

Eight injured as truck rams tractor carrying Ganesha idol in Siddipet

Siddipet: Eight persons sustained injuries as a speeding truck rammed into a tractor carrying Ganesha idol near Siddipet Collectorate on Sunday. Eight devotees, residents of Bhadradi Kothagudem district, were carrying the idol to Kothagudem from Korutla when the incident happened.

Four of them sustained serious injuries, and their condition is reported to be critical. They were rushed to the government hospital in Siddipet for treatment. Three-town Inspector T Lakshmi Babu registered a case and took the truck driver into custody.

Chief Secretary Jaju directs joint Metro-RTC pass in Hyderabad

Hyderabad: Chief Secretary Sanjay Jaju has directed officials to immediately introduce a joint pass for Metro Rail and RTC bus travel in Hyderabad. Sanjay Jaju on Sunday held a coordination meeting with officials and travelled by Metro Rail today from Begumpet to Paradise, inspected the commercial complexes and parking areas at the stations and offered suggestions for their further development. He also inspected the elevated corridors being constructed by the HMDA on NH-44.

India-France partnership reaches new heights, says PM Modi



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Prime Minister Narendra Modi, while virtually inaugurating the Swaminarayan temple in Paris, said India-France relations have reached unprecedented heights, built on cultural and political ties. He highlighted cooperation in technology, defence, space, climate action, and announced 2026 as the India-France Year of Innovation.

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Addressing virtually the inauguration of the Swaminarayan temple in Paris, PM Modi hoped that the grand temple in Paris will stand for centuries as a symbol of cooperation and opportunity between both the nations.

"In recent years, relations between India and France have reached new heights. Together with my friend, President (Emmanuel) Macron, both nations are building a Special Global Strategic Partnership," he said. Stream History Documentaries

The prime minister said that from technology, AI, and defence to space and climate action, India and France are moving forward together with new momentum and energy.

"We are also celebrating 2026 as the India-France Year of Innovation. This strategic partnership is particularly special because it rests on the solid foundation of our long-standing cultural and political ties," he said.

PM Modi said history bears witness that the sacrifice of Indian soldiers in France remains alive in the hearts of people to this day.

"Language enthusiasts also know the pivotal role French scholars played in popularising Sanskrit. Romain

Rolland's writings on Ramakrishna Paramahansa and Swami Vivekananda brought our societies closer," he said.

Furthermore, the prime minister said, the spiritual journey of 'The Mother' from Paris to the Sri Aurobindo Ashram in Puducherry has inspired countless Indian and French seekers. He said decades ago, Srila Prabhupada Swami also visited France, opening a new chapter in spiritual connections through ISKCON.

"Today, yoga has also become a bridge for people-to-people connections between our nations. Images from the Eiffel Tower on International Yoga Day reflect yoga's immense popularity in France," he said.

Monsoon Session from Today, KCR Stays Away

Hyderabad, sept 6

The Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy-led Congress government's welfare and development initiatives during its 1,000-day rule, the revenue department's goof-up on inclusion of private properties in the prohibitory list under Section 22A of the Registration Act and inter-state river water disputes are expected to dominate the Monsoon Session of the Assembly commencing on Monday.

The session will be for a short duration though the number of days and the business to be transacted would be decided at the Business Advisory Committee meeting. This session too will not see BRS supremo and Leader of Opposition K. Chandrashekar Rao with his party announcing that he would not attend the session. The BRS announcement came on the day the Congress organised a maha dharna at Dharna Chowk, Indira Park, on Sunday demanding the resignation of Chandrashekar Rao for failure to perform his duties as Leader of Opposition.

Gaining strength from the recent political developments, and renewed confidence posed in him by the Congress high command, as reflected in the ouster of endowments and forest minister Konda Surekha from the Cabinet, Chief Minister Revanth Reddy would aggressively push a two-pronged strategy during the session – highlighting the government's initiatives and attacking Chandrashekar Rao for what he called a running away from the Assembly.

There was hectic political activity in both the ruling party and BRS on Sunday with the Chief Minister holding a marathon meeting with revenue minister Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy, senior department officials and collectors of Hyderabad, Rangareddy, Medchal-Malkajigiri and Sangareddy districts on the highly contentious 22A inclusions. The BRS and the BJP are expected to launch scathing attack against the gov-



ernment, in particular the revenue minister, over the issue.

Chandrashekar Rao on the other hand held a legislature party meeting in his Erravalli farmhouse and asked party legislators to highlight what he called the overall failure of the Congress government. "We will thoroughly expose the government's failures, lies and inaction on the Kaleshwaram lift irrigation scheme besides delay in the Palamuru project," BRS deputy floor leader T. Harish Rao told mediapersons.

With regard to the official business, the state government is all set to introduce the titled Core Urban Region (Integrated Governance) Bill, 2026 (known as the CURE Bill). It was necessitated by the formation of three corporations in place of the GHMC. The Bill will replace the old Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) Act of 1955. The government also wants to change the existing land acquisition policy, paving way for a path-breaking land-pooling model with ratio of 60:40 land share between government and land owner. However, sources said the Bill may not be introduced in this session.

5 Killed as Boys' PG Building Collapses in South Delhi

New Delhi: A nearly 30-year-old building, which rose five floors on a narrow 55-square yard land, collapsed on Sunday afternoon, killing five students in South Delhi's Satya Niketan. Agencies were trying to rescue around 15-20 more trapped under the debris of the building, which was a paying guest (PG) accommodation for students. According to the JPN Apex Trauma Centre at the All-India Institute of Medical Sciences, 10 victims had been brought to the hospital after the incident. Of them, "four were brought dead, while one patient who was in critical condition later succumbed to his injuries. Three patients have been admitted and are being treated. One patient underwent limb surgery, and another who had sustained a minor injury was discharged after observation," the AIIMS said in a statement. The police booked building owner Hariram and others on charges of culpable homicide.

The owner built the five storey structure, which had permission only for a G+1 unit in violation of building rules. "The building was a PG accommodation. It is alleged that renovation work was being undertaken on the Ground



Floor, which led to the collapse of the building," the police said. According to locals, the collection of water in the basement over days of rain had weakened the building's foundation, leading to its eventual collapse. A sudden tremor had sent people in the surrounding buildings rushing outside. "It felt like the ground shook — like an earthquake," a resident said. "As soon as I came out, the whole building collapsed," a resident told. Officials from the Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) evacuated tenants from an adjoining building housing a women's PG and sealed it. Union home minister Amit Shah spoke to Delhi Chief Minister Rekha Gupta, the police commissioner, and the NDRF director general for updates on the situation. While Shah cut short his Goa trip, the chief minister ordered a magisterial probe into the incident. Harrowing images of a couple of students buried.



NEW DELHI, Sept 6

: Union home minister Amit Shah on Sunday said the Centre had prepared a roadmap to make India drug-free by 2029, in line of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's objective that drug-free youth power would lead to Viksit Bharat in 2047.

The Modi government was committed to making the country drug-free to realise the dream of a developed India, just as it has worked to end the menace of Naxalism and terrorism, Shah, said addressing a press conference in Goa after chairing a high level meeting on narcotics that was attended by Goa Chief Minister Pramod Sawant as well as Union home ministry and state government officials.

Amit Shah Sets 2029 Target For Drug-Free India

The Centre has adopted a coordinated, nationwide strategy to dismantle the entire narcotics network, from drug trafficking and financing to rehabilitation, as part of its goal of 'Drug-Free India' by 2029, he said.

Shah said the Centre had a target to demolish 100 national and international networks by March 2029 and bring back 100 fugitives to the country. By March 2027, there will be clear end-to-end visibility of the supply chain while at least 75 secret labs would be destroyed in 2026, he said.

He said the government had also adopted a mission-mode approach to bring back fugitives hiding abroad. Between July 2019 and July 2026, 274 wanted or absconding criminals were brought back to India from 36 countries, he said. Over the past three years, 401 red corner notices have been issued, including 182 up to July.

Shah said more than 1,400 Central and state agencies were connected through Interpol, facilitating faster information sharing. Between 2019 and 2026, assets worth ₹17,874 crore belonging to fugitives were attached, while ₹18,762 crore was recovered or restored.

"Before 2014, the fight against narcotics was largely conducted in small units and isolation. Agencies were often satisfied catching small-time accused. Our government is making the fight national security priority," he said.

Under the Narendra Modi regime, Jammu and Kashmir was on the path to progress and development after the decline of terrorism, which is gradually approaching zero there, the minister said. The sentiment of separatism had waned post the abrogation of Article 370, Shah said.

"The Modi government has taken various steps to improve and strengthen internal security. Those who dreamt of a 'red' (Maoist) corridor from Tirupati to Pashupati have laid down arms and joined the mainstream. The northeast is also calm. Over 10,000 young people have laid down arms," he said.

Shah stated that Naxalism, which persisted for five

decades, has become a thing of the past. "We have eradicated Naxalism and will deal with the menace of narcotics in the same manner," the Union minister asserted.

In 2019, a four-tier National Coordination Committee for Countering Drug Trafficking (NCORD) mechanism was created at the executive, state and district levels to ensure coordinated action against the drug menace. "Dedicated Anti-Narcotics Task Forces (ANTFs) have been constituted in all states and Union Territories and local police have been linked with the national strategy," Shah said.

The government had linked awareness, treatment, counselling, rehabilitation and livelihood opportunities with the anti-narcotics campaign, he pointed out, adding that the '1933' MANAS helpline has been introduced to support persons with drug addiction.

The Modi government's three-year roadmap to a drug-free India is based on a four-pillared approach to destroy narcotic networks, Shah said. "These pillars include intelligence and operation-based enforcement, control on synthetic drugs, demand and harm reduction and creation of capacity and coordination," he added.

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Multi-pronged strategies to check cyber frauds

tal revolution has been the growing incidence of cybercrimes. In fact, India has the dubious distinction of registering the highest number of cyber frauds in the world. Among the various forms of cybercrime, 'digital arrest' has emerged as the most devious one. It poses a threat not only to the country's financial security and stability but also to public trust in the law enforcement machinery. In digital arrest scams, fraudsters impersonate law enforcement officials through video calls, claiming that victims are under investigation for serious crimes. Using leaked personal data for credibility, they create fear and urgency, keeping victims on calls for hours with fake IDs and arrest warrants. Victims are coerced into transferring large sums to avoid arrest. Many elderly victims have lost their life savings. Against this backdrop, the Supreme Court's suggestion to formally define digital arrest in criminal law and declare it a standalone offence with harsher punishments merits serious consideration. A more robust legal framework will add to the multi-pronged efforts being put in place to tackle the menace. Between 2022 and May 2026, India recorded nearly 3,00,000 digital-arrest complaints, with losses estimated at over Rs 4,000 crore. According to data tabled in Parliament, Indians lost Rs 22,845 crore to cyber fraud of all kinds in 2024. A whopping 22 lakh cybercrime incidents were reported during the year. Cyber threats are no longer sporadic occurrences but a continuous everyday reality. History Enabled by artificial intelligence and automation, cybercriminals are now resorting to sophisticated fraud schemes and account take-overs. It is an uphill battle that requires strong preventive and reactive strategies. Any systemic gap is easily exploited, and new forms of cybercrime emerge overnight. Financial operations cannot do without real-time fraud detection and proactive response mechanisms. Even large-scale crackdowns have failed to instil fear. Clearly, a more effective counter-strategy that includes stricter punishment is imperative. Cyber risks are inescapable in a data-centric world. Dealing with fraudsters ultimately requires mass awareness, precise technology-backed institutional support and a collective resolve. Since existing laws do not have specific provisions to tackle cybercrimes such as digital arrests, the courts and police are faced with severe limitations in bringing perpetrators to justice. The Information Technology Act, 2000, was enacted primarily to facilitate e-commerce and electronic records, but it was not designed for tackling digital arrest scams, AI-enabled frauds and deepfakes. Digital evidence collection, cross-border intelligence sharing and cooperation and technical expertise are among the challenges facing the investigators.

22 held in cockfighting and betting raid near Manneguda

Hyderabad Correspondent, September 6 (Indian Chronicle): Twenty-two people were apprehended during a police raid on an alleged cockfighting and gambling racket operating near Manneguda in the Adibatla police station limits, with cash, betting roosters, vehicles and other material worth about Rs 35 lakh seized. The Commissioner's Task Force, Shamshabad Zone team, along with Adibatla police, conducted the raid at a premises behind the RTO office following credible information about organised betting on cockfights. According to police, the premises was being used to rear roosters specifically for cockfighting and allegedly hosted gamblers from Andhra Pradesh and other places. The organisers were also said to have arranged food and formed teams for conducting cockfighting and gambling activities. Police seized Rs 3,60,510 in cash, 31



live roosters valued at Rs 9.30 lakh, 146 cockfighting knives, 20 mobile phones and a score notebook. Three cars and three two-wheelers were also seized as part of the operation. The main organiser and the landowner allegedly involved in the operation were reported to be absconding. Police said the apprehended persons and seized material were handed over to the Adibatla police for further investigation. The Task Force appealed to the public to stay away from cockfighting and gambling and urged residents to inform police if such activities are noticed in their localities. The operation was conducted by Shamshabad Zone Task Force Inspector D. Krishna Mohan, SIs K. Mansoor Ali, N. Narasinga Rao and staff, along with Adibatla police.

ICICI Prudential Term Plan Business Up 60.7% in Telangana

Indian chronicle, September 06 : ICICI Prudential Life Insurance's term plan (retail protection) business in Telangana registered a 60.7 per cent year-on-year growth in Q1 FY2027, ICICI Prudential Life Chief Distribution Officer Amish Banker said in a statement released in the city on Saturday. He said that as of March 31, 2026, the company provided insurance protection to 6,56,032 lives in Telangana, with assets under management (AUM) of Rs.11,708 crore and a sum assured of Rs.1,52,016 crore. Over the past seven years, the company has paid Rs.4,060 crore in benefits to policyholders, including Rs. 1,192 crore towards death claims. The company has 11 branches, 6,172 advisors, 3,934 partner branches and 3,372 specified persons in Telangana, he said. Banker said the company's Board had approved a proposal to change its name to 'ICICI Life Insurance Limited'. He noted that there was strong demand for life insurance products across urban centres and emerging areas in Telangana. The company is leveraging artificial intelligence, machine learning, data analytics and digitalisation to enhance customer services, he said. During Q1, 54 per cent of savings policies were issued on the same day, while 58 per cent of policies were issued through digital KYC. Around 97 per cent of services are being delivered through digital or self-help channels, he added. Through 'ICICI Pru Partner Stack' and 'iProo Edge', the company is strengthening digital services and enhancing the capabilities of its advisors. The company has more than 2.44 lakh agents across the country, Banker said. The company's claim settlement



ratio stood at 99.3 per cent, while individual claims that did not require investigation were settled in an average of one day, he said. ICICI Prudential Life plans to expand its presence in Telangana by opening more branches, appointing additional advisors and undertaking wider customer outreach programmes, Banker added.

Teacher Awards Named After Jyotirao Phule and Savitribai Phule Should Be Announced Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Honored with Knowledge Garland for the 394th Consecutive Sunday in Boduppall

BODUPPAL, SEPTEMBER 6 (INDIAN CHRONICLE): The 394th consecutive Sunday Jnana Mala (Knowledge Garland) offering ceremony was held at Boduppall Circle under the leadership of Nathi Mysaiah, State President of the Ambedkar Ideals Achievement Association. A floral tribute was also paid to former President of India Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan on the occasion of his birth anniversary. "Speaking on the occasion, Nathi Mysaiah said that after parents, teachers hold the highest importance in every person's life. He stated that the role of a teacher is crucial in helping an individual rise to a higher position in life. "He said that the life of Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan, who rose from the position of an ordinary teacher to become the President of India, is an inspiration to everyone. "Mysaiah called upon the youth to take inspiration from the lives of Mahatma Jyotirao Phule and Savitribai Phule, who worked for the upliftment of socially disadvantaged and weaker sections and laid the foundation for the advancement of women's education. "He urged the Central and State Governments to introduce Best Teacher Awards in the names of Jyotirao Phule and Savitribai Phule to encourage and recognize teachers for their services. He also extended his greetings to all teachers on the occasion of Teachers' Day. "Bhooparirakshana Samithi President Bugga Mysaiah, Boduppall Building Construction Workers'



Union President M. Enkerala Lakshminarsaiah, Rapolu Venkatesh, Yakaiah, Suraju, Srinivas, Jada Srinivas and others participated in the programme.

Ashwini Choubey-Shiv Pratap Shukla Meeting Sparks Buzz in Telangana



Srikanth Devarakonda "Manikonda" 06 Sept 2026 "Former Union Minister Shri Ashwini Kumar Choubey called on the Hon'ble Governor of Telangana, Shri Shiv Pratap Shukla, at Lok Bhavan in Hyderabad. "During the meeting, the two leaders exchanged views on various matters of public importance and issues concerning Telangana and the nation. The interaction also provided an opportunity to discuss developments in the state and matters of mutual interest. "The meeting was held in a cordial atmosphere, with both leaders emphasising the importance of public service and the welfare of citizens. "The visit of the former Union Minister to Lok Bhavan assumes significance as political and public representatives continue to engage with constitutional authorities on issues relating to governance and development.

New Ration Cards Distributed to Eligible Families

Kumrambheem, Asifabad, District. Reporter "Indian Chronicle" September.07. "Beneficiaries to Access



Essential Commodities and Government Welfare Schemes "Wankidi New ration cards were distributed to eligible beneficiaries under Shop No. 2 in Wankidi Mandal. Former Congress President Gurnule Narayana, Village Patel Wade Ravinder, GPO

Vasanthrao, and village elders jointly handed over the new ration cards to the beneficiaries. "Speaking on the occasion, the leaders said that ration cards play an important role in providing essential commodities to eligible families. They stated that beneficiaries can also avail themselves of various government welfare schemes based on their eligibility through the ration cards. The beneficiaries expressed happiness over receiving the new ration cards, stating that they would provide significant support to their families. They thanked the government for identifying eligible families and issuing the new cards. Village elders and local representatives emphasized the need to ensure that all eligible families receive the benefits of government welfare schemes without any difficulties. They also urged the concerned authorities to continue taking steps to extend welfare benefits to deserving families. The programme was attended by village residents, beneficiaries, local leaders, elders, and concerned staff.

Reddy Protest Fast Postponed Temporarily Telangana Reddy Sangham State President Gopu Jaipal Reddy

Hyderabad, September 06 (Indian Chronicle) : The protest fast planned for September 8 at Indira Park under the aegis of the State Reddy Associations JAC has been temporarily postponed, Telangana Reddy Sangham State President Gopu Jaipal Reddy said. He said government advisors Vem Narender Reddy and Sudarshan Reddy held discussions with the Reddy JAC leaders on the issue. As the government representatives responded positively to their demands and assured that the issues would be resolved within a month, the protest fast was postponed, Jaipal Reddy stated. OC JAC National President Poladi Rama Rao demanded that the government immediately implement the assurances made to students, farmers and various OC communities and prove its sincerity. He warned that the government would have to pay a price if the assurances were not fulfilled. [6:10 PM, 9/6/2026] +91 99661 71672: End

Indiramma Housing Scheme Fulfils the Dream of Owning a Home for Poor Families

BODUPPAL, SEPTEMBER 6 (Indian Chronicle): The housewarming ceremony of a new house sanctioned to Vangari Lakshmi under the Indiramma Housing Scheme was held grandly on Sunday in Ambedkar Nagar Colony, within Division-13 of Boduppall Circle. "Boduppall Division-11 Congress Party President Bommaka Kalyan Kumar attended the ceremony and conveyed his best wishes to Vangari Lakshmi and her family members. Vangari Lakshmi's son, Vangari Sai Krishna, along with several party leaders, also participated in the programme and shared the family's happiness. "Speaking on the occasion, Bommaka Kalyan Kumar congratulated Chief Minister Revanth Reddy for making the dream of owning a house a reality for poor families. He said that through the



Indiramma Housing Scheme, underprivileged families are able to construct their own homes and live with happiness and dignity. "Former Ambedkar Nagar Colony President and Youth Congress leader Ambala Aravind Goud, along with several other leaders and local residents, participated in the programme.

Rally Against Congress Government's Failure to Fulfil Promises to Auto workers

Indian Chronicle, Secunderabad, " September 06: "Under the leadership of Secunderabad MLA Tigulla Padma Rao Goud, a rally was organised with auto-rickshaw workers to protest against the Congress government's failure to fulfil its promise of providing ₹12,000 per year to auto workers. "The government has failed to implement the scheme and has accumulated ₹24,000 in dues for two years, the organisers alleged. The rally was held as part of the BRS campaign highlighting the alleged failures of the Congress government during its 1,000 days in office. "Former corporators Kandi Shailaja of Boudhanagar division and Dr. Samala Hema



of Sitaphalmandi division led the BRS activists who participated in the auto rally. Among those present were Kandi Narayana, Bejjanki Rajesh, Mastan Baba, Sachin, Vijay, Shailender, Anjaneyulu Goud, Sujatha, Sumalatha, Manasa Geetha, Latha, Sulochana, Nandita, Suma, Fareeda and Anasuya, among others. "The participants demanded that the Congress government immediately implement all the promises made to auto-rickshaw workers and clear the pending dues. "The BRS will always fight for the rights of workers, they said.



Police Crack Down on Illegal Ganja Cultivation, Seize 9 Plants in Chintalamanepalli

“Indian Chronicle, Kagaznagar, September 6: Acting on credible information, police conducted a raid on Sunday at Gudem village in Chintalamanepalli mandal and detected the illegal cultivation of ganja plants. “During the raid, police caught Kumbhari Shankar, son of Ramulu, aged 68, allegedly cultivating nine ganja plants illegally in his backyard. The seized plants were estimated to be worth approximately ₹60,000.” The raid was conducted by the Kautala Circle Inspector and Chintalamanepalli Sub-Inspector along with other police personnel. “A case has been registered in connection with the incident and an investigation has been launched. The accused was subsequently remanded to judicial custody. “Police appealed to the public to provide information about any persons involved in the illegal cultivation, sale, transportation or consumption of ganja. Information can be shared with the nearest police station or police officials, and the identity of informants will be kept confidential. B. Santosh Kumar, Circle Inspector, Kautala Circle.



Congress Leaders Attend Final Rites of Kovvuri Premasagar

“Kumrambheem, Asifabad, District. Reporter Indian Chronicle” September.07. “Gurunule Mengaji and Former President Gurunule Narayana Pay Floral Tributes. Wankidi: Congress leaders attended the Pedda Karma (post-funeral ceremony) of Kovvuri Premasagar, a resident of Bambara village in Wankidi Mandal, who passed away on August 29, 2026. The ceremony was held on Sunday at his residence in Bambara village in the presence of family members, relatives and villagers. Wankidi Mandal Congress Party President Gurunule Mengaji and former Mandal Congress Party President Gurunule Narayana attended the ceremony and paid their respects to the departed soul. They placed floral garlands on Premasagar's portrait and prayed for eternal peace for his soul. The Congress leaders expressed their deep condolences to the bereaved family and said that the loss of a loved one is an irreparable tragedy for any family. They conveyed their sympathies to the family members and prayed to God to give them the strength and courage to overcome the difficult period. Speaking on the occasion, the leaders recalled the memories and association they had with Kovvuri Premasagar and expressed their sorrow over his untimely demise. They said that although a person may leave this world, the memories and relationships shared with them remain forever. They prayed that his soul may rest in peace. Bambara Gram Panchayat Deputy Sarpanch Jadhe Santosh, former Deputy Sarpanch Boire Prakash, Komatiguda Deputy Sarpanch Kotrang? Vijay Kumar, and Congress leaders Dikonda Mahesh and Ramchander, along with family members,



relatives and villagers, attended the ceremony and paid their respects. The leaders also consoled the bereaved family members and assured them of their support during this difficult time. A large number of relatives, friends, villagers and well-wishers participated in the Pedda Karma ceremony. The programme concluded with prayers for the departed soul and for the bereaved family to be blessed with strength and peace.

BRS Holds Massive Auto Rally in Alwal Against Congress Government's 1,000-Day Rule

“ALWAL, SEPTEMBER 6 (INDIAN CHRONICLE) “The Bharat Rashtira Samithi (BRS) organised a massive auto rally in the Malkajgiri Assembly constituency on Sunday, protesting what it described as the “anti-people rule” of the Congress government completing 1,000 days in office. The rally was held on the call of BRS Working President and former Minister K. T. Rama Rao (KTR) and was led by Malkajgiri MLA Marri Rajshekhar Reddy. The protest focused on key civic issues faced by residents, including drinking water supply, non-functional streetlights, law and order, traffic congestion and the demand for establishing Basti Dawakhana (urban health centres). The auto rally passed through several parts of Alwal Circle, including Bhudevi Nagar, P.J.R. Statue at Venkatapuram, M.R. Krishna Road, J.J. Nagar, Satya Petrol Bunk, Mee-Seva Alwal, I.G. Statue, Ambedkar Nagar, Suryanagar, Machabollaram and Bollaram Gate before concluding at the Telangana Talli statue. Addressing the gathering, MLA Marri Rajshekhar Reddy alleged that the Congress government had failed to fulfil the promises made to people during the elections despite completing 1,000 days in office. He accused the government of making several promises to secure votes and subsequently failing to implement them fully. The MLA said residents of the Malkajgiri constituency were continuing to face difficulties due to irregular drinking water supply and inadequate street lighting in several areas. He also criticised the government for allegedly failing to take effective measures to address law-and-order and traffic-related problems. He further demanded the establishment of Basti Dawakhana in the constituency to provide accessible and affordable healthcare to people in local communities. He said the Congress government had a responsibility to address public grievances and fulfil all electoral commitments. The BRS would continue

to fight for the resolution of people's problems and remain on the side of the public, the MLA stated. Former MBC Chairman Nandikanti Sridhar, former corporators Chintala Shanti Srinivas Reddy and Sabitha Anil Kishore Goud, along with BRS leaders Anil Kishore Goud, Thota



Narendra Reddy, Nemuri Sridhar Goud, Doli Ramesh, Delhi Paramesh, Laxman Yadav, Venkatesh Yadav, Raju Yadav, Sharan Giri, Shobhan Babu, Srinivasulu, Suresh, Aravind, Arun, Putnala Krishna, Narla Suresh, Muthyalu, Satyaiah, Syed Mohsin, Rehmath Khan, Vijay Shekar, Veeresham, Tajuddin, Prakash, Janardhan, Bhaskar Goud, Yadagiri Goud, Sandeep, Raju, Mahender, Pawan, Revanth Reddy, Javeed, Mahesh, Ramesh, Ganesh, Satish, Prabhakar, Anjaiah, Narsing Rao, Prem and Sajid, among others, participated in the programme. A large number of women leaders and activists, youth and auto drivers also took part in the rally and raised slogans against the policies of the Congress government, expressing their protest over the pending civic issues.

Samskruthi Silks Opens in Alwal

“ALWAL, SEPTEMBER 6 (INDIAN CHRONICLE) “A new women's clothing destination, ‘Samskruthi Silks’, has



been inaugurated in Alwal with the aim of providing quality garments and sarees at affordable prices. The store, located at PSR Towers near the Old Alwal Police Station, opposite the Bharat Petroleum petrol pump, was inaugurated by Muiyi Sujatha along with her family members. Speaking on the occasion, the management said the store offers a wide range of quality Kanchi silk sarees, women's sarees, garments and other clothing at reasonable prices. They stated that their primary objective is to cater to the needs of middle-class families by providing good-quality clothing at affordable rates, rather than focusing solely on profits. Prasanna, Pradeep, Vinay

Shankar, Usha Rani, well-wishers, family members and others attended the inauguration ceremony and conveyed their best wishes to the management of Samskruthi Silks.

Journalists' Day Celebrations Held Grandly Journalists' Services Appreciated



“Kumrambheem, Asifabad, District. Reporter Indian Chronicle” September.07. “Asifabad: Journalists' Day celebrations were held in a grand manner at the district headquarters under the aegis of the Muslim Welfare Society. On the occasion, journalists who have been rendering dedicated services for the welfare of society were felicitated for their valuable contributions. “Journalists Abdul Rahman, Prakash Goud, Bala Srinivas, Masade Santhosh Kumar, Nagarare Taaru, Mirza Saleem Baig, Suresh Chary, Moin, Mubashir, Abdul Gaffar and Sajid Khan were honoured with shawls and felicitated for their outstanding services. Speaking on the occasion, Municipal Floor Leader Abdullah and Muslim Welfare Society Presi-

dent Ubaid Bin Yahia said journalism is a highly challenging profession that requires courage, commitment and responsibility. They appreciated the role of journalists as a bridge between the government and the people, highlighting public issues and working for the welfare of society. They assured that they would extend their support towards resolving the problems faced by journalists. Society Advisor Ahmed Bin Abdullah, Awad Bin Yahia, and society representatives Imran Hashmi, Salman Khan, Mansoor, Shafi and others participated in the programme.

Journalists' Day Greetings Journalists' Services as the Voice of the People Are Commendable

“Wankidi: On the occasion of Journalists' Day, Indian Chronicle Reporter Jadi Srinivas extended his heartfelt greetings to fellow journalists. He said journalism is a profession of tireless effort, dedication and responsibility, with journalists working relentlessly to bring public issues and ground realities to the notice of society. He stated that journalists play a crucial role in highlighting people's problems by travelling to remote areas irrespective of scorching heat, heavy rains, hills or difficult terrain. Natural calamities, floods, accidents, crimes, corruption and other social issues become subjects of reporting, helping bring facts before the public. Jadi Srinivas said journalists serve as an important bridge between the people and the government by bringing public grievances to the attention of concerned officials. He observed that even major public programmes may not receive wider attention without the presence and coverage of journalists. Recalling his own journalistic journey, he said he had written numerous reports highlighting public issues, difficulties faced by people in rural areas and various social concerns. He added that on several occasions, officials had responded to the issues raised through his reports and taken steps towards resolving them. He paid tribute to every journalist working fearlessly as the voice of the people and as a bridge towards resolving public issues, and conveyed his heartfelt Journalists' Day greetings to all fellow journalists.” — Jadi Srinivas Indian Chronicle Reporter



CM Revanth Reddy orders a Magisterial probe into the nurse murder case CM instructed expeditious Justice via Fast-Track Court to the victim

“Hyderabad: “Serious on the recent incident of the rape and murder of a nurse at a private hospital in Thukuguda, on the outskirts of Hyderabad, honourable Chief Minister Shri A Revanth Reddy ordered a comprehensive magisterial enquiry into all aspects of the incident. “The Chief Minister instructed the authorities to investigate all aspects including the circumstances leading to the incident, security arrangements at the victim's accommodation, negligence on the part of the management, if any, and the implementation of mandatory safety protocols for female employees. “Police have already arrested the accused. The CM directed the officials that the investigation be completed in a highly meticulous manner. “The senior police officials were ordered to monitor the progress of the case continuously to ensure the speedy completion of the investigation, forensic reports and the collection of technical evidence, followed by the filing of a comprehensive charge sheet. The Government will also initiate necessary measures to ensure the victim's family receives swift justice through a

trial in a fast-track court. “The Chief Minister suggested the Law Department, Police Department, and Prosecution wing to work in coordination to prevent any delays in the trial process. “CM Revanth Reddy affirmed that the government would stand by the victim's family in every possible way. Ministers Ponguleti Srinivasa Reddy and Seethakka have already visited the family. The state government provided financial assistance to the victim family and also sanctioned 'Indiramma' house. “The Chief Minister stressed a thorough investigation and effective prosecution to punish the perpetrator in accordance with the law. “The CM also directed officials to identify and rectify the systemic lapses that led to the incident. The authorities were instructed to take all necessary measures to ensure the trial is completed expeditiously through a fast-track court.

NIMS conclave pushes medical-engineering collaboration in heart care

“Hyderabad Correspondent, September 6 (Indian Chronicle): Closer collaboration between doctors and engi-

neers is crucial to turning laboratory innovations into affordable medical solutions, NIMS Dean Dr Chandrasekhar said at the conclusion of a national cardiovascular conference in Hyderabad on Sunday. The two-day “Cardiovascular Research Convergence: Bench to Bedside” conference, jointly organised by NIMS, IIT Hyderabad and AIIMS New Delhi, brought together cardiologists, cardiothoracic surgeons, biomedical engineers and researchers to discuss advances in heart care and indigenous medical technology. The concluding session featured hands-on training in advanced interventional procedures, including non-surgical heart valve replacement and complex coronary angioplasty. Panel discussions covered heart failure, pulmonary arterial hypertension, artificial intelligence and emerging technologies in cardiovascular medicine. The conference was led by NIMS Head of Cardiology Prof. Dr N. Rama Kumari, with Prof. Dr O. Sai Satish, Prof. B. Srinivas, Dr K. Umadevi and Dr A. Sunitha playing key roles. Dr Chandrasekhar said the participants had outlined a roadmap to accelerate clinical trials, encourage indigenous medical-device development and strengthen research partnerships between medical and technology institutions.



Cyberabad Police's Vigilant Action: 329 Caught in Weekend Drunk-and-Drive Blitz

“Srikanth Devarakonda”06 Sept 2026“Cyberabad Traffic Police conducted an extensive special drunk-and-drive enforcement drive across the Cyberabad Police Commissionerate limits over the weekend, booking 329 motorists for driving under the influence of alcohol.”“Of the total cases registered, 270 involved two-wheeler riders, 18 auto-rickshaw drivers and 41 car drivers. No cases were reported against heavy vehicle drivers during the special drive.”“Based on the Blood Alcohol Concentration (BAC) levels recorded, 184 motorists were found with alcohol levels between 36 mg/100 ml and 200 mg/100 ml, while 98 persons recorded BAC levels between 201 mg/100 ml and 300 mg/100 ml. Another 47 motorists were found with BAC levels ranging from 301 mg/100 ml to 550 mg/100 ml.”“The police said all the accused would be produced before the court for further legal proceedings.”“Cyberabad Police reiterated that driving under the influence of alcohol is a serious offence and warned motorists against putting their own lives and those of other road users at risk.”“Police further cautioned that if a person drives under the influence of alcohol and causes a fatal accident, stringent legal action can be initiated under the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), 2023, including provisions relating to culpable homicide not amounting to murder.”“The Cyberabad Traffic Police urged motorists to avoid drunk driving, use designated drivers or alternative transportation, and strictly follow traffic safety regulations.



Construction of highway spur connecting NH-205A to Zirakpur bypass to begin in Dec



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The construction of the 10.30-km spur (PR-07) — connecting the Ambala-Chandigarh section of the National Highway (NH) 205A to Zirakpur bypass — is set to begin in December this year, with the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) targeting completion within two years. A spur is a small section that splits off from a main highway to connect commuters to a particular destination. The six-lane greenfield corridor, whose foundation was laid by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in July, is being developed under the Hybrid Annuity Mode (HAM). According to the details, the project has been awarded to M/s Ceigall Infra Ltd for its execution.

HAM is a public-private partnership model used by the government, especially for highway projects, to reduce financial risk for private developers while ensuring timely construction. The government (through the NHAI) will give 40 per cent of the project cost to the developer during the construction period in stages while the private developer will finance the remaining 60 per cent, construct the highway, and is responsible for its maintenance for a specified period. After the road is completed, the NHAI repays the developer's investment through fixed semi-annual annuity

payments, along with interest, over the concession period. This stretch is expected to become a key missing link in the proposed Tricity Ring Road and aims to provide a seamless bypass for long-distance traffic around Chandigarh, Panchkula and Mohali.

While speaking to The Indian Express, NHAI project director Aashim Bansal said that the project would allow long-distance traffic travelling from Ambala towards Chandigarh and beyond to bypass the congestion-prone urban stretches of Dera Bassi and Zirakpur. “Vehicles will be routed directly to the Zirakpur bypass and Aerocity without entering these towns, significantly reducing travel time and vehicle operating costs while improving road safety,” he said, adding that nearly 20,000 vehicles will be diverted daily away from the congestion-prone urban stretches of Dera Bassi and Zirakpur. By providing a direct, access-controlled connection to the Zirakpur bypass and Aerocity, the corridor will enable through traffic and freight vehicles to avoid entering densely populated areas, reducing travel time, fuel consumption and vehicular emissions while improving road safety and traffic flow. “The 10.30-km corridor has been designed as a fully access-controlled six-lane greenfield highway with grade-separated interchanges, eliminating at-grade intersections and separating through traffic from local urban traffic. This is expected to improve the operational efficiency of the Zirakpur bypass while easing congestion across the Tricity road network,” Bansal added. Officials said the PR-07 Spur is an integral component of the planned Tricity Ring Road, which aims to provide uninterrupted, high-capacity movement around the Chandigarh urban agglomeration. Once completed, the link will enable through traffic and freight vehicles to bypass Chandigarh, Panchkula and Mohali entirely, reducing pressure on city roads. Apart from improving regional connectivity, the project is also expected to boost logistics efficiency, attract investment and support economic growth in the surrounding areas by strengthening the highway infrastructure network.

57 booked as trading platform probed for forex investment scam

EMS News Agency, Sept 5 Pune Rural police launched a probe into the operations of TP Global FX, a multi-asset trading platform that has been the subject of major criminal investigations — including by the Enforcement Directorate — for allegedly running a massive illegal forex trading and investment scam across India. In a case registered, 57 people linked to the entity including its key officials and local agents were booked. A First Information Report (FIR) was registered at Narayangaon police station under Pune Rural police last week based on the complaint filed by a 50-year-old businessman from Junnar taluka who was duped of over Rs one crore by the company and its representatives.

“Multiple cases have till now been registered in West Bengal, Gujarat and Maharashtra against the company and its representatives. Based on the case registered at Narayangaon, we will investigate the footprint of the company in Pune district,” said an officer. The officer added, “The complainant had approached Kolkata police with the complainant. A Zero FIR was registered at Hare Street Police station in Kolkata which was transferred to Pune Rural police. The case was registered at Narayangaon police station as the complainant is a resident of the jurisdiction.” Directorate of Enforcement (ED), Kolkata Zonal Office has filed multiple prosecution complaints in connection with the ongoing investigation under provisions of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002. The ED said TP Global Forex trading illegally collected over Rs 2,000 crore from the public in the name of forex trading. The amount was collected in dummy bank accounts opened with the assistance of associates. ED initiated investigation



based on FIRs registered by police in Kolkata, Maharashtra and Gujarat. “As per the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), the website of TP Global FX is neither registered with RBI nor does it have any authorisation from RBI for forex trading. The RBI issued an alert list including the name of TP Global FX vide a press release in September 2022, which was published to caution the public against unauthorised trading platforms,” the ED has said. “ED investigation revealed a sophisticated deception was orchestrated by individuals by utilising numerous dummy companies to entice investors/general public into a fraudulent scheme promising high returns on forex trading investments through TP Global FX. The total amount of seized/frozen/attached assets in the case stands at approximately Rs 291 crores, in the form of cash, gold, real estate, hospitality establishments, office spaces, agricultural land, vehicles, cryptocurrencies, and bank balances,” the ED has said.

An exhibition with a political edge, open to all – to see, interpret and buy

There's a fire extinguisher covered by typography print, a graffiti-painted toilet bowl with illustrated toilet paper rolling out of it, and blue and orange crates with zines, stickers, matchboxes, and puzzles in them. There are no “Do not touch” signs; everything in the exhibition is meant to be picked up, flipped through, bought, and taken home. Advertising professional Priyanshi said she admired the “smaller tangibles like postcards, comics, and clay miniatures” “because these days people like to have art that they can use”. Vasudha, a lawyer, said she wanted the art around her to remind her of a place, an experience or a particular moment. Organisers of the ‘Paper and Play’ exhibition, ongoing at Gallery XXL in Defence Colony until August 22, said it was important to ensure that interest in the exhibits was not limited to art collectors alone. So the least expensive exhibit costs only Rs 100, Sarah Malik, who has curated the show with Giulia Ambrogio and Priyanshi S., said. “And the most expensive is a hand-painted work by (the Japanese-American graffiti artist) AIKO which costs Rs 2 lakh.”

An exhibition with a political edge, open to all – to see, interpret and buy A fire extinguisher artwork. (Express Photo) More than 200 artworks are stickers, prints, and matchboxes; around 500 are publications. “We want the exhibition to be for students, culture workers, and anyone who is interested in art,” Malik said. AIKO, who is a co-founder of the artists’ collective FAILE, which came to be known for wheatpasting and stencilling images around New York City, said street graffiti offered her a language that was “immediate, free, and alive”.

“A mural isn’t experienced in isolation, it is shaped by the neighbourhood, the architecture, the people passing by, and even the time of day. Viewers often discover the work unexpectedly, which creates a more direct and spontaneous connection. You don’t need a ticket or an invitation to experience it. For me, it’s about creating something that captures attention while also encouraging people to pause, reflect, and maybe see their surroundings a little differently,” she told over the phone from New York City. Khatra, the artist who created the fire extinguisher artwork as part of a 2022-23 series on the emotional weight of safety in the post-pandemic period, said he wanted to “turn a familiar emergency object into something that invites attention and reflection, rather than disappearing into the background until it is needed”. Khatra uses retroreflective vinyl which is used in street signs and on trucks and taxis, along with spray paint and paint markers, which are staples of street art. ‘Zines’ – short for magazine or fanzine; self-published booklets that are usually made by hand or photocopied in



small numbers, with a focus on creative freedom rather than profit – are an important part of the ‘Paper and Play’ exhibition. Debashish, an artist from Bangladesh, said the nature of the exhibition allowed artists to choose those for whom their art was intended. “These formats, posters, zines, matchbox labels, packaging design... are not exclusively designed for gallery walls or artistic establishments... When I work with these forms, I’m making a decision about who the work is for and how it should travel,” he said.

Co-curator Malik pointed out that posters, zines and similar forms of visual communication were able to reach people who may never enter a gallery in the normal course. The language of visuals – brash and eye-catching – has increasingly become part of protests, memes and political culture online; it was a very prominent part, for example, of last month’s GenZ and student protests at Jantar Mantar. The political context of art stands out in the Paper and Play exhibition. The names of the zines – ‘How To Write (Not another hero) Journey’, ‘KNAP’, ‘Sports Sucks’ – the text on exhibits such as matchboxes (‘Caution: May ignite conversation!’), and publications such as ‘Modernism/Murderism’ and ‘Blaff’s Anthology of Gujarati Pulp Fiction’, make a series of statements on caste discrimination, queer identity, political resistance, and feminism. None of the works carry description tags, and the name of the artist is taped on the floor, so only those who seek them see them. “I think it prods the viewer to question or think a little bit more about the art in front of them,” Malik said. The point is to allow the viewer to interpret the artwork without nudging them towards a ‘right’ interpretation, they said. Sitting on the floor by a window, a student viewer said: “I don’t know where I can display these zines, but I am going to give them to my friends to read. We can pass the matchbox around too, and sit on that spray-painted chair. That chair would have been such a hit at Jantar Mantar.”

‘Hindu Is a Nature’: RSS Chief Mohan Bhagwat Highlights Acceptance and Respect for Diversity



“Srikanth Devarakonda”06 Sept 2026“Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) Sarsanghchalak Dr. Mohan Bhagwat highlighted the values of acceptance, respect and diversity while speaking about the broader understanding of the term “Hindu.”“According to a message

shared as part of the “Celebration of Oneness” programme in London, Bhagwat said that the word “Hindu” cannot be understood merely through the prism of religious practices or lifestyle. “The word Hindu, we cannot understand on the basis of any religious practice or a lifestyle. Hindu is a nature.” Bhagwat further described Hindu society as one that has the inherent nature to accept and respect diversity, stressing that different paths can ultimately lead towards a common goal. “The message comes in the context of the RSS’s emphasis on social harmony, cultural unity and the idea of accommodating diverse traditions and viewpoints.” The “Celebration of Oneness” programme was held in London on Sunday, September 6, with the message focusing on the importance of unity amid diversity. The statement also seeks to present Hindu thought as an inclusive civilisational outlook rather than being limited to a particular religious practice or way of life.

2,000 pregnant women join mass Seemantham programme in Jubilee Hills

“Hyderabad Correspondent, September 6 (Indian Chronicle): Nearly 2,000 pregnant women and children gathered at Yousufguda for a mass Seemantham and Annaprashana programme organised as part of Nutrition Week, with Jubilee Hills MLA V. Naveen Yadav extending traditional gifts and support to expectant mothers. The programme was jointly organised by Navayuva Nirman and the Congress party at Mohammed Function Hall. Naveen Yadav presented sarees, turmeric and kumkum to pregnant women as part of the Seemantham ceremony. Planning Commission Vice-Chairperson Gadwal Vijayalakshmi joined the MLA in conducting the Annaprashana ceremony for infants and offering blessings to the children. The event was attended by TPCC president Mahesh Kumar Goud, Ministers Duddilla Sridhar Babu and Seethakka, Minority leader Faheem Qureshi, MP Anil Kumar Yadav, former MP Madhu Yaskhi Goud, MLC Addanki Dayakar and several Congress leaders and elected representatives. The organisers said the programme sought to promote awareness of maternal and child nutrition and provide support to women from economically weaker families.



Social media influencer seeks arrest of CJP founder over assault

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New Delhi: A social media influencer has submitted a written complaint to the police against Cockroach Janta Party (CJP) founder Abhijeet Dipke, seeking his immediate arrest over allegations of physical assault and concerns related to his personal security. The complainant, Faizan Ansari, alleged that individuals linked to Dipke had physically attacked him in Pune and Aurangabad. He claimed that police complaints had already been lodged in connection with both incidents in Maharashtra and asserted that the previous complaints and related evidence were available with him.

In his complaint, Ansari further alleged that Dipke had extended support to individuals associated with anti-national activities and had allegedly provided financial assistance to people to participate in the protests held at Delhi’s Jantar Mantar. He demanded that the police conduct a detailed investigation into the allegations, register an FIR, and initiate action in accordance with the law. Speaking to IANS, Ansari said, “I have submitted a written complaint to the DCP, requesting the immediate arrest of Abhijeet Dipke. I want to tell the public about what I have gone through. I was attacked by him, once in Pune and once in Aurangabad. I have filed police complaints in both cases and have evidence related to them.”



Claiming that the protests were being backed financially, he further said, “This is a paid campaign. He is paying celebrities to attend the protest... I received all this information from Mumbai.” He further claimed that Dipke’s alleged activities could pose a threat to social harmony and public order, urging the authorities to conduct an impartial probe and take strict legal action if any wrongdoing is established. “These people (CJP members) support the person who had once said, ‘Bharat tere tukde honge’. I would like to tell Dipke that India will not be broken into pieces; we won’t let that happen; however, your party surely will be broken. I will fight this till my last breath.”

US eyes 65-billion-barrel Venezuela reserve



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Washington: The United States is seeking to create what Vice-President J.D. Vance described as an effective 65-billion-barrel oil reserve through a new arrangement with Venezuela, with American companies expected to develop production and US taxpayers receiving part of the royalties. Vance presented the agreement as a way to increase global oil supplies, reduce prices and strengthen energy security at a time when Iranian attacks on commercial shipping have disrupted markets. "We're using, of course, that successful Venezuela operation and some of the friendships and some of the relationships that have developed in the wake of that operation, to create what is effectively a new 65 billion barrel of oil reserve for the United States of America," Vance told a White House press briefing. Vance said private American companies would enter Venezuela

and generate substantial oil revenue.

"Obviously, that's going to mean world oil markets get only more supply that will lower costs for Americans," he said. "That means a lot of revenue is going to go to the people of Venezuela." The Vice-President said the agreement had been negotiated by Secretary of State Marco Rubio, Defence Secretary Pete Hegseth and other administration officials. "Thanks to the deal struck by Marco and Pete Hegseth and others in the administration, it actually sets us up to where the American people will directly receive some of the royalties as well," he said. Vance described the arrangement as beneficial to Venezuelans, American consumers and US taxpayers. "So it's good for Venezuelans. It's good for anybody who's buying gas, and it's good for the American taxpayer as well," he said. "So it's very much a win-win thing." The Vice President said the agreement would also provide greater stability to energy markets. Recent developments had demonstrated the importance of securing dependable supplies of oil, gas, critical minerals and other resources, he said. Vance contrasted the proposed reserve with the Biden administration's use of the US Strategic Petroleum Reserve. He accused the previous administration of releasing oil to lower petrol prices before the mid-term elections rather than responding to an international emergency. "And what that meant is for Americans, our Strategic Petroleum Reserve under the administration got extraordinarily low," he said. Venezuela possesses some of the world's largest proven crude oil reserves. However, its production has been constrained by years of underinvestment, deteriorating infrastructure, political instability and US sanctions.

Two workers pulled out alive from Trishuli 3A tunnel in Nepal



Kathmandu: Rescuers on Friday pulled out two men alive from a tunnel at the Trishuli 3A Hydropower Project, which was affected by last week's deadly floods, raising hopes that others could still be trapped inside. Nine days after a deadly flash flood tore through the Trishuli River corridor, sweeping away everything in its path and causing extensive damage to dozens of hydropower projects, two men employed at the Trishuli 3A Hydropower Project were rescued alive. The Secretariat of the Minister for Energy, Water Resources and Irrigation confirmed that Kabir Maharjan, 45, a supervisor for the Hydropower Automation Project of Upper Trishuli 3A from Kathmandu, and Sanjaya Sah, 30, a foreman from Saptari district, were rescued alive.

"They are being taken to hospital in Kathmandu after being airlifted," the secretariat said. Sah was rescued earlier on Friday, followed by Maharjan, according to the latest information received from the rescue operation. The rescue followed an earlier breakthrough in which rescuers heard

voices from inside the tunnel and established communication with people believed to be trapped there.

The Nepal Army and Armed Police Force intensified efforts to reach them after the voices were heard. According to local media reports, the rescue team called out to the trapped workers, asking them not to panic, and sustained efforts eventually paid off. The flash flood on August 26 swept through the Trishuli River valley, killing at least 1,252 people, while 5,053 people remained missing as of Thursday evening, according to the latest situation report released by the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Authority (NDRRMA). The floods also damaged several hydropower projects, including the 60 MW Upper Trishuli 3A Project, as well as key road links. Search teams have since been working in difficult conditions to locate people who may have been trapped inside tunnels and other structures. According to the minister's secretariat, a joint team of the Nepal Army and Armed Police Force, including Chinese experts, has been deployed at the site. The team has been using five excavators, compressors and breakers, while tunnel drilling and holing work has been intensified to clear access to the tunnel. A large rock was located inside the tunnel, and blasting work was carried out to remove the obstruction and facilitate further search and rescue efforts. The Trishuli 3A hydropower plant was affected by the devastating floods in the Trishuli and Bhotekoshi river systems, which caused extensive damage to infrastructure in the region. The Independent Power Producers' Association, an association of private-sector power developers, said on Thursday evening that as many as 945 people working in 11 hydropower projects affected by the floods remained out of contact.

US imposes new sanctions on Cuba amid deepening energy crisis

Havana: The US government on Thursday slapped new sanctions on Cuba in a fresh push to strangle the island's economy and deepen its multiple crises. Among those hit with sanctions are Fidel Ernesto Castro, grandson of former President Raul Castro, and Cuba's Oil Industry Supply Import Company, known as Abapet. The company is responsible for importing specialised equipment and spare parts needed to sustain Cuba's crumbling power grid.

The sanctions aim to push Cuba's critical machinery offline and exacerbate its energy crisis, said Brett Erickson, a sanctions expert and managing principal at Obsidian Risk Advisors, a consulting firm. "The US is trying to really tighten the screws as much as possible," he said. "The Trump administration seems to have no seriousness in accepting any change from Cuba other than a toppling of the regime. Marco is not going to let that go," he added, referring to US Secretary of State Marco Rubio. Erickson anticipated that Cuba's government would try to circumvent the sanctions "because they have to". "They'll get creative in how they try to procure these maintenance parts," he said, warning that it would be a costlier alternative, which in turn would raise inflation and further hurt Cuba's economy.

Islandwide blackouts have become increasingly common, while daily outages in Cuba now surpass 24 hours as the aging grid fails and fuel reserves dwindle. This has occurred ever since US President Donald Trump, in late January, threatened tariffs on any country that sells or provides oil to the island. "The goal in theory is to create so much civilian hardship and suffering that they have no option but to essentially rise up and topple their government," Erickson said. "It is an attempt to cause a humanitarian crisis." Talks earlier this year between the US and Cuba have since halted, while sanctions have increased in recent months. Erickson said he expects the US to keep targeting smaller and smaller state companies to try to push them "into a death spiral". The US has previously sanctioned entities including Cuba's state-owned oil and gas company. The US State Department made the announcement just hours after Cuban officials held a press conference to share more details on the historic economic reforms approved in June. When asked about the current situ-



ation in Cuba, Oscar Perez-Oliva Fraga, Cuba's deputy prime minister and minister of foreign investment, blamed the US government.

"This past year has been very complex, and we know why," he said. "The blockade is a genocide." He spoke before the sanctions were announced. Among the Cubans exhausted by the ongoing outages is 49-year-old Yaqueleine Bernal. She said Thursday that she hasn't had electricity since Sunday and worries most about the consequences for her eight young grandchildren. "If we don't have power, we don't have water," she said. "You really don't know what's going to happen to you."

Eugenio Martinez Enriquez, Cuba's ambassador to Mexico, condemned the sanctions on Thursday. "These neofascists aim to win through attrition and to make life unbearable for the people of Cuba," he wrote on X. Meanwhile, Rubio asserted on X that those sanctioned "are part of the corrupt Castro financial and intelligence network". "Cuba's Communist regime elites preside over a failed state where ordinary Cubans go hungry while the Castro family and other insiders enrich themselves through sanctions evasion and other illicit schemes – and seek to export subversive Marxist ideology to the United States and other states in the Western Hemisphere," he wrote. Trump and I are unwavering in our commitment that Cuba will be free."

Deadly strike on Iranian wedding was likely a direct hit by a US munition, analysis shows

LONDON/WASHINGTON - An explosion that ripped through a wedding celebration in southern Iran on Tuesday, killing four people and injuring at least 68 others, likely resulted from a direct hit by a U.S. munition and not a ricochet off another target, according to an analysis by weapons experts who reviewed images and video verified by Reuters.

The incident in the small town of Kuhestak has reignited concerns about the civilian toll in the U.S. war with Iran and marks the most dramatic case since a missile struck an Iranian primary school in February, killing scores of children and teachers inside. The U.S. Central Command had announced its forces carried out multiple strikes across Iran's south on Sept. 1, targeting Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps air defense sites, radar systems, and communications facilities. The barrage came in retaliation for earlier Iranian attacks on U.S. military assets around the Gulf. On Thursday, U.S. Vice President JD Vance said the United States was investigating the strike. "We're investigating it because obviously we care. We want to know," Vance said during a White House press briefing. The U.S. military said it was aware of reports and was looking into them. Iran's delegation to the United Nations did not immediately respond to a request for comment. On the night of the attacks, dozens of residents had gathered in a home in Kuhestak for a wedding ceremony, according to eyewitnesses. During the party, a munition likely struck the building's roof, according to photos and video verified by Reuters and reviewed by experts. Video taken after the strike shows debris inside the home where a wedding ceremony was held. Dress sandals are seen inside, along with colorful wedding decor in line with local customs. Social media via REUTERS Reuters shared video and images of the incident with four military weapons experts who said the damage was consistent with a direct hit, as opposed to secondary damage from a munition ricocheting off a separate target. Three of the experts said the munition was likely a U.S. weapon, rather than an errant Iranian air defense missile.

One of the experts said the weapon may have simply missed its objective. Given the number of bombs that have been dropped, this does occur from time to time even with the most sophisticated guidance systems," said Gareth Collett, a retired British Army brigadier who specialized in counterterrorist bomb disposal and holds a doctorate in ex-

plosives engineering. After the strike, bloody shoes lay amid the rubble, and wedding decorations that are common in that part of Iran were strewn about, the images show. One eyewitness sent a voice note to Reuters moments after the strike, saying: "Kuhestak is destroyed. Four, five, ten houses were destroyed. Many people are under the rubble. God help us." Local residents spoke on condition of anonymity. Kuhestak is destroyed. 4, 5, 10 houses were destroyed. Many people are under the rubble. God help us. Local resident, voice note recorded moments after the strike. Two U.S. officials, speaking on condition of anonymity, said that the U.S. military had carried out strikes in the area of Kuhestak on Sept. 1, specifically targeting the town's telecommunications tower. That tower is roughly 135 meters from the site of the wedding celebration, according to satellite imagery. The tower was hit at approximately 9:30 PM local time, according to Iranian media. One of the U.S. officials said the government is looking at various scenarios related to the casualties at the wedding, including whether they were caused by a U.S. strike, some sort of ricochet of an Iranian air defense missile, or an errant interceptor itself. The count of four deaths and 68 injuries came from Balochestan Human Rights Documentation Network and Haalvsh, which monitor and document human rights abuses. Three of the people killed were guests of the wedding – Kolsoom Mollahi Najhandania, 43; Zarkhatoon Taheri, 50; and four-year-old Amir Mohammad Karimi – according to the groups. The fourth person, 16-year-old Mohammad Mallahi, was killed while riding his motorcycle near the communications tower. The names have also been confirmed in Iranian media. The incident comes more than six months after a missile destroyed a primary school in Minab on Feb. 28, hours after the start of the U.S. and Israeli attacks on Iran that launched the current conflict. That hit killed more than 175 children and teachers, according to Iranian officials. The Pentagon has not publicly released the findings of its investigation into the Minab strike, which was the U.S. military's biggest civilian casualty incident in decades. But Reuters first reported on March 5 that a 7an initial, internal U.S. military investigation showed U.S. forces were likely responsible for that strike on the opening day of the war with Iran. At approximately 9:30 PM local time on Sept. 1, posts on social media started to circulate about an attack on the local wedding.

Nvidia CEO donates \$10 million for Nepal flood victims



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Kathmandu: Jensen Huang, Chief Executive Officer of US technology company Nvidia, has donated \$10 million to Nepal's Prime Minister Disaster Relief Fund to support people affected by the devastating floods in the Bhotekoshi River basin in Rasuwa district, Nepal's Finance Minister Swarnim Wagle said. In a video message, Wagle thanked Huang, Nvidia's founder and CEO, for the contribution, which he said had helped push total donations to the Prime Minister Disaster Relief Fund above NPR 10 billion (\$66 million).

"On behalf of the government of Nepal, I'd like to express my sincere gratitude to Mr Jensen Huang for donating \$10 million to the Prime Minister's Disaster Relief Fund in aid of flood victims," Wagle said in the video message. "I hope this sizable contribution, notable by any philanthropic standard, will inspire many others to also contribute to this noble cause." The death toll from the devastating Rasuwa floods has reached 1,259, while 5,053 people remain missing by Thursday evening, according to the latest situation report released by the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Authority (NDRRMA). Since the deadly

Iranian strikes on Jordan test bonds between US and one of its staunchest Mideast allies



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Dubai: Jordan, a staunch US ally that hosts American forces in the Mideast, has paid a price for its relationship with Washington, which has made the kingdom's military bases a target of repeat Iranian strikes. Hundreds of drone and missile attacks have added to other strains on Jordan that include a slumping economy and volatility in the neighbouring West Bank, where Israeli settlers have ramped up attacks on Palestinians. Despite the risk of more strikes, Jordanian leaders say they are committed to maintaining the relationship after decades of courting deeper security ties with American officials and offering to be a reliable partner with the West in a region rocked by conflict. Analysts say the alliance offers Jordan a way to guard against Iran's attempts to destabilise its neighbours. King Abdullah II of Jordan seemed to acknowledge the need for such alliances last year, when he warned that destabilisation fuelled by the COVID-19 crisis, Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine and multiple Israeli military campaigns in the Middle East could trigger chaos far beyond the region. "We are living through wave after wave of disruption, without pause," he told European lawmakers. "There is no telling where the boundaries of this battleground will end. That, my friends, is a threat to people everywhere." Jordan embraces Washington to weather stormy Middle East. The Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan is a puzzle-piece-shaped nation bordering Iraq, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Israel and the West Bank. More than 11 million Jordanians live between the Jordan River, the Red Sea and eastern deserts strewn with ruins. Besides the threat from Iran, Jordan faces other challenges, such as an economy that has buckled under millions of refugees fleeing regional conflicts. Soaring energy prices and inflation have added to the burden as the tourism sector struggles to draw visitors to landscapes lionized in Hollywood by Peter O'Toole, Harrison Ford and Matt Damon. And next door, growing Israeli settler violence in the West Bank is deeply unsettling to Jordanians who fear instability could drive many of the 2.8 million Palestinians there to flee into the kingdom, said Sean Yom, a professor at Temple University and author of a

2025 book titled "Jordan: Politics in an Accidental Crucible."

Since taking the reins from his father, King Hussein, in 1999, Abdullah has forged ever-stronger links between his capital, Amman, and Washington. The monarch — a fluent English speaker whose dynasty claims to be descended from the Prophet Muhammad — enjoys widespread support among world leaders and Democratic and Republican lawmakers in the US. President Donald Trump once called the king "one of the true great leaders of the world." Joe Biden also praised his leadership. First lady Jill Biden was a guest at the wedding of Abdullah's son Hussein to a Saudi aristocrat in 2023. Pope Leo welcomed Abdullah to the Vatican in 2025. As part of its partnership with the West, Jordan provided logistical help and intelligence for the US-led 2003 invasion of Iraq, and it contributed to the fight against Islamic State militants in Syria and Iraq.

Amer Sabailah, an independent Jordanian political analyst, said Jordan's alliance with the US is central to Abdullah's years-long campaign to secure his kingdom against danger, including from Iran. Jordanian elites see Iran's support of Shiite militias in Iraq, armed Palestinian groups and Syrian drug traffickers as direct threats to the royal court, Yom said. "Very few people in Jordan think the Islamic Republic is good for the Middle East," he said. US military operations rely on a dozen sites in Jordan. Amman and Washington signed a defence-cooperation agreement in 2021 that granted US forces and contractors access to 12 military installations across the kingdom. The NATO military alliance opened its first liaison office in the region in Jordan in 2025. In the run-up to the Iran war, Jordan's sprawling Muwaffaq Salti Air Base became "a key logistics hub" for US C-17 transport planes and about 60 combat aircraft, said David Schenker, a fellow at the Washington Institute. "Jordan provides great strategic depth," he said, calling the kingdom's position "essential" to the US campaign against Iran. "This makes Jordan a target, not just targeting US forces but also targeting the king." About 50,000 US troops are currently deployed across the Middle East, with an unknown number in Jordan. Schenker estimates that at least 8 per cent, or USD 1.47 billion, of the kingdom's annual budget comes directly from US grants. Adm. Charles Bradford, commander of the Pentagon department covering the Middle East, said in May that the US military had relocated personnel and assets from its mission against the Islamic State from Iraq to Jordan. The shift was part of a broader, long-running strategy to put more distance between American forces and Iranian missiles. Those troops were enough to draw fire to Jordan from the Islamic Republic. Most of the incoming missiles and drones were knocked down by US air defences. Speaking Thursday in Vienna, Jordanian Foreign Minister Ayman Safadi defended his country's right to make its own decisions. "Iran has been attacking us and many other countries in the region long before even this war started," he said,

