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Mirabai Chanu Ends Asian Games Medal Wait with Silver

Asian Games: Manu Bhaker Finishes 5th in 10m Air Pistol Final



Nagoya: Double Olympic-medallist Manu Bhaker ended fifth in the individual competition as India finished without a medal in the women's 10m air pistol event, missing the team bronze narrowly at the Asian Games here on Wednesday.

It's A Proud Moment For Telugu Cinema, Says Raj Kandukuri



It was a proud moment for Telugu cinema as several prominent personalities received the 72nd National Film Awards from President Droupadi Murmu at a ceremony held in Gujarat on Tuesday evening.

Facts Over Fear: UN AI Panel Warns Against 'Apocalyptic' AI Rhetoric

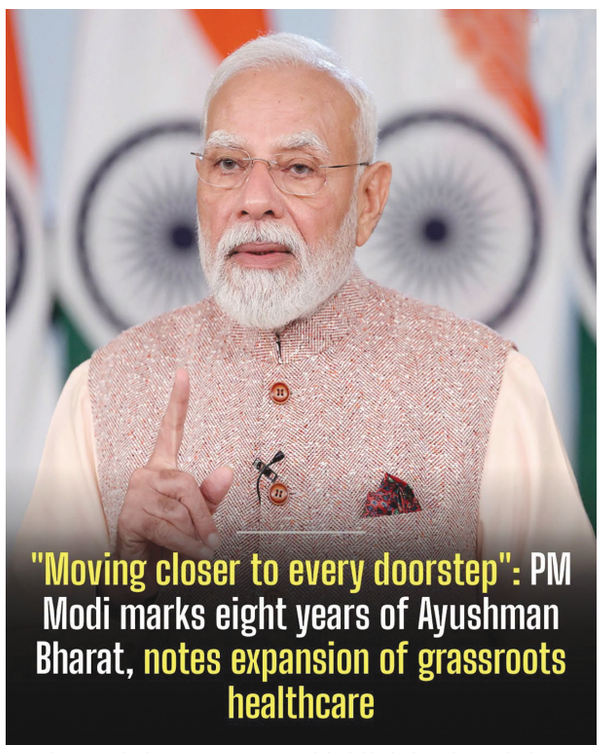


New York: Several experts on a United Nations artificial intelligence committee warned Monday against the apocalyptic rhetoric used by some professionals in the sector regarding AI risks.

The Paradise Premiere Revanth Reddy Responds To Nani's Theatre Visit Request



Hyderabad: Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy responded to Tollywood actor Nani's request to watch the premiere show of The Paradise at a theatre in RTC X Roads on September 23. Revanth Reddy appreciated Nani's commitment to the film, which is directed by young Telangana filmmaker Srikanth Odela. The Chief Minister asked Nani to submit an official application to the designated local police station. He said the concerned police team would review the application and take a decision accordingly. Earlier, Nani took to X and expressed his desire to visit a theatre at RTC X Roads for The Paradise premiere show on September 23 and experience the film along with the audience. Nani's request came as fans are eagerly awaiting the film's release.



Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday marked the milestone anniversary of the Ayushman Bharat initiative, highlighting its role in transforming the nation's medical landscape and providing financial security to millions of vulnerable citizens.

The Prime Minister emphasised in a post on X that the flagship public health insurance program was launched nearly a decade ago with a clear vision to make top-tier, affordable healthcare accessible to every citizen.

"Eight years ago, Ayushman Bharat was rolled out with the idea that every Indian should have access to top-quality and affordable healthcare. Today, more than 60 crore beneficiaries have access to Rs. 5 lakh annual health cover, making it the largest healthcare scheme in the world," PM Modi wrote.



The main Ganesh Visarjan 2026 date is Friday, September 25, which coincides with Anant Chaturdashi. Ganesh Chaturthi was observed on September 14, making September 25 the traditional final-day immersion for devotees following the full Ganeshotsav cycle. For New Delhi, the auspicious Choghadiya windows on September 25 include Labh from 7:41 AM to 9:11 AM, Amrit from 9:11 AM to 10:42 AM and Shubh from 12:12 PM to 1:43 PM. Since Choghadiya is calculated according to local sunrise and sunset, devotees in Mumbai, Pune, Noida or other cities should check the Panchang for their location before fixing the immersion time.

Trump confirms 'very good' meeting with Iran at UN

United States President Donald Trump has told reporters at the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) in New York that US officials had a "very good" three-hour meeting with Iranian leaders.

Qatar's Emir Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani tells the UNGA that the Gulf is experiencing one of its most dangerous phases due to the US-Israel war on Iran, while urging diplomacy as a lasting solution.

Iranian state media confirms that Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi and US special envoy Steve Witkoff have met in New York, with President Trump telling reporters that another meeting is scheduled in the "very near future".



Hyderabad Communities Bid Big For Ganesh Laddus This Festive Season



Hyderabad: The tradition of auctioning the Ganesh laddu, considered highly auspicious by devotees, drew enthusiastic participation across residential communities in Hyderabad this festival season, with bids ranging from Rs.45,000 to a staggering Rs.21.11 lakh. At My Home Mangala in Kondapur, the laddu fetched Rs.21.11 lakh, with Sambashiva Rao and Naveen winning the bid. At Indis Viva City in Kondapur, Ramsri Goutham and his wife, Vaishali Bholewar, won the laddu for Rs.13.21 lakh, against Rs.12.9 lakh last year. "The auction proceeds will be used for next year's Ganesh Chaturthi celebrations by the community committee," Goutham said. He added that he dedicated the laddu to his parents, Bala Rangaiah and Ramani.

At Raghupathi County in Pragathi Nagar, Naren Chowdary and his friends won the laddu for Rs.13.66 lakh, while at Devisthan Homes in Kukatpally, it fetched Rs.10.05 lakh. At GKRS Palacio Villas in Bandlaguda Jagir, Ramesh won the laddu for Rs,4.50 lakh. "The auction has become an important part of our community celebrations, and residents participate with a lot of enthusiasm every year. Winning the laddu is a matter of devotion as well as a memorable moment for our family," he said.

The auctions have also emerged as a community tradition, with residents treating the sacred offering as a symbol of devotion. The proceeds are often used to support future Ganesh Chaturthi celebrations and social or philanthropic activities.

Karnataka BJP Stages Protest After Finance Dept Flags Limited Fiscal Space

Bengaluru: BJP leaders on Wednesday staged a protest at Vidhana Soudha premises here, accusing the Congress government in Karnataka of pushing the state towards a financial crisis and failing to deliver on development. The demonstration comes a day after the Karnataka Finance Department cautioned against taking up major expenditure projects at this stage, citing limited fiscal space and the need for a "realistic and prudent" approach to funding.



The protest was led by BJP state president B Y Vijayendra, Leader of Opposition in the Legislative Assembly R Ashoka and Leader of Opposition in the Legislative Council Chalavadi Narayanaswamy near the Kengal Hanumanthaiah statue at the Vidhana Soudha here. MLAs and MLCs also participated in the protest. The BJP demanded proper governance in the state and alleged that the Finance Department's observations had exposed the government's financial position.

The party also accused the Congress government of making "false assurances" despite the state's financial constraints and alleged that development in Karnataka was suffering. On Tuesday, the Finance Department made the observations while examining a proposal for the Chief Minister's Rural Road Connectivity Scheme, estimated to cost Rs 10,000 crore. In a note on the proposal, the department said the project was proposed to be executed over 2026-27 and 2027-28. It said starting a major project for which funds had neither been budgeted nor earmarked

Supreme Court rejects PIL to identify, remove and block anti-national content on social media platforms



The Supreme Court on Wednesday refused to entertain a public interest litigation (PIL) seeking directions to the Centre and social media platforms to identify, remove and block content and memes related to anti-national slogans and speeches.

A bench comprising Chief Justice Surya Kant and Justices Joymalya Bagchi and V Mohana declined to accept the submissions made by lawyer Barun Sinha, appearing for Ahmedabad-based petitioner Hitendra Kumar Parsottambhai Gadhiya. The bench also refused to tag the plea with another pending petition concerning social media content. "You can pursue your alternate remedies," the CJI said.

The petitioner had sought directions to block or remove social media posts that allegedly threatened communal harmony, national integrity and judicial independence.

Odisha's Gas Story From Bhubaneswar to the Deep Sea



Bhubaneswar: Sometimes, a transformation begins quietly—with the opening of an office, the drawing of lines on a geological map and the belief that something valuable may lie beneath the earth. For Odisha, the journey towards becoming an emerging oil and gas frontier began to take shape in 2015, when then Union Petroleum Minister Dharmendra Pradhan inaugurated an ONGC office in Bhubaneswar. What followed was not an overnight discovery, but a decade-long chain of surveys, policy changes, exploration blocks, drilling and, eventually, gas discoveries in the deep waters off the Odisha coast. The first big step came in 2016, when Odisha was chosen as the starting point of the National Seismic Programme. Thousands of kilometres of seismic surveys were undertaken to look beneath the surface and understand the geological structure of the Mahanadi Basin. In Odisha alone, around 2,530 line kilometres were surveyed across nine districts.

Crime Review Meeting



Future City: Commissioner of Police, Future City, Dr. Tarun Joshi, IPS, conducted the Monthly Crime Review Meeting with senior officers of the Future City Police Commissione rate and reviewed important investigations, pending cases, technology-based policing and field-level performance. The meeting was attended by DCP Maheshwaram K. Narayana Reddy, IPS; DCP Shadnagar Ch. Sirisha; DCP Chevella Yogesh Gautam, IPS; DCP Traffic Shivam Upadhyaya, IPS, along with Additional DCPs, ACPs, SHOs, SIs and other officers. The Commissioner reviewed 66 Grave (Under Investigation) Cases, 68 SC/ST Cases and other pending cases, stressing the need for regular review, quality investigation, re-evaluation wherever necessary, timely collection of evidence and close supervision. Dr. Tarun Joshi also reviewed MCR–CCTNS discrepancies, MRM pendency, pending NCRP petitions, Dial 112 calls, sound-pollution complaints, Point Book visit reports, Tipline cases, DOPAMS usage, eSakshya usage, CCTNS pendency, CEIR reports and E-PETTY cases. He directed officers

Society Must Change Mindset for Elderly Welfare: Kerala Panel Chief

Kannur: The chairman of the Kerala State Elderly Commission has said that senior citizens primarily face issues from within their own families and their welfare is only possible through a change in mindset of the society and families. Commission chairperson advocate K Somaprasad was speaking after reviewing complaints during a sitting of the panel held at the Collectorate conference hall here, a statement issued by the district administration said. Numerous complaints seeking justice for the elderly are being submitted to the Commission from various districts. He also noted that tribunals have been established to ensure the protection of the elderly-based on the legislation passed by the central government in 2007-with Revenue Divisional Officers (RDOs) serving as presiding officers. However, the current number of tribunals -- 27 -- is insufficient to resolve the rising volume



of complaints, he said and suggested alternative mechanisms, like dedicated tribunals, to address the situation. He further noted that the law allows for the recovery of property transferred to children if they fail to care for their parents, but the process involved takes considerable amount of time.