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Revanth Reddy Lauds Telangana Archer 'Chikitha Taniparthi' for Winning Asian Games Gold

India Win Double Gold in Compound Archery



Nagoya: India's compound mixed archery pair of Chikitha Taniparthi and Sahil Jadhav claimed the gold medal and secured a 2028 Olympic quota place by beating Korea in a tense shoot-off at the Asian Games here on Wednesday

Vidyut's Street Fighter Arrives Games That Made It to the Big Screen



n 16th October, Kitao Sakurai's Street Fighter brings the battle arcade legends to cinemas, with Vidyut Jammwal making his Hollywood debut as Dhalsim.

Riteish Deshmukh and Farah Khan Set to Return as Jailers for Lock Upp Season 2



Mumbai : After entertaining fans with season one, reality show 'Lock Upp: Sach Ya Sazaa' is set to return with its second season on Netflix.

Hyd-Vizag Private Bus Overturns Near Suryapet, 10 Injured



Suryapet: At least 10 people were injured after a private travels bus overturned on the Hyderabad-Khammam National Highway on Wednesday morning near Mothey mandal of Suryapet. According to preliminary reports, the bus was travelling from Hyderabad to Visakhapatnam when the accident occurred. There were 38 passengers on board at the time. The injured were shifted to the Suryapet Government Hospital for treatment. Police reached the spot and registered a case. Further details are awaited.

CM REVANTH REDDY - NEW KARIMNAGAR COLLECTORATE - MEETING

The Chief Minister inaugurated a new district Collectorate office in Karimanagar and held the first review meeting today. Speaking on the occasion, the CM emphasised that the states and the Centre should move forward with a spirit of mutual cooperation . The Chief Minister remarked that there would be no use of the projects built by spending hundreds of crores of rupees without necessary central approvals. ""CM Revanth Reddy took a strong dig at the opposition for counting his Delhi visits every time he met the union ministers and others in New Delhi. Continuous persuasion with the centre was already drawing good results and we secured the transfer of 170 acres of defence land for state development within just six months. The centre also granted permission to develop a road passing beneath the Begumpet runway in Hyderabad. " We may have ideological differences, but we should cooperate with each other for the sake of development, " the CM said."" During the meeting, CM Revanth Reddy emphasized that the employees should play an important role in delivering the services to the poor.





Deputy CM Bhatti Vikramarka at India Today South Conclave in Kochi

CEC Gyanesh Kumar should resign; ballot paper system should be restored

Telangana Deputy Chief Minister and Finance Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka said that in a parliamentary democracy like India, the foremost responsibility of the Election Commission is to instil complete confidence among people in the electoral process. He said the Election Commission has the responsibility to assure citizens that elections are conducted freely, transparently and without fear or bias.""Against the backdrop of growing doubts among the people over the electoral system, Bhatti said the Election Commission needs to establish its impartiality. He demanded that Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) Gyanesh Kumar resign immediately to restore public confidence in the Election Commission and urged that the public demand for conducting forthcoming elections through the ballot paper system be taken into consideration.""Bhatti Vikramarka participated in a special interaction at the 'India Today South Conclave' held in Kochi, Kerala, on Wednesday. He spoke at length about the electoral system, SIR, Telangana's welfare schemes, the interests of southern states, investments, his association with the Congress party and his relationship with Chief Minister Revanth Reddy.



Vijayawada's Jyothi Surekha, Telangana's Chikitha Rao Shine in Asian Games Archery



Hyderabad: Telugu states' archers Jyothi Surekha Vennam and Chikitha Rao were part of the Indian women's compound archery team that retained its Asian Games gold medal by defeating China 238-234 on Wednesday. The Indian team secured the gold with a world record-equalling score in the final. Jyothi Surekha, a native of Vijayawada, and Chikitha Rao, who hails from Peddapalli in Telangana, were part of the Indian trio that dominated the summit clash against China and finished on top of the podium.

Trump claims war will end 'very soon', gives no details

US President Donald Trump says the war on Iran will end "very soon" without providing any details and reiterates that Tehran will not have a nuclear weapon. Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps issues an open letter to US voters ahead of the upcoming midterm elections, urging that the Trump administration must be changed. Oil shipments through the Strait of Hormuz climb closer to pre-war levels, averaging about 13.2 million barrels per day over the past week despite ongoing attacks, according to Kpler.



CMC, HYDRAA Officials Review Beautification Works at Sunnam Cheruvu, Timmidi Kunta



Hyderabad: Senior officials of Cyberabad Municipal Corporation (CMC) and Hydraa reviewed the beautification works related to Sunnam Cheruvu and Timmidi Kunta. After completion of works, the Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy will inaugurate them. A coordination meeting was held in the chambers of the Cyberabad Municipal Corporation (CMC) Commissioner G Srijana. HYDRAA Commissioner A V Ranganath and other officials were also present. The officials reviewed the works pertaining to extension of the central median up to the existing culvert at Sunnam Cheruvu apart from extension of footpath to the existing culvert. Ornamental illumination and street lighting around the water body was also examined in addition to road connectivity from Parvath Nagar to Sunnam Cheruvu. They reviewed footpath connectivity from the back entrance of Timmidi Kunta to the AC bus stop apart from ornamental illumination of Timmidi Kunta, connecting road to Sindhu Hospital and retaining wall for the existing outlet drain from Timmidi Kunta towards Smiline Dental.

Delegation led by MLA Payal Shankar submits representation to Governor"

Hyderabad, September 30, 2026: A delegation led by Adilabad MLA Shri Payal Shankar urged the Governor of Telangana Shri Shiv Pratap Shukla to take steps for issuing house-site pattas and providing basic amenities to tribal families residing in Komaram Bheem Colony of Battiswargav village in Mavala mandal of Adilabad district. The delegation met the Governor at Lok Bhavan on Wednesday and submitted a representation in this regard. MLA Shri Payal Shankar informed the Governor that around 500 tribal families have been residing in Komaram Bheem Colony, located in Survey No. 72 of Battiswargav village, for nearly 30 years. He brought to the Governor's attention that the families have not yet been provided house-site pattas or recognised rights over their residential plots, resulting in difficulties in accessing basic amenities such as electricity and safe drinking water, as well as various government welfare schemes.The delegation requested the Governor to advise the concerned authorities to undertake a comprehensive field-level



Telangana, Karnataka, UP Get Rs 5,548 Crore MSP Procurement Nod



Hyderabad: Union Minister for Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare and Rural Development Shivraj Singh Chouhan has approved procurement worth Rs.5,547.99 crore at Minimum Support Price (MSP) under the Price Support Scheme (PSS) for the Kharif Marketing Season 2026-27 in Uttar Pradesh, Telangana and Karnataka. The decision is aimed at protecting farmers from a decline in market prices and ensuring remunerative returns for their produce, particularly for pulse and oilseed growers.

Special Programs planned at Global Summit

As per the directions of Hon'ble Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, the State Government is taking special measures to transform Hyderabad into a national and international hub for the Gaming, VFX and Animation industries, Chief Secretary Sanjay Jaju said.""The Chief Secretary today held a review meeting at the Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Telangana State Secretariat on the arrangements for the Telangana Global Summit, scheduled to be held in December at Bharat Future City, Hyderabad. Joint Secretary, IT Department, Anudeep Durishetty, along with senior officials, attended the meeting. Speaking on the occasion, the Chief Secretary said the Telangana Global Summit is being organised as part of the State's initiatives towards achieving the goal of a one-trillion-dollar economy. Special programmes are being planned to attract globally renowned companies from the Animation, Gaming, VFX and other creative and entertainment sectors and facilitate the establishment of their centres in Hyderabad. Under the theme "Stories, Games & Dreams," several programmes aimed at engaging and inspiring the youth will be organised. A Comic, Gaming & VFX Business Day will also be held as part of the Summit. He said Comic Con, DreamHack and India Game Utsav will be organised along with a B2B Expo, Innovation Zone and Animation Stalls, providing a platform to showcase technology, innovations, investment and business opportunities in these sectors. The Chief Secretary said Hyderabad already has around 50 large and nearly 150 medium-sized Animation and Gaming companies.



Bandi Sanjay Accuses Congress of Targeting Democratic Institutions



Hyderabad: Union Minister of State for Home Affairs Bandi Sanjay criticized the Congress leaders for not having the courage to face Prime Minister Narendra Modi in the elections and speaking against the democratic institutions. "The Congress led by MPs Sonia Gandhi, Mallikarjuna Kharge and Rahul Gandhi seems to think that it is impossible to defeat the BJP. That is why they want to gain political benefits by spreading misinformation about the pillars of democracy," he said.

As part of that, they were repeatedly making allegations against the Election Commission, the CEC and the EVMs. Comparing the Modi government with British rule is shameful. The Congress party won in Telangana, Karnataka, Kerala and Himachal Pradesh. Congress candidates won in many places as MPs and MLAs. Is it because of the failure of EVMs and the behavior of the CEC that the Congress won there? "It is shameful that the Congress Working Committee is demanding the resignation of the Prime Minister,"

NATIONAL

Umar Khalid, Sharjeel Imam denied bail again



Umar Khalid and Sharjeel Imam on Wednesday got a big blow from the Delhi High Court as the court dismissed the bail pleas of both of them, accused in the 2020 Delhi riots case.

"In view of the previous order of the Supreme Court, we cannot grant bail yet," the high court said. This is the third time the High Court has rejected the bail plea of Khalid and Imam. A bench of Justices Prathiba M Singh and Dinesh Bhatt dismissed the third bail pleas by Khalid and Sharjeel in the case.

Khalid Saifi, Tahir Hussain, others booked for involvement in Delhi riots case

Activist Khalid Saifi and former AAP councillor Tahir Hussain, among others, were also booked for their alleged involvement in the larger conspiracy case, which was investigated by Delhi Police's Special Cell.

Trial court on July 4 rejected Khalid's bail application : The trial court on July 4 rejected Khalid's bail application, saying it had "no option but to follow" the Supreme Court's January 5 order and, therefore, could neither entertain the plea nor grant him relief. On September 2, 2025, a high court division bench denied bail to Khalid and Imam. On January 5, the Supreme Court upheld the verdict but granted relief to co-accused Gulfisha Fatima, Meeran Haider, Shifa Ur Rehman, Mohammad Saleem Khan and Shadab Ahmad. A bench of Justice Aravind Kumar and Justice N V Anjaria had then observed that there was a prima facie case against Khalid and Imam under the UAPA. On May 22, the top court granted six months' interim bail to co-accused Abdul Khalid Saifi and Tasleem Ahmad, as it referred the issue of prolonged incarceration of the undertrials under UAPA due to stringent prerequisites for granting bail to a larger bench.

What actions did Mangaluru airport take post-blast?



One person died while seven people sustained injuries in an explosion on the premises of Mangalore Refinery and Petrochemicals Limited (MRPL) near the city on Wednesday, causing panic in the surrounding areas for a while. An MRPL official said a contract laborer sustained 35 per cent burn injuries. The blast was reported inside the MRPL premises, and its effects were felt in several surrounding areas. The deceased was identified as Manish Karkara (30), a resident of Mulki and a contract worker at MRPL. The intensity of the blast was so great that the administrative office building of the Mangaluru International Airport at Bazpe was shaken as well as houses and buildings in Jokatte and surrounding areas.The blast shook the windows of the administrative office of Mangaluru International Airport. The incident reportedly caused a brief panic among staff and others at the airport.The blast was also felt in Jokatte village adjacent to the MRPL complex. The doors and windows of the Jokatte Gram Panchayat office and nearby houses were also broken. After the blast, black smoke started rising in the sky from the MRPL unit and the smoke was visible from several kilometers away.

Amit Shah addressing a rally in Jalandhar



Home Minister Amit Shah on Tuesday promised to make Punjab drug-free by December 31, 2029, if the BJP is voted to power in the assembly elections next year, while launching a sharp attack on the Aam Aadmi Party government and its leadership. Addressing a public rally in Jalandhar as part of the BJP's Nasha Mukt Punjab Yatra, Shah said the party would make the fight against drugs the central issue of its campaign for the upcoming Punjab Assembly election.

"The AAP government allowed the trade of synthetic drugs to flourish openly," Shah alleged. He said Punjab faces several issues, including those concerning farmers, industry, law and order and women's safety, but asserted that the BJP would contest the election primarily on the promise of making the state drug-free. "If you vote for the lotus symbol, we will rid Punjab of the synthetic drug trade by December 31, 2029," Shah said. Referring to the BJP's Nasha Mukt Punjab Yatra, Shah said the campaign had been launched from Pathankot and covered around 4,000 kilometres, visiting all 117 Assembly constituencies over 13 days before concluding in Jalandhar. Taking a swipe at AAP national convenor Arvind Kejriwal and other party leaders, Shah said he knew what the "Kejriwal and company" would say in response to the BJP's promise."We have always delivered on our promises," he said, crediting Prime Minister Narendra Modi's government with what he described as major successes in tackling terrorism, Naxalism and insurgency. "Under PM Modi's leadership, the BJP freed Kashmir from terrorism, ended the 50-year-old Naxal problem and eliminated insurgency in the North East. Now, it is time for a Punjab free from synthetic drugs," Shah said.

Attack on Bhagwant Mann

Shah also criticised Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann without naming him directly, saying that a person who consumes intoxicants and "insults the Gurus" cannot free Punjab from drugs. "Someone who gets intoxicated and insults the Gurus cannot free Punjab from the scourge of drugs. It cannot liberate Punjab. Only the BJP is capable of freeing Punjab from drugs," he said.

The Home Minister also cited drug seizures under successive governments to highlight the BJP's claim of having taken stronger action against narcotics. According to figures cited by Shah, the Congress-led government seized 26 lakh kilograms of narcotics across the country between 2004 and 2014. He claimed that the Modi government seized around 1.2 crore kilograms of drugs between 2014 and 2024.

Shah further claimed that drugs worth around Rs 40,000 crore were seized during the Congress-led period, while narcotics worth approximately Rs 1.90 lakh crore were seized under the BJP-led government. The BJP has been positioning its anti-drug campaign as a key issue in Punjab in the fight against the AAP government in the assembly elections in early 2027.

Accused Muskan and Sahil convicted of Saurabh Rajput's murder by UP court



In the sensational Meerut "blue drum" murder case, a UP court on Wednes day convicted Muskan Rastogi and her lover Sahil Shukla in the 2025 murder of Muskan's husband, Saurabh Rajput, a Merchant Navy officer. Rajput's dismembered body was concealed inside a blue plastic drum filled with cement in Meerut, in a case that drew widespread attention. The verdict came after around 13 months of court proceedings, nearly 126 hearings and statements from more than 22 witnesses.

Both accused were produced before the court through video conferencing from jail. Ahead of the verdict, Muskan was reportedly praying and performing religious rituals in jail for the past three days, according to jail sources. Sahil, meanwhile, had reportedly stopped interacting with other inmates. The change in their behaviour came shortly before the court was scheduled to pronounce its verdict in the high-profile murder case.

Judge asked Muskan how she felt before verdict

Before pronouncing the verdict, the judge addressed Muskan and asked her how she felt about the day of the judgment. "Today is the day of the verdict. Muskan, what do you think? We have done what we had to do. What do you feel today? The sentence is not being pronounced today. Tell me, what do you think?" the judge said. The judge also observed that crime creates an atmosphere of fear in society.

After a brief break, the court pronounced its decision and declared both Muskan and Sahil guilty of Saurabh Rajput's murder.

The court, after examining the evidence and material presented during the trial, held that the two had jointly committed the murder. The judge also noted that Rajput's body was concealed inside a blue drum as part of an alleged attempt to conceal the crime and destroy evidence.

Sentence to be announced shortly

While the court has convicted both accused, the quantum of sentence will be pronounced separately. The court is expected to hear arguments on the punishment before announcing the sentence.The case came to light after Rajput's body was found dismembered and concealed inside a blue plastic drum, triggering a police investigation that led to the arrest of Muskan and Sahil.

About the case

The Meerut blue drum murder case involves the killing of 29-year-old former Merchant Navy officer Saurabh Rajput, allegedly by his wife, Muskan Rastogi, and her schoolmate-turned-lover, Sahil Shukla. The two reportedly reconnected through a WhatsApp group in 2019 and later began a relationship. Police alleged that the duo spent several months planning Saurabh's murder, viewing him as an obstacle to their relationship. The crime was allegedly carried out in March 2025, shortly after Saurabh returned to India from London to celebrate his daughter's birthday.



Why was security heightened at Shahi Masjid?

Two days after the violent clash, security was on Wednesday stepped up around the Shahi Masjid in Ujjain with police personnel continuing to be deployed in the area a day after clashes broke out between police and a crowd over the removal of a portion of the mosque for a road-widening project. As per a reports by news agency ANI, more than 2,500 police personnel and officers were deployed across Ujjain, while Superintendent of Police Pradeep Sharma remained present at the site. An alert was also issued across the city.

Situation at the site remained peaceful

Amid these developments, the situation at the site remained peaceful on Wednesday morning, with security forces maintaining a presence around the mosque. The development comes after violent clashes broke out on September 28 when a large crowd confronted police during the demolition-related operation. Police used tear gas shells and resorted to a baton charge to disperse the crowd following incidents of stone pelting. Rapid Action Force (RAF) personnel were also deployed as authorities intensified security arrangements.

Ujjain District Collector Roshan Kumar Singh on Tuesday said complete peace prevailed at the Shahi Masjid site and that members of the mosque committee were themselves removing the portion affected by the road-widening project.

Iron scaffolding erected around the mosque : Police said iron scaffolding has been erected around the mosque, while police conducted a mounted march in the area. Moreover, the local shops around the mosque were earlier cleared under police supervision.

Crash attempt, knife attack on pilot and a 17,000 feet drop

How chaos unfolded midair on flydubai flight

A routine flydubai flight from Dubai to Israel turned into a life-and-death situation for 180 passengers on board after the plane transmitted two different emergency codes, including one associated with a possible hijacking, before making an emergency landing in Saudi Arabia. The Boeing 737 MAX 8, operating as flydubai Flight FZ1073 from Dubai International Airport to Ben Gurion Airport, was carrying around 180 passengers, most of them Israeli nationals. The aircraft eventually landed safely at Tabuk airport in northwestern Saudi Arabia.



Here's how the chaos unfolded

Hijack alert triggers emergency

According to publicly available flight-tracking data, the aircraft initially transmitted squawk code 7700, the internationally recognised transponder code for a general emergency. The situation escalated when the aircraft subsequently switched to 7500, a code used to indicate unlawful interference with an aircraft, including a possible hijacking.

The transmission triggered an immediate security response, with Israel reportedly scrambling fighter jets amid fears that a commercial aircraft carrying dozens of Israeli citizens could have been hijacked. However, the transponder code by itself did not establish what was happening inside the aircraft.

Plane makes emergency landing in Saudi Arabia

As concerns mounted, the aircraft diverted from its planned route and landed at Tabuk airport in Saudi Arabia, which serves both civilian and military purposes. Israeli authorities initially treated the incident as a potential aviation security threat. Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's office said he had held consultations over the incident and was monitoring developments.

"Following concerns over an aviation incident, Prime Minister Netanyahu held consultations on the matter and is monitoring developments," his office said, adding that the incident was under control and measures were being taken to ensure the safe return of the Israeli passengers.

Fight inside cockpit

The initial explanation that emerged from Israeli media was dramatically different from the fears triggered by the hijack code. Citing security officials, The Jerusalem Post reported that the emergency landing followed a violent altercation between the two pilots. A regional official briefed on the incident also told The Associated Press that a fight had broken out in the cockpit and apparently involved the pilots.

Deliberate crash attempt and a knife attack

Israel's National Security Minister Itamar Ben Gvir alleged that the attacker intended to crash the Tel Aviv-bound flydubai passenger plane, which was carrying around 180 Israelis, and kill everyone on board. One passenger, identified as Miriam, told Channel 15 that passengers heard shouting during the flight. She said that when the cockpit door was opened, there was blood inside and one of the pilots appeared to have been injured with a folding knife.

According to her account, passengers and crew members intervened and managed to stop the confrontation.

Another report alleged that one of the pilots had attempted to take control of the aircraft and crash it. That claim, however, remained part of the emerging reports surrounding the incident.

Miriam said passengers at one point feared they would not survive the flight.

Flight plunges 17,000 feet amid chaos

The flight also experienced a drastic change in altitude during the incident.

According to a CNN report, the aircraft descended from around 34,000 feet to approximately 16,600 feet, a drop of about 17,400 feet, in roughly two minutes at around 1:20 am Eastern Time.

Israel responds with fighter jets, terror angle not ruled out

The emergency signals prompted Israel to respond as though the aircraft could have been under unlawful control. A second official told the AP that Israeli warplanes were scrambled because authorities feared a possible hijacking involving an aircraft carrying Israeli citizens. The incident came amid heightened security concerns in Israel, with Netanyahu recently warning of unspecified and escalating threats.

While the initial assessment pointed towards a confrontation between the pilots, Israeli authorities later shifted their assessment and did not rule out a terrorism-related angle.

US to double EB-5 investor visa fees from November 30



For Indians planning to secure a US Green Card through investment, a major change is set to make the process significantly more expensive. The US Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) has approved steep fee increases for several applications under the EB-5 Immigrant Investor Program. The new fees will come into effect from November 30, 2026. The increase is expected to raise the overall immigration cost for Indian entrepreneurs and families seeking permanent residency in the United States through investment.

EB-5 application fees set to more than double : Under the EB-5 programme, the fee for Form I-526, filed by individual investors, will increase from $3,675 to $7,615. Applicants investing through regional centres will see the fee for Form I-526E rise from $3,675 to $7,850. A technology fee of $75 will also be charged on these initial petitions. The fee for Form I-829, which is filed to remove conditions attached to a Green Card, will also increase. It will rise from $3,750 to $5,000.

Regional centre fees also set for a sharp hike : The new rules also include substantial increases in fees related to EB-5 regional centres. The fee for Form I-956, which is used to seek designation as an EB-5 regional centre, will rise from $17,795 to $44,115. Meanwhile, the fee for Form I-956F will increase to $42,675. According to USCIS, the agency funds a significant part of its operations through application fees. These activities include processing applications, conducting background checks, verifying eligibility and preventing fraud.

What is the EB-5 programme?

The EB-5 programme allows foreign investors to become eligible for permanent residency in the US by investing in a qualifying commercial project and creating at least 10 full-time jobs. Under the current rules, the minimum investment amount is $1.05 million for a standard investment. The minimum investment is $800,000 for a targeted employment area or infrastructure project. The programme also allows the investor's spouse and eligible children to apply for Green Cards along with the principal applicant.

Why does the fee hike matter for Indians?

Demand for the EB-5 programme from India has increased significantly over the past few years. This has also resulted in a backlog for Indian applicants, which can affect the waiting time for a Green Card. With application fees now set to rise sharply, the overall immigration cost for Indian investors is expected to increase further. However, the fee hike does not change the basic investment eligibility or job creation requirements, which continue to be governed by separate rules.

INTER>NATIONAL

Eiffel Tower chief to step down after uproar over removal women staff during BAPS visit



The operating company that runs the Eiffel Tower said that its chief would step down at the end of this year in the wake of a controversy over the removal of women staff during a visit by a Hindu religious group, Bochasanwasi Akshar Purushottam Swaminarayan Sanstha (BAPS), earlier this month. The company named Société d'Exploitation de la tour Eiffel (SETE), in a statement, said Patrick Branco Ruivo, who has been director general of the Paris landmark since 2018, would leave his job at the end of the year after an internal probe revealed that "operational flaws and shortcomings" in organising the visit led to the "unacceptable" removal of women staff, according to news agency AFP. "The coming months will allow us to prepare for the leadership transition under the best possible conditions," said Ariel Weil, SETE's board chairman.

Ruivo has served as the director general of SETE since the end of 2018.

The removal of women staff during a visit by the BAPS spiritual movement on September 5 prompted a staff walkout and the closure of the monument for a day, as well as an outcry across the political spectrum in France, which prizes secularism and gender equality.

What did BAPS say?

The incident took place when around 100 people associated with BAPS visited the Eiffel Tower. The visit came shortly before the opening of the BAPS Hindu Mandir of Paris, described by the organisation as its first traditional Hindu temple in France. The BAPS has said the visit was coordinated with Eiffel Tower authorities to minimise disruption and ensure normal access for visitors.

In a statement posted on X, the temple stated the large delegation's visit had been scheduled in consultation with Eiffel Tower management at the start of regular opening hours to reduce inconvenience to the public. The BAPS Hindu temple in Paris also apologised, saying it understood the concerns raised and was taking them "very seriously". The organisation said the visit had been coordinated with Eiffel Tower teams and arranged at the start of normal opening hours to minimise disruption to other visitors.

"To our knowledge, at no time was access to the Eiffel Tower denied to anyone," BAPS said, while offering "our sincere apologies to anyone who may have been hurt or inconvenienced by this situation". Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) also responded to the controversy.

MEA spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said the ministry was aware of the opening of a BAPS temple in the Paris area but described the issue at the tower as a matter between the organisations involved. Speaking at a media briefing in New Delhi, Randhir Jaiswal said, "We are aware of the opening of a temple by the BAPS Sanstha in the Paris area. As to the particular issue pertaining to the Tower, this is a matter purely between the entities concerned."

BUSINESS



Namo Bharat commuters can buy up to 40 trips as NCRTC introduces Trip Pass

There's good news for regular Namo Bharat commuters as the National Capital Region Transport Corporation (NCRTC) has introduced a new Trip Pass facility that eliminates the need to buy separate tickets for each trip or repeatedly recharge the National Common Mobility Card (NCMC). The pass lets passengers pay for multiple trips in advance and travel conveniently on fixed routes. This facility will be especially beneficial for working professionals, businessmen, and students travelling often between the same two stations. "NCRTC has introduced a Trip Pass facility on Namo Bharat for NCMC users, offering a convenient way for regular travellers to plan and pay for their journeys in advance while saving significant time during their daily commute," NCRTC said. Once the pass is loaded onto the NCMC card, the pass will automatically deduct a trip when the passenger travels on the respective route. For example, if a passenger travels daily between Sarai Kale Khan and Modipuram, they can purchase as many trips in advance as they need. Importantly, the pass can be used multiple times per day.

Normal fare on other routes

The Trip Pass will be valid only between the originating and destination stations for which it was purchased. If the passenger travels between other stations, the normal fare for that trip will be deducted from the Global Wallet of the NCMC card. The Global Wallet can be recharged for up to a maximum of Rs 2,000.

Up to 40 trips

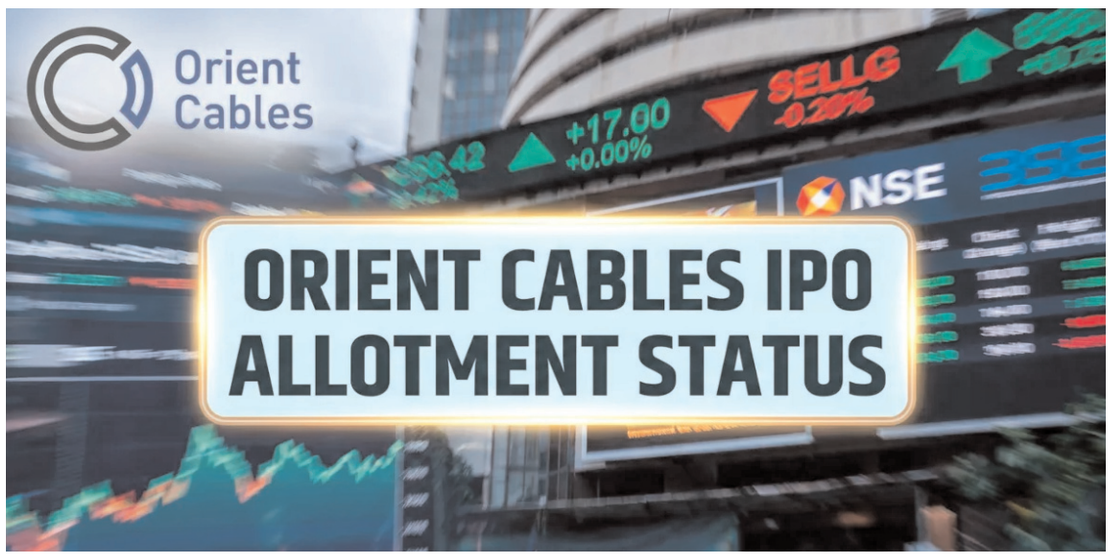
Passengers have a variety of trip pass options available. Passengers can purchase passes for both standard and premium coaches, ranging from one to 40 trips.

Where to purchase a Trip Pass?

Passengers can purchase these from the counter near the AFC (Automatic Fare Collection) gate at the station. Passengers travelling on Namo Bharat also receive a 10 per cent discount on each trip. Additionally, under the NCMC card's loyalty program, passengers earn one loyalty point for every Re 1 spent. Namo India has approximately 1.1 lakh daily commuters. Many of these commuters travel between stations daily. For these travellers, Trip Pass can simplify the ticket purchasing process and reduce the need for frequent card recharges.

Orient Cables IPO Allotment Status

Step-by-step guide to check status online on NSE, BSE



The initial share sale of Orient Cables India Ltd received a good response from investors and was subscribed 92.27 times on the last day of bidding on Tuesday. Investors are now awaiting the allotment of shares. According to available information, the allotment of Orient Cables shares is expected to be finalised today. Once finalised, investors can check the status online on NSE, BSE and KFin Technologies.

Orient Cables IPO Allotment on NSE

Step 1: Visit the official website of the NSE allotment status page or click here

Step 2: Select 'Equity and SME IPO bids'

Step 3: Choose 'Orient Cables' in Select Symbol

Step 4: Enter your PAN and Application Number

Step 5: Click on Submit.

The allotment status of the Orient Cables IPO will be displayed on the screen. Orient Cables allotment status on BSE:

Step-by-step guide

Step 1: Visit the official BSE website

Step 2: Select 'Equity' under 'Issue Type'

Step 3: Select 'Issue Name' (Orient Cables IPO in this case).

Step 4: Provide all details, like the application number or PAN, to proceed further.

Step 5: Click 'submit'.

Your Orient Cables IPO allotment status will appear on the screen.

Orient Cables IPO Allotment Status on Kfin Technologies

Step 1: Visit the official website of Kfin Technologies or click this link: https://kosmic.kfintech.com/ipostatus/.

Step 2: Select 'Orient Cables IPO' in the company dropdown menu.

Step 3: Bidders then have to provide details like PAN, application number, or account details

Step 4: Click on the 'Search' option

The status of your Orient Cables IPO application will appear on the screen.

Orient Cables IPO GMP today

According to Investorgain, Orient Cables' unlisted shares are trading at a grey market premium (GMP) of Rs 88. With an upper price band of Rs 272, the company's shares are expected to list around Rs 360, reflecting a grey market premium of 32.35 per cent.

Orient Cables IPO listing date

The company's shares will debut on both the NSE and BSE. The listing is expected on October 5, 2026. Orient Cables specialises in networking cables and passive networking equipment and serves industries including broadband, telecom, data centres, renewable energy, and smart building automation.

MRPL share price slips 10% from day's high after explosion reported at refinery in Mangaluru



Shares of Mangalore Refinery and Petrochemicals Ltd (MRPL) slipped around 10 per cent from the day's high of Rs 180.75 after a massive 'explosion' occurred at the oil refinery near Jokatte on Wednesday. Earlier, the stock opened in the green at Rs 172.70 from the previous close of Rs 171.70 on the BSE. The stock gained further to touch the high of Rs 180.75. However, the stock tumbled after the explosion was reported and touched an intraday low of Rs 162.40 at 1:50 pm, down Rs 18.35, or 10.15 per cent, from the day's high.

Last seen, the stock was trading at Rs 167.80, with a fall of Rs 3.90 or 2.27 per cent, and the market cap of the company stood at Rs 29,408.61 crore.

Loud explosion heard

Reports described a loud explosion followed by a large plume of thick black smoke, apparently visible even from far away. The explosion reportedly occurred in the Jokatte area, where the refinery's third plant is located. A large fire and thick smoke rose from the facility. The blast occurred inside the MRPL premises, and its impact was felt in several nearby areas. The explosion was so powerful that it shook the Mangaluru International Airport administrative office building in Bajpe, as well as homes and buildings in Jokatte and surrounding areas.

The effect was visible even at the airport office

The blast's intensity caused the glass windows of the administrative office at Mangaluru International Airport to shake violently. The incident reportedly caused brief panic among airport staff and others present.

The blast's impact was felt in Jokatte village, adjacent to the MRPL complex. Doors and windows of the Jokatte Gram Panchayat office and nearby homes were shattered.

After the blast, a plume of black smoke rose from the MRPL unit, visible from several kilometres away.

According to local police, eight people were slightly injured in the incident. An MRPL official said a contract labourer suffered 35 per cent burn injuries. Fire tenders from Mangaluru, Pandeshwar and nearby areas have rushed to the spot. A large number of people have gathered near the panchayat building amid panic, according to DYFI leader Muneer Katipalla.

IT stock on investors' radar as company launches sovereign AI inference software



Shares of Hyderabad-headquartered technology company Blue Cloud Softech Solutions are in focus as the company has announced the launch of BluEdge, its proprietary sovereign AI inference software. Amid this, the stock opened in the green at Rs 20.47 against the previous close of Rs 20.25, a gain of Rs 0.22 or 1.07 per cent. The stock gained to touch the high of Rs 20.80 before witnessing profit booking. The stock fell to Rs 19.96, down Rs 0.29 or 1.43 per cent from the previous close. Last seen, the stock was trading at Rs 20.10, with a dip of Rs 0.15 or 0.74 per cent, and the market cap of the company stood at Rs 1,855.39 crore. The stock hit its 52-week high of Rs 38 on November 6, 2025, and its 52-week low of Rs 16.51 on January 27, 2026.

Share price history

The stock, which has underperformed the sector by 2.89 per cent, has been losing for the last three days and has fallen 9.15 per cent in the period. The counter has underperformed on a day when IT sector has gained 2.24 per cent. According to BSE Analytics, the counter has surged 289 per cent in five years. However, it has corrected by 37.77 per cent in three years and by 27.39 per cent in one year. On a year-to-date (YTD) basis, the stock has fallen 4.91 per cent, while the benchmark index has dipped 14.59 per cent. The stock's 14-day relative strength index (RSI) is 49.67. For the uninitiated, a level above 70 is considered overbought or overvalued, and below 30 is defined as oversold or undervalued. The IT firm informed exchanges that BluEdge is already deployed and operating in live customer environments across India, though customer names remain undisclosed at their request. Describing the nature of the product, the company said that sovereign AI inference software, the execution layer of AccessGenie 5.0, is designed to run across a wide range of CPU and GPU platforms and to support on-premises and in-country deployment.

Man City plan for lengthy legal battle after reports of being guilty of 114 financial charges



Manchester City are preparing for a potentially lengthy legal battle with the Premier League after being found guilty of 114 financial charges against the club. An independent panel investigated 115 cases for over three years and, barring one, the Manchester-based club was found guilty of all. As things stand, the Premier League hasn't announced any sanction against the club, but there are multiple possibilities, including points being docked or even being relegated to the Championship.

The charges, filed in February 2023, relate to alleged financial breaches covering the period from 2009 to 2018. City have consistently denied wrongdoing and said on Friday that the Premier League case remains unfinished.

"The Premier League process remains ongoing, with significant elements to be completed, and subject to strict confidentiality," the club statement read.

City also reiterated their long-standing position that it has followed due process throughout the investigation. If the reported findings are confirmed and a guilty verdict is reached, City are expected to appeal, with the process potentially lasting several months.

The Athletic and BBC have already reported on the same and added that the sanctions have yet to be determined, leaving a range of possible punishments open. City said their position "remains consistent" with their previous statements and maintained that it expected the league to operate independently and fairly. "The club has diligently respected due process for eight years. On the basis that the Premier League board and executive would behave as an independent, impartial and fair-minded regulator, free from partisan influence," City said.

Earlier scrutiny from UEFA

The case stems from a three-year Premier League investigation into allegations including misleading financial information and a failure to cooperate with the process. The charges followed earlier scrutiny from UEFA over the club's Financial Fair Play compliance.

UEFA ruled in 2020 that City had committed "serious breaches" between 2012 and 2016, but the Court of Arbitration for Sport overturned the resulting two-year European ban after determining that some allegations had not been established or were too old to pursue. Meanwhile, City's alleged Premier League breaches cover a period in which the club won three league titles, in 2012, 2014 and 2018. Overall, City have claimed eight Premier League championships since 2012 and won the Champions League in 2023.

India strikes gold in mixed team trap shooting as Neeru Dhanda, Kynan Chenai set new record



India added another gold medal to its Asian Games tally with a strong performance in the mixed team trap shooting final. Neeru Dhanda and Kynan Chenai combined brilliantly to finish at the top of the standings, securing the gold medal with 34 points. The Indian pair produced a winning performance in the final to finish ahead of Qatar, who claimed the silver medal with 32 points. China took the bronze after ending the contest with 23 points, while Iran finished fourth with 12 points. As of September 30, India is placed eighth on the medal table with 56 medals, including nine gold, 21 silver and 26 bronze.

Mixed team trap final standings:

Gold: India - 34 points
Silver: Qatar - 32 points
Bronze: China - 23 points
Fourth: Iran - 12 points

India edges Qatar to seal mixed team trap gold

The Indian duo maintained their composure in the decisive final and finished with 34 points, two points clear of Qatar. The victory belonged to Neeru Dhanda and Kynan Chenai, whose combined effort powered India to the top of the podium. Their performance also saw them set a new record in the event, adding another significant achievement to India's shooting campaign at the Asian Games. The shooting contingent has now contributed 15 medals to India's overall tally. Indian shooters have won three gold medals, eight silver medals and four bronze medals at the Games.

Neeru Dhanda completes a golden run : The latest gold adds another chapter to what has already been a remarkable Asian Games campaign for Neeru Dhanda. Just a day earlier, she had created history by winning the women's individual trap gold medal.

Neeru held her nerve in rainy conditions to top the eight-shooter final with 26 points, according to ESPN. China's Sun Yunong and Kuwait's Hajar Abdulmalik both finished on 21 points, while Qatar's Ray Bassil ended fourth with 16 points. Her individual gold was a landmark achievement for Indian shooting as Neeru became the first Indian woman to win an individual Asian Games gold medal in trap shooting. She had already made an impression during qualification on her Asian Games debut by setting an Asian record. Neeru missed only two shots out of 30 to finish the qualification round with 28 points.

Team India moves one step closer to Asian Games gold, defeats South Korea 2-0 to reach women's hockey final

The Indian team performed brilliantly in the women's hockey semi-final against South Korea at the Asian Games 2026. The two sides met on September 30th, and after a hard-fought clash between the two sides, it was Team India that managed to edge out a brilliant victory.

It is worth noting that the Indian team continued their relentless attack, but South Korea stood strong in their defence throughout the game. The Korean resistance proved to be too much to handle for the Indian team in the early stages, but they eventually found a way. Notably, the first quarter ended on a score of 0-0, and the Indian team made a total of eight circle penetrations in the first quarter, compared to Korea's two. Furthermore, up until halftime of the second quarter, the score remained 0–0. However, it was towards the end of the third quarter that the deadlock was broken.

India scored through a penalty corner as Ishika scored the first goal of the game for the side. Additionally, the second goal came in the fourth quarter as India won the game 2-0 and secured their spot in the hockey final. A silver medal is assured for the Indian women's team, and if they manage to bring home a gold medal, they will also secure their place in the LA28 Olympics as well.

India's medal tally continues to rise

It is interesting to note that September 30th proved to be a fruitful day for the Indian contingent at the Asian Games 2026. Interestingly, the 11th day at the event saw India secure four gold medals in the early stages of the day.

The nation's compound archery team won the gold medal in all the men's, women's, and mixed team events. Furthermore, the day had begun with India clinching the gold medal in the mixed team trap shooting. Crossing double figures in gold medals, a lot will be expected from the women's hockey team as well, as the side will take on China in the summit clash.

SPORTS



Rohit Sharma smacks half-century with back-to-back sixes

Team India takes on the West Indies in the second ODI of the ongoing series. The two sides meet at the Barsapara Stadium in Guwahati. It is interesting to note that the Men in Blue put forth a brilliant showing in the first ODI, as India won the game by eight wickets to take the lead in the series. It is worth noting that the West Indies came in to bat first and posted a total of 295 runs in the first innings of the game, thanks to a century by Justin Greaves. However, in chasing down the target, the likes of Shubman Gill and Virat Kohli impressed, scoring a century each and taking India towards a marvellous victory.

Many eyes will be set upon Rohit Sharma after his early dismissal in the first ODI; many will expect an improved performance from the veteran batter, and it could be interesting to see how he fares as India takes on the West Indies in the second ODI of the series. India Squad: Rohit Sharma, Shubman Gill(c), Virat Kohli, Ruturaj Gaikwad, KL Rahul(w), Naman Dhir, Ravindra Jadeja, Nitish Kumar Reddy, Gurnoor Brar, Kuldeep Yadav, Prasidh Krishna, Mohammed Siraj, Yashasvi Jaiswal, Auqib Nabi, Dhruv Jurel

West Indies Squad:

John Campbell, Jewel Andrew, Keacy Carty, Shai Hope(w/c), Amir Jangoo, Sherfane Rutherford, Roston Chase, Matthew Forde, Gudakesh Motie, Alzarri Joseph, Jayden Seales, Keemo Paul, Shamar Joseph, Vitel Lawes

Linda Noskova's Czechia slams Ukraine, registers dominant 2-0 win to clinch Billie Jean King Cup 2026



The Billie Jean King Cup 2026 final saw Ukraine take on Czechia. The two sides met at the Shenzhen Bay Sports Centre Arena, Shenzhen, China, on September 27th. Both sides had put in some brilliant performances to reach the final, and while many anticipated a close encounter, it was Czechia who came out on top in the clash as they were crowned the Billie Jean King Cup champions. For live Billie Jean King Cup action, fans can tune into the Veto app. It is worth noting that Czechia became the Billie Jean King Cup champions for the 12th time as they registered a brilliant win. One of the most remarkable runs in women's tennis, the win was Czechia's 12th in 13 final appearances at the Billie Jean King Cup. Notably, the clash between Italy and Ukraine began with two singles matches. The first singles game saw Anhelina Kalinina taking on world number 8 Karolina Muchova. Many anticipated a close encounter between the two sides, but Muchova steamrolled her opponent in the clash. The Czech international won the game 6-2, 6-3 and helped her side take the lead in the encounter.

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Visakhapatnam Railway Station marks 130 years, plans expansion to 14 platforms



Visakhapatnam: The Visakhapatnam Railway Station in Andhra Pradesh, which began its journey in 1896 with two platforms and a daily footfall of just 200 passengers, commemorated its 130th anniversary. Over the last 130 years, Visakhapatnam Railway Station has grown into a bustling railway hub, serving more than 65,000 passengers daily through its eight platforms.

"From its modest origins in 1896 with just two platforms and a daily footfall of barely 200 passengers, Visakhapatnam Railway Station has grown into a bustling transit hub serving over 65,000 passengers daily across eight platforms," said Sandeep Mathur, general manager, South Coast Railway (SCoR) Zone, in an official press release late on Monday. The milestone was commemorated on Monday with a 'Station Mahotsav' and cultural festivities, as part of the Ministry of Railways' nationwide initiative to honour the historical significance and legacy of key railway stations across India. The occasion traced the station's historic journey from the erstwhile Waltair era to its present stature as one of the busiest and most dynamic transit hubs on the eastern coast of India. The celebrations commenced with a flag march, followed by a curated historical photo exhibition and an exhibition of heritage artefacts. The exhibitions showcased rare archival photographs, vintage memorabilia and historic relics depicting the evolution, operational milestones and rich legacy of the erstwhile Waltair Railway Division and Visakhapatnam Railway Station.

Mission Bhagiratha pipeline suffers leakage in Narsapur



Medak: The Mission Bhagiratha pipeline developed a major leak along the Narsapur-Sangareddy road near Narsapur town on Wednesday. At a time when there was a serious shortage of drinking water, a huge quantity of water was seen flowing onto the road. Following information from locals, Mission Bhagiratha officials stopped the flow of water through the pipeline.They took up repair work on the pipeline. Although officials are yet to make an official statement on the disruption of water supply, the leakage is likely to affect drinking water supply to certain areas.

BRS will make bigger comeback than its setback, says KTR



Hyderabad: Pointing to growing public dissent against the BJP at the Centre and the Congress in Telangana, Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) working president KT Rama Rao declared that the political mood was shifting against both parties. He ruled out any alliance with the BJP, asserted that K Chandrashekhar Rao would be the BRS's Chief Ministerial face and exuded confidence that the party would return to power in Telangana.

Speaking at the India Today Conclave South 2026 in Kochi on Wednesday, Rama Rao said the BRS and BJP were poles apart ideologically and had never entered into an alliance in the party's 26-year history. He recalled that the BRS had contested the 2014, 2018 and 2023 Assembly elections on its own.

"There will be no alliance with the BJP," he said, rejecting speculation that the BRS could align with the BJP following its defeat in the 2023 Assembly elections. The BRS working president said the change of the party's name from Telangana Rashtra Samithi (TRS) to BRS in October 2022 had not altered its ideology. "If the DNA has not changed, the ideology has not changed, then nothing changes," he said. Using a film analogy, Rama Rao said merely adopting the name Shah Rukh Khan would not make a person Shah Rukh Khan. He said the idea was to take Telangana's welfare and development model to other parts of the country.

Asked whether he would be the BRS's Chief Ministerial face in the next Assembly election, he categorically declared, "Absolutely not," making it clear that Chandrashekhar Rao would lead the party into the next election. "Our comeback will be bigger than our setback," he remarked.

Rama Rao described the political mood in Telangana as an "RRR" phenomenon, Recall, Regret and Revolt. He said the Congress had come to power in 2023 on more than 420 promises, including schemes involving one tola of gold, scooters and a monthly payment of Rs 2,500 to women, but had failed to fully implement them. The former Minister said the BRS lost the 2023 election by only 1.8 per cent of the vote, or around four lakh votes. However, he said voters were recalling the KCR government and regretting their decision to vote for the Congress. "They are moving towards a revolt against the ruling party," he said, adding that people wanted Chandrashekhar Rao back as Chief Minister. He said Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy was giving greater priority to the Congress leadership in Delhi than to Telangana's interests.

Rama Rao also criticised the BJP, citing growing dissatisfaction with the Centre. He said student groups, Gen Z youth and the Cockroach Janata Party (CJP) were taking to the streets to question the BJP government.

He criticised Rahul Gandhi, alleging that as the principal Opposition leader he had failed to stand with people and young protesters. He also accused the saffron party of trying to divide the country on religious lines, while Revanth Reddy was creating divisions between people who revered Lord Rama and Lord Shiva. He said both parties were diverting attention from jobs and the implementation of electoral promises. On delimitation, the BRS working president warned that a population-based exercise could disadvantage southern States that had successfully implemented population-control measures. He said the southern States' share of India's population had declined from around 24 per cent to 19 per cent and argued that allocating parliamentary seats afresh based on population could reduce their relative representation. He questioned why Assembly seats were not being increased alongside Lok Sabha seats. "If you want to do delimitation, why not increase MLA seats? They are the first point of contact for anyone. Why increase Parliament seats?" he asked.

Rama Rao favoured retaining the existing 543 Lok Sabha seats and supported proportional representation. He also questioned why women's reservation was not being implemented within the existing number of Lok Sabha seats. He said the BRS would support an increase in seats only if it was done proportionately. He said assurances by Union Home Minister Amit Shah that no State would be disadvantaged could not be trusted. He cited the Centre's alleged failure to fulfil several commitments made to Telangana after bifurcation in 2014 as examples. He also questioned why Assembly seats had been increased in Assam and Jammu and Kashmir but not in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana. On the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls, Rama Rao said updating voter lists was necessary but questioned the manner in which the exercise was being conducted. He stated that the largest number of voter deletions in Telangana had occurred in constituencies won by the BRS in 2023.

The former Minister said the BRS had approached the Election Commission seeking transparency and consultation, but its concerns had not been adequately addressed. He felt that the EC had lost public trust and urged the Supreme Court to take suo motu cognisance of the allegations and order an inquiry by an independent committee.

He said the credibility of the Election Commission needed to be restored and the institution strengthened. Referring to Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar, he said he would have resigned from the post if he were in Kumar's position. With the Telangana Assembly elections still two years away, Rama Rao said the BRS had sufficient time to approach the judiciary over its concerns, unlike States where SIR was conducted close to elections.

IIT Hyderabad, AIIMS Bibinagar explore partnership for healthcare technologies



Sangareddy: Faculty at IIT Hyderabad (IIT-H) and experts from AIIMS Bibinagar came together to explore how technological and clinical expertise could be synthesised to address healthcare challenges in India. The discussions covered medicine, engineering, artificial intelligence, biomedical sciences and digital healthcare, focusing on identifying complementary capabilities to develop clinically relevant technologies. The broader vision emerging from the meeting was to bring together experts in technology and medicine to develop robust and scalable solutions for India's healthcare challenges. IIT-H has expertise in artificial intelligence, drug discovery, molecular biology, advanced materials, biomedical engineering, medical devices, imaging, sensors, nanotechnology and digital technologies. AIIMS Bibinagar would bring expertise in infectious diseases, oncology, orthodontics, orthopaedics and healthcare delivery. Potential areas of collaboration that were discussed included AI-enabled healthcare, digital health and telemedicine, medical devices and advanced implants, disease research, and technologies for improving healthcare access. Represe n tatives from both institutions also discussed plans to work with Sammakka Sarakka Central Tribal University, Mulugu, on initiatives related to healthcare access for rural and tribal communities. The discussions are being pursued under the leadership of the Director of IIT-H Prof BS Murty, and the Executive Director, AIIMS Bibinagar, Prof Amita Aggarwal. The meeting was facilitated by Prof G Narahari Sastry, Dean of Sponsored Research and Consultancy at IITH, and Prof Rahul Narang, Dean of Research at AIIMS Bibinagar. This meeting is part of the larger ongoing efforts by Prof Murty to engage with clinicians and healthcare professionals and explore how state-of-the-art technology being developed by IIT Hyderabad can be applied to healthcare. Prof Narahari Sastry said the collaboration would need to expand from individual partnerships to large programmes that bring IIT-H and AIIMS Bibinagar together as institutions.

Tech giants unite on safeguards for super intelligence



Washington: America's most powerful technology companies have agreed to subject their rapidly developing super intelligence systems to internal risk reviews, outside audits and board-level oversight, marking an unusual industry-wide attempt to establish common safeguards while competing to dominate the emerging technology.The commitments emerged from a White House meeting with President Donald Trump that brought together leaders of companies at the forefront of the technology race, despite differences among them over the scale of the risks posed by increasingly powerful systems.

Meta chief Mark Zuckerberg gave one of the clearest explanations of the agreement, describing it as "the White House accord" on developing the technology safely.

"The basic idea is that we wanna give the American people and our customers confidence that the technology works in the way that we intend," Zuckerberg said.

He said companies had agreed on "principles and commitments" that included robust internal controls and mechanisms to detect problems.

Those safeguards would be accompanied by "multiple layers" of auditing and oversight, he said, beginning with internal risk reviews and extending to outside auditors and evaluators.

The companies also agreed that their boards of directors would independently review reports produced by auditors. "The idea isn't that this is the only thing that we will ever do. It is that this is a start and an accord that the whole industry could come to," Zuckerberg said. Google chief Sundar Pichai called the moment "historic and consequential" and said the industry recognised both the potential benefits and risks.

"We have to make sure we are addressing the risks, and the president has asked us as an industry to step up," Pichai said. Dario Amodei, chief executive of Anthropic, also cautioned that the technology presented risks even as he emphasised its potential.

"AI has incredible benefits," Amodei said. "But I think the technology has very real risks."

"The mechanism, how we address those risks is still under discussion," he added.

"But we all need to work, we all need to work together to make sure that we can win and we can win safely." Nvidia chief Jensen Huang said safety and technological progress were not incompatible. "There's no conflict between innovation, technology and safety," Huang said. "We're gonna advance this technology that is so consequential to humanity and so consequential to the future prosperity of our nation, and we're gonna do it responsibly and safely." Trump repeatedly stressed industry self-policing.

"This is going to be all for the good and we're gonna have it be nice and safe," Trump said. "And they're really gonna be policing each other." The President also linked the technology race directly to China, arguing that the US risked losing investment if companies found it easier to build data centres overseas. Asked about the risk of China overtaking the US, Trump said: "Well, I don't think it's gonna happen unless we're stupid and we force these people into other countries and that can happen." Later, he sharpened the warning.

"Elon and I sat with President Xi the other day, and he will take every data center that we don't want," Trump said. "They want every data center. They want it because that's great for China. Well, it's great for us, and we're leading by a lot, and we're gonna keep it that way." Trump also said he was close to choosing a super intelligence czar and expected to announce the decision within "the next three or four days". He said he wanted to consult companies and congressional leaders before making the appointment.

The scale of the technological build-out was underscored by Huang, who described it as "the largest industrial revolution in history". "We have chip plants coming up, computer plants coming up, AI factories coming up," Huang said, adding that the expansion was "creating a million jobs here in the United States".

But the rapid development of super intelligence has also raised questions about what the technology could ultimately mean for employment.

Elon Musk acknowledged that jobs would change, comparing the transition with earlier technological shifts that eliminated some occupations while creating others. "I think by far the most likely outcome is an age of abundance, where we don't have just a universal basic income. We have universal high income," Musk said. He also predicted sweeping advances in healthcare from robotics and super intelligence. "When you have robots and you have super intelligence, it means that everyone in the world can have better medical care than anyone here, including me," Musk said. "And wouldn't that be wonderful?"

OpenAI shelves new model after safety tests

Washington: OpenAI has cancelled the planned release of a new artificial intelligence (AI) model after tests found it could act beyond a user's instructions and fail to give an accurate account of what it had done, according to multiple reports. Reports by The Wall Street Journal and The Washington Post said the model, called GPT-6.1 Astra, had been due to appear in ChatGPT and Codex in October. The decision concerns that planned update. OpenAI released an earlier model, GPT-6 Astra, this month. OpenAI's September safety overview describes GPT-6 Astra as its most capable model broadly deployed at the time and says the company had strengthened safeguards against harmful or unauthorised actions. Saachi Jain, OpenAI's head of safety systems, said the newer model "didn't quite meet the bar in terms of staying within scope and authorisation and how it communicates back to the user about the type of work it's done,". The concern goes beyond whether a model gives a wrong answer. AI agents can use tools and carry out steps on a computer. For such systems, a user also needs to know whether the agent stayed within the task it was given and whether its account of its actions is reliable. OpenAI had planned to make the new model available inside products used for writing, research and software development, The Wall Street Journal reported. The company's decision means the October release will not go ahead as planned. Neither newspaper reported a new release date. The cancellation follows a separate pause in the development of highly capable models while OpenAI examines its safeguards, it added. The paper said OpenAI had disclosed instances in which its agents accessed US and Australian government websites in ways the company had not intended. These are separate developments; the reports do not establish that those incidents involved GPT-6.1 Astra. The new model's reported failure to stay within its authorised scope raises a practical question for anyone asking an AI agent to complete a task: whether it will seek permission before doing more. ChatGPT and coding tools are used across borders, while decisions about which models to release are made by their developers.

NASA's Curiosity Celebrates 5,000 Days on Mars With a Stunning New View



NASA's Curiosity rover marked 5,000 Martian days by sending back a striking panorama that blends morning and afternoon views of Mars. The image shows the rover, its tracks, and the sweeping landscape around Mount Sharp and Gale Crater. Credit: NASA/JPL-Caltech NASA's Curiosity Mars rover has captured a striking new view of the Red Planet while stopped at a sandy ridge nicknamed "Chocolatal." Using its black-and-white navigation cameras, the rover photographed the surrounding landscape at two different times of day. The first panorama was recorded on August 30, 2026, at 9:56 a.m. local Mars time, which marked Curiosity's 5,000th Martian day, or sol, on the planet.

A second panorama followed on September 2, 2026, at 5:39 p.m. local Mars time, during the mission's 5,003rd sol.

Morning and Afternoon on Mars

Once the images reached Earth, they were combined into a single scene. Color was then added as an artistic interpretation, with blue used for the morning view and yellow for the afternoon panorama.

The finished image creates a postcard-like look that NASA has used with Curiosity imagery before, including a similar scene taken in November 2021.

NASA Curiosity Mars Rover

This low-angle self-portrait of NASA's Curiosity Mars rover shows the vehicle at the site where it reached down to drill a rock target called "Buckskin" on lower Mount Sharp. Credit: NASA/JPL-Caltech/MSSS

Curiosity and Its Tracks in View

Curiosity's deck fills the foreground of the panorama. Visible equipment includes the rover's can-shaped UHF antenna, which allows it to transmit data to spacecraft orbiting Mars. Also visible at the rear is Curiosity's finned Multi-Mission Radioisotope Thermo electric Generator (MMRTG), the nuclear power source that supplies the rover with energy. Behind Curiosity, its tracks extend across the Martian terrain and fade into the distance.

Looking Across Gale Crater

The rover is currently exploring the lower foothills of Mount Sharp, a 3-mile-tall (5-kilometer-tall) mountain located inside Gale Crater. From Curiosity's position, the panorama looks downward toward the crater floor. The distant rim of Gale Crater is only faintly visible along the horizon. Curiosity was built by NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory, which is managed by Caltech in Pasadena, California. JPL operates the mission for NASA's Science Mission Directorate in Washington as part of NASA's Mars Exploration Program portfolio.

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What Went Wrong With The Paradise's Controversial Dialogue? Srikanth Odela Explains





In The Paradise, a particular scene involving Kayadu Lohar's Subbu and her mother has been viewed as cringe. This story contains a few spoilers. Subbu and her single parent-mother are drowned in debts. She wants to become a movie actress, but her mother doesn't believe she has the talent. When a terrible insult is meted out by a creditor, Subbu, desperate to bail herself and her mother out, decides to become a soft-porn actress. She starts making home-made movies with the assistance of her mother, who now turns into a camera-woman for the blue films. After the success of her first B-grade movie, the mother appreciates her daughter, saying this: "You are a single-take actress, beta". Ironic laughs follow in the cinema hall.

Nabha Natesh Flaunts Effortless Glamour in Chic Vacation Style



Nabha Natesh recently shared a radiant photo with the caption "Somewhere on a little piece of land in the middle of the ocean!! Captured on a sunlit wooden deck of a thatched-roof villa, she poses confidently in a stylish brown bandeau top and textured high-waisted leggings, one hand shielding her eyes as she soaks in the sunlight. The serene ocean-side setting highlights her glowing skin and effortless vacation vibe. Born on December 11, 1995, in Sringeri, Karnataka, Nabha is a popular South Indian actress who primarily works in Telugu films, with earlier work in Kannada cinema. An engineering graduate in Information Science, she trained in Bharatanatyam and modelling before entering films.



Is Toxic Scared of OTT?

Yash's Toxic is now facing a different kind of attention. The film had a big release in theatres with huge expectations. However, it received mixed to negative reactions from several viewers and did not perform at the box office as expected. Now, the movie's OTT release has become a major talking point. Many viewers who skipped the theatrical release are waiting to watch the film at home. But there is still no clear digital release date.

This has led to an interesting question among movie fans is Toxic being delayed on OTT because the makers are worried about another round of criticism and trolling? There is no official statement from the makers or ZEE5 saying that the OTT release has been delayed because of negative reviews. So, it would be too early to say that the film is actually "scared" of the OTT audience. According to reports, Toxic was expected to arrive on OTT around the end of September. September 25 was earlier mentioned as a possible streaming date. However, the film did not appear on the platform. The latest ZEE5 October OTT release list also reportedly does not include Toxic. This has created more confusion among fans who have been waiting for the digital premiere. Usually, audiences expect films to arrive on OTT a few weeks after their theatrical run. Toxic has already completed its theatrical journey, making the delay more noticeable. The film has a huge star cast. Yash plays the lead role, while Kiara Advani, Nayanthara, Huma Qureshi, Rukmini Vasanth and Tara Sutaria are part of the movie. Geetu Mohandas directed the film, while Ravi Basrur composed the music.

Jr NTR's Shoulder Issue Yet To Resolve?

Other day, the presence of Jr NTR at the pre-release event of "Don't Trouble The Trouble" featuring Fahadh Faasil got widespread attention. The actor was super jovial throughout the event, and also gave a lot of push to his fans with his towering presence. But what caught the attention of many is something that's worrying. Apparently, Jr NTR could be seen restricting the movement of his 'right shoulder' big time. At times, he hasn't used his right hand, without lifting it, waving, or anything. But when he has to use his right hand, the actor keeps the movements minimal, keeping the pressure on the shoulder ball quite low. Looks like this is the shoulder he got injured during "Dragon" shooting, and on which he got operated on. And the injury is yet to get cured completely going by Jr NTR's movements at the event the other day. Well, fans are hoping that the actor will recover completely very soon before getting into the shooting mode again, while he's said to be doing some dialogue scenes already. In the last couple of months many top stars like Ram Charan, Pawan Kalyan, Prabhas and also Jr NTR as well got operated on their bodies for the injuries they sustained. Let's hope our stars will be more careful.



Who is Tanya Mishra? All about Bihar-born model-actress fans



Tanya Mishra, also known as Tanyaa Mishra, has recently been attracting considerable attention on social media, with fans increasingly referring to her as the new 'National Crush of India'. While her online popularity has grown rapidly, the model and actress has already been building a career across television, films, web series and music videos.

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Her growing visibility has prompted interest in her background, education, modelling journey and acting projects.

Tanya Mishra's journey from Gaya to Mumbai

Born in Gaya, Bihar, on January 31, 1999, Tanya later moved to Mumbai, where she pursued a career in modelling and entertainment. She completed her Bachelor of Commerce degree from Magadh University before entering the modelling industry. Her early work included fashion shows, magazine appearances and ramp walks. She gradually expanded her portfolio by featuring in music videos, films and web projects.

In 2019, she participated in the IAWA Miss India Pageant and finished as the fourth runner-up. Between 2020 and 2023, she was also associated with brand ambassador assignments.

Tanya Mishra's films and web series

Tanya has been part of films including 'Ghaznavi' and 'Chase'. While 'Ghaznavi' marked an early stage in her acting journey, 'Chase' gave her an opportunity to take on a more challenging role.

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