to Russia, suggest- ing that Russian forces were already likely to seize the land they’re seeking.“The way it’s going, if you look, it’s just moving in one direction,” Trump said.“So eventually that’s land that over the next couple of months might be gotten by Russia anyway.”

Names proposed by Kerala-based researchers approved for Martian land forms



Dr. Lahariya argued that while composite figures are useful in assessing the overall performance, these have limited relevance because there is inequitable distribution. "Within a country, there can be States that have achieved varying ratios per thousand population," he said. The WHO response stated that the latest estimates for the composite and individual figures can be accessed from the National Health Workforce Accounts Data Portal. The below chart plots the estimated number of doctors per 1,000 population. With 0.7 doctors per 1,000 people, India ranked 118 out of 181 countries. The below chart plots the estimated number of doctors, nurses and midwives per 1,000 population (the composite figure) using the latest data for countries where they are available. With a composite figure of 3.06 per 1,000 people — behind the 4.45 mark cited by the WHO — India ranked 122 of the 181 countries. Dr. Kumbhar argued that India has always had a sufficient number of doctors; very few public health experts had ever claimed there was a paucity. It is only recently, after the 1:1,000 ratio came into the picture, that questions are being raised. The real crisis is not the average number, Mr. Zadey said. "We know that we have a huge rural-urban disparity. In rural areas, we are nowhere close to the ideal composite threshold."

Innovate, break into markets through quality: CEA Nageswaran to MSMEs



At a time when India's small businesses are under pressure from the US' 50 per cent tariffs, Chief Economic Advisor V Anantha Nageswaran has called on them to be instilled with a culture of innovation, competitiveness, and quality, with greater ambition another key behavioural aspect that needs strengthening. "Just as we speak about the culture of treating MSME suppliers on par with large suppliers, we need to continuously engage with them (MSMEs) in instilling a culture of innovation, competitiveness, and breaking through into markets through quality," Nageswaran said on Tuesday. He went on to add that while there was nothing wrong with Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) being content with their condition, it was an issue if the "lack of ambition is partly an acknowledgement of the underlying hurdles" they faced.

"If we remove them (the underlying hurdles), maybe the ambition factor, maybe some of it is just an acceptance of the difficult operating conditions. So, I think we need to work on the ambition part as well," the government's top

economist added. Nageswaran was speaking at the launch of a report on MSMEs' access to finance and timely payments, jointly released by Federation of Indian Micro and Small & Medium Enterprises (FISME), Global Alliance for Mass Entrepreneurship, and C2FO, an online platform that provides working capital. As per the report, delayed payments to India's MSMEs declined 7 per cent to Rs 8.14 lakh crore in 2023-24. They had stood at Rs 10.76 lakh crore in 2021-22.

Low access to formal credit and delayed payments are among the key challenges MSMEs face, with the report launched on Tuesday estimating that the unmet credit needs of these small businesses was around Rs 25 lakh crore. According to latest data from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), outstanding bank loans to MSMEs stood at Rs 12.99 lakh crore as on September 19, up 20 per cent year-on-year. "Government initiatives like TReDS (Trade Receivables Discounting System), Section 43B(h) of the Income Tax Act, the MSME-1 disclosure form, and the Samadhaan portal have created useful platforms, but weak enforcement, low uptake, and institutional bottlenecks dilute their impact. Credit policies such Priority Sector Lending and Mudra loans have widened coverage but fall short of closing the gap due to rigid bank practices, information asymmetry, and punitive SMA/NPA classification norms," the report added. As per Section 43B(h) of the Income Tax Act, payments to MSMEs must be made in a time-bound manner to claim tax deductions. Meanwhile, form MSME-1 must be filed by companies whose payments to registered MSME suppliers exceed 45 days. SMA and NPA refers to the RBI's Special Mention Account and Non-Performing Asset norms, which are used to monitor the repayment of loans.

What are those black streaks and marks on your onions?



While peeling onions, you probably would have noticed black streaks or spots on them. Are these molds? Do we discard the entire onion? We pondered over these questions and reached out to dietitians to help us understand. Onions are nutrient-rich vegetables offering beneficial compounds such as vitamins, fibre, flavonoids (e.g., quercetin), and sulfur-containing antioxidants, all contributing to antioxidant, anti-inflammatory, and cardioprotective effects, said Kanikka Malhotra, consultant dietician and certified diabetes educator.

What causes these black streaks?

Though it may look unappetising, it's more common than you think, and usually a matter of safe handling, not panic, said registered dietitian Garima Goyal. The presence of black streaks caused by *Aspergillus niger*, a common soil fungus responsible for black mold in onions, indicates fungal contamination. According to Goyal, these blemishes are typically caused by mold, most often from a fungus called *Aspergillus niger*, which thrives in soil and air. "Some streaks or spots originate on the surface or neck of the onion, espe-

cially if it was bruised or exposed to moist storage," said Goyal.

Should you discard the onion? Goyal asserted, "Not necessarily". Consuming onions contaminated with *A. niger* can pose health risks due to potential mycotoxin production, such as ochratoxins, which have been linked to kidney damage and other adverse effects, especially in vulnerable populations, said Malhotra. For healthy individuals, "minimal surface contamination can be managed by removing affected layers and cooking thoroughly, but if mold penetrates deeply, the onion loses nutritional quality and safety". If the mold is superficial and confined to the outer layers, peel it away, trim generously around the area, rinse the remaining onion, and it's generally safe to use, Goyal said. If black mold is deeply embedded or the onion is soft and mushy, it's safer to discard the entire bulb. Gut health: Are they harmful to your gut? Additionally, those with serious respiratory allergies might want to avoid handling moldy onions altogether. From a nutritional safety standpoint, Malhotra said that onions showing black mold should be carefully assessed; damaged portions discarded to avoid ingesting fungal toxins, as these reduce the food's nutritional integrity and may cause health issues.

Proper storage in cool, dry, ventilated conditions is essential to prevent fungal growth and maintain onion quality. "Store onions in a cool, dry place, preferably under 59°F (15 °C) with low humidity." Use within a reasonable time frame and avoid storing onions with moisture-producing vegetables like potatoes. So, while black streaks on onions are usually just mold on the surface, most onions can still be used. "Just don't ignore the smell or texture," said Goyal.

India's Q2 GDP growth seen above RBI's 7% forecast, but data may contain some noise

The Indian economy is likely to have performed beyond expectations in the second quarter of FY26, according to economists speaking ahead of the November 28 release of official data by the Statistics Ministry. The upcoming release is likely to show the economy performing better than the Reserve Bank of India's forecast of 7 per cent growth, they said. While possibly lower than the five-quarter high growth rate of 7.8 per cent in the April-June quarter, another 7 per cent-plus expansion in the July-September quarter — despite the 50 per cent US tariffs that came into effect in late August — would burnish India's growth story.

"Growth is tracking better than expected with Q2FY26 GDP growth at 7.3 per cent and Q3FY26 GDP getting support from GST cuts. Even before the GST cuts, rural recovery has become more broad-based in Q2, supported by stronger labour market conditions and good crop output. Urban demand has clearly responded to the GST cut with rise in consumer durable consumption expenditure," Gaura Sen Gupta, IDFC First Bank's Chief Economist, said in a note on Monday. Nominal growth slowdown

First, the caveats. The GDP data for April-June contained some noise that made reading the headline numbers difficult. For one, low inflation meant nominal growth — or growth without adjusting for price changes — was at a three-quarter low of 8.8 per cent even though the real growth number of 7.8 per cent painted a positive picture of the economy. The nominal GDP growth rate needs to be monitored for two reasons. Firstly, it is not only tracking below the Finance Ministry's Budget assumption of 10.1 per cent, but economists are predicting it could be lower than 8 per cent growth — in both the July-September quarter and FY26 — that is required to meet the Budget estimate as per the latest GDP estimate for FY25. A lower than anticipated nominal GDP affects the Budget math, with tax collections not growing as hoped and fiscal deficit and debt-to-GDP ratios being higher than estimated. GDP growth below GVA. Secondly, a slowdown in tax collections will also likely result in GDP growth being lower than the growth in overall Gross Value Added, or GVA. In April-June, GVA growth was 7.6 per cent, 20 basis points lower than the GDP growth rate. The GDP is calculated by adding net indirect taxes — indirect taxes such as Goods and Services Tax (GST) minus subsidies — to GVA. So, if net indirect taxes fall or their growth slows down, GDP growth would be lower than the rise in GVA. Back-of-the-envelope calculations show the government's net indirect taxes fell on a year-on-year basis in Q2 compared to a 10 per cent rise in Q1. According to State Bank of India Research, GDP growth in the second quarter may be 7.5-8 per cent, while GVA growth is seen at 8 per cent.

The consumption quarter?

The reduced GST rates may have only come into effect towards the end of Q2 on September 22, but the surge in demand in the final few days of that month — in conjunction with other factors such as low inflation — may have lifted private consumption by 8 per cent, according to Paras



Jasrai, Economist and India Ratings & Research. This would be the highest since the 8.1 per cent increase in Q3FY25. In addition to retail inflation averaging a mere 1.7 per cent in Q2FY26 and rural agricultural wages growing by almost 6 per cent, Jasrai sees a potential boost in demand from the impact of the personal income tax cuts announced in the Union Budget for FY26 and a healthy 7.8 per cent rise in employee costs of over 500 listed companies. Private demand would have risen more than 8 per cent if not for households delaying purchases ahead of the GST cuts' rollout. In Q1FY26, private consumption growth had risen to 7 per cent from 6 per cent in Q4FY25, although it was lower than 8.3 per cent in Q1 that fiscal. Corporate over-performance. Household households had a good three months in terms of their budgeting, so did companies, with Q2FY26 proving to be the best quarter in two years: HSBC analysts found that although sales of listed Indian companies were only 6 per cent higher year-on-year, their profits were up 13 per cent. Here, inflation again played a big role. Even though retail prices rose 1.7 per cent year-on-year in Q2, wholesale inflation — which is indicative of the increase in inputs costs for producers — averaged zero over the same period. "Q2 has witnessed quite a satisfactory financial performance from companies," noted Bank of Baroda economists last week. "The tariff impact has been seen to a limited extent... It does look like that with continued subdued inflation profit growth will improve. This will help to also get reflected in higher value-added growth which will support GDP growth in the range of 7 per cent for FY26," they added. The RBI has forecast a GDP growth rate of 6.8 per cent for the full year. Despite the personal income tax and GST rate cuts, the private investment picture is not clear, with global trade uncertainty biting hard. But capital expenditure by the Central government remains robust. In Q2, the Centre's capex was up 31 per cent year-on-year at Rs 3.06 lakh crore. However, data from investment monitoring firm Projects Today is suggestive of private firms showing greater interest in expanding capacities: 71 per cent of fresh investments in the first half of FY26 were by the private sector, up from 61 per cent in the year-ago period. In Q1FY26, growth in gross fixed capital formation — a proxy for investments — had cooled to 7.8 per cent from 9.4 per cent in the previous quarter, although it was higher than 6.7 per cent in Q1FY25.

If you follow sports closely, you may have noticed many athletes, including Virat Kohli, constantly chewing gum during tense moments on the cricket field. While it might seem like a casual habit, there's actual science behind it. Fitness coach Gurjit Sindhu has dissected his habit, explaining that when a person chews gum, their brain assumes that they are now safe, lowering the cortisol levels.

Dr Aniruddha Vasant More, Consultant Neurologist, Jupiter Hospitals, Thane, confirms this, stating that chewing is a rhythmic, repetitive motor activity that signals to the brain that the body is not in immediate danger. Chewing gum can reduce mild stress or anxiety through "activation of the parasympathetic nervous system ? promotes relaxation," "lowering of cortisol levels (shown in several small studies)," and "providing a physical outlet for nervous energy." He adds, "So yes, chewing gum can make a person feel safer or grounded, although it won't eliminate high stress—just soften it." Beyond calming nerves, gum can also improve focus, alertness, and cognitive performance, albeit modestly. "Research shows that chewing gum can provide small but noticeable improvements in attention and sustained focus, reaction time, alertness, and working memory (in some tasks)," says Dr More. "Why it works: increases blood flow to the brain by 20–25% during chewing, offers sensory stimulation ? keeps the brain engaged, helps reduce stress, making it easier to focus."

Chewing gum also triggers hormonal and neurological changes. "Hormonal: Cortisol (stress hormone): Often decreases slightly, helping the person feel calmer. Epinephrine/noradrenaline: Mild increase due to stimulation, improving alertness," Dr More explains. Neurologically, it leads to "increased activation in prefrontal cortex ? supports decision-making and focus, enhanced blood flow to the brain



as chewing increases heart rate slightly, release of dopamine from repetitive motor activity ? improves motivation and sense of reward." This combination explains why chewing gum feels both calming and focusing.

But is chewing gum in high-pressure situations healthy?

"Generally, yes, if done in moderation. Potential benefits include reduced stress, better concentration, fresher breath, and reduced snacking (if sugar-free). Risks (if excessive): jaw strain / TMJ pain, bloating (due to swallowed air), digestive discomfort from sugar alcohols (in sugar-free gum), dental issues (if using sugary gum). For healthy adults, 2–4 sugar-free gums per day is safe. If using gums with artificial sweeteners (sorbitol, xylitol): limit to 3–4 to avoid bloating/loose stools. People with jaw pain should avoid prolonged gum chewing." For Virat Kohli, chewing gum seems to serve a purpose beyond habit. It helps him manage stress, maintain focus, and stay alert during high-pressure situations—subtle but real effects that many athletes, students, and professionals also rely on. What may look like a casual ritual is, in fact, grounded in science.

Why Surbhi Jyoti's rant about not being offered evening tea resonates with so many of us: 'I realised it was 7 pm'



Surbhi Jyoti once perfectly described how many of us feel without our evening tea. Surbhi recalled, "I was on the set, and I didn't realise when it was 7 p.m., and nobody offered me my evening tea. And then I suddenly realised why I was cranky and why I was not able to focus on the scene. And when I realised it was 7 p.m., I noticed just because I didn't have my evening tea." She added that she can perhaps work a little extra if she is offered her cup of tea on time. "Everyone knows. I don't know what is the big deal. Why is it so difficult to understand that I have a fixed time, and if I don't get my tea, I don't like it. You can give me whatever it will not make me happy. Just give me my sort of cup of tea. The way I drink tea. I will be happy. And I will focus on the scene. If you want to get some extra work done, you can make me do it. Just give me my tea," she told *Hauterrfly*.

Why can't some of us function without certain things, like an evening tea, at a fixed time?

According to Dr Chandni Tugnait, psychotherapist, founder, and director of Gateway of Healing, it highlights a fascinating aspect of human behaviour: the comfort we derive from routines. "This daily tea ritual is more than just a habit; it serves as an emotional anchor that provides stability and predictability amid life's unpredictability," said Dr Tugnait. Surbhi's preference for her evening tea at a fixed time highlights a universal truth: rituals, no matter how small, play a crucial role in our daily lives. "They provide structure, emotional regulation, and a sense of connection. Understanding the psychological benefits of these rituals can help us appreciate their importance and perhaps even adopt more meaningful ones in our own lives," said Dr Tugnait. Anchors in daily life: Rituals, even as simple as a fixed tea time, serve as anchors in our daily lives. They provide structure and predictability, which can be comforting amidst the unpredictability of daily challenges. This

sense of stability can reduce anxiety and help individuals feel more in control of their environment, said Dr Tugnait. The comfort of consistency: The human brain finds comfort in consistency. "Regular rituals, such as a designated tea time, create a predictable pattern that the brain can rely on. This consistency can be especially soothing in an age where change and uncertainty are prevalent," said Dr Tugnait. Anticipation and reward: The brain's reward system plays a significant role in habitual behaviours. When we anticipate a pleasurable activity, like enjoying a cup of tea, our brain releases dopamine, a neurotransmitter associated with pleasure and motivation, as mentioned by Dr Tugnait.

Google Meet outage hits India, thousands unable to join calls

New Delhi: Google Meet faced a major disruption in India on Wednesday, leaving thousands of users unable to join or host video calls. The video-conferencing platform appeared to suffer a widespread outage, forcing many people to cancel work meetings, online classes and interviews. According to outage-tracking website Downtetector, around 1,760 users had reported problems by 1:55 p.m.

Of these, 63 per cent said the website itself wasn't working, while 35 per cent flagged server issues. A small share, around 3 per cent, reported video-quality problems. Many users trying to join meetings saw a "502, that's an error" message on their screens.

Social media platform X quickly filled with posts as frustrated users asked whether the issue was widespread. People shared screenshots and wrote messages such as "Google Meet down for everyone?" and "Why is Google Meet down??" Several users tagged @GoogleIndia seeking clarity, while some accounts like @metawire urged Google to fix the problem quickly since calls could not be joined. "Itni mushkil se to interview mila tha, google meet hi down chala gaya," one user said. Interestingly, a few users said that Google Meet was down for everyone in their organisation except them, adding to the confusion. Others reported that they could join meetings, but their teammates could not. The outage also triggered a wave of jokes and concern, with users asking why multiple major platforms were failing this month.

TRAI urges users to report spam through DND app instead of blocking numbers



New Delhi: Simply blocking phone numbers on mobile devices will not stop spam calls, and subscribers should instead report them through the Trai DND app, the telecom regulator said on Monday.

The Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (Trai) said it has disconnected and blacklisted more than 21 lakh mobile numbers and around one lakh entities involved in sending spam and fraudulent messages based on subscribers' complaints registered on the DND app.

"The Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (Trai) has issued an advisory, urging citizens to report spam calls/SMS through the Trai DND app, highlighting that simply blocking numbers on personal devices does not stop spam at the source," the statement said. The regulator said that action taken by it based on complaints received on the app demonstrates that collective reporting by users plays a crucial role in curbing telecom misuse nationwide. "This large-scale action was made possible because citizens reported spam through the official Trai DND app. When a user reports a spam call or SMS on the TRAI DND App, it allows TRAI and telecom service providers to trace, verify, and permanently disconnect the mobile numbers. In contrast, blocking a number on a phone only hides it on your personal device- it does not prevent the scammer from contacting others using new numbers," the statement said.

Trai has advised mobile users to report spam calls and messages through its DND app, saying that blocking numbers on devices does not stop spam at the source. The regulator has already disconnected over 21 lakh numbers based on user complaints

Why India’s batters don’t have footwork or gameplan to master home conditions



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When the Indian team bus veered into the ACA Stadium on Wednesday morning, head coach Gautam Gambhir was perched in the front seat with the typical poker-face. The digits plastered over his jaw still suggested a worrying undercurrent. The bastions of the famous “Final Frontier” were collapsing. After four successive home Test defeats to SENA teams and as many days of protracted embarrassment in Guwahati, Gambhir and an ecosystem curated entirely to his design, was trying to salvage a quantum of the great Indian red-ball game from the ruins for posterity. A drier day, a shriveling pitch and the inexplicable surrender of the top order under 120 minutes resigned Gambhir’s India to their heaviest defeat by runs (408) in history, an unforgettable blot on the great Indian home canvas spanning 298 matches. A day after the BCCI had unveiled “a first-of-its-kind” official colour partner, their glorious 92-year-old Test team had conceded a second white-wash at home in a year. The alarm bells from the 3-0 hammering to New Zealand in late 2024 unofficially began the transition under Gambhir’s watch. It fast-tracked the exits of R Ashwin, Virat Kohli, Rohit Sharma – vital gatekeepers of India’s home dominance for over a decade since the last transition was processed from early 2013.

In the months that have followed, Gambhir and his chosen ones have glinted nothing but mediocrity in the early transitional phase that warrants intense scrutiny. The England tour and a dramatic Oval finish in August 2025 presented a false dawn. Batting on the flattest wickets designed for the Bazball fever, the pitches accounted for the second-most runs (7,187) ever in a bi-lateral Test series then. The transition was magically complete, they said, after levelling the tie 2-2 in London. “I am the same guy who got results in England as well. With a young team, I am sure you guys will forget very soon because a lot of people keep talking about the New Zealand (series),” Gambhir reiterated in the post-match press conference on Wednesday. But the plagued defences and strokeplay convulsions on a pitch a Guwahati thoroughbred termed a typical “slow paata”, enlarged the malaise that has wrecked the conditional adaptabilities of Gambhir’s team and coaching set-up.

Dinesh Karthik irate after India get whitewashed by South Africa: ‘How can suddenly there be a nosedive in Test cricket?’

A visibly flustered Dinesh Karthik struggled to explain the malaise that has been eating the Indian Test unit in recent times at home where they have lost 5 of their last 7 matches. With the latest loss in Guwahati to South Africa, India have been whitewashed twice in their home in the span of 12 months. They lost to New Zealand 3-0 last year and now have lost 2-0 to the World Test Championship (WTC) holders.

“Teams used to be scared to come to India to play Test cricket. Now they must be licking their lips. I mean, a second whitewash in a span of 12 months. In the last 3 series played here in India, 2 have been whitewashes. These are tough times for India in test cricket and tough decisions might have to be taken. But what is lacking? Is it the quality of players, the inability to play spin? Pacers and spinners are being out-bowled in India. One too many allrounders being played. Nitish Reddy, the nominated allrounder, pace allrounder, has bowled 14 overs across the whole domestic calendar season in Test cricket in India. India had just 2 players who have scored hundreds in this Test series. South Africa had 7. I mean, c’mom, we are better than that. How can suddenly there be a nosedive in Test cricket?,” Karthik said on Wednesday. The former India opener also talked about the lack of stability in India’s No.3 position questioned if the constant chopping and changing were doing any favours to the team. In Kolkata, Washington Sundar was India’s No.3 while in Guwahati, Sai Sudharsan fulfilled the role.

“In the WTC cycle, 65 Test matches that have been played, India’s No.3 holds the second-worst record in the 1st innings of a Test match averaging 26. That is something for us to ponder about. Who is our No. 3? How much

As observed since the Day 3 spill-over, the muddled Indian bats are unable to comprehend between tactics and indispensable foot-work for two contrasting situations, two successive deliveries and innings of starkly different purposes. During their first-innings response to South Africa on what was still a benign strip, the batting was marred by the reckless shot-making against the evolving seam giant, Marco Jansen. They were shot down in a little over 80 overs for 201 runs, spending under half the time the Proteas expended on their 489-run monument.

Pegged by the overnight shockers from openers Yashasvi Jaiswal and KL Rahul, the Indians went outright defensive, the scoreboard projecting an insurmountable 522 runs before them on a Day 5 pitch. The idea wasn’t bereft of logic, it was one of the fewer options that Ravindra Jadeja felt would give his side a “win-win” feeling even if they were to lose the series. India India’s Sai Sudharsan plays a shot on the fifth day of the second cricket test match between India and South Africa in Guwahati, India, Saturday, Nov. 22, 2025. (AP Photo/Anupam Nath)

But then on a strip that finally began to deflect deliveries from the browner patches, there were certain forms of defense that benefited. It is exactly why Sai Sudharsan’s driven, 139-ball blockathon for 14 runs did not serve anything meaningful, just as captain Rishabh Pant’s aggressive wonts wouldn’t have single-handedly cut the deficits. None of India’s top-order bats are staple employers of the sweep shot, the stroke that the Saffers contextualised with a defensive coating in their second innings. Jadeja could unfurl firm sweeps but even he wasn’t one for the reverse stroke that the likes of Tristan Stubbs and Tony de Zorzi executed to deflate the Indian spinners on a deteriorating Day 4 surface. Three of India’s dismissals in the morning were of deliveries that didn’t turn from the riveting Simon Harmer. Nightwatcher Kuldeep Yadav was unlucky, perhaps, his resistance ended by a sharp side-spinner that went scooting low with the angle to stumps. But Dhruv Jurel and Sudharsan were left with no excuses for their defensive wafers, accounting for Harmer’s hallowing lines that propelled everything, everywhere, all at once. In the end, the reverse-sweep plopped from a mindless afterthought. No. 9 Nitish Reddy’s stab was picked up by Harmer’s flighter from outside off-stump and parried to the keeper, powering the resurgent 36-year-old to his career-best figures (6/37). India’s 266 minutes of distress ended with a moment that encapsulated the widening gulf between Gambhir’s men and the true precipice of Test dominance. Ambling diagonally backwards from mid-on, it was Jansen who dropped the final wrecking ball, leaving Mohammed Siraj in tatters. The one-handed overhead pluck at the boundary edge embellished the Proteas world crown, now studded with a series win in every WTC-playing Asian country this century. As Temba Bavuma jogged up to the nine men who mobbed their new pace heartthrob at long off, the Indians cut a sorry figure, bereft of light or spirits to lift themselves up from the deepest trenches.



stability are we going to give in. Washington plays at No.3 in Kolkata, Sai Sudharsan is playing No.3 in Guwahati. Is chopping and changing helping India or do we need to give more stability and consistency? What is the answer? It almost feels like this WTC cycle, India have very minimal chances. 2 away games against Sri Lanka, 2 away games against New Zealand and 5 Tests against Australia at home,” he added. With India set to play their next Test match in August 2026, Karthik urged the team to not forget what had transpired against South Africa due to the glut of white-ball assignments. “But the next Test match is after 7 months. Are we going to forget this? Are we going to move on saying, ‘ok, that’s afresh season’ By then so much of white ball cricket would have happened and I am sure India are so good at that, we’ll tend to overlook what’s happening in Test cricket right now. That is the big question to ponder. Think. What does it take for this Test team to come back and become as good as they were,” he said.

South Africa skipper Temba Bavuma on coach Shukri Conrad’s ‘grovel’ remark: ‘He will have a look at his comments’

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With South Africa coach Shukri Conrad’s ‘grovel’ remark on Tuesday raising a fair few eyes brows, captain Temba Bavuma said that the head coach will have a look at his comments. Bavuma, who was addressing a post-match press conference after South Africa blanked India 2-0, said he found out about the comments just on Wednesday morning and hadn’t yet got around to talk to the coach. “Comments made by coach came to me this morning. I was focused on game and didn’t have a chance to speak to him. Shukri is close to 60 years old and he will have a look at his comments. But in this series certain guys have also crossed the line. Not saying coach crossed the line, but he will surely think about it,” Bavuma said.

On Tuesday, When Conrad was asked for a reason South Africa had persisted to bat on despite having a sizeable lead on board, he had said with a smile: “We wanted the Indians to spend as much time on their feet out in the field, we wanted them to really grovel, to steer afraid, bat them completely out the gate, and then say to them : survive on the last day and an hour this evening.”

The word grovel has a place in cricketing infamy. In 1976, when the West Indies arrived in England for a Test series as overwhelming favourites, then English captain



Tony Greig during a pre-series interview said, “... I intend to make them (West Indies) grovel.” West Indies thrashed England 3-0 in the series and made Greig eat humble pie. Former players from both India and South Africa, including legends Anil Kumble and Dale Steyn, have also expressed disappointment at Conrad’s usage of the word “grovel” to describe Proteas’ dominance in the just-concluded Test series which they won 2-0. Former India cricketer Parthiv Patel had slammed South Africa coach Conrad who had pointed at the smirk on the coach’s face when he had delivered the line. Parthiv Patel had labelled the comments as disrespectful and had said that he believed that an apology would be forthcoming on the fifth day of the Test.

Gautam Gambhir on his future as Test coach: Up to BCCI to decide... I’m the same guy who got results in England as well



India head coach Gautam Gambhir has said it is up for the Board of Control for Cricket in India to decide if he is the right man to be in charge of the Test team going forward. Ever since Gambhir took charge as India’s head coach in July 2024, their performances in the long format hasn’t been up to the mark. From being a team that looked invincible at home, they have been whitewashed twice in the space of 12 months by New Zealand and now South Africa.

Having lost the first Test at Eden Gardens last week, India suffered their largest defeat in terms of runs in Guwahati, where they went down by 408 runs on Wednesday. Given the setbacks in Test cricket, Gambhir was asked if he is the right person to coach in the long format, and this was his reply. “It is up to BCCI to decide. I’ve said it during my first press conference when I took over as the head

Gautam Gambhir doesn’t want excuses....but lists out many

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Speaking soon after India lost another Test series at home – second in 12 months since he took charge, head coach Gautam Gambhir repeated several times that he doesn’t prefer giving excuses. But right through the 13-odd minute press conference, Gambhir pointed out several times – a young team, his own coaching record and also the scheduling as possible reasons for the defeat against South Africa, which can be termed as excuses. Straight up, he was asked about where the responsibility starts with for the defeat. He shot back immediately in his characteristic style: “Everyone in that dressing room, and starts with me, to everyone in that dressing room. I’m not going to be someone who’s going to say that it lies with X, Y or Z. It lies with everyone sitting in that room as simple as it can get. That is what team sport is all about,” he began the press conference.

Then he quickly went back to the batting in the first innings, in particular on Day 3 where India lost a cluster of wickets to hand South Africa the advantage which they never let go off. “I’m sure you guys must be watching the game. From 95 for 1 to 120 for 7. It’s not acceptable. And we keep talking about the game obviously (against) spin. But then one seamer got four wickets in that phase. And we’ve had these collapses in the past as well. Someone needs to put their hand up and say that I’m going to stop this. At one stage on Day 3, you were pretty much in control of the game. And then from there, to lose 5 or 6 wickets for nothing on the board literally, was always pushing us back,” Gambhir lamented. As the questions moved on from the match to an emerging pattern where the Indian team is struggling to counter spinners in home conditions, first up against New Zealand last year and now against South Africa, Gambhir offered a different perspective. “Look, first of all, the series against New Zealand, we had a very different side. And this is a very different side. I’m sure you guys covered a lot of cricket.

And I’m sure when you see this batting line-up, to when you see that batting line-up, the experience that that batting line-up and the experience that that team had, to what this team has, is chalk and cheese. So comparing everything to New Zealand is probably a wrong narrative. You’ve got 4 or 5 players, I don’t give excuses, I’ve never done that in the past and I’ll never do it in the future as well. But if you see 4 or 5 batters in this top 8, have literally played less than 15 Test matches. And they will grow, they’re learning on the job, they’re learning on the field,” Gambhir said. While it is a young batting group, in early half of 2024 when the Bazballers were in India, then captain Rohit Sharma and head coach Rahul Dravid, had won the series with younger

We cannot put things under the carpet, start prioritising Test cricket, says coach Gautam Gambhir

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With just Test series wins against Bangladesh and West Indies to show in the last 12 months, and series defeats at home to New Zealand and South Africa to go with heavy defeat in Australia and a drawn series in England, India’s head coach Gautam Gambhir has called on Indian cricket stakeholders to prioritise Test cricket. After showing signs of improvement during the England tour earlier this year, India were whitewashed once again in a home Test series by South Africa on Wednesday.

The alarming results in Test cricket has laid bare India’s struggles in the format where they have been found wanting in seaming and spinning tracks. In England, where the pitches were on the flatter side, they managed to draw the series. Speaking soon after yet another series defeat Gambhir was asked what are the areas that need to be immediately addressed with regards to India’s Test team, to which he said the priority has to be Test cricket “Start prioritising Test cricket, if we are really, really serious about Test cricket. And that is something which is important, that is going to happen overall, where everyone needs to be the stakeholder for that. So if we really care about Test cricket, if we want Test cricket to flourish in India, I think we have got to have a collective effort to make that happen,” Gambhir said. With all the scrutiny now on the coaching staff which includes Gambhir and the selection choices, the head coach reckoned it isn’t the time to blame individuals. “Just blaming the players or just blaming the support staff or just blaming certain individuals will not help. And as I just said, we cannot put things under the carpet. Come the white ball formats, if you get runs in white ball formats, suddenly you forget about what you have done in red ball cricket, that should never happen. Because red ball cricket is a completely different challenge to white ball cricket and is a com-

coach, Indian cricket is important, I’m not important. And I sit here and say exactly the same thing,” the former India opener said.

Gambhir then on to add that he was in charge of the team that drew the Test series in England 2-2. “And yes, people can keep forgetting about it. I’m the same guy who got results in England as well, with a young team. And I’m sure you guys will forget very soon, because a lot of people keep talking about New Zealand. And I’m the same guy under who won Champions Trophy and Asia Cup as well. Yes, this is a team which has less experience. And I’ve said it before as well, that they need to keep learning and they’re putting everything possible to turn the tide,” Gambhir said. Gambhir then went on to say there needs to be better accountability and it cannot be taught by anyone. “It comes from care. What you care about the dressing room, how much you care about the dressing room and the team. Because accountability and game situation can never be taught. If you can talk about the skills, you can work on the skills, you can keep talking about the mental aspect of the game, but ultimately when you go in, if you keep putting the team ahead of your own self, not thinking that this is how I play, and this is how I will get the results, and this is how I play, I don’t have a Plan B. So sometimes you will get these kind of collapses as well. So for me, I think accountability is important. And more than the accountability, it’s the care. How much you care about the cricket and how much you care about the team and people sitting in the dressing room is important as well,” he added.



players as well which saw six of them handed debuts. Gambhir then pointed out transition as a reason and asked the players be given time: “Test cricket is never easy when you’re playing against a top quality side. So you’ve got to give them time as well. So for me, I think that is something they’ll keep learning. Hopefully they keep learning, that is important. Because I know that I hate using this word transition. This is exactly what transition is. When you’ve got in Test cricket, when you’ve got your batting line-up which has literally played less than 15-20 Test matches, they need time to absorb pressure, they need time to keep getting better against quality attacks and against quality sides,” he said. Towards the end of the interaction, Gambhir also spoke about the complexities of Indian cricket scheduling. While the Lodha recommendations had mandated a 15-day gap between two series, it hasn’t been practical to implement. After playing white-ball series in Australia, the Indian team landed in Kolkata just four days before the start of the first Test. Gambhir said it also played a part, although he didn’t want to use it as an excuse.

“Look, obviously scheduling does make a difference. Imagine three days back, three days before the start of the first Test match we were in Australia. And suddenly you come back from there and you have to join a Test team and you have got two days to plan with the Test side. But that again is not an excuse and I am not going to give that excuse as well. Sometimes we can probably prioritise this better, we can have more gaps in the middle so that we can probably start working on certain skill sets. Because working for two days on a certain skill set where we always knew that they had quality spinners, they had two really, really experienced spinners. So that would have always been a challenge for the Test side. So that can happen. But yes, there is no excuse from where we were in this Test match to where we lost the momentum. From 95-1 it wasn’t the skill set, it was something else. It was just probably not the mental application,” Gambhir added.



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pletely different challenge to what you get in T20 cricket. There needs to be different skill sets. And more importantly, there needs to be tough characters that are important to be a successful Test side. You do not need the most skillful and the most flamboyant players to succeed in Test cricket. You need the toughest characters with limited skills who will go on to succeed in Test cricket irrespective of how the conditions and what the situation is,” Gambhir added.

Deepika Padukone's 82°E declares loss of Rs 12.3 cr in 2025; Katrina Kaif's brand expected to hit Rs 100 cr in revenue



Deepika Padukone's mid-premium skin care brand 82°E has declared net losses of Rs 12.3 crore in the financial year 2025, as per MCA (Ministry of Corporate Affairs) filings. The brand's revenue has dropped from Rs 21.2 crore in 2024 to Rs 14.7 crore in 2025, with the company's net losses amounting to Rs 12.3 crore. On the other hand, another Bollywood A-listed, Katrina Kaif's make-up brand has been profitable. Deepika's brand continues to struggle despite cutting costs.

In the filing, the actor's company stated that they are cutting costs and increasing sales efforts to achieve profitability. Deepika's brand hasn't been profitable since its launch in November 2022 and has continued to post losses. This year, the company's losses are lower compared to

2024, when it posted a net loss of Rs 23.4 crore in FY24, according to Tracxn data. According to a report in Moneycontrol, the company is aggressively cutting costs. It spent Rs 25.9 crore in 2025—significantly lower than the Rs 47.1 crore it spent in 2024. The company has also reduced its marketing expenses from Rs 20 crore in 2024 to just Rs 4.4 crore in 2025.

Why is Deepika's brand struggling?

82°E is positioned as a mid-premium brand with products priced between Rs 2,500 and Rs 4,000. The actor has used her social media influence and star power to promote the brand—running campaigns on her Instagram account, which boasts 80.5 million followers, and even roping in big celebrities like Shah Rukh Khan. During the release of their film Jawan, she and Shah Rukh released a promotional video featuring the superstar applying 82°E products while Deepika guided him. Despite high-quality campaigns, Deepika's brand hasn't taken off due to stiff competition from fast-growing brands like Fofale, mCaffee, Plum, and Dot & Key, which offer quality skin care products at much more affordable prices. At the other end of the market, the luxury skincare space remains dominated by international giants such as Estée Lauder and L'Occitane. Katrina Kaif's Kay Beauty vs Deepika's 82°E. Although Deepika and Katrina's brands do not compete in the same category—Katrina's Kay Beauty is a makeup brand—Kay Beauty has been far more successful. It made its first profit in 2022, three years after its launch in 2019. According to reports, the brand's revenue reached Rs 88.23 crore in financial year 2024, with profits amounting to Rs 11.3 crore. It is also noteworthy that Katrina launched the brand in collaboration with Nykaa, with the retail giant owning 51 per cent of the company, while Katrina holds 42 per cent and the remaining 7.5 per cent is held by Matrix. As per reports, experts estimate that Kay Beauty is poised to grow to Rs 100–105 crore in revenue this year.

Kapil Sharma addresses attacks on his cafe in Canada, says it got a 'bigger opening' after every incident: 'It was discussed in parliament'

Comedian-actor Kapil Sharma, who will next be seen in Kis Kisko Pyaar Karoon 2, spoke about the attacks on his cafe in Surrey, Canada, at the recently held trailer launch of the film. His eatery, called Kap's Cafe, has been a target of shooting on three separate occasions. Kapil shared that the authorities in Canada were involved in the matter. "What I feel is that the rules are there, and the police, perhaps, don't have the power to control. But when our case happened, it went to the federal government, and there was a discussion in the Canadian parliament," remarked Kapil. He added that the locals have been quite supportive and shared, "In fact, after every incident, we got a bigger opening at the cafe. So it is ok with me if god is with me."

Kapil argued that attacks on the cafe brought attention to the area and got the authorities involved. "I believe whatever god does, we don't get to know the story behind that. I got calls from a lot of people from there (Surrey) who told me that there were a lot of things happening, but after the firing at my cafe, it became news, and now steps are being taken to improve the law and order situation there," said Kapil. He concluded by saying that he has "never felt un-



safe in his own country and especially in Mumbai." The first attack on Kap's Cafe, which is located in Surrey, took place in July, followed by the second attack in August, and a third attack in October.

Gujarati film with Rs 50 lakh budget makes 176x profit, earns Rs 1 cr for first time on Day 24 of release



Laalo Krishna Sada Sahayate collection: With just one month remaining for 2025 to draw to a close, it's safe to say now that the year has been only satisfactory for the Indian film industry. While it witnessed two Rs 1,000-crore grossers — Pushpa 2: The Rule and Kalki 2898 AD — and a couple of decent hits in 2024, even the highest-grossing Indian movie of 2025, Kantara 2, failed to cross the Rs 1,000 crore mark. The main reason for this year's abysmal performance was that even the most anticipated movies, headlined by major stars, fell short of expectations. Even those that did rake in big bucks, such as Lokesh Kanagaraj's Rajinikanth-led Coolie and Ayan Mukerji's Hrithik Roshan and Jr NTR-stahitsbona fide blockbusters since their profit shares are extremely low owing to their mammoth budgets. Amid such mediocre to substandard performances by big-ticket films, one small movie, whose name a large segment of the population hasn't even heard of yet, let alone watched, has emerged as one of the most successful Indian flicks of the year, earning over 176 times its budget. Helmed by Ankit Sakhiya, the Gujarati devotional drama Laalo — Krishna Sada Sahayate has not only emerged as a sleeper hit but also ranks as the highest-grossing film of all time in the regional industry now. Mounted on a budget of just Rs 50 lakh, according to Hindustan Times, Laalo initially struggled at the box office, with no takers. After registering an India nett collection of just Rs 4 lakh on its release day, October 10, the movie's revenue remained around that level for several days before picking up. During its first week in theatres, Laalo earned just Rs 33 lakh. However, since the Gujarati film industry still commands only

a small market, this wasn't a bad figure. Thus, the movie continued its run. On its 19th day in theatres, as per industry tracker Sacnilk, Laalo's daily nett collection touched the Rs 10 lakh mark for the first time. From then on, the figure began to rise. Shocking everyone, on Day 24, marking its fourth Saturday in cinema halls, Laalo registered an India nett collection of Rs 1 crore and thus began its success journey. It recorded its highest daily collection on Day 31 (Sunday) when it earned Rs 7.1 crore. As of Wednesday, November 26, the movie's total domestic collection stands at Rs 76.55 crore. Laalo has grossed Rs 88.4 crore worldwide so far, thus becoming a historic success in Gujarati cinema. Although it doesn't feature in the list of the highest-grossing Indian films of 2025, Laalo can indeed be described as the most profitable movie of the year. Starring Reeva Rachh, Shruhad Goswami, and Karan Joshi in key roles, the movie's synopsis on IMDb reads, "A rickshaw driver trapped in a farmhouse confronts his past demons while experiencing visions of Lord Krishna, who guides him through a transformative journey of self-discovery and healing." Written by Krushansh Vaja, Vicky Poornima, and Ankit Sakhiya, Laalo features cinematography by Shubham Gajjar, music by Smrit Jay, and editing by Krushansh Pravinbhai Vaja and Ankit Bhupatbhai Sakhiya.

The Pet Detective on Zee5 from November 28

Hyderabad: An action comedy 'The Pet Detective' is all set to stream on ZEE5 from Friday (November 28). The film will be available in Malayalam, Telugu, Kannada, Tamil, and Hindi.

Directed by Praneesh Vijayan, the film features Sharaf U Dheen in the lead role, also making his debut as producer. The cast includes Vinayakan, Vinay Fort, Anupama Parameswaran, Shyam Mohan, and Joemon Jyothir. The Pet Detective follows Tony Jose Alula (Sharaf U Dheen), a determined yet underperforming detective, who tackles a missing-pet case to prove his abilities.

The plot quickly escalates into a series of chaotic events involving international smugglers, kidnappers, a missing child, a Mexican mafia don, exotic fish, and a rival police inspector competing for the same woman. The film promises eccentric humour, wild coincidences, and a comedic climax inspired by Priyadarshan's classics, making it an entertaining choice for families and comedy enthusiasts.

Twinkle Khanna, Kajol say their talk show got them in 'a lot of trouble': 'We should've had a disclaimer'



Kajol and Twinkle Khanna turned hosts for their show Two Much and while the 8-episode run of the show has now ended, it was quite a wild ride for the hosts who ended up in quite a few controversies after that. The show recently had a bonus episode with cricketers Jemimah Rodrigues and Shafali Verma and this was shot after the original episodes had already begun streaming. In this episode too, as Kajol and Twinkle started to play the quirky round where the guests have to agree or disagree with their prompts, the two actors explained themselves with a disclaimer.

Kajol started by saying, "Now it's time for our next segment, which has gotten us into a lot of trouble." She said that here, "opinions don't matter as much as lighthearted teasing." Twinkle then added that they should have had a disclaimer from the first episode for this segment. "And there's a disclaimer, which we should have had from the first episode, that nothing we say in this segment should be taken seriously. Please don't follow any of our advice in this segment," she said.

It is in this segment that the two actors have previously shared their controversial takes. In an earlier episode, with Karan Johar and Janhvi Kapoor as guests, Kajol and Twinkle said that for them, physical infidelity was "not a deal breaker." As Karan said, "Physical infidelity is not a deal breaker," Janhvi replied, "No, the deal is broken." Twinkle added, "We're in our 50s, she's in her 20s, and she will get into this circle soon. She hasn't seen the things we have seen. Raat gayi baat gayi (What's happened, has happened). Later, in another episode, Kajol said that marriages should have an expiry date, but here, Twinkle did not agree with her co-host. When asked, "Marriage should have an expiry date and a renewal option", Kajol said, "I definitely think so. What says you will get married to the right person at the right time? So, you should have a renewal option. And if there's an expiry date, then we don't have to suffer for too long."

As Laughter Chef 3 receives backlash, new entrant Vivian Dsena says he's trying to settle scores after losing Bigg Boss 18

Actor Vivian Dsena, who was the runner-up of Bigg Boss 18, is currently seen participating in Laughter Chefs Season 3. The reality show had its grand premiere this weekend, and the new entries on the show have not been very well-received. In fact, a lot of fans have been demanding that the makers bring back the former cast and pointed out that a few contestants in the latest season come across as irritating. Being a celebrated name, many have even questioned why Vivian Dsena chose to participate in Laughter Chef Season 3.

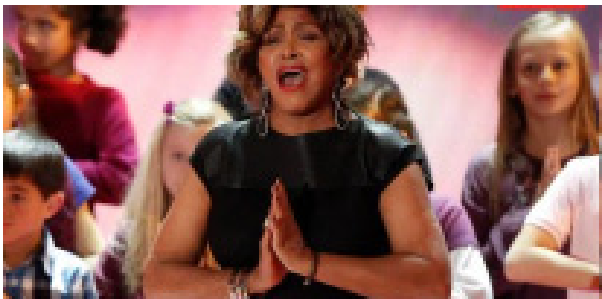
Following the criticism, the Madhubala actor opened up about his decision in a recent press statement and said this is his way to settle scores with the Bigg Boss 18 defeat. He said, "I wanted to do something lighter this time. I've been the intense guy all my career — it was time to switch gears to comedy. So, Laughter Chefs felt like the right kind of mess, just me in a kitchen, figuring things out as they happen. It's unpredictable, it's goofy, and it lets me breathe a little. Reality TV and I have a history — I nearly won the last time, so I'm here to settle that score. This is my comeback round... just that now the fights are replaced with frying pans."

Vivian had made a guest appearance on Laughter Chef's last season and enjoyed it quite a lot, so this time, when he was offered the show, it was a no-brainer. He shared, "When they asked me to join this season as a proper contestant, I didn't think twice. And now that I'm living it, it's a hundred times more chaotic than it looked from the outside—but also a hundred times more fun. You bond over tiny disasters, last-minute saves, and laughing at your own blunders. Waking up early to shoot this doesn't feel like work



at all." "I've cooked all my life — hostel days, bachelor days, I've handled my fair share of kitchens. But cooking in front of cameras, noise all around, and everyone trolling each other every two minutes... that's a whole different sport. This is my first brush with comedy, and I'm learning to navigate a new genre while strengthening my connection with the audience in a completely different way. It's real, it's a bit messy, but it's honest. You'll see a different side of everyone, including me." Vivian added, further explaining his association with the show.

Haunted by marital abuse, this artist became a Grammy legend, world record holder and one of greatest of all time



Remembering the legendary female chanteuse Tina Turner, who quit her marriage and band with Ike Turner and became the Queen of Rock n' Roll. There are some names which become deeply associated, almost ingrained, with a genre of music. Like Eminem with hip-hop, BB King with

blues, Lata Mangeshkar with Bollywood pop, and Jagjit Singh with ghazals. Just like that, there is a name so synonymous with rock and roll that not mentioning her while discussing the genre feels like a crime. Born on November 26, 1939, a girl named Anna Mae Bullock decided to take the world of music by the throat and kept her grip strong long after she became Tina Turner, the 'Queen of Rock n' Roll'. Born in Brownsville, Tennessee, Bullock always had an affinity towards performing. She was even separated from her parents and two elder sisters when she was sent to live with her strict paternal grandparents. Once reunited with her parents, Bullock's interest in singing grew, and she even used to sing on the streets so that she could collect money to go to the movies. However, the family reunion did not last long, and the singer's mother left their home to get away from Bullock's father. He soon remarried, and the kids were sent to live with their maternal grandmother.

Keerthy Suresh shares concern about fake AI images: 'I was left stunned, they looked so real'

During the recent promotional pouting for her upcoming film Revolver Rita, actor Keerthy Suresh discussed how her pictures had been morphed using AI. Keerthy Suresh slams misuse of AI. Keerthy Suresh expresses her worry on how female actors face greater threat due to AI. Actor Keerthy Suresh has spoken strongly about the growing misuse of AI-generated images, especially targeting women in the film industry. While promoting her upcoming film Revolver Rita, the actor discussed how digital morphing has existed for years, but AI has taken the threat to a far more alarming level.

During a conversation on Sudhir Srinivasan's podcast, Keerthy explained that actresses have always been vulnerable to morphed photos, but AI makes the fabricated visuals disturbingly realistic. "If you notice, morphing is something actresses have faced from the beginning... but the problem with AI is that it makes it look so real," she said. Keerthy recalled her own reaction the first time she came across morphed AI images of herself. "You see a picture of yourself, but it's a completely wrong image. For a moment, you start believing it's really you. When it happened to me, I thought—this is not me... I never posed like this, did I? A million thoughts ran through my head," she shared.

The actor added that filmmaker Atlee even reached out to her after her press meet to further discuss the growing concern around AI deepfakes. This isn't the first time Keerthy has addressed the issue. At a promotional press



meet last week, she said, "AI has become a huge issue. It's a boon and a bane. Humans invented technology, but we are losing control. On social media, I get stunned seeing my picture in a suggestive outfit, and I wonder if I ever wore it, because it looks so real." She also revealed that even an outfit she wore to a movie puja was digitally altered. "Recently, the outfit I wore for a puja was altered in a bad way. For a second I wondered... and then I realised I hadn't posed like that. It is definitely irritating and hurting," she said. Keerthy Suresh's upcoming film Revolver Rita is set for theatrical release on November 28. The film features Radhika Sarathkumar, Sunil, Redin Kingsley, Mime Gopi, Sendrayan, Super Subbarayan, and others in key roles.