

Arrive Alive Campaign

Two Accident Black Spots Identified in Kushaiguda



““NARRA SRINIVAS REDDY (NSR), Medchal - Malkajgiri Staff Reporter, January 19, (INDIAN CHRONICLE):“As part of the “Arrive Alive Campaign 2026”, two accident-prone black spots were identified on Monday within the limits of the Kushaiguda Police Station. The identified locations are the ECIL Bus Stand area and South Kamalanagar. Following the identification, an awareness programme was conducted at these black spots involving auto drivers, bus drivers and students. During the programme, Kushaiguda Inspector of Police L. Bhaskar Reddy



interacted with the participants and explained case studies of previous road accident incidents. He highlighted major causes of road accidents such as over-speeding, drunk driving, wrong-side driving, and failure to use helmets and seat belts. He also stressed the importance of road safety and the need for responsible behaviour on roads to prevent accidents and save lives. The programme was attended by N. Venkanna, SI; Ch. Sailu, SI; G. Ashok Reddy, ASI, along with staff from the Kushaiguda Bus Depot.

Major setback to BRS in Uppal constituency; leaders and workers quit party, join Congress in large numbers



““KISHORE VADDEPALLI, Uppal, January 19 (Indian Chronicle):““The Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) suffered a major setback in the Uppal Assembly constituency as several of its leaders and party workers resigned and joined the Congress in large numbers. The mass joining

programme was held at Ramanthapur under the leadership of the Ramanthapur Division Congress Committee, in the presence of Uppal constituency Congress in-charge Mandamula Parameshwar Reddy. Welcoming the new entrants, Parameshwar Reddy draped Congress party scarves around



them and formally inducted them into the party. Speaking on the occasion, he stated that “people’s governance is being carried out under the Indiramma Rajyam in the state.” He added that due to the effective implementation of the six guarantees by Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, public attention from all parties has once again shifted towards the Congress. Prominent leaders from Ramanthapur, including Tirumala

Narasimha Rao (Raju) and Kotra Ravi Kumar, joined the Congress party during the programme. Several Congress leaders and activists participated in the event, including Division President Rafiq, Vallapu Srikanth Yadav, Peddiraju Sandeep, Bhaskar, Saaga Sridhar, Bajaj Jagannath Goud, Akiti Agam Reddy, Jillu Buran, Bullet Ashok, Jangaiah, Madan Goud, and other Ramanthapur leaders.

Motorcyclist Killed in Accident at Medipally

NARRA SRINIVAS REDDY (NSR), Medchal - Malkajgiri Staff Reporter, January 19, (INDIAN CHRONICLE): "A 26-year-old motorcyclist was killed in a road accident under the limits of Medipally Police Station on January 18, 2026, around 1:00 pm. The deceased was identified as Rishabh Sharma (26), who was riding from Uppal towards Ghatkesar. Near Kanakadurga Bar at Medipally, an oil tanker travelling on the same route allegedly struck the motorcycle from the side. Sharma fell onto the road and suffered severe head injuries. He was immediately shifted to Gandhi Hospital by local residents in an ambulance, where doctors declared him brought dead. Police have taken the oil tanker driver into custody and registered a case. An investigation is in progress to determine the cause of the accident. Police officials appealed to motorists to follow traffic rules and drive cautiously, especially urging heavy vehicle drivers to remain alert and ensure the safety of other road users. Deceased details: Rishabh Sharma (26),



Sales Manager at Orchids International School, Uppal; resident of Kapra, ECIL. Native address: H. No. 341/22, Gali No. 6C, near Hanuman Mandir, Gandhi Nagar, Gurugram, Haryana – 122001.

'Arrive Alive' Campaign Targets Accident-Prone Spots, Educates Drivers on Road Safety



“NARRA SRINIVAS REDDY (NSR), Medchal - Malkajgiri Staff Reporter, January 19, (INDIAN CHRONICLE): "As part of the Road Safety Campaign–2026, titled "Arrive Alive" awareness activities were conducted on the fourth day of the campaign at two major accident-prone black spots: Chakripuram X Roads towards Jail and the area near the Jayashankar statue. The programme engaged auto drivers, lorry drivers, and regular road commuters, using real-life accident case studies from these areas to highlight the severe consequences of reckless driving. Participants were educated on the importance of following traffic rules, maintaining lane discipline, avoiding overspeeding, and wearing safety gear. Officials and volunteers emphasized the role of responsible behaviour on the roads, not only in preventing accidents but also in saving countless lives. The campaign also encouraged commuters to stay alert, avoid distractions like mobile phones while driving, and respect fellow road users to create a safer traffic environment. The initiative forms part of a larger effort to reduce road accidents in the city, promote safe driving habits, and raise public awareness about road safety as a shared responsibility."

Arrive Alive Road Safety Awareness Programme Held in Medipally



NARRA SRINIVAS REDDY (NSR), Medchal - Malkajgiri Staff Reporter, January 19, (INDIAN CHRONICLE): "As part of the Arrive Alive road safety campaign under the National Road Safety Month–2026, extensive public awareness programmes are being conducted in the limits of Medipally Police Station. Under the Telangana State Government's road safety initiative, awareness programmes on traffic safety are being organised across the state from January 13 to January 27 with the slogan "Arrive Alive".

As part of these activities, on the fourth day, a road safety awareness programme focusing on accident-prone black spots was conducted at the premises of Sage School, Medipally. During the programme, drivers and other road users were educated on safe driving practices, identification of black spots, and measures to prevent road accidents. The awareness session was conducted under the supervision of Assistant Commissioner of Police Chakrapani, Inspector of Police Govinda Reddy, and Sub-Inspector of Police Uday Bhaskar. Police officials stressed the importance of following traffic rules, wearing helmets and seat belts, avoiding overspeeding and drunk driving, and exercising caution at accident-prone locations to reduce road accidents and save lives.

ASME EFx India 2026 Concludes, Showcasing Emerging Engineering Talent from Across India

Hyderabad: ASME Foundation India (AFI) concluded EFx® India 2026, its national engineering festival, following three days of immersive learning, innovation, and collaboration. The event brought together 700+ engineering students from 19 states, including Kerala, Odisha, Delhi, Telangana, and Uttar Pradesh, for hands-on learning and real-world problem-solving.

EFx India 2026 focused on hands-on learning, interdisciplinary engineering, and industry-aligned problem-solving, offering students exposure to real-world challenges beyond the classroom. The festival facilitated interaction between students, academicians, and industry professionals, reflecting the evolving needs of the engineering ecosystem. One of the event's key themes was interdisciplinary engineering, highlighted through sessions and challenges integrating emerging technologies with practical application. This included the workshop "Robotics in the Age of AI: Moving from Automation to Autonomy," which focused on the role of artificial intelligence in robotics and autonomous systems and connected conceptually to ASME India's Asia-level conference, the International Mechanical Engineering Congress and Exposition® (IMECE India 2026), scheduled for September 2026 in Chennai. Speaking on the vision behind the initiative, Mr. Madhukar Sharma, President & Director, ASME India Pvt Ltd, said, "For India to truly evolve from a service economy into a global 'Product Nation,' we must move beyond 'Make in India' to 'Design in India.' ASME EFx India 2026 is the platform where this transformation begins. ASME is empowering a new generation of engineers who possess the multidisciplinary skills and innovation mindset required to solve real-world challenges — from sustainable mobility to autonomous systems." Highlighting the initiative, Ms. Avni Malhotra, Deputy Director, ASME Foundation India, said, "True innovation requires a diversity of hearts and minds. Through ASME Foundation India, we are committed to unlocking that potential in every student. 'Gear Up FEME' is a challenge that proves women belong at the forefront of design engineering."



T. Annapurna, IPS, Assumes Charge as DCP (Admin), Cyberabad



““Indian Chronicle jan 18: T. Annapurna, IPS, a 2007-batch direct DSP who was conferred into the Indian Police Service in 2013, today assumed charge as the Deputy Commissioner of Police (Admin), Cyberabad. After assuming charge, she met the Cyberabad CP M. Ramesh, IPS, as a courtesy. Prior to this posting, she served as SP, Vigilance and Enforcement, and also held charge as In-

charge Deputy Inspector General of Police. Her previous assignments include Superintendent of Police, Vikarabad, ADSP Karimnagar, PTC Warangal, DSP Mangalagiri and Guntur, and ADCP Chittoor, where she gained wide experience in administrative, law and order, and training-related responsibilities.”“Speaking after assuming charge, Ms. Annapurna stated that strengthening administrative efficiency and ensuring transparent functioning would be her key priorities. She affirmed that she would give her best for the smooth functioning of the Cyberabad Police unit, with a strong emphasis on professionalism, accountability, and effective support to policing on the ground.

MLA Manohar Reddy inaugurated several development projects in Tandur

““Vikarabad, Tandur (Indian Chronicle 19,Jan)““MLA Manohar Reddy inaugurated development projects worth ₹18.70 crores in Tandur under the UIDF scheme. The projects include:“- ₹1.10 crores for development and protection of old pump house, new pump house, and vacant land near Balaji Park in old Tandur“- ₹90 lakhs for CC drain construction at Golla Cheruvu“- ₹5 crores for CC drain and culvert construction in Indira Nagar“- ₹11.70 crores for CC road construction in Saipur“Speaking on the occasion, MLA Manohar Reddy said they are working tirelessly for Tandur’s development. He highlighted:“- ₹45 crores for Chiluka Vagu project for flood prevention“- ₹27 crores for water tanks under Amrut 2“- 500 Indiramma houses for the poor“- Establishment of an ATC center“- Regular council meetings are being held since he took charge, unlike previous leaders“He urged voters to support Congress party candidates for the municipal elections to contribute to Tandur’s development.



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BRS State Leader Bannala Praveen Mudiraj Unveils Chilkanagar Plumbers Union Calendar



““KISHORE VADDEPALLI, Uppal, January 19 (Indian Chronicle):““BRS party state leader Bannala Praveen Mudiraj unveiled the Chilkanagar Plumbers Union Association’s 2026 calendar at the corporator’s office on Monday.“Speaking on the occasion, Bannala Praveen Mudiraj expressed happiness that the Chilkanagar Plumbers Association, under the leadership of its president Itikyal Mahender Reddy and association members, has been consistently publishing and unveiling a calendar every year. During the event, the association president and committee members requested the construction of a dedicated building for their association.“Responding positively, Bannala Praveen Mudiraj assured that he would discuss the matter with MLA Bandari Lakshma Reddy and take steps to establish a common building on government land for plumbers, electricians, centering associations, and other associations, which would be useful to all. Praising the Chilkanagar Plumbers Union as a symbol of unity, he extended Sankranti greetings to the association members and urged continued support for poor and middle-class members of the plumbers association. The programme was attended by Association President Itikyal Mahender Reddy, Secretary Lakshminarayana, Vice Presidents Pille Krishna, Joint Secretary S. Raju, Treasurer B. Prasad, Executive Members Chandramouli, Hanumanth Reddy, Mohan, Nageswara Rao, J. V. Rao, Saidulu, Prabhakar, Guru Yadav, Akbar, Giri, Anil, Kumar, along with a large number of association members.

Government to support women's economic development through special schemes for self-help groups: Deputy Chief Minister and Minister for Finance and Planning, Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka



““(Mandava Srisailam... Yadadri Bhuvanagiri District Bureau... Indian Chronicle... January 19): The government will provide support to self-help groups through special schemes for the economic development of women, said State Deputy Chief Minister and Minister for Finance and Planning, Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka. He instructed officials to take steps to quickly complete the process of distributing interest-free loans to members of urban women's self-help groups and distributing Indiramma sarees as part of the interest-free loan scheme. On Monday, he held a review meeting via video conference with all district collectors, MEPMA officials, and bank officials regarding interest-free loans and the distribution of Indiramma sarees, along with State Minister for Panchayat Raj, Rural De-

velopment, and Women and Child Welfare, Danasari Anasuya (Seethakka), Government Chief Secretary Ramakrishna Rao, and SERP CEO Divya Devarajan. On this occasion, the Deputy Chief Minister stated that the program of providing interest-free loans to urban women's self-help groups and distributing Indiramma sarees to eligible self-help group members should be undertaken and completed quickly. He instructed that those who are not members of women's groups should be identified based on their ration cards, and that crowding should be avoided during the distribution process. District Collector Hanumantha Rao, Additional Collector for Local Bodies Bhaskar Rao, District Rural Development Officer Nagireddy, MEPMA officer Ramesh, and other concerned officials participated in this program.

Provide better medical treatment to the poor people who come to government hospitals: Yadadri Bhuvanagiri District Collector Hanumantha Rao



““(Mandava Srisailam... Yadadri Bhuvanagiri District Bureau... Indian Chronicle... January 19): Yadadri Bhuvanagiri District Collector Hanumantha Rao said that better medical treatment should be provided to the poor people who come to government

hospitals. The District Collector made a surprise inspection of the Primary Health Center in Bhudan Pochampally on Monday. ??Speaking on the occasion, the District Collector inquired whether the doctors and staff were coming to the hospital on time. He said that quality

medical care should be provided to the patients who come to the hospital. He inquired about the number of inpatients and outpatients visiting the hospital every day. He also inquired about the number of pregnant women coming for check-ups and personally spoke to a pregnant woman over the phone, inquiring about her well-being. He said that all tests are available at the government

hospital and that people should not waste money by going to private hospitals. He inquired about the number of deliveries taking place every month and instructed the staff to work towards increasing the number of normal deliveries at the government hospital. He also directed that there should be no shortage of medicines in the hospital. Hospital staff and others participated in this program.



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“(Mandava Srisailam... Yadadri Bhuvanagiri District Bureau... Indian Chronicle... January 19):- Additional Collector (Local Bodies/Revenue) Bhaskar Rao instructed the concerned officials to resolve the applications received through Prajavani promptly without any pending issues. On Monday, during the Prajavani program held in the Collectorate meeting hall, Additional Collector Bhaskar Rao received 29 applications from people of various areas. He stated that the concerned officials should examine and resolve the applications received through



Prajavani on a timely basis at the field level without any delays. He informed that out of the applications received, 20 were for the Revenue Department, 3 for the Panchayat Department, 2 for the Rural Development Department, and one each for the SC Welfare, Special Deputy Collector, Municipality, and Labor Departments. He directed the concerned officials to immediately examine the applications received by various departments and resolve the people's problems. “DRO Jayamma, RDO Krishnareddy, Rural Development Officer Nagireddy, and district officials from various departments participated in this program.

The role of Sarpanches is crucial in the development of villages; the public should cooperate:

Yadadri Bhuvanagiri District Collector Hanumantha Rao



“(Mandava Srisailam... Yadadri Bhuvanagiri District Bureau... Indian Chronicle... January 19): Yadadri Bhuvanagiri District Collector Hanumantha Rao said that the role of Sarpanches is crucial in the development of villages. On Monday, District Collector Hanumantha Rao, along with Swami Ramananda Tirtha Rural Institute Chairman Kishore Reddy, Director Vihari, ZP CEO Shobha Rani, District Panchayat Officer Vishnuvardhan Reddy, and MRO Srinivas Reddy, inaugurated a training program for newly elected Sarpanches on village panchayat administration, duties, and development at the Swami Ramananda Tirtha Institute in Jalalpur, Pochampally mandal, by lighting a lamp. Speaking on the occasion, the Collector said that for all-round development in the villages, Sarpanches must work responsibly. He said that only if the Sarpanches work well will their villages gain a good reputation. He advised them to thoroughly understand the powers, duties, and other aspects of Sarpanches as enshrined in the Panchayat Raj Act



as part of the training. He said that Sarpanches need to work actively on important issues such as sanitation management and ensuring there is no shortage of drinking water in the villages. He said that every village should be kept clean. He stated that awareness would be created among the Sarpanches regarding their responsibilities on various aspects of village administration as per the Panchayat Raj Act, including development programs, implementation of government schemes, financial management, village development plans, and the creation of model Gram Panchayats. He emphasized that Sarpanches should have a thorough understanding of every aspect of the Panchayat Raj Act. He also said that Sarpanches should have awareness of communication skills, leadership qualities, moral skills, and other such aspects. MPDOs, Divisional Panchayat Officers, MPOs, and newly elected Sarpanches participated in this program.

Arrangements for the municipal elections must be completed meticulously: - Yadadri Bhuvanagiri District Collector Hanumantha Rao



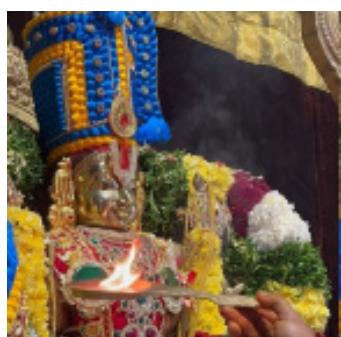
“(Mandava Srisailam...Yadadri Bhuvanagiri District Bureau...Indian Chronicle...January 19):- Yadadri Bhuvanagiri District Collector Hanumantha Rao said that the arrangements for the municipal elections must be completed meticulously. On Monday, the District Collector inspected the arrangements for the municipal elections to be held in Pochampally Municipality.



On this occasion, the District Collector inquired about the number of wards in Pochampally Municipality in the context of the municipal elections. He said that they should check how many poll-

ing stations are there ward-wise. He said that they should ensure that all the basic facilities are available at the polling stations. He said that all the officers and staff should be ready for the municipal elections. He said that they should have a complete understanding of the rules and regulations related to the municipal elections. He instructed the concerned officials to conduct the election duties meticulously and transparently without any errors. He inquired whether training had been given to the staff participating in the municipal elections. He ordered that the municipal elections should also be conducted meticulously, just like the Gram Panchayat elections. Pochampally Municipal Commissioner Anjan Reddy and office staff participated in this program.

Swarnagiri Temple... Advance Information.. Jai Srimannarayana...Namo Venkatesaya Namaha



“(Mandava Srisailam...Yadadri Bhuvanagiri District Bureau...Indian Chronicle...January 19):- On January 20, 2026, Tuesday, coinciding with the Shravana Nakshatra, the birth star of Lord Venkateswara, a Giripradakshina (circumambulation of the hill) program will be held at 6:00 AM at the Swarnagiri Temple in Yadadri, Telangana. Devotees are requested to arrive at the sacred Swarnagiri shrine in the early hours of that day. All devotees wishing to participate in the Giripradakshina on the 20th are requested to come to the Lord's feet wearing traditional Hindu attire.

Bhongir MP Chamala Kiran Kumar Reddy participated in the World Economic Summit in Davos on behalf of Telangana state.

“(Mandava Srisailam...Yadadri Bhongir District Bureau...Indian Chronicle...January 19):- Bhongir MP Chamala Kiran Kumar Reddy participated in the *World Economic Summit* being held in Davos on behalf of Telangana state. On this occasion, he attended the “The Meridian Collective – Subnational Commitment Charter” program organized under the auspices of Swaniti and represented Telangana state's commitments on development, governance, and sustainable growth on an international platform. Meaningful discussions were held with representatives from various countries, policymakers, and industry leaders on the role of states, policy implementation at the sub-national level, and public welfare. The MP stated that this meeting will further strengthen Telangana state's recognition at the international level. He mentioned that it is a matter of pride to introduce Telangana's progress, investment opportunities, and future development directions to the world on the Davos platform.



HMT Nagar Congress Leaders Urge Deputy Commissioner to Address Public Issues and Water Hyacinth Overgrowth



“Nacharam, Indian Chronicle, January 19:” Congress leaders of HMT Nagar Division met the newly appointed Nacharam Circle Deputy Commissioner, Mr. Nithyananda, and submitted a memorandum regarding public issues. “They highlighted that water hyacinth (Gurrapu Dekk) has overgrown in the large HMT Nagar pond, causing water pollution and foul odor. Due to this, mosquitoes have increased significantly, putting local residents at risk of dengue, malaria, and other diseases. “The leaders also urged the immediate resumption of road repairs, drainage works, and other development activities in the HMT Division area. “Considering the serious problems faced by residents, they requested the Deputy Commissioner to take prompt and proactive measures to resolve these issues. “The delegation included Ram Reddy, Ramesh Goud, Ashwaddham Reddy, Mahesh Yadav, Muniruddin, and Rahim Khan.

Let's hoist the BJP flag in Tandur municipality!

Vikarabad, Tandur (Indian Chronicle 19, Jan) “Tandur BJP leaders held a preparatory meeting for the municipal elections at Arya Vaishya Kalyanamandapam. Key attendees included district convenor Karnam Prahlad Rao, district in-charge Sudhakar Rao, and municipal in-charge Manohar Rao. They strategized to win the elections, aiming to hoist the BJP flag in Tandur municipality. The party plans to field candidates in all 36 wards and is confident of winning key positions, including the municipal chair. During the meeting, Indur Ramulu, a BC leader and real estate businessman, was welcomed into the BJP.



Mallapur Congress Leaders Inspect Drainage Issues in Chanakya Puri Colony



“Nacharam, Indian Chronicle, January 19:”“In Chanakya Puri Colony, Mallapur Division, residents raised concerns regarding drainage problems. To address this, Mallapur Congress Party President Kappara Sai Kiran Goud, Division Working President Koyagur Balaraj, Vice President Jani Bhai Merupula Balaraj, Madhu Yadav, Vinesh Yadav, and Colony General Secretary Kishore inspected the site along with local residents.

IDBI Bank New Year Calendars Inaugurated by Nemali Anil Kumar

“Nacharam, Indian Chronicle, January 19:”“Today, at Anji Goud Furnitures, Mallapur, Greater Congress Senior Leader Nemali Anil Kumar inaugurated the IDBI Bank New Year calendars. The event, held with the participation of local businessmen, public representatives, and women’s associations, aimed to strengthen the bond between banking services and the public. The program was attended by IDBI Bank Manager Mrs. Bhargavi, senior Mallapur leaders Anji Goud, Bellam Gattayya, Koyalakonda Rajesh, Raju Mudiraj, Rakesh Goud, Nagaraj Goud, Sai Goud, and leaders of Mallapur women’s associations, making the event a success.



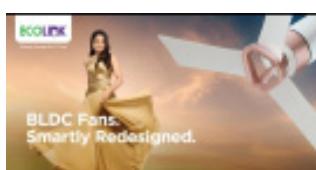
‘Fans Reimagined’: Signify unveils its latest Ecolink campaign with Rashmika Mandanna

Smartly redesigned to elevate everyday comfort for modern customers

Hyderabad: Bringing a fresh spin to home aesthetics, Signify (Euronext: LIGHT), has rolled out a new campaign featuring its power packed Ecolink BLDC fans range, starring actor and brand ambassador Rashmika Mandanna. The new campaign highlights how Ecolink fans seamlessly blend design, style, and performance, reflecting the growing consumer preference for design-led, smart and expressive living spaces. The

campaign taps the evolving consumers of today, who increasingly view everyday appliances as an extension of their personal taste and lifestyle. Set in elegantly crafted, dreamlike environments, the film captures the essence of refined design and innovation, reinforcing Ecolink’s role in redefining spaces. Each frame highlights the attention to detail, from sculpted forms and elegant finishes to the effortless fluidity of motion, blending design and performance seamlessly.

Speaking on the campaign launch, Nikhil Gupta, Head of Strategy and Marketing, Signify, Greater India said “With Ecolink, we aim to bring performance, style, and sustainability to every home with our products like our well-received BLDC fans series. Our ‘Fans Reimagined’ campaign reflects the understanding of today’s consumers, who seek products that are efficient, lifestyle-driven, and designed for them. It marks an important step in strengthening Ecolink’s position as a brand that champions intelligent design and innovation. Partnering with our brand ambassador Rashmika Mandanna again, allows us to bring this vision of smart, sustainable living to life”. Rashmika Mandanna said, “I am truly excited to be part of the Ecolink campaign again, working with Signify is always great. What really resonates with me is how these fans combine efficiency with thoughtful design, efficiency and performance, making them a beautiful addition to any home”. The Ecolink fan range offers industry-first design high-speed performance with superior air delivery, powered by advanced energy-efficient technology. Designed to meet evolving consumer desires, the range features BLDC technology across models such as AiroElevate, AiroQuad, AiroJewel and AiroGeometry. Each fan comes with a 5-year warranty (3+2). The campaign further illustrates how the Ecolink fan series can turn everyday spaces into a joyful, expressive environment. The conceptualization of the campaign is done by Hashtag Orange. This campaign will be available across YouTube, Instagram, Facebook and social media channels.



AWARD WINNING LONGITUDE 77 EXPANDS FOOTPRINT WITH HYDERABAD LAUNCH

Hyderabad :Longitude 77, the Indian single malt from Pernod Ricard India, successfully launched in Hyderabad, captivating Hyderabad’s discerning connoisseurs with its rich blend of Indian craftsmanship and global expertise. The launch was celebrated through an exclusive event at The Taj Falaknuma Palace, Hyderabad, offering guests an unparalleled experience of authentic, contemporary Indian luxury.

Globally recognized for its exceptional quality, Longitude 77 has earned



prestigious accolades, including Gold at the London Spirits Competition, The Global Spirit Masters by The Spirits Business and Monde Selection along with a Bronze at The International Wine & Spirits Competition. These awards reflect the brand’s unwavering commitment to excellence and its growing stature among the world’s finest whiskies. At the heart of Longitude 77 is a legacy of extraordinary craftsmanship. Brought to life by the master whisky makers behind iconic global names like Chivas, Glenlivet, and Jameson, Longitude 77 draws from over two centuries of whisky-making heritage, infusing generations of expertise, innovation, and artistry into every single bottle.

In the words of renowned whisky expert Jim Murray, “Longitude 77 displays

clarity, balance, and complexity with effortless finesse - a true reflection of refined craftsmanship. The liquid is of gold standard; I would have scored it 94 points in my Whisky Bible. It stands shoulder to shoulder with some of the finest Scotch blends and single malts I’ve ever tasted. The maturation in the foothills of Nashik, expertly timed and influenced by natural temperature shifts, has resulted in something remarkable. This whisky is a testament to India’s emergence as a serious player in the global whisky landscape showcasing the country’s ability to craft spirits of outstanding depth, quality, and distinction.”

Mahesh Patil, Master Blender of Longitude 77 expressed, “Crafting Longitude 77 has been a journey of passion and precision, drawing upon centuries of distilling expertise while celebrating India’s unique terroir. Each batch represents our commitment to creating a world-class single malt that truly captures the essence of India. The cool, dry climate of Dindori Nashik, combined with our meticulous double maturation process in American Bourbon barrels and wine casks, creates the distinctive smoothness and complexity that defines Longitude 77. I am proud to see this exceptional liquid being appreciated by connoisseurs in Hyderabad, a city that truly understands and values premium craftsmanship.”

The evening at The Taj showcased Hyderabad’s diverse flavours, reimagined through contemporary, innovative presentations. The event culminated in an exclusive Longitude 77 tasting experience, celebrating the unique terroir of the region. The launch is a part of Longitude 77’s carefully planned expansion strategy across India, focusing on markets with strong potential for premium whisky consumption.

MLA Manohar Reddy distributed checks to self-help groups



“Vikarabad, Tandur (Indian Chronicle, 19,Jan)“Tandur MLA B Manohar Reddy distributed checks worth ?2 crores to 515 women’s self-help groups (5,150 members) and sanctioned ?10 crores through bank linkage under the Indira Mahila Shakti program at Tulasi Gardens, Tandur, organized by MEPMA. The event was attended by District Sub-Collector Uma Shankar Prasad, Municipal Commissioner Yadagiri, Market Committee Chairman Bal Reddy, Congress party district president Darasinh, Congress party town president Sayyed Habib Lal, former councilor Niraja Bal Reddy, Prabhakar Goud, municipal officials, leaders, and others.

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MG Becomes the First EV Brand to Partner with Incredible India

Hyderabad : JSW MG Motor India, in partnership with Incredible India, Ministry of Tourism, Government of India, has launched Season 2 of its acclaimed EV travel documentary series "Watt's in the Wild." This 3,000 km journey across southern India in the MG Windsor PRO showcases the benefits of sustainable mobility while celebrating cultural heritage, conservation icons, and community wisdom from Mysuru to Kerala's coastal belts.



The expedition traverses Mysuru's royal heritage and conservation, Bengaluru's urban transitions, Karnataka forests (Coorg, Chamundi Hills, Wayanad), Kerala heartland (Kannur, Thrissur, Palakkad, Kochi, Alappuzha), coastal communities (Ponnani, Kuttiyoor), and agricultural belts of rice, tea, and spice plantations. Through cinematic storytelling by creative partner Ride The Route, the MG Windsor PRO emerges as a quiet enabler of India's living traditions, normalizing EV infrastructure in real-world adventures while amplifying marginalized voices through this landmark government-backed channel.

Building on Season 1's historic first; MG ZS EV's ascent to Dirang Valley in Himalayan terrain, Season 2 continues proving EV capability in diverse conditions. Ongoing videos are live on the official Instagram page.

This series demonstrates the practical capabilities of the MG Windsor PRO in authentic travel experiences, from heritage destinations to artisan communities. JSW MG Motor India remains committed to strengthening the EV ecosystem through meaningful storytelling and real-world demonstrations that highlight the benefits of electric vehicles.

Watch all episodes of the season here: • https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLW_gc6BFH2TLNE2k0vIkz08oAh6fbqonv #MGWindsorEV #IndiasNo1SellingEV #WattsInTheWild #bestsellingev #EVSAHIHAI #MGMotorIndia #MorrisgaragesIndia.

Small cap portfolio exposure to microcaps limited to ~2%

Hyderabad : According to a study by Ventura, portfolio exposure of small cap funds beyond the market cap rank of 1000—or microcaps—remains limited to ~2%. As of November 2025, the small-cap fund category manages ~?3.7 lakh crore across 32 schemes.

The analysis shows that approximately 83% of small-cap fund portfolios are invested within the top 750 stocks, with the core small-cap segment—comprising stocks ranking 251-750 by market cap—accounting for ~63%. Allocation to stocks ranked 751–1000 stands at ~7%, about 20% is allocated to large and mid-caps, and about ~6% is held in cash and debt for liquidity purposes.



Small cap but large growth

Interestingly, small-cap market capitalization has expanded sharply in the past five years. Companies in the lower deciles of the listed universe have especially exhibited the fastest compounding in median market capitalization. For instance, between June 2020 to June 2025, the 251st rank has increased in market capitalization by~4.4x, the 500th by ~6.1x, and 750th by ~7.3x.

Perception problem

Allocation to small-caps is also skewed by perception. "Many stocks perceived as large- and mid-cap are actually small-cap stocks for fund managers as per AMFI classification," says Juzer Gabajiwala, Director at Ventura. For example, familiar companies—including CDSL, Gillette, NBCC, PNB Housing Finance, Wockhardt, East India Hotels, Angel One, and Tata Chemicals—are officially classified as small caps even though investors often think of them as mid-cap-like.

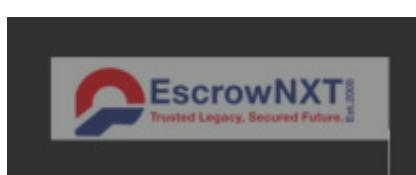
Shift in investor behavior

As per the study, investor behaviour does not always follow short-term performance. Between December 2024 and November 2025, small-cap funds delivered negative returns of roughly -2.4 percent, yet the category saw net inflows of ?53,165 crore. Instead of pulling back, investors continued to allocate more. This suggests that flows are being driven by long-term conviction rather than short-term price movements. "By nature, smallcaps are volatile and at times risky. However, the category has evolved, portfolio construction has become more disciplined, and the opportunity set continues to broaden. Patience is the key for any portfolio investing and to create "alpha" one must have smallcaps in the portfolio," Gabajiwala concludes.

EscrowTech India Rebrands as EscrowNXT, Marking Its Foray into AI-Focused Escrow Capabilities and Global Expansion

Hyderabad: EscrowTech India, the country's only pure-play software escrow services provider and the market leader, has officially rebranded as EscrowNXT to underscore its focus on next-generation software escrow solutions for AI-driven systems, enhanced capabilities, and global expansion.

EscrowNXT officially came into effect on January 1, 2026. Founded in 2005 as EscrowTech India, the company has served over 500 clients, including leading Indian and international BFSI institutions and prominent software companies. With



a focus on next-generation software escrow solutions for AI-driven systems, EscrowNXT plans to incorporate automated verification and smart contract integration. As part of its international growth strategy, the company is establishing an office in Dubai to strengthen its presence in the GCC region and support

regional enterprises and financial institutions.

Software escrow is a secure, tripartite arrangement between a software developer, a client or end user, and an independent escrow provider, under which the software's source code and documentation are held safely and released only if predefined events, such as vendor insolvency or contract breaches, occur. Escrow services protect clients by ensuring business continuity when vendor support fails, while helping developers build trust and credibility without exposing their intellectual property. By acting as a neutral custodian, escrow services reduce risk and strengthen confidence for all parties in today's fast-evolving digital landscape.

In his comments, Mr. Arun Mahadevan, Managing Director - EscrowNXT said, As the first mover in software escrow in India, EscrowNXT has played a pivotal role in mitigating enterprise risks such as vendor insolvency, technology obsolescence, and regulatory compliance, including the Reserve Bank of India's requirements on source code access for critical applications. This milestone underscores our unmatched expertise in a market where pure-play escrow providers remain rare. Our transition to EscrowNXT reflects our evolved vision and expanded capabilities, with a sharp focus on global markets and next-generation software escrow solutions for AI-driven systems, incorporating automated verification and smart contract integration.

Continental Hospitals Hosts Historic Indo-US Healthcare Leadership Meet with American Medical Association

Hyderabad: Hyderabad hosted a landmark Indo-US healthcare leadership meet as the entire leadership of the American Medical Association (AMA), led by its President Dr. Bobby Mukkamala, came together for a high-level interaction with Indian physician leaders. The event marked a significant step toward reinforcing collaboration between India and the United States in advancing healthcare leadership, standards, and patient care.

The evening was held in honor of Dr. Bobby Mukkamala, President of the American Medical Association, who holds the distinction of being the first Asian-American and the first physician of Indian origin to lead the AMA in its 180-year history. The event was attended by over 300 distinguished physician leaders from Hyderabad, Telangana, and across the country, representing leading medical associations, hospitals, and healthcare institutions.



In his keynote address, Dr. Mukkamala highlighted the AMA's long-standing commitment to physician well-being, patient-centric healthcare delivery, and the promotion of high ethical and professional standards. Emphasizing the importance of global collaboration, he said, "This is an incredible event that brings together physicians from both India and the United States and underscores our shared commitment to expanding healthcare access, safety, and quality for citizens around the world." Conceived and coordinated by Continental Hospitals Founder and Chairman Dr. Guru N. Reddy, the historic meet reflected insights drawn from decades of experience within the US healthcare system. Dr. Reddy described the AMA as a global beacon of patient safety, professionalism, and ethical medical practice, and urged the Indian healthcare community to imbibe and uphold these values while aligning with global standards.