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Godavari Pushkaralu 2027: Telanganas Endowments Department Sanctions Rs 33 Crore for Comprehensive Infrastructure Upgrades in Manthani.



“ “ Manthani, Peddapalli District“Date: October 29, 2026“MANTHANI: The Government of Telangana is executing a meticulously planned framework to ensure flawless arrangements and an enriched spiritual experience for pilgrims attending the upcoming Godavari Pushkaralu in 2027, declared Principal Secretary for Endowments, Sailaja Ramaiyer. On Thursday, she led a high-level inspection alongside Director of Endowments Hanumantha Rao, Peddapalli District Collector Koya Sri Harsha, and key departmental officials to evaluate the progress at the Godavari Pushkar Ghat and surrounding heritage sites in Manthani.“Following the field assessment, the Principal Secretary presided over an administrative review meeting detailing strategic fund allocations, infrastructural enhancements, and strict completion deadlines.“Key Strategic Initiatives & Sanctions“ * ?23 Crore Allocated for Pushkar Ghat Reconstruction:“ Recognizing the anticipation of high footfall, the government designated Manthani under Tier-1 development status. A sanction of ?23 crore has been approved for the extensive reconstruction, expansion, and modernization of the Manthani Pushkar Ghat. With the bidding process concluded and contractors finalized, execution is set to commence immediately.“ * Daily 'Godavari Sapta Harati' on the Lines of Varanasi:“ To foster a deeply sacred atmosphere akin to the famous Ganga Aarti in Varanasi, permanent infrastructure is being established along the riverbanks to conduct daily evening Sapta Haratis (seven-lamp ritual offerings) to the holy Godavari river.“ * ?10 Crore Renovation of Gautameswara Swamy Temple:“ The ancient Gautameswara Swamy Temple will undergo comprehensive structural restoration and revitalization at an estimated cost of ?10 crore. All works will adhere strictly to traditional Agama Sastra norms to preserve the shrine's sanctity and architectural heritage.“ * Auxiliary Ghats at Odela and Ramagundam:“ To effectively manage crowd distribution and cater to local populations, peripheral pushkar ghats equipped with necessary amenities will be constructed in the Odela and Ramagundam regions.“Project Timelines & Governance“Highlighting the tight timeframe, Principal Secretary Sailaja Ramaiyer instructed officials to expedite civil works without compromising quality, setting late March as the firm deadline for completing the main Pushkar Ghat.“She emphasized that all operations are directly aligned with the directives of the Cabinet Sub-Committee chaired by Minister D. Sridhar Babu. Peddapalli District Collector Koya Sri Harsha is overseeing daily progress to guarantee seamless inter-departmental coordination and punctual execution.“The inspection tour was attended by Additional Collector (Revenue) Sreeramulu, Revenue Divisional Officer (RDO) Suresh, and executive engineers from adjacent departments.

Rs.2.50 Crore Box Drain Works Begin in Kowkoor to Address Flooding



““Project taken up near Priyadarshini Enclave to improve stormwater flow in Lower Basti““Alwal October 29(INDIAN CHRONICLE)““Box drain construction works worth Rs.2.50 crore have commenced near Priyadarshini Enclave, close to the Pochamma Temple in Kowkoor Lower Basti, Yapral Division, under the Malkajgiri constituency. The project aims to facilitate the smooth flow of rainwater through the existing nala and address waterlogging problems faced by residents during the rainy season.The works are being undertaken under the leadership of former Malkajgiri MLA Mynampally Hanumantha Rao, with the support of Malkajgiri Zonal Commissioner Sanchit Gangwar. Senior Congress leader and social activist Thudimella Mallikarjun has been coordinating with officials and monitoring the progress of the project to address the long-standing flooding concerns of the locality.On the occasion, Mallikarjun expressed his gratitude to MMC Malkajgiri Zone Superintending Engineer Lakshman, Deputy Engineer Padmalatha, Assistant Engineer Satyalakshmi and Work Inspector Chandrashekar for their efforts in conducting field inspections, identifying the appropriate alignment and facilitating the commencement of the works.Speaking on the occasion, Mallikarjun said that Mynampally Hanumantha Rao had been giving priority to infrastructure development in the Kowkoor area. He stated that continuous coordination with officials had been undertaken since the previous rainy season to address the waterlogging problem in Lower Basti. He welcomed the commencement of the Rs.2.50 crore project and expressed hope that its completion would provide considerable relief to local residents.He further stated that efforts would continue to address public issues and improve basic amenities, including roads, drainage and drinking water facilities, across Kowkoor.The programme was attended by Gomaram Anjireddy, Gaurinath, Alli Satyanarayana, Alli Mallesh, Alli Pandu, Alli Ravinder, Alli Krishna, Asifullah Khan, Kishtayya, Gomaram Prabhakar Reddy, Dharmarao, Alli Srikanth, Akula Satti, Alli Rajesh, Praveen Reddy, contractor Bal Reddy, along with several local leaders, colony elders and residents.



-""(Yadadri Bhuvanagiri District Bureau.. Indian Chronicle.. October 29):- During the visit to Yadadri district, the ministers paid a courtesy call on Suryapet MLA Guntakandla Jagadish Reddy at the local Vivera Hotel on Thursday. BRS Urban Committee President Abotula Kiran Kumar, leaders and others participated in this program.

Doctors should provide better medical treatment to patients at primary health centers:- Yadadri Bhuvanagiri District Collector Anurag Jayanti



"(Yadadri Bhuvanagiri District Bureau.. Indian Chronicle.. October 29):- District Collector Anurag Jayanti said that medical officers and staff should be available to provide better medical treatment to patients coming to the primary health center. On Thursday, District Collector Anurag Jayanti visited the primary health center in Veluvarthi village of Valigonda mandal and inspected the medical services provided there and the facilities provided to the patients. On this occasion, the details of the staff working at the health center and their attendance registers were checked. He asked the medical staff whether the staff attend their duties every day and whether their daily attendance is recorded in the Praman app. He inquired about how many patients come to the health center every day, how their details are recorded, and whether the details of the patients are also recorded in the ABHA app. He advised that the necessary medical services should be provided to the patients in a timely manner. Later, he inspected the lab and inquired about the medical tests being conducted there and where the collected samples were being sent for further tests. The Collector examined the ANC reports of pregnant women and inquired about whether they were undergoing regular medical tests and which hospitals they were going to for deliveries. He inquired whether the newborns were being vaccinated as per the schedule. He also examined the implementation of HPV vaccination for 14-year-old girls and inquired about whether the eligible girls were receiving vaccinations. He inquired whether any dengue fever cases were registered within the health center area, and if there were cases, he inquired from the medical staff about what kind of medical treatment is being provided to the victims. He advised them to be vigilant against seasonal diseases and to conduct timely tests and provide appropriate treatment to those who come with symptoms of the disease. The concerned officials participated in this program.

Students should be provided with nutritious and hygienic food as per the menu:- Yadadri Bhuvanagiri District Collector Anurag Jayanti



""(Yadadri Bhuvanagiri District Bureau.. Indian Chronicle.. October 29):- Students should be provided with nutritious and hygienic food as per the menu, said District Collector Anurag Jayanti. On Thursday, District Collector Anurag Jayanti visited the Zilla Parishad High School in Veluvarthi village of Valigonda mandal and inspected the teaching and learning in the school, the infrastructure provided to the students, and the implementation of the mid-day meal scheme."On this occasion, the teachers were asked about the total number of students studying in the school and how many teachers are on duty. They were examined to see whether drinking water facilities are available to the students, whether there are enough toilets, and whether they are cleaned regularly. It was suggested that the necessary facilities be provided to the students so that they can study in a clean environment." Later, the District Collector spoke to the tenth grade students and read the textbooks to them. The students were made aware of how to prepare for the annual exams and how to increase concentration in studies. He said that to achieve good results in the exams, they should study in a planned manner and follow the instructions of the teachers. The Collector spoke to the sixth grade students and asked them about their favorite subjects and the field in which they want to excel in the future. He advised the students to set their goals and study with discipline from a young age to achieve them. Later, he inspected the midday meal served to the students in the school. He asked the teachers about the quality of the food served to the students that day and whether they were serving meals as per the menu prescribed by the government. District Education Officer Bikshapati, teachers and relevant officials participated in this program.



Karimnagar DRF personnel equipped with safety kits

Commissioner Praful Desai asks trained teams to respond swiftly to emergencies and protect lives, property.

Karimnagar October 29, Khaja Sikandar Mohiuddin (Correspondent): Karimnagar Municipal Corporation Commissioner Praful Desai on Thursday urged Disaster Response Force (DRF) personnel to remain prepared for emergencies and use their training and equipment effectively to protect the lives and property of city residents.



Mr. Desai distributed safety kits to 23 DRF personnel at the municipal corporation office. The personnel had completed a week-long training programme at the Sports School in Karimnagar, organised under the Directorate of Enforcement, Vigilance and Disaster Management (EV&DM).

Following the training, the GHMC EV&DM wing had provided the safety kit bags and training certificates to the municipal corporation for distribution among the personnel.

The kits contain life jackets, footwear, helmets, torches, first-aid boxes and other essential equipment required for emergency response operations. Mr. Desai instructed the personnel to use the equipment whenever necessary and remain ready to respond promptly to disasters and other emergencies.

Emphasising the importance of field preparedness, he asked the trained personnel to put the skills acquired during the programme to effective use and discharge their duties with responsibility and commitment. Their priority should be to ensure public safety and provide timely assistance during critical situations, he said.

B. Lakshman, Babu, Tirumalai, E. Babu, Madhukar, Pranay, Veerla Lakshminarayana and Ramesh were among those present.

Selfless Service Should Be Rewarded with Legislative Council Seats: Narala Satyanarayana

““Hyderabad Correspondent, October 29 (Indian Chronicle): Telangana Rakshana Samithi (D) president Narala Satyanarayana has urged graduates to elect candidates committed to selfless public service in the upcoming Graduates' MLC elections. Speaking at a press conference at the Hyderabad Press Club, he announced that the party would field Shankar Reddy from the Khammam-Warangal-Nalgonda constituency and Dappu Swamy from the Rangareddy-Hyderabad-Mahabubnagar constituency. Satyanarayana called on eligible graduates to register in large numbers and support candidates focused on public service, saying their representation in the Legislative Council could help raise public grievances and seek solutions. He criticised both the Congress and BRS, alleging that neither had adequately addressed the concerns of Telangana's people.



Workshop program Inaugurates

Journalist-Ajay Kr Mishra “BETTIAH/BIHAR, OCTOBER 29 (INDIAN CHRONICLE)“ “On Thursday the Chief Minister Samrat Chaudhary enlighten the candle and inaugurated 'Space Technology Adoption Workshop ' in the Dr A.P.J.Abdul Kalam Science City Patna.“ As the CM said that in Bihar the extension of space technology would be developed. The use of space technology would make the adolescent enthusiastic to get their presence in this sector. In coming future Bihar would get progress. This type of work would promote scientific temper among the general public.The Workshop would inspire and educate the young mind.Not only this such type of seminar would encourage the young generation to exhibit beyond class room and be active to develop the skill and after that the formation of new Bihar would come to the light.The adolescent should come forward to the field of Startup with scientific thought.He also focused on the use of space technology. After the development of space technology in Bihar would be the acquaintance with flood situation and other disaster situation.“ As the Dy CM Vijay Kumar Chaudhary also addressed the seminar and he said that the interest of the CM towards scientific developed proved the fact that he would try his best to the development of scientific skill in Bihar.In coming future the development of Bihar would come on the map of globe. As the stalls on this occasion also showed the interest of the private operators.Bihar would ready to welcome the start up regards space technology. The new entrepreneurs should come forward in the field of space technology.Others who were presented on this occasion as several officers .““

Start Up - Bank Connect Program Organises

““On Thursday a Start up -Bank Connect Program was organised in the Government Engineering College Kumarbagh, West Champaran in which the District Magistrate West Champaran Taranjot Singh participated as the Chief Guest “ As the program started with enlighting the candle and National song.The principal



of the College Dr Subodh Kumar Yadav welcomed the guests .As the Chief Guest of the program the District Magistrate West Champaran said that the state government would be active to increase startup in the state.The industries department would be active in this regards as well as to encourage the adolescent of the district towards start up and be a part of the economical growth of Bihar.The district administration would provide all helps to the new entrepreneurs in this regard.In Bihar the atmosphere is favourable to develop start up with full vigor. “ He further said that the CM has launched MSME Centre in Zila Udyog Kendra for the bright future of new start up.The relationship between the bank representatives and entrepreneurs should be amicable for the growth of industries or start up.In this regards the review work is on in the district. The adolescent of the state and district should come forward in the field of startup.“ Others who were presented in this program as the founders of ' Village vistas Agritech Private Limited and Vivicrop Farm Science Private Limited - Anup Kr Mishra and Kumar Pratik .the Dean of Engineering College Dr Yogeshvar Dvivedy, the special guest of the program the Maha prabandhak of Zila Udyog Kendra Bettiah-Rohit Raj, the Central Bank of India lead Dist Manager -Rajendra Kumar Pandey .the Incharge of the Start up Cell of the Engineering College-OM Prakash Ram, the Coordinator of Zila Start Up -Kumar Yashraj, etc.“ As in this program it was also discussed on loan for Start up , credit Guarantee Scheme and other business proposal.The vote of thanks provided by Rohit Raj.““Ajay Kr Mishra “Bettiah /Bihar

Acid attack incident occurred

Journalist-Ajay Kr Mishra "BETTIAH/BIHAR, OCTOBER 29(INDIAN CHRONICLE)"

"On Thursdsy a lady was made the victim of acid attack in Ruhiya village under Ziradei PS area of Sivan district in Bihar.The victim lady was rushed to sadar hospital Sivan for treatment from where she was referred to PMCH (Patna Medical college and hospital) in serious condition. "

Couple injured in Cylinder fire incident

""On Thursday a couple injured in gas cylinder leakage fire incident in Shekhpura district of Bihar when a devastating fire broke out in the house .The team of fire brigade reached on the spot and doused the flame .Mean while a devastating fire broke out due to cylinder blast in Madhepura district of Bihar where about ten houses burnt in to ashes. As in another incident occurred in Shabji Mandi Patna where several huts burnt in to ashes ."

The affect of Cyclone Arnav appears

""On Thursday the Cyclone 'Arnav' has affected several districts of Bihar with heavy and light rain fall.As the Weather Department has issued orange alert in 26 districts of Bihar where as heavy rain fall in six districts of the state .The effect of cyclone will be till 31 Oct 2026 in the state.As in Patna and other adjacent districts and the eastern Bihar localities heavy rail fall recorded video where as in West Champaran, East Champaran, Gopalganj and Muzaffarpur districts of Bihar light rain fall be reported. As the arrival of cyclone has made the situation worried among the peasants of Bihar where the harvesting of paddy is started and in several districts the paddy crop is riped.The peasants of various districts of Bihar have already made the victims of flood in this monsoon season.Their crops and houses were washed away by the flood water.The devastating flood made them pauper.In this situation the abominable weather would be a curse for the peasants.""Ajay Kr Mishra "Bettiah/Bihar

Guest Lecture on Artificial Intelligence Held at Aditya Degree College

"" October 29: Aditya Degree College, LB Nagar, Hyderabad, organized a guest lecture on Thursday on the topic "Impact of AI Dependence on Students' Critical Thinking and Problem-Solving Skills.""""The session was delivered by Dr. Suhail Ahmed Bhat, Assistant Professor at the University of Kashmir, India, who shared valuable insights with the students on the growing role of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in education.""During the lecture, Dr. Bhat explained how AI is transforming the learning process and highlighted the importance of using AI responsibly. He emphasized that students should not become overly dependent on AI tools, as excessive dependence may affect their ability to think independently, analyze information, and solve problems on their own.""He encouraged students to use AI as a supportive learning tool while developing their own critical thinking, creativity, logical reasoning, and decision-making skills. He also stressed the importance of verifying AI-generated information and using technology effectively to enhance knowledge and learning.""Academic Director Ch Phani kumar, administrative director M Venkata Reddy, Dean Dr K Suseela , vice principal amarnadh and staff also participated The guest lecture helped students understand both the benefits and challenges of AI in education and encouraged them to adopt a balanced approach to technology.""The programme was organized under the guidance of Mr. R. Nagendra Babu, Principal of Aditya Degree College. The college continues to encourage academic activities that improve students' knowledge, practical understanding, and readiness for future technological developments.



Blood Donation is Life Donation

Tarnaraka BJP Leaders Participate in Blood Donation Camp Organised by Osmania University Police Station



"Tarnaka, October 29(INDIAN CHORNICLE):""Tarnaraka BJP leaders expressed their happiness and pride in participating in a blood donation camp organised under the auspices of the Osmania University Police Station.""The leaders appreciated the police officials for taking the initiative to serve society beyond their regular law-and-order responsibilities. They commended the police department for organising this noble programme aimed at saving lives and supporting patients in need of blood.""On this occasion, the leaders extended their special appreciation and gratitude to DCP Rakshitha Murthy, Additional DCP Narsaiah, ACP Jagan, CI Das, and SI Kavya, along with all the police personnel who worked hard to make the programme a success.""The Tarnaraka BJP leaders who participated in the blood donation camp included Division President Karunakar, Kante, Geeta Cell Convenor Krishna Goud, Shiva Goud, GS Ragi Srinivas, BJP leaders Pavan, Umakar, Arun, Devadas, Mahesh, Srikanth, Raju, and Charan, among others.""The participants highlighted the importance of blood donation, stating that it is not merely an act of charity but a noble service that can save precious human lives. They encouraged everyone to develop a spirit of social responsibility and come forward to donate blood whenever possible.""The programme reflected the values of humanity, public service, and social responsibility, with the Tarnaraka BJP leaders expressing solidarity with the police department's efforts to serve the community.



Four Arrested in Saminenis Murder Case - CP Sunil Dutt.





““Khammam, October 29, Indian Chronicle.““Four accused have been arrested in connection with the murder of Samineneni Rama Rao, former sarpanch of Patharlapadu village. The investigation was conducted under the supervision of experienced police officers, using advanced technology and forensic evidence. Samineneni Rama Rao, aged 72, belonged to Patharlapadu village in Chintakani mandal of Khammam district. He was murdered in a shed adjacent to his house in the early hours of October 31, 2025. A case was registered at Chintakani Police Station under Crime No. 324/2025, invoking Sections 103(1) and 190 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), and an investigation was launched. As part of the investigation, the scene of the crime was examined with the assistance of the Clues Team and the Forensic Science Team. Investigators collected physical evidence, including footwear and footprints suspected to be linked to the accused, a piece of red cloth, a piece of white cloth with black stripes, a knife cover and other material evidence. The injuries on the victim's body, the circumstances at the crime scene and witness statements were also examined.““? Analysis of Technical Evidence.““Police conducted an extensive technical investigation to identify the accused. Based on the suspects mentioned in the complaint, witnesses and information provided by the complainant, police sought permission from the Hon'ble III Additional Judicial First Class Magistrate Court in Khammam to conduct polygraph tests on a total of 24 identified individuals. Of those who received court summons, six suspects voluntarily consented to undergo the tests. Accordingly, the tests were conducted in January 2026 at a forensic laboratory in Bengaluru, Karnataka. When the test reports were examined alongside other evidence collected during the investigation, certain relevant leads emerged. To strengthen the investigation further, police sought assistance from experts at the National Forensic Sciences University (NFSU) in Gandhinagar, Gujarat. A six-member expert team visited Khammam and conducted forensic analysis. The findings were examined in conjunction with other evidence available in the case.““? Four Accused Arrested.““After analysing the physical and technical evidence and other relevant information gathered during the investigation, police arrested four accused in connection with the murder.““? Details of the Arrested Accused.““A-1) Bodapatla Srinivasa Rao alias Mental Srinu, Son of Late Pullaiah, Age d 34 years, Community: Goud, Occupation Mason, Address Malamuthyalamma Centre, Theldarpalli village, Khammam Rural mandal.“A-2) Nukala Lingaiah, Son of Late Saidulu, Aged 43 years, Community Yadav, Occupation Agriculture, Address Chavadi Centre, Theldarpalli village, Khammam Rural mandal.“A-3) Mallarapu Lakshmaiah, Son of Late Ramaiah, Aged 24 years, Community Goud, Occupation Painter, Address Theldarpalli village, Khammam Rural mandal.“A-4) Karlapudi Uday Kumar alias Rukman Kumar, Son of Adinarayana, Aged 39 years, Community Mala, Occupation Painting work, Address Theldarpalli village, Khammam Rural mandal. Items Seized from the Accused. Two knives allegedly used in the commission of the crime. Four mobile phones allegedly used by the accused while conducting reconnaissance.““? Police Officers Involved in the Investigation.““Supervisory and Investigation Team S Sarangapani, ACP, Wyra. Overall supervisory officer for the investigation. Y Venkata Prasad, Circle Inspector of Police, Wyra, Investigating officer. Veerender and G Naresh, Sub-Inspectors of Police: Assistant investigating officers.“Khammam Police Commissioner Sunil Dutt congratulated ACP S Sarangapani, Wyra CI Y Venkata Prasad and the other officers involved in the investigation for their outstanding work and presented them with rewards in recognition of their efforts.

Adobe Research: 6.7% of Indian enterprises have scaled AI; 59% Face Challenges Moving from AI Pilots to Scale



“““““Hyderabad:“““““Adobe, the global technology leader that unleashes creativity, productivity and customer experiences through innovative tools and platforms, today released the India findings from the Adobe 2026 State of AI Readiness Report. The study of 475 senior executives across India examines what separates organizations that scale AI from those that stall.““According to the findings, approximately 59% of organizations in the region are stuck in the “Frozen Middle”, piloting or deploying AI without the coordination needed to scale it. For agentic AI specifically, the figure is 40%. Only 6.7% of companies, or 30 organizations in the dataset, have scaled AI across multiple workflows and built the operating model to sustain it. These Leaders convert pilots to production at nearly four times the rate of other companies.““Investment is not the constraint. While 77% of companies are lifting AI investment year-on-year, almost two in three believe they are still underinvesting. ““Jeremy Willmott, Senior Director, Digital Strategy Group Asia Pacific, Adobe said, “As AI investment grows, the gap between experimentation and enterprise-wide value is becoming harder to ignore. Organizations that establish clear ownership, shared measures of success and stronger collaboration between business and IT will be best placed to move beyond isolated pilots and achieve sustainable impact.”““Why AI stalls between pilot and production““• Approval bottlenecks: Approximately 35 % of AI proposals do not make it past IT evaluation, and a further 17% are rejected at security review, a rate that nearly doubles in highly regulated industries.“• Ownership vacuum: Only 18% companies have an AI owner with budget authority, compared with 93% of Leaders.“• Measurement gap: Only 10% measure AI return on investment comprehensively, with most focusing on usage rather than measures such as quality, rework or the cost of reviewing AI-generated output.“• Persistent skills shortage: 82% of businesses say their AI skills shortfall stayed the same or worsened over the past year. “• Long deployment timelines: Moving from experimentation to initial deployment takes at least six months for around two-thirds of organisations. For almost one in four, that time horizon is 12 months or more.“• Low conversion to production: Of every 100 AI ideas proposed by Indian organisations, only around about 15% make it to production.“What India’s AI Leaders do differently.

Indus Appstore transforms to PhonePe Appstore, Introducing a Unified Marketplace for India's Digital Goods



“““““““Hyderabad:“““““The platform has seen strong adoption across India, with Uttar Pradesh, Maharashtra, Bihar, Karnataka and Telangana emerging as its top five states by adoption. Its growing app and gaming catalogue features popular apps such as ChatGPT, Duolingo, ShareChat and Sony LIV, alongside games such as Honor of Kings and Hitwicket. Social, action and simulation games are among the platform’s leading categories. The platform is present on over 200 Million devices today driven by OEM partnerships. “PhonePe Appstore is expanding beyond app discovery towards a marketplace for digital goods and services. Alongside apps and games, consumers can also access gift cards and top-ups with attractive offers across categories. The platform will leverage PhonePe's secure and reliable payment infrastructure to simplify the discovery and purchase of digital products while also offering developers an alternative distribution and monetization opportunity. “Elaborating on the rebranding, Priya Narasimhan, Chief Business Officer at PhonePe Appstore, said, "Rebranding Indus Appstore to PhonePe Appstore is a major milestone in our journey and brings in the trust and reach of the PhonePe brand. Developers can look beyond simple app discovery and unlock new ways to earn—including ads, gift cards, and top-ups.”“To extend this experience beyond the mobile app, the platform is also launching phonepeappstore.com, a webstore that enables consumers to discover and purchase digital goods through desktop and mobile browsers without requiring a dedicated app download.“PhonePe Appstore has an exciting feature pipeline - this includes the highly anticipated launch of Digital Top-ups, which will enable the instant purchase of in-game currencies (coins, skins), dating app boosts, tech top-ups and more, with gaming top-ups slated to roll out first. Merging the convenience of widespread accessibility with a digital goods marketplace, the PhonePe Appstore is uniquely poised to redefine digital goods distribution across India.

SCHOTT Pharma India marks a new chapter, building on its strong India presence and global capabilities

“““““Hyderabad:“““SCHOTT Poonawalla Private Limited becomes SCHOTT Pharma India Private Limited“Effective 28 October 2026, SCHOTT Poonawalla Private Limited will become SCHOTT Pharma India Private Limited, marking an important new chapter in the company’s journey and strengthening its connection with the global SCHOTT Pharma organization.“The new identity more clearly reflects the India business’s place within SCHOTT Pharma’s global network and its role in advancing high-quality drug containment and delivery solutions for the pharmaceutical and biotech industries. It brings together the company’s strong manufacturing footprint, long-standing customer relationships and deep market expertise in India with SCHOTT Pharma’s global capabilities, innovation and scientific excellence.“For customers, partners and employees, this is a change in name, not a change in commitment. There is no change in ownership, management, employees, business strategy, operations, products, services or existing customer commitments.“The transition reinforces SCHOTT Pharma India’s long-term commitment to customers in India and international markets, while creating a stronger and more consistent connection to the global SCHOTT Pharma brand.“Building on a heritage of more than 140 years, the new identity brings the company’s heritage and future ambition under one global name, reflecting the values that continue to define SCHOTT Pharma: innovation, quality, scientific excellence and trust.“SCHOTT Pharma India represents both continuity and progress: the same trusted business, capabilities and relationships, now with an identity that more clearly reflects who we are today and where we are headed.““Roy Joseph, CEO & Managing Director, SCHOTT Pharma India Private Limited, said, “SCHOTT Pharma India represents the next chapter of our journey, combining our strength in India with SCHOTT Pharma’s global innovation and expertise. We see significant opportunity to build on our capabilities, deepen collaboration with pharmaceutical and biotechnology partners, and advance drug containment and delivery solutions. As we move forward, our focus remains on growing with our customers and contributing to the safe and reliable delivery of critical therapies to patients worldwide.”

Defence Ministry arm, Sarvam sign pact for tri-service AI projects

New Delhi: AI firm Sarvam on Tuesday said that it has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Headquarters Integrated Defence Staff (HQ IDS) — under the Defence Ministry — for AI projects across the Indian Army, Indian Navy and Indian Air Force.



The framework also extends to the joint, tri-service and integrated organisations under HQ IDS, it said. Under the pact, Sarvam will design, develop and deploy AI applications for operational, training and decision-support requirements of the three services and provide follow-on technical support. However, work under the agreement spans several projects across all three services, with HQ IDS facilitating the engagement.

The agreement is a step in the government’s drive towards Atmanirbharta in defence and indigenisation of defence equipment and capability. That imperative now extends to artificial intelligence which is becoming as consequential to military capability as the platforms it runs on.

Through the pact, the three services and joint organisations gain access to the same foundation models, agentic infrastructure and geospatial and perception systems. Doctrine and lessons learnt from one service’s projects can then feed the next.

In addition, the MoU advances the Ministry of Defence’s direction on military AI with focus areas including decision support, target acquisition and data fusion across the sensor-to-shooter loop with human oversight retained on operational decisions, so that the AI layer is built in India and deployed on sovereign infrastructure.

“Sarvam exists to build AI in India, for India. To work with the three Services on the nation’s defence is an honour and a privilege. We are grateful to HQ IDS for its trust,” said Pratyush Kumar, Co-founder, Sarvam.

The work will be carried out by Chanakya — Sarvam’s firewalled division focused on national security and defence — which will apply it’s AI stack, including foundation models such as Sarvam 105B.

Continental Hospitals Launches Avantra Breast Center to Transform Breast Cancer Care

“““““Hyderabad:“““““Continental Hospitals, Gachibowli, Hyderabad, launched the Avantra Breast Center on October 29, 2026, to provide comprehensive breast cancer care through an integrated, patient-centric approach. The centre aims to bring together essential breast care services, from prevention and early detection to advanced treatment and post-treatment support, under one roof.““Globally renowned Breast Oncoplasty Surgeon Dr. Chaitanyanand B. Koppiker attended the launch as the Guest of Honour and commended Continental Hospitals for establishing the centre. Drawing on his extensive experience of over 25 years, he emphasised that breast oncoplastic care requires a multidisciplinary and collaborative approach. He highlighted the important roles played by breast imaging and mammography, genetic counselling, chemotherapy, radiation therapy, reconstructive surgery and post-treatment survivorship care in ensuring patients’ overall recovery and well-being.““Speaking at the unveiling, Continental Hospitals Founder and Chairman Dr. Guru N. Reddy said that the Avantra Breast Center reflects his commitment to transforming breast cancer care through a comprehensive and compassionate approach. From prevention and early detection to advanced diagnostics, personalised treatment, surgery, radiation therapy, genetic and family counselling, palliative care, and survivorship, we have brought every critical aspect of breast care together under one roof.“““Our vision is to create a comprehensive destination where world-class expertise, advanced technology, and compassionate care come together to deliver not just better clinical outcomes, but also hope, dignity, and an improved quality of life for every woman and her family. At Avantra, we believe that breast cancer care must go beyond treating the disease to supporting the person through every stage of the journey,” said Dr. Reddy.

