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CM Revanth Reddy Calls for Comprehensive Child Online Safety Framework

Interstate Ganja Smuggling Racket Busted, Two Arrested



Hyderabad: Task Force Police have busted an interstate ganja smuggling racket in Mylardevpally, Rajendranagar, and arrested two men from Jharkhand who were selling the contraband in the city.

30 NDPL Bottles Seized at Narketpally, One Held



Hyderabad: The sleuths of Telangana Prohibition and Excise department seized 30 non duty paid liquor (NDPL) brought from Goa in a car.

Bollaram Arms Theft: Havildar Allegedly Linked to Kolkata Arms Dealers



Hyderabad: Havildar U Mallesh, who was arrested in connection with the theft of arms and ammunition from an army facility in Bollarum was allegedly associated with arm dealers based in Kolkata.

Vikarabad Bus Accident: CM Revanth Directs Best Medical Care for Injured







Vikarabad: Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy expressed deep anguish over the road accident in Vikarabad district in which three people were killed and several others injured. The Chief Minister conveyed his condolences to the families of those who lost their lives in the accident. He directed officials to ensure that the injured receive the best medical treatment and instructed them to take all necessary measures to provide immediate assistance to the victims.

Three women died and seven others were seriously injured after a private travel bus overturned near Ananthagiri Ghat Road in Vikarabad district on Saturday. According to preliminary reports, around 54 people from Kesaram village in Patancheru, Sangareddy district, were travelling to Chintakunta village in Dharur mandal, Vikarabad district, to attend a funeral. The accident occurred while the bus was descending the Ananthagiri Hills. The driver lost control of the vehicle, causing it to overturn. The injured were shifted to a nearby hospital for treatment. Police and rescue personnel reached the spot and began relief operations. Further details are awaited.

Deputy CM Bhatti Travels by Metro, RTC Bus to Review Common Pass



The state government has taken another significant step towards making Hyderabad's public transport system more convenient and efficient by integrating Metro Rail and TGSRTC bus services. The newly introduced RTC–Metro Common Pass enables passengers to travel more conveniently to their destinations using a single pass. To personally review the implementation and convenience of the facility, Deputy Chief Minister and Finance Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka travelled by both Metro Rail and an RTC bus.""Bhatti Vikramarka, along with Ministers Ponnam Prabhakar, Vivek Venkataswamy and Azharuddin, MP Chamala Kiran Kumar Reddy, MLAs Ganesh and Naveen Yadav, and senior officials, travelled by Metro using the Common Pass from Begumpet Metro Station to Jubilee Hills Check Post.""During the journey, the Deputy Chief Minister directly interacted with several passengers and enquired about their experience with the Common Pass. He asked whether they were facing any difficulties while switching from Metro to buses, and whether the new system had made their journey more convenient.""Passengers welcome the Common Pass Several passengers told Bhatti Vikramarka that the Common Pass was very useful. They said the availability of RTC bus services to reach their final destination after travelling by Metro was saving them time. They also said it was convenient as they did not have to purchase a separate ticket for the next leg of their journey. Passengers explained that the integration had also reduced the confusion they previously faced about which bus to take and which route to follow after getting down from the Metro. They said connecting Metro and RTC services was beneficial for daily commuters and would make public transport more convenient.

Telangana Express Marks 50 Years of Service



Hyderabad: Telangana Express HYB–NDLS 12723/24 completes 50 glorious years of service. The first service was started in October 3, 1976. The South Central Railway (SCR) thanked all passengers for their continued patronage and support. A special cake-cutting ceremony was organised by passionate rail enthusiasts of this iconic train. The Telangana Express is a Superfast Express of South Central Railways that runs between Hyderabad and New Delhi. It starts from Hyderabad Deccan Nampally and terminates at New Delhi. The train passes through the states of Telangana, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Haryana and Delhi covering 1677 kms.

BRS Leaders Placed Under House Arrest Ahead of Sanathnagar TIMS Visit

Hyderabad: Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) leaders have been placed under house arrest and prevented from visiting the Sanathnagar Telangana Institute of Medical Sciences (TIMS) hospital in the city. The BRS leaders wanted to visit the recently inaugurated hospital and inspect the services being offered to patients. However, since Saturday morning, several BRS MLAs, MLCs and senior leaders have been prevented from visiting the facility, with heavy police forces deployed at their residences. Secunderabad Parliament constituency BRS in-charge Talasani Sai Kiran Yadav, Korutla MLA Dr K Sanjay, MLC Shambipur Raju and others have been placed under house arrest. Heavy police deployment was made at the residence of Medchal district BRS president and MLC Shambipur Raju from 5 a.m. Objecting to the police deployment, he questioned whether an elected public representative was being prevented from visiting a hospital. The government hospital was constructed during the BRS government and inaugurated by Chief Minister A



KTR Hails Telangana Startups After Space-Tech Payloads Reach Orbit



Hyderabad: BRS working president and former Industries Minister KT Rama Rao congratulated Dhruva Space, TakeMe2Space, SatLeo Labs and EON Space Labs on successfully placing their payloads in orbit aboard SpaceX's Falcon 9. Taking to X, he said, "A proud moment for India's space-tech ecosystem. Congratulations to Dhruva Space, TakeMe2Space, SatLeo Labs and EON Space Labs on successfully placing their payloads in orbit aboard SpaceX's Falcon 9."

Dhruva Space's LEAP-2 platform hosted SatLeo Labs' TAPAS-1 thermal imaging payload, while TakeMe2Space's MOI-1A spacecraft carried EON Space Labs' MIRA imaging system. The Transporter-18 rideshare mission was launched aboard SpaceX's Falcon 9 from Vandenberg Space Force Base in California. The BRS working president stated that these four companies are part of Telangana's vibrant startup ecosystem. "Proud that three of these four trailblazing startups are part of Telangana's vibrant startup ecosystem, nurtured through institutions like T-Hub Hyderabad and T-Works Hyderabad," Rama Rao said.

He also said, "This is what happens when innovation, infrastructure and an enabling ecosystem come together." Acknowledging the support extended by T-Hub, Arjun AJ, an entrepreneur on X, said, "There are many other companies and startups, which have benefited from initiatives like T-Hub. We young need this kind of encouragement from people like you."

Another X user, Ramesh GDK, said, "This achievement reflects the strong foundation laid for investments, innovation and startups in Telangana. KTR garu's vision of creating more opportunities for Telangana's youth and transforming the State into a global innovation hub is truly commendable."

Vikarabad Bus Accident: Four Killed as Bus Plunges into Ananthagiri Gorge



Vikarabad: Four passengers died after a bus overturned and fell into Anantagiri Hills in Vikarabad district on Saturday. According to preliminary reports, the accident occurred while the bus was travelling from Ananthagiri to Tandur. The driver lost control of the vehicle, causing it to overturn and fall into the gorge. Police and rescue teams reached the spot and rescued passengers who had fallen into the gorge. The injured were shifted to a nearby hospital for treatment. Further details, including the identities of the deceased and the exact number of injured, are awaited.

Four Held for Allegedly Posing as Transgender Persons, Extorting Money

Hyderabad: Jubilee Hills police arrested four men for allegedly posing as transgender persons and forcibly collecting money from people. According to police, the gang had demanded Rs.5,000 from a man who had purchased a high end car. The incident took place on Banjara Hills Road No. 45. A YouTuber who was present at the spot recorded the entire incident and posted the video on X. The video went viral on social media, following which Director General of Police C V Anand directed the Jubilee Hills police to investigate the incident. After the incident, the man also lodged a complaint, police examined footage of 500 CCTV cameras for nearly a month, tracked the suspects and apprehended them in Boduppal. The accused were: Ramesh, Satyanarayana, another person named Ramesh, and Yadagiri, all residents of Kakatiya Kalanagar.



Two Oil Tankers Struck in Strait of Hormuz



TEHRAN: Two oil tankers have been struck by "unidentified projectiles" in the Strait of Hormuz region, a British maritime agency said Friday, in the latest threat to shipping in the waterway. The Hormuz passage, through which a fifth of the world's oil and LNG passed before the US and Israel launched

Odisha CM Announces Cash Rewards for Asian Games Gold-Winning Hockey Team



Bhubaneswar: Odisha Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi on Saturday announced cash rewards of Rs 11 lakh each for members of the Indian women's hockey team following their historic gold-medal triumph at the Asian Games in Japan. Each member of the team's support staff will receive Rs 5.5 lakh, the Chief Minister announced while congratulating the players and officials on their remarkable achievement. India defeated defending champions China 1-0 in the women's hockey final to end a 44-year wait for Asian Games gold. The victory also earned the Indian team a direct qualification berth for the 2028 Los Angeles Olympics. Majhi congratulated the team on its outstanding performance and praised the players for their determination, dedication and commitment throughout the tournament.

NATIONAL

IAF Chief Salutes Smit Machchhar's Remarkable Resolve



Indian Air Force Chief Amar Preet Singh on Saturday praised Captain Smit Machchhar for his "presence of mind, physical resolve, and mental resolve" while confronting the Omani co-pilot who allegedly attacked him during a flydubai flight bound for Israel.

Air Force Chief says flydubai pilots are brave

The Air Force Chief said the flydubai pilots are brave, but in the context of the Air Force, these threats do not seem yet, and if there is such a thing, it will detected soon. "What he has done is exceptionally brave. He showed great physical and mental resolve.

It is a lesson for us," he said. The remarks from the IAF chief came days after Smit Machchhar was seriously injured during an attack by his co-pilot aboard flydubai flight FZ1073 on September 30. The flight, travelling from Dubai to Tel Aviv, experienced a major emergency after the attack, with the aircraft undergoing a rapid descent before passengers and crew intervened.

How Smit Machchhar managed to open cockpit door

However, Machchhar, despite being injured, managed to reach and open the cockpit door, allowing others to enter and help overpower the attacker. The aircraft was subsequently diverted and landed safely at Tabuk in Saudi Arabia. Then, Machchhar was taken to hospital for treatment and has been recovering from his injuries. Air Chief Marshal AP Singh highlighted both his physical and mental resolve, framing the incident as a lesson for aviators rather than only as an individual act of bravery. On Friday, Machchhar recently spoke to Prime Minister Narendra Modi over a video call from hospital and recounted the moments of the attack. On phone call, he told PM Modi that, despite his injuries, he realised the aircraft was going down and made a final effort to reach the cockpit door.

Samajwadi Party changes 2 candidates, names Akash Agarwal and Sanjayan Tripathi



The Samajwadi Party (SP) on Saturday changed two of its candidates for the legislative council elections in Uttar Pradesh, and fielded Akash Agarwal and Sanjayan Tripathi. The announcement was made by party's national president Akhilesh Yadav, who said he was confident about the two leaders victorying the MLC polls. The Samajwadi Party had earlier fielded Prakash Chandra Gupta in the Agra Teachers Constituency, but has replaced him with Agarwal. In the Gorakhpur-Faizabad Teachers Constituency, it has replaced Kamlesh Yadav with Tripathi. "We have decided with the consent and cooperation of the two colleagues who were the former SP candidates that Dr Akash Agarwal and Dr Sanjayan Tripathi will be the candidates for the upcoming election," Uttar Pradesh's former chief minister was quoted as saying by news agency PTI. The polling for five graduates' and six teachers' constituencies of the Uttar Pradesh Legislative Council, whose terms would end on December 6, will take place on October 23 from 8 am to 4 pm. The counting will take place on October 27 and the election process will be completed before October 31, as per the schedule. Of these seats, six are represented by the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), three by the Samajwadi Party and two are independent members.

Akhilesh targets BJP over state's education system

Addressing the reporters at party headquarters in Lucknow, Akhilesh claimed the education and examination systems have collapsed in Uttar Pradesh, claiming the state recorded the maximum number of paper leak incidents in the past 10 years. He also alleged that those who are teachers are registered as voters for polling in teachers constituency.

Putin says Modi 'constantly' pushes for an end to Ukraine war



Four-and-a-half years into the Russia-Ukraine war, Russian President Vladimir Putin said Thursday that Prime Minister Narendra Modi "constantly raises the question about putting an end to the conflict" and has "very good ideas".

Putin made these remarks at the annual foreign policy speech at the Valdai Discussion Club plenary session. "Prime Minister Narendra Modi is one of those world leaders who, despite our very good and even friendly relations, personal good relations, constantly raises the question and asks the question about putting an end to the conflict in Ukraine… He has an avid interest and very good ideas aimed at finding mutually acceptable solutions," Putin said.

"In that sense, naturally, the Prime Minister takes a neutral position but with an interest in the end of the conflict. I think it's my duty to say that directly. And we are thankful to the Prime Minister for his ideas… We are thankful for his desire to put an end to this conflict through peaceful means and as soon as possible," he added.

Nushrratt Bharuccha back in Mumbai on a stretcher after spine fracture accident in Bali

On August 31, Prime Minister Modi urged Putin to move from an "endless war" to an "end of war" when they met in Bishkek on the sidelines of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) leaders' summit. Modi has raised the issue with Putin earlier too.

"This is not the era of war," he told Putin in September 2022. Then, in a meeting with Putin in Moscow in July 2024, Modi said that "peace talks do not succeed amid bombs, guns and bullets", and a "solution (to any conflict) cannot be found on the battlefield".

In his televised opening remarks at the start of the bilateral meeting in Bishkek on August 31, Modi told Putin: "We have been discussing the Ukraine issue.

When we met previously, you briefed me in detail on all aspects of the matter. As you know, India supports all efforts towards peace, and will continue to do so."'Every day of war sets humanity back, whereas every step taken towards peace fills humanity with new hope and enthusiasm. We must move away from endless war towards an end to the war," Modi said.

Government Boosts Classical Languages With 5 New Centres of Excellence



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The Ministry of Education Saturday approved the establishment of five Centres of Excellence (CoEs) for studies in five Classical languages, namely Assamese, Bengali, Marathi, Pali and Prakrit. "The establishment of these five Centres marks a significant step towards strengthening the institutional ecosystem for the study, research and preservation of India's Classical Languages," the Ministry said in a statement. The Centres will focus on four broad areas – providing dedicated institutional platforms for advanced research, scholarly work and academic engagement; preservation and digitisation; wider dissemination of Classical Language heritage; and strengthening regional academic ecosystems. The Centre of Excellence for classical Assamese will be established at Tezpur University, Assam; for classical Bengali at Visva-Bharati University, West Bengal; for classical Marathi at Deccan College Post-Graduate and Research Institute, Pune, Maharashtra; for classical Pali at Central University of Odisha, Odisha; and for classical Prakrit at Central University of Gujarat, Gujarat.

₹2.08-Crore Tax Loss Sparks Action



CBI PBMC property tax case, CBI Port Blair case, PBMC officials corruption case, Port Blair Municipal Council, CBI anti-corruption branch, PBMC revenue officials, property tax interest, Port Blair corruption case, CBI FIR Port BlairAccording to the CBI, incriminating material was seized from Abhishek Kumar during a search conducted immediately after his arrest. CBI has booked three officials of the Port Blair Municipal Council (PBMC) for alleged corruption in issuing around 252 no-dues certificates to hotels and bars without recovering interest on outstanding property tax, causing an estimated loss of Rs 2.08 crore to the public exchequer. According to a First Information Report (FIR) registered by the Central Bureau of Investigation's Anti-Corruption Branch in Port Blair on September 29, a former revenue officer of PBMC, an ex-assistant revenue officer, and an ex-tax inspector have been booked.

The central agency registered the FIR after a preliminary inquiry. The inquiry examined alleged irregularities in the issuance of no-objection certificates and no-dues certificates by PBMC's revenue section between 2020 and 2023. "The revenue section of PBMC was responsible for collecting revenue, including property tax, market rent and water charges. After the abolition of octroi and the introduction of GST, property tax became one of the main sources of revenue for the municipal body," the FIR said.

Money Woes, A Tragic Fall



A 29-year-old man from Gurugram died by suicide after allegedly jumping from the 43rd floor of the Supernova, Noida's tallest building in Sector 94, on Saturday morning, police said. The deceased has been identified as Sambhav Jain, a resident of Manesar in Gurugram. According to the Noida Police, Jain was staying alone at an Airbnb in the Supernova Spira society for a day. He had checked into the accommodation around 3 pm on Friday.

Video shows man jumping off balcony on 43rd floor

Around 11am on Saturday, Jain reportedly crossed the balcony railing and walked onto the ledge before jumping, a police officer said. He suffered severe injuries after falling from the high-rise and died on the spot. His body was split into multiple pieces due to the impact of the fall. Soon after learning of the incident, a team from the Sector 126 police station reached the society and launched an investigation. Police took the body into custody and sent it for post-mortem examination after completing the necessary formalities. Police officials, along with a forensic science laboratory (FSL) team, inspected the scene and collected evidence. Investigators are also examining CCTV footage from the building and surrounding areas to establish the sequence of events. People who were present in the vicinity are being questioned as part of the probe.

Distressed over money problems

A preliminary investigation suggested that Jain had been under stress over a monetary issue. Police said he had left his home around three days before the incident. However, officials have not yet established the exact circumstances that led to his death. Sector 126 Station House Officer (SHO) Sumnesh Kumar said the man had checked into the Airbnb on Friday afternoon. Police are verifying the circumstances surrounding his stay and the events leading up to the incident.

The deceased's family has been informed, and further legal proceedings are underway. Police said the investigation is continuing and the exact reason behind the suicide will be determined after examining all available evidence.



Cross-Voting, Rebellion Drag Congress Down in Rajasthan Local Polls

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Can Singapore turn doomscrollers become doomreaders? :

The party is also facing questions over the situation in Bhilwara, where 17 Congress candidates reportedly did not receive their symbols on time after they were issued from Jaipur. The incident followed differences between two Congress leaders, Dheeraj Gurjar and Ramlal Jat, who had opposed Dotasra. PCC officials said the Bhilwara matter could be dealt with by the AICC in Delhi rather than the state unit. Congress sources said the party's central leadership, including Rahul Gandhi and KC Venugopal, had taken note of the incident. The disciplinary action over cross-voting is likely to be taken after the CP Joshi-led committee submits its report.

Ohio Hindu Temple Vandalised; Probe Ordered



A Hindu temple was vandalised in Ohio, the United States (US), leaving the building damaged, said several Hindu advocacy groups on Saturday. The Swaminarayan Hindu Temple Vadthaldham was located in the greater Cleveland locality of Ohio. According to the groups, the incident happened on Friday afternoon when several people, including priests and devotees, were inside the temple. The windows of the temple were shattered and bricks were thrown at the temple; however, no one was injured in the incident. "This is real now. Online hate has morphed into a real-world attack on a Hindu temple. Review the video & catch the perpetrator," Suhag Shukla, Executive Director, Hindu American Foundation (HAF) said in a post on X. "We also call on our nation's elected leaders & government agencies to publicly and unequivocally condemn hateful rhetoric against Indian and Hindu American communities."

'Incident of Hinduphobia'

The Coalition of Hindus of North America (CoHNA) has described the attack as "fresh incident of Hinduphobia", urging the police to take appropriate action in the matter and requesting Richmond Heights Mayor Kim Thomas to condemn "such bigotry". "This comes as Hindus in Ohio begin celebrating Hindu Heritage Month and honor the Divine Feminine through Navratri in less than 10 days," the CoHNA said on X.

Attacks on Hindu temples across US

Several such incidents had taken place across the US last year, which were Indian-American Congressman Suhas Subramanyam condemning them and saying people in the US deserve the right to safely practice their faith without fear. He had underscored the need to continue fighting for increased resources for security at places of worship such as the temples that were attacked. “Hate has no place in our communities, and that's why I condemn the recent hateful attacks on Hindu temples and mandirs all across the country,” Subramanyam, the Democratic Congressman, had said. “We must be committed to doing more to combat the rise in hate that we're experiencing in the United States and ensure that our communities are protected. So I will continue to work with my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to do that.”



RADICAL VIEWS UNDER THE SCANNER

The Omani flydubai co-pilot, in custody and under interrogation following the attempted 'terror attack' in Israel, is now facing growing scrutiny over his social media activity following the September 30 incident in which he allegedly stabbed his colleague, Indian Captain Smit Machchhar, and attempted to crash the plane carrying 174 passengers.

The pilot, identified as 29-year-old Omani national Hamam al-Hammami, reportedly had a history of controversial, misogynistic views and was even fired by Oman’s national airline last year amid concerns over his alleged extremist views, CNN reported. The accused has already been flagged by Israel PM Benjamin Netanyahu as someone who underwent radical Islamist indoctrination as the UAE probes a terror angle into the incident.

Controversial views on women

In several deleted posts, al-Hammami discussed the difficulties his mother faced while looking for a prospective wife for him. He reportedly wanted his wife to wear a niqab, a face covering, and stop working after marriage.

“They all refused. Then my mother told them, ‘My son is a pilot,’ and they all suddenly agreed,” he wrote in a February 2022 post.

His posts also criticised mixed-gender workplaces, claiming they had a corrupting influence on women.

“How many respectable, religious girls have been ruined in mixed-gender work environments and manipulated?" a January 2022 post said.

LinkedIn posts hours after flydubai incident, how?

His LinkedIn profile, which has since been deleted, stated that he had worked with Oman Air for seven years before leaving the airline in February 2025. He subsequently worked with Royal Air Maroc from June 2025 to January 2026.

Notably, two posts appeared on his LinkedIn account just hours after Wednesday’s alleged attempt to crash the flydubai plane. The first post featured a series of cockpit videos filmed aboard a Boeing 737 Max, similar to the aircraft involved in the incident.

The video also showed aircraft operated by Israeli airlines El Al and Arkia. According to the report, the video ended with a photograph of Ayman al-Zawahiri, who succeeded Osama bin Laden as al Qaeda’s leader.

It also featured images of Humam Khalil Abu-Mulal al-Balawi, the al Qaeda-linked suicide bomber behind a 2009 attack that killed nine people, including seven CIA officers and contractors.

EB-2 India Back on Track, But 2013 Cutoff Holds



The new US fiscal year has restored visa availability for Indian applicants in the EB-2 employment-based green card category, but the Final Action Date remains November 1, 2013, leaving India more than 11 years behind the cutoff for applicants from most other countries. The US State Department’s October 2026 Visa Bulletin, the first bulletin of fiscal year 2027, lists November 1, 2013 as the EB-2 Final Action Date for applicants chargeable to India. Applicants with priority dates earlier than that date can be issued an immigrant visa, subject to other eligibility requirements. The gap with the rest of the world remains wide. The EB-2 final action date for all other countries is 1 January 2025, more than 11 years ahead of India. The bulletin says dates for filing and final action dates “have advanced across various immigrant visa categories” with the new numbers. It also says some employment-based categories for “Rest of World” countries have moved backwards, which it calls necessary to keep issuances within the quarterly and annual limits for FY 2027.

A Child’s Call to the Lavatory, Then Screams From the Cockpit

A six-year-old girl’s request to use the lavatory set in motion a chain of events that brought passengers rushing toward the cockpit of Flydubai Flight FZ1073 after Indian captain Smit Machchhar was stabbed by his co-pilot during the Dubai-Tel Aviv flight on Wednesday.

Nina Manes, who was travelling with her parents, Tali and Zvika, had asked her mother to take her to the lavatory. As Tali accompanied her daughter toward the front of the plane, she heard strange noises and knocking coming from the cockpit. She alerted a nearby flight attendant and urged the crew member to



check what was happening, according to her account to Israel’s Channel 12.

G7 Unleashes 100 Million Barrels to Tame Fuel Prices



The coordinated release through the IEA will run for four months, with a substantial amount of diesel to be released within the first 20 days as energy markets face severe supply pressures. g7 dieselFrench President Emmanuel Macron (C) speaks next to French Presidential advisor Emmanuel Bonne (L), France's Economy, Finance and Industry Minister Roland Lescure, Secretary-General of the Office of the President of the French Republic Pierre-Andre Imbert and Camille Morfouace de Broucker following a video conference with G7 leaders from the Elysee Presidential Palace in Paris. The Group of Seven (G7) countries have agreed to coordinate the release of 100 million barrels of oil and fuel reserves through the International Energy Agency (IEA) over four months, with a substantial amount of diesel to be released within the first 20 days as fuel prices surge globally. The decision was announced after an emergency G7 video-conference chaired by French President Emmanuel Macron on Friday. The G7 said the release would “begin immediately” and include a “frontloaded substantial diesel release within the first 20 days by G7 members and partners”. The move comes after growing pressure from Washington for European countries to draw down emergency diesel reserves. Reuters reported that the Trump administration had urged France and Germany to release their stocks and warned of a possible US diesel-export ban if they failed to do so. The move comes as Trump faces political pressure over high fuel prices ahead of the November 3 US midterm elections. AP reported that Trump’s approval rating on the economy had fallen to a new low in the latest AP-NORC poll.

WORLD

'We are proud of you'

Dubai's Crown Prince meets flydubai hero pilot Captain Smit Machchhar



Dubai's Crown Prince Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum met flydubai pilot Captain Smit Machchhar on Saturday, whose heroics averted a major tragedy and helped save 174 lives after his Omani co-pilot attempted to crash the aircraft this week. Maktoum, who is also the deputy prime minister and the defence minister of the United Arab Emirates (UAE), shared photos of his meeting with 39-year-old Machchhar on microblogging platform X (formerly Twitter) and said the entire country's leadership is full of his 'appreciation and praise'. "During a visit to Captain Smit Machchhar... the flydubai pilot who embodied the highest degrees of courage, responsibility, and care for human life," Maktoum said. "We are proud that he is part of our team... part of the story of our nation... and part of what the UAE stands for... a nation of compassion… a nation of peace... and a nation of life," he added.

Machchhar's heroics avert major tragedy

Machchhar was severely injured by his Omani co-pilot, who according to a report by Al Arabiya English was identified Hammam al-Hammami, aboard the flight FZ1073 that was travelling to Israel's Tel Aviv from Dubai on Wednesday. Despite his injuries, Machchhar foiled al-Hammami's efforts to crash the flight. For his bravery, he was also hailed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who later spoke to him and his family members. Further, calls are also being made by many to confer Machchhar the Ashoka Chakra, which is India's highest peacetime military decoration award. Pilots' body Federation of Indian (FIP) has also wrote to PM Modi, requesting him to confer a bravery award on the flydubai pilot, who is a father of two. "The circumstances in which Capt Smit performed his duties merit special recognition," the letter written by FIP's president Capt CS Randhawa said. "As reported, despite being badly injured and confronted with an extraordinarily dangerous situation within the flight deck, Capt. Smit continued to discharge his responsibilities as Pilot-in-Command," it said. "The Federation would be honoured if the Indian government were to recognise this exceptional act of courage and devotion to duty."

French School Protests Escalate as India’s CJP Campaign Draws Parallels



For students protesting across France, the grievances are straightforward overcrowded classrooms, too few teachers and schools in poor condition. Basic facilities are inadequate. In some cases, students say they are being asked to learn in conditions that they believe are simply not good enough. Those grievances have now spilled onto the streets. What began in the Paris region has spread across France, with students blockading schools and clashing with police. Hundreds of schools have been disrupted or closed, and thousands of people have been arrested, news agencies reported. The protests also have an Indian parallel. In recent months, the Cockroach Janta Party (CJP) has moved beyond its agitation over the NEET-UG controversy and the resignation of former Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan to a broader campaign focused on the condition of government schools across India.

BUSINESS

'Resilience Is Not a One-Time Exercise'



With uncertainty now 'a standing condition' of the global economy, the Finance Minister said policies must be designed to deal with it. At a time of increasing geopolitical vulnerabilities, finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Saturday underlined the need for India to continue building its economic resilience. "For India, resilience means building upon the structural foundations laid over the past decade to accelerate and broaden growth," she said at the Kautilya Economic Conclave 2026.

The test of the coming years will again be partly invisible and will be the shocks India absorbs without disruption to households and enterprises, she said, adding that that record is as much a measure of sound economic management as any growth figure. With uncertainty now 'a standing condition' of the global economy, the finance minister said policies must be designed to deal with it.

"We need to keep building resilience as we go along; it is not a one-time exercise," she said. While India approached the coming decades from a position of strength, she also listed out a number of priorities including strategic resource security that sits at the centre of macroeconomic policy.

She also called upon the private sector to lead the investment cycle, including in research and innovation. "India's expenditure on R&D stands at 0.83% of GDP, compared with 2.7% for the OECD, while the private sector contributes only 36% of India's total R&D expenditure,she said, adding that raising both the scale of investment and private sector participation is essential to strengthening our innovation capacity. She also said that global openness remains important and global economic relationships must also remain open, predictable, and rules-based. "A more resilient global economy will require countries to diversify partnerships, keep markets open, honour commitments, and work together to keep the movement of goods, services, energy and capital as stable and predictable as possible," the FM said. She also highlighted the need for skill development to prepare people for a changing world of work. She also noted that since 2014, the government has been taking various measures to build economy resilience and stability. Fiscal prudence has given continuity to our development commitments, she noted.

RBI outlines five priorities for financial stability as global risks grow more interconnected



Malhotra stressed the need for stronger systemic resilience, better data and monitoring, and safeguards that keep pace with financial innovation. Reserve Bank of India Governor Sanjay Malhotra has outlined five key priorities for safeguarding financial stability, warning that the nature of systemic risks is changing as financial markets, institutions and technologies become increasingly interconnected. Speaking at the Fifth Kautilya Economic Conclave on October 3, Malhotra said financial stability should not be viewed as an effort to prevent every shock.

Instead, the focus should be on ensuring that the financial system can absorb shocks without allowing them to spread across the wider economy. "Financial stability is not about preventing them. It is about strengthening systemic resilience to face those shocks and contain their amplification," Malhotra said.

Five priorities for financial stability

The first priority, according to Malhotra, is to strengthen systemic resilience. He said shocks can be endogenous or external, and the objective should be to ensure that financial institutions continue providing services even under severe stress. The second is to better understand a new generation of systemic risks and their interactions. "Risks are increasingly exogenous, cross-border and interconnected," Malhotra said, noting that the next financial crisis may not originate in a bank or even in finance. It could begin with a geopolitical event, cyberattack or technological failure and affect the financial system through multiple channels.

Vedanta Power Powers Ahead With Record Q2 Sales



The Anil Agarwal-led power producer sold 5,593 MU of electricity in Q2 FY27, marking a 26% year-on-year increase. For the first half of FY27, power sales stood at 10,817 MU, up 32% from the year-earlier period. Vedanta Power Limited reported its highest-ever quarterly power sales in the second quarter of FY27, supported by stronger plant availability and higher utilisation across key assets. The company is also pursuing an aggressive expansion strategy as electricity demand rises across manufacturing, infrastructure and data centres. The Anil Agarwal-led power producer sold 5,593 million units (MU) of electricity in Q2 FY27, marking a 26% year-on-year increase. For the first half of FY27, power sales stood at 10,817 MU, up 32% from the year-earlier period.

The growth was led by Meenakshi Energy and the Jharsuguda Thermal Plant, while Talwandi Sabo continued to provide a stable base for the portfolio. Meenakshi Energy recorded a 111% YoY increase in Q2 sales to 1,470 MU, taking its H1 sales to 2,820 MU, a 160% increase. The performance reflects the operations of its expanded 1,000 MW capacity base.

Jharsuguda availability jumps

Jharsuguda Thermal Plant recorded a sharp turnaround, with Q2 power sales rising 186% YoY to 873 MU. H1 sales increased 59% to 1,559 MU. The plant's Plant Availability Factor (PAF) rose to 98% in Q2 from 43% in the corresponding period last year.

Higher availability enabled the plant to generate and sell substantially more electricity during the quarter.

Talwandi Sabo reported a more moderate but consistent performance. Q2 sales rose 6% to 2,945 MU, while H1 sales increased 3% to 5,668 MU. The plant recorded 86% availability in H1 FY27, above the 80% normative availability level under its power purchase agreement with the Punjab government.

Capacity expansion accelerates : Vedanta Power currently has around 5 GW of operational generation capacity and plans to add approximately 600 MW by the end of FY27. It is targeting 12 GW by FY33, implying nearly a three-fold expansion from its FY26 operational base, with a longer-term ambition of reaching 20 GW. The company operates Talwandi Sabo, Sakti Thermal Power Plant, Meenakshi Energy and Jharsuguda Thermal Power Plant. Around 85% of its capacity is backed by long-term domestic coal linkages, providing greater visibility over fuel availability.

Index inclusion follows listing

The company, which was recently listed following its demerger from Vedanta, was included in the Nifty 500 and Nifty Smallcap 250 from September 30. The move also brings it into the Nifty MidSmallcap 400 and Nifty Smallcap 500 indices.

Vedanta Power is also pursuing sustainability measures, including biomass co-firing at Talwandi Sabo, where biomass accounts for more than 5% of fuel consumption. The company has set targets for reducing greenhouse-gas intensity and improving water efficiency, with an objective of achieving net-zero carbon emissions by 2050 or earlier.

₹90,500 Crore IPO Bonanza Despite Market Sell-Off



The strength in the primary market comes even as the broader market remains volatile. The NSE Nifty50 has fallen 14.25 per cent this year and the Sensex 15.6 per cent, making India one of the worst-performing major equity markets globally. Domestic liquidity and institutional demand have supported deals "September has witnessed a sharp acceleration in primary-market activity. This reflects stronger domestic liquidity, institutional demand and improved market access. The acceleration reflects stronger domestic liquidity and institutional demand, while valuation discipline and business quality are becoming increasingly important," said Ajit Mishra, SVP of Research at Religare Broking.

NSE was the biggest IPO in the September 2026 quarter, raising Rs 22,562 crore, followed by SBI Funds and Manipal Health Enterprises, which raised Rs 9,795 crore and Rs 9,275 crore from investors, respectively. These three issues raised more than Rs 41,600 crore and put the market on track for one of its strongest years.

Besides them, 15 other companies raised more than Rs 1,000 crore from their maiden stake sales. Issues such as Indo-MIM (Rs 3,812 crore), Dhoot Transmission (Rs 3,067 crore), Horizon Industrial Parks (Rs 2,600 crore), LEAP India (Rs 2,480 crore) and Elevate Campuses (Rs 2,100 crore) were among the other big-ticket IPOs.

Issues such as Juniper Green Energy (Rs 1,800 crore), Symbiotec Pharmalab (Rs 1,757 crore), Lalithaa Jewellery Mart (Rs 1,700 crore), Shiprocket (Rs 1,617 crore), Milky Mist Dairy Food (Rs 1,553 crore), Rentomojo (Rs 1,256 crore), Lohia Corp (Rs 1,101 crore), Moneyview (Rs 1,091.68 crore), Kanohar Electricals (Rs 1,056 crore) and Hero Motors (Rs 1,000 crore) also raised more than Rs 1,000 crore. "Domestic liquidity was the main driver. Steady mutual fund inflows kept demand strong, and foreign institutions came in through anchor books rather than the volatile secondary market," said Ratiraj Tibrewal, CEO at Choice Capital. "The 30 September deadline also pulled launches into the month, because companies with FY26 financials had to list by then or update their numbers," he said.

Eighteen issues raised Rs 500-1,000 crore from their maiden stake sales. These included Molbio Diagnostics, Karamtara Engineering, Augmont Enterprises, Manipal Payment, Laser Power, ARCIL, ESDS Software, Varmora Granito, Lumino Industries, Purple Style Labs, Tempsens Instruments, Kusumgar, Skyways Air, Orient Cables, Gaja Capital, Runwal Enterprises, SS Retail and Prasol Chemicals.

Issues such as Deepa Jewellers, Caliber Mining, Knack Packaging, Glass Wall Systems, LCC Projects, Ardee Industries, Acevector, Shankesh Jewellers, SRIT India, Steamhouse, A-One Steels, Pranav Constructions, German Green Steel, Behari Lal Engineering, ArMee Infotech, MV Electrosystems, Sunshine Pictures, Technocraft Ventures and Veegaland Developers were sized between Rs 200-500 crore. On the contrary, only two mainboard IPOs Priority Jewels and Shah Investor's Home raised below Rs 100 crore. Other issues, including Vishal Nirmiti, Annu Projects, Xtranet Technologies, Swastika Infra, Adroit Industries, Sonaselection India, Alpine Texworld, Hy-Tech Engineers, Manika Plastech, Rays of Belief, Jindal Supreme and Nityas Gems & Jewellery, were sized below Rs 200 crore. "The growing maturity of the market, with investors increasingly evaluating businesses on their fundamentals and long-term opportunity, is creating a strong environment for companies with credible growth and future plans to raise capital," said Aakash Bansal, Co-Founder & CEO at MIDASX. "A healthy IPO market naturally brings greater focus on valuation and business quality, with investors looking closely at earnings visibility, cash flows, governance, competitive positioning and the opportunity ahead," he added.

India's Growth Unaffected by Lack of US Trade Deal: Panagariya



Lack of US-India deal will not have an adverse impact on India's growth, says Panagariya

US Trade Representative Jamieson Greer has said a trade deal between India and the US is not imminent although officials from both countries are continuing bilateral negotiations.

The lack of a trade deal with the US will not have an adverse impact on India's economic growth but the advantages that would have accrued from it will not come through for now, said Arvind Panagariya, Chairman of the Sixteenth Finance Commission. "It's status quo. It's an advantage which would have accrued, which will not accrue. It doesn't make things worse but the deal would make it better. On economic growth, I sense no adverse impact," he told Business Today on the sidelines of the Kautilya Economic Conclave 2026 on Saturday.

Identified the items but India-US trade deal not imminent, says USTR Jamieson Greer

US faces G20 pushback on excess capacity, forced labour as trade divisions widen

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Panagariya who is also former Vice Chairman of NITI Aayog further expressed hope that the US will not impose new tariffs of up to 100% on India under the Lindsey O. Graham Sanctioning Russia and Iran Act of 2026. "We don't know in the end what the what they plan to do. That's a concern and we have to wait and see what happens," he said. However, he said that he does not expect US President Donald Trump to act on it because India is an important relationship for the US too. "The US also knows that if Russian oil supplies were drawn, you know, that would have serious implications for the United States itself as well," Panagariya said. The Lindsey O. Graham Sanctioning Russia and Iran Act of 2026, which was passed by the US House of Representatives on September 16 allows the US president to impose additional tariffs of up to 100% on goods from the five largest buyers of Russian crude oil and natural gas. The Act, along with a lack of clarity on the signing of the first tranche of the India-US bilateral trade agreement, has led to a lot of uncertainty on US tariffs on Indian exports and the impact on the Indian economy. The US continues to be India's largest export destination and exporters have been waiting to understand how the US will proceed on the issue. In July, it had imposed fresh tariff of 10% on Indian exports on charges of forced labour after the US Supreme Court had struck down the reciprocal tariffs it had levied previously.

SPORTS

ANTIM PANGHAL BAGS SILVER



Star India wrestler Antim Panghal took on Japan's Moe Kiyooka in the women's 53 kg wrestling final at the Asian Games 2026, and continued India's medal-winning streak. Taking on each other in the gold medal clash, Moe Kiyooka managed to come out on top, maintaining her winning streak and handing a loss to Panghal. It is interesting to note that Kiyooka outclassed Panghal in the game, with both an attacking and a defensive masterclass. It is worth noting that the Japanese began the game with a takedown, grabbing hold of Antim's ankles. She ushered the Indian out of bounds, taking some crucial points away. In the latter stages of the game, Antim also tried to go for several leg grabs. However, Kiyooka remained vigilant, dodged every attempt, and went on to register a brilliant victory, clinching the gold as India had to settle for the silver.

India's medal tally continues to rise

The Indian contingent has been exceptional at the Asian Games 2026. On October 2nd and 3rd, the nation brought home 11 gold medals, putting in some brilliant performances. The likes of Parveen Hooda, Ankush Panghal, and Lovlina Borgohain won their respective bouts in wrestling. Furthermore, Sujeet Kalkal won in freestyle wrestling to win the gold as well. On October 3, after winning gold in golf and archery, the Indian men's cricket team defeated Pakistan in the final to bring home yet another gold medal.

Additionally, the men's hockey team defeated Malaysia with a score of 5-1 in hockey to clinch yet another gold medal for India at the Asian Games 2026. It is interesting to note that with Antim Panghal's silver medal win, India now sit in fourth place in the medal tally. With 21 golds, 27 silvers, and 37 bronze medals, India has a total of 85 medals to its name, and it could be interesting to see if any more can be added on the final day of the games on October 4th. Despite a shaky start to the event, the nation has more than made up for the blunders that happened in the early stages of the Asian Games 2026.

FROM VEGETABLES TO THE PODIUM

Neeraj Chauhan, Who Sold Vegetables in 2020, Wins Asian Games Bronze





Neeraj Chauhan lost his semi-final 1-7 to Japan's Junya Nakanishi, then beat Dhiraj Bommadevara, the top seed and a fellow Indian, 6-4 for the bronze in the men's recurve individual event at the Asian Games. Chauhan, 24, is the second Indian man after Tarundeep Rai, who won silver in 2010, to win an individual recurve medal at the Games. After the semi-final, his mind went back to 2020. In the Covid-19 lockdown his father, Akshaylal Chauhan, lost his job as a cook at the Kailash Prakash stadium in Meerut, and Neeraj and his elder brother Sunil sold vegetables.

"It's hard to start afresh after a loss in the semis and the chance to secure the LA Olympics quota for India. But then I also thought about the time when I along with my brother sold vegetables pushing the cart through the streets near the Civil Lines area in Meerut to help our father. It was the toughest phase for me and if I could come out of it, then I could also win the medal here," Chauhan said. "I dedicate this medal to my father, who did everything to support me."

"Getting the scholarship as well as the job in ITBP later and training at the SAI Sonepat centre meant that I did not have to worry about the expenses or finances," Chauhan said. Chauhan finished 20th in qualification. In the pre-quarter-finals he beat Kim Je-deok, a three-time Olympic champion (mixed team and men's team at Tokyo, men's team at Paris).

He was part of the Indian men's team that took silver on Friday, and on Saturday he won his quarter-final 7-1 against Bhutan's Dorji Lam before losing to Nakanishi. Dhiraj, meanwhile, lost 3-7 to Lee Woo-seok, the Paris Olympics team gold medallist and individual bronze medallist, in the other semi-final. The Indians met for the bronze. Chauhan led 2-0, trailed 2-4, then shot 30 in the fourth set and 29 in the fifth, five tens in his last six arrows.

"I idolise Dhiraj bhaiya and have been following his shooting style too since long," he said.

"Yes, my qualification round did not go well but then scoring a win against Kim Je-deok motivated me a lot. It gave me the belief that I can beat the best in the world. I knew that Saturday was my chance to win a medal."

"I met Korean legend and five-time Olympic gold medallist and reigning Paris champion Kim Woo-jin. It means a lot that he saw me winning the bronze."

ROHIT MISSES TON, STEADIES INDIA



Veteran India batter Rohit Sharma performed brilliantly as India took on the West Indies in the third ODI of the ongoing series. Stabilising India's innings, Rohit went on to score 92 runs and barely missed out on a century. Team India took on the West Indies in the third ODI of the ongoing series. The two sides met at the Maharaja Yadavindra Singh International Cricket Stadium, New Chandigarh, on October 3rd. The game began with the Indian team coming in to bat first after winning the toss. As both sides hoped to put forth a good display of cricket, the Indian team were dealt early shocks. The game began on a subpar note for the Indian team as skipper Shubman Gill departed on a score of one run. Furthermore, things went from bad to worse as ace batter Virat Kohli departed for a golden duck as India lost two wickets quite early in the clash.

The game saw Rohit Sharma put forth a good showing, opening the innings, and witnessing the early dismissals, Rohit went on to play a brilliant knock. While many thought he would go on to score a brilliant win, Rohit barely missed out on scoring his 36th ODI century. Notably, on a score of 92 runs, Rohit attempted to play a big shot but ended up handing an easy catch along the boundary line as he missed out on his ton. However, despite him missing out, Rohit's brilliant century meant that the star batter had stabilised the innings for India. Notably, the wicket of Virat Kohli and Shubman Gill early into the innings could have hurt the side, but it was Rohit's brilliance that helped the side come back in the clash.

Rohit Sharma also achieved a massive feat as the opener ::

It is also worth noting that on a score of two runs in the early stages of the game, Rohit Sharma also completed 10,000 ODI runs as an opener. Doing so, he became the fastest player to reach the 10,000-run mark. He just needed two runs to do so. Furthermore, with the ODI World Cup 2027 rapidly approaching, Rohit Sharma has re-established himself as the front-runner once more to retain the opener spot for India in the tournament, and it could be interesting to see how he maintains his brilliant form as India gears up for the marquee tournament.

Samba magic in Kolkata as Brazil beat India 4-0 in Kolkata



Indian football team faces their ultimate litmus test tonight as Khalid Jamil's national side welcomes five-time World Cup champions Brazil to the iconic Salt Lake Stadium for a historic international friendly. It marks the first-ever international match between these two nations that have their own journey of struggles in modern times. Meanwhile, India enter the tie following an encouraging 1–1 draw against 44th-ranked Panama in Bengaluru last week, where forward Ryan Williams scored his second goal for the national team. Facing world No. 5 Brazil, however, represents a 133-place gap in the FIFA rankings, making this the highest-ranked opponent India has ever faced in an official match. Head coach Khalid Jamil, meanwhile, named a 4-2-3-1 formation, relying heavily on goalkeeper Gurpreet Singh Sandhu and defender Anwar Ali to anchor a resilient backline against relentless pressure. Ryan will lead the attack, while Sahal Abdul Samad, playing as number 10 and will be key for the side.

Carlo Ancelotti's Brazil, on the other hand, arrive in Kolkata fresh off a 4-2 victory over Australia in Brisbane. The Italian manager has named a formidable squad featuring Real Madrid star Vinicius Junior, young sensation Endrick, and defenders Marquinhos and Gabriel Magalhaes. However, Endrick and Gabriel don't start for Brazil tonight. Vini, however, starts on the left flank.

TRIPLE BOGEY. GOLDEN COMEBACK.



The significance of Pranavi Urs's gold medal in women's individual golf – the first-ever for India in the history of the Asian Games can be gauged by the players she left behind. China's Yin Ruoning, who clinched the silver after a play-off against Singapore's Shannon Xuan Yin Tan, is ranked world no. 6. Shannon herself was the European Order of Merit winner last year. Six of the top 10 in the world – including five of the top six – hail from Asia. And even though not all of them were in action at the Kasugai Country Club East Course, it shows where the epicentre of the game lies, and makes the achievement of the 294-ranked Indian even more remarkable Four rounds and 72 holes of golf separates the contenders from the pretenders, and where Aditi Ashok had faltered at the 2023 Asian Games in the final round, the 23-year-old from Mysuru made sure to go the whole hog. Aditi displayed stellar form in Hangzhou and had a seven-shot lead going into the final round, before a card of 77 undid all the good work and she had to be content with a silver medal, the same colour she, Pranavi and Diksha Dagar combined to achieve on Saturday in the team event. There may have been a chance that Pranavi could have faltered too, especially after a triple-bogey 7 on the third hole wiped off her overnight lead and handed the initiative to Yin. But those were the last shots Pranavi dropped and combined with three subsequent birdies, ensured a level-par round and a win by one with a score of 15-under. That she didn't have a big lead and fought all the way to the end of the round, in a way, made her win even more impressive. In fact, she wasn't even sure at the end that the gold medal was hers. Then her teammates dunked two bottles empty in her head. "I just knew it was either a putt to win or to force a playoff," she said after the three-foot putt on the last. "All I wanted to do was obviously hole the putt." The self-proclaimed fan of Rory McIlroy and women's World No.1 Nelly Korda had admitted that she had barely slept the previous night and was anxious at the start of her round.

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Government grain worth Rs 2.47 crores missing

Sri Venkateswara Binny Rice Mill in Matedu attackedÑ five arrested, remandedÑ Thorrur police reveal



Mahabubabad District Correspondent Telangana Essence October 3 : Major irregularities in rice mills are coming to light after being dug up. Irregularities keep coming to light whenever raids are carried out. Authorities estimate that there are Rs 83 crores of arrears in the entire Mahabubabad district. To avoid the controversy of not conducting raids, the authorities are conducting raids from time to time and only a small amount is being seized or recovered. According to the details announced by the concerned authorities, they claim to have recovered Rs 20 crores so far. Rice millers across the state are protesting by shutting down their mills due to fear of raids by the authorities. The latest raid on Saturday brought to light the irregularities.

Sri Venkateswara Binny Rice of Matedu village in Thorrur mandal of Mahabubabad district In a raid conducted by the Thorrur police in a mill, it was confirmed that government grain worth Rs 2.47 crore had gone missing, and five people were arrested and produced in court. In these raids, the Vigilance Civil Supply officers, in collaboration with the Thorrur police, discovered irregularities. The Thorrur police announced that five people were arrested and sent to remand after grain worth Rs 2.47 crore was not found in the accounts. When it comes to irregularities in rice mills, there are allegations of irregularities not only in remote areas of the district but also in the Mahabubabad town center in the mandal centers. Many political parties are demanding that the rice mills here be inspected and the government money recovered and distributed to the poor.

Young farmer dies of electric shock after going to water his field after being electrocuted

Tragedy while changing motor connection.. Deep tragedy in the family



Mahabubabad District Correspondent Telangana Essence October 3: A young farmer who went to the field to water his crop was electrocuted and died on the spot in a tragic incident that took place on Saturday in Gurrappa Thanda Gram Panchayat limits of Maripeda Mandal of Mahabubabad district. According to the details of the locals.. Banothu Mahender (33) of Gurrappa Thanda is farming on his own land and raising his wife and two children. He went to the field on Saturday to water the crop. Locals said that due to the high load on the transformer connected to the field for some time, frequent motor repairs are being made and there is also a low-voltage problem. Mahender tried to change the motor connection to another transformer nearby to prevent the crop from drying out. In this process, while he was hanging an electric wire at the transformer, he was electrocuted and died on the spot. This incident has cast a shadow of sadness over the Gurrappa Thanda. The deceased Mahender is survived by his wife, a three-year-old son and a ten-year-old daughter. The affected family is deeply saddened by the loss of the head of the family.

Farmers should opt for cultivation of pulses in Yasangi







- Rain shortage due to El Nino effect.. Rice cultivation should be avoided
- Every farmer must register as a farmer: Atma Chairman Nallu Sudhakar Reddy

Mahabubabad District Correspondent Telangana EssenceOctober 3: In the wake of severe rain shortage due to El Nino effect, Atma Mahabubabad District Committee Chairman Nallu Sudhakar Reddy suggested that farmers should focus on cultivation of pulses crops in Yasangi season. Farmers should follow the instructions of the Agriculture Department keeping in mind the availability of water.

Agriculture Minister Tummala Nageswara Rao watched the speech of the Minister of Agriculture Tummala Nageswara Rao live at the Rythu Nestham program organized at Chilukodu Rythu Vedika in Dornakal Mandal. Later, Nallu Sudhakar Reddy said that due to the lack of rain due to the effect of El Nino, water is not reaching the expected level in the reservoirs and boreholes and wells are drying up. He said that rice cultivation in Yasangi is likely to worsen the water problem when groundwater is also depleting.

He said that pulses can be cultivated in two to three acres with the water required for one acre of rice cultivation. He suggested that farmers should encourage the cultivation of pulses as it is possible to cultivate crops in a large area with less water. He urged farmers to follow the instructions of the state agriculture department and use water resources economically.

Farmer registration is mandatory

Nallu Sudhakar Reddy suggested that every farmer should register his name in the farmer registration.

Without registration, he said that in addition to difficulties in selling the harvested crop, there are likely to be problems in obtaining government benefits such as PM Kisan, Rythu Bharosa, urea supply, subsidized seeds, agricultural equipment and other government benefits. Therefore, he urged farmers who have not completed their registration to immediately contact the relevant Agricultural Extension Officers (AEOs) and complete the registration process. Village Sarpanch Rayala Venkateswarlu, Mandal Agriculture Officer Anil, Sericulture Officer Suresh, AEOs, farmers and others participated in the program.

There are no pending RC and DL cards in RTA.. Delivery to home by speed post within 7 working days



If the drivers do not receive the cards, they should contact the nearest post office.. Transfer of ownership is mandatory after the sale of vehicles: District Transport Officer Shankar Nayak

Mullangi Mohan Reddy Telangana Essence Mahabubabad District Correspondent October 3The Mahabubabad District Transport Office is working with the aim of providing fast services to the people, said Shankar Nayak, District Transport Officer of Mahabubabad. He revealed that a specific time limit is being set and implemented for each service in the office with the slogan »»Speedy Dispose, Early Dispatchµµ (quick solution.. early distribution).

RC and DL cards in seven working days

Shankar Nayak said that many vehicle owners are coming to the office saying that they have not received their RC and driving license cards. However, it was clarified that there are no pending RC and DL cards in the Mahabubabad District Transport Department office. If the cards are not received within seven working days from the date of the driving license test, they should contact the nearest post office.

He said that each RC and DL card is being sent to the address registered in Aadhaar through speed post. If the card is not received even after seven working days, motorists should immediately contact the officials of the Mahabubabad District Transport Department office directly.

Specific time limit for each service

The time limit set for the services provided at the Transport Department office is explained as follows.

1\. LLR: Steps to provide services within one hour of the application process.

2\. DL, RC: Direct home delivery through speed post within seven working days.

3\. RC, Permit, FC of commercial vehicles: Same day delivery.

He said that motorists do not need to worry about the documents related to commercial vehicles being pending in the office, and steps are being taken to get the documents on the same day after the prescribed process is completed.

Transfer of ownership should be done immediately after selling the vehicle

Shankar Nayak also gave key instructions to motorists regarding the sale of vehicles. He said that even though many have sold their cars, the vehicles are still showing in their names in the government records as they have not transferred ownership. He explained that some are contacting the office saying that the car is showing in their name especially when applying for pension. It was advised that the owners who have sold the vehicle should personally complete the process so that the ownership transfer is done in the name of the buyer. He warned that if they do not do so, the vehicle will continue to be in the name of the old owner in the government records.

District Transport Department Officer Shankar Nayak appealed to motorists to be vigilant about the documents related to their vehicles and details of ownership transfer and to utilize the services provided by the Transport Department within the stipulated time.

Umbrella distribution under the auspices of the Women Empowerment Center in Mahabubabad District

Mahabubabad District Correspondent Telangana EssenceOctober 3 : As part of a program to provide necessary assistance to women in the district under the auspices of the Women Empowerment Center in Mahabubabad district, an umbrella distribution program was organized at the District Welfare Department Women Empowerment Center office in the District Collectorate on Saturday. Speaking on the occasion, In-charge Mahabubabad District Welfare Officer Sirisha said that 5 umbrellas will be provided to each project in the district. She said that steps are being taken to provide necessary assistance as part of the implementation of women empowerment and welfare programs.

The staff of the Women Empowerment Center,



concerned officers and other staff participated in the program.

Power supply to be suspended for two hours on Sunday

Mahabubabad District Correspondent Telangana Essence October 3

Mahabubabad Power supply will be suspended for two hours in the district headquarters on Sunday morning, power officials said. 11kV line maintenance work is underway in the feeder areas of Mahabubabad Town 1. Power supply will be suspended from 9:00 am to 11:00 am. Officials explained

Affected areas:

- Jagjivan Rao Colony
- Vasavi Cold Storage
- Ramannapet Colony
- Housing Board Colony
- Yashoda Garden
- VRN Garden
- PSR Complex
- Besta Bazaar
- SC Colony
- Shivalayam Temple
- Narsampeta Bypass
- Gummanur
- Drug Bazaar
- Gogula Mallaiah Area
- Bus Stand
- Markandeya Temple
- Venkatrama Talkies
- Kallu Compound
- MV Mall
- Post Office
- Fish Market
- Forest Office Center

Officials have requested the public to cooperate

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Kalyana Lakshmi Provided Financial Security to 13 Lakh Families: Satyavati Rathod



Mahabubabad District Correspondent, Telangana Essence : October 3Kalyana Lakshmi Scheme is a great welfare scheme that has stood by the poor and middle class families of Telangana, said former minister and Telangana State BRS State General Secretary Smt. Satyavati Rathod. On the occasion of the completion of 12 years of the launch of Kalyana Lakshmi Scheme, the BRS party ranks honored the family of Kalpana, daughter of Bhanot Keema Nayak-Rukkamma couple from Bhagya Thanda in Mallampalli mandal, with silk clothes. Speaking at the program organized on this occasion, Former Minister Satyavati Rathod said.. The then Chief Minister Sri KCR brought the Kalyana Lakshmi scheme with the aim of reducing the burden of girl child marriage in poor families.

He said that through the Kalyana Lakshmi scheme, lakhs of poor families in Telangana have received financial security, and it has stood by the parents during the marriage of girls and brought smiles to their families. He said that Kalyana Lakshmi is an important scheme among the many welfare schemes implemented by the KCR government for the welfare of the poor and the dignity of girls.

He said that financial security has been provided to about 13 lakh families so far through the Kalyana Lakshmi scheme, and thousands of crores of rupees have been spent on this scheme during the BRS government. He said that KCR, who was born on the soil of Telangana, has designed many welfare schemes to make the state stand out on the world map.

People should be given an answer on the development of Seethakka Mulugu

Satyavati Rathod demanded that the people be given an answer on the programs done for the development of Seethakka Mulugu constituency, where she won as an MLA and is the state minister.

He said that during the KCR governmentµs tenure, many programs and projects were undertaken for the development of Mulugu region and tribal welfare was given a high priority. He said that a medical college and nursing college have been established in Mulugu with a cost of about Rs. 250 crore and better medical education and medical services have been made available to the people of this area.

Similarly, he said that steps have been taken to establish a tribal university by allocating about 350 acres of land as per the request of the then Minister Chandulal. Satyavathi Rathod said that during her tenure as the Minister of Tribal Affairs, three new mandals were established in this area and more than a hundred village panchayats were established, bringing the administration closer to the people. If the current government in power has established at least one new village panchayat, even if it is not at the level established during the BRS regime, show it. If it has established even one, I am ready to quit politics. Are you ready to accept this challenge?'' Minister Seethakka was questioned.

The promises made should be implemented. Satyavathi Rathod demanded that the government implement the promises made to the people during the elections. *He said that the government should explain to the people the status of the promises like Rs. 2,500 to women under the Mahalaxmi scheme, gold and scooties to girls. He asked them to take steps to ensure that children receive rice and milk in Anganwadi centers. *He said that the assistance provided to pregnant women and lactating mothers through schemes like KCR Kit in the previous government should be continued and better medical facilities should be provided in government hospitals. *It was during KCRµs tenure that the administration came to the forefront of the people. *Satyavathi Rathod said that BRS leaders fought on behalf of the people no matter what difficulties they faced. He said that the credit for bringing the officials to the forefront of the people without people having to meet the Collector and SP belongs to the KCR government. *

It was during KCRµs tenure that Mulugu district He said that the administration has been brought closer to the people through the formation of districts and mandals. He said that the KCR government has undertaken many programs for the development of tribal income, education, healthcare and infrastructure.

Satyavathi Rathod said that she is proud to be a part of welfare schemes like Kalyana Lakshmi implemented in Telangana under the leadership of KCR and that after the formation of Telangana state, many welfare programs have been implemented to bring change in the lives of the poor people.

He demanded that Revanth Reddy, who has forgotten Kalyana Lakshmi in the current Congress government, open his eyes and see the problems of the people.

He said that he is happy to organize the program remembering this scheme on the occasion of the completion of 12 years of the Kalyana Lakshmi scheme and expressed his heartfelt gratitude to BRS Party leader and former Chief Minister Sri Kalvakuntla Chandrasekhara Rao garu for providing this scheme to the people, which has supported the marriages of girls from poor families.

Former Member of Parliament from Mahabubabad, Mrs. Maloth Kavitha garu, Mulugu BRS party in-charge Nagajyoti, former Mulugu district party president Kakulamari Laxman Babu, former government whip Gongidi Sunitha, former ZP chairmen Tula Uma, Gandra Jyoti, Bindu Angoth, Etur Nagaram sarpanch Kakulamari Sridevi Laxman Babu, Hari Ramadevi, former Mulugu library chairman Porika Govinda Nayak, Bhukya Jampanna, Vijay, Gopal Reddy, Mohan and others participated.

Chalo Shamshabad for OBC Caste Census

Massive public meeting to be held in Shamshabad today



Telangana Essence Reporter Avvari Venkateswara Sarma, LB Nagar, Hyderabad, October 3: The Telangana Pradesh Congress Committee (TPCC) OBC Department will organise a massive public meeting at Gollapalli Road in Shamshabad on Sunday at 2 p.m., demanding the inclusion of an OBC caste census in the national population census. All India Professionals Congress Chairman and former Parliament member Madhu Yashki Goud called upon people from the LB Nagar Assembly constituency to participate in the meeting in large numbers. Madhu Yashki Goud urged senior Congress leaders, former corporators, market committee directors, division presidents and former division presidents, as well as leaders, activists and workers from the backward classes in the LB Nagar constituency, to attend the public meeting in large numbers and make it a success.

Broad public unity needed to eradicate caste discrimination

Speakers at KVPS 29th Foundation Day



Mahabubabad District Correspondent Telangana Essence, October 3: Several speakers called for a broad public unity to fight against caste discrimination, untouchability, humiliation and social exclusion. The Anti-Caste Discrimination Society (KVPS) organized a flag-unfurling program in Mahabubabad to mark its 29th Foundation Day.

KVPS Mahabubabad

District Secretary Duddela Rammurthy unfurled the flag of the society. Later, Telangana Agricultural Workers Union District President Sadula Srinivas, National Mala Mahanadu President Pilli Sudhakar, Ambedkar Youth Union District Secretary Neerudi Samel, Telangana Farmers Union District President Guniganti Rajanna, CITU District Secretary Sammeta Rajamouli, and Tribal Union District President Banothu Venkanna participated and spoke at the program.

He said that despite the country making great progress in the fields of science and technology, it is worrying that discriminatory conditions where people are not seen as human beings in the name of caste still persist. He said that although the forms of discrimination are changing directly in villages and indirectly in cities, its roots remain.

He said that KVPS was formed on October 2, 1998 with the goals of self-respect, equality, and caste eradication. He said that the main goal of the organization is to fight against caste discrimination and untouchability wherever it appears. He said that the specialty of the KVPS movement is to sensitize people against caste domination, rather than limiting the problems of the lower classes to one caste.

He said that the KVPS struggle is not limited to just dharnas and protests, but is working to increase social awareness by organizing social awareness tours, public gatherings, conferences, seminars and discussions on the occasions of birth anniversaries and death anniversaries of Mahatma Jyotirao Phule and Dr. BR Ambedkar. He cited the social awareness cycle tour organized in Ranga Reddy district in 2007 as an example of this. The speakers stated that attacks, atrocities and social boycotts are currently taking place against Dalits in the country. They called on all people to unite and mobilize for the protection of the rights, social equality and democratic values guaranteed by the Constitution. They urged everyone who wanted to eradicate caste discrimination to become a part of the movement, irrespective of political and social ideologies.

Amdali Mahender, Alwala Anand, Cheppuri Ganesh, Sesham Prashant, Amdali Yakub, Erra Srinu, Pulugujja Venkanna, Hema Nayak, S.K. Khader Baba, S.K. Taj Pasha, Teluri Venkanna, Ramji, Chandrakala and others participated in this program.

Tiny Diamond, Big Breakthrough in Heart Monitoring



Diamond-based quantum sensors could make it easier to record the heart's activity without attaching electrodes to the skin. Physicists at Johannes Gutenberg University Mainz (JGU) have used a tiny diamond to measure the heart's magnetic field, building their sensor into a fiber-based instrument designed as a portable endoscope. The approach measures heart activity differently from an electrocardiogram, or ECG. An ECG uses electrode patches on the skin to detect the heart's electrical activity. Its readings can be affected by differences in how body tissues conduct electricity, and injuries such as burns can prevent clinicians from placing electrodes where they are needed.

Magnetocardiography, or MCG, instead detects the magnetic fields produced by heart activity. It requires no skin contact, and tissue conductivity has little influence on the measurements. Recording these signals, however, requires extremely sensitive instruments. MCG has historically depended on costly, complex technologies such as superconducting quantum interference devices, known as SQUIDs, and optically pumped magnetometers, or OPMs.

These established technologies still outperform the diamond sensors in sensitivity and in their ability to distinguish a signal from background noise. The new work, published in Science Advances, explores whether the practical advantages of diamonds could help bring magnetic measurements into more medical settings as their performance improves.

Room-temperature sensing with a tiny diamond : The JGU sensor's diamond is shaped like a pyramid with its tip cut off and has a volume of less than 0.5 cubic millimeters. Its small size makes it easy to transport, and unlike SQUID and OPM systems, the diamond sensor operates at room temperature. It can therefore be placed directly against the skin at different locations, potentially allowing researchers to map the body's magnetic signals in greater detail. One possible application is reconstructing the heart's electrical conduction system in three dimensions. "NV magnetometers are characterized by fast initialization, excellent biocompatibility, and stable operation over a wide temperature range. This makes them particularly attractive for biomedical applications," said Dr. Arne Wickenbrock, who coordinates the DIAQNOS project in Mainz. NV stands for nitrogen-vacancy, a particular defect in a diamond's crystal structure. In an NV center, a nitrogen atom takes the place of a carbon atom, with an empty position immediately beside it. Researchers can examine the energy levels of these centers to make precise measurements of magnetic and electric fields, temperature, and mechanical stress. In this study, the diamond serves as a magnetometer, an instrument that measures magnetic fields. Muhib Omar developed the JGU sensor during his doctoral research in the group led by Prof. Dmitry Budker, a member of the PRISMA++ Cluster of Excellence and the Helmholtz Institute Mainz. Omar is also the coordinating author of the study. The research forms part of DIAQNOS, short for Diamond-based Quantum Sensing for Neurosurgery, a flagship project funded by the German Federal Ministry of Research, Technology, and Space. For the study, researchers measured the heart's magnetic field using three systems developed independently by project partners at JGU, the Universities of Stuttgart and Freiburg, and the startup Q.ANT GmbH. The JGU instrument differs from the other two in how it handles the measurement. It operates without a magnetic bias field, an externally applied magnetic field. The other systems use such fields to filter out magnetic interference from the surroundings. Together, the measurements demonstrated the potential for medical applications while identifying improvements still needed to make them practical.

Amplifying the heart's magnetic signal

One route to better performance is to concentrate more of the magnetic field into the tiny diamond. Structures called flux concentrators gather magnetic flux into the sensing region, strengthening the signal. The small volume of NV sensors allows amplification by more than a factor of 100, and combining the detectors with these structures could eventually produce recordings with ECG-like quality.

Developing flux concentrators that work at room temperature is one of Omar's main research areas. "Adapting magnetic structures to optimally concentrate the magnetic field lines from a source within the diamond is the path to bringing these quantum technologies into practical use," Omar said.

Toward portable brain monitoring

The broader goal is to develop sensors for magnetic signals from both the heart and the brain. Potential future applications include the early detection of myocarditis, an inflammation of the heart muscle, and epilepsy.

"We work closely with neurosurgeons to ensure that our technologies do not remain confined to the laboratory but find clear practical applications. Our primary goal is to develop highly sensitive sensors that function outside the laboratory and can fulfill important societal needs," Wickenbrock said. The sensors' ability to measure a wide range of field strengths, suppress noise, and accommodate different sizes and arrangements also creates possibilities for further biomedical applications. For some of these, researchers would measure how a magnetic field changes between two locations rather than measuring it at a single point. Two spatially separated sensors can form a gradiometer, which records the difference in magnetic field between them. This approach has applications in cancer surgery and supports monitoring nerve activity during operations in environments without magnetic shielding. Its sensitivity to changes in the field across space could also help separate a fetus's heart signal from the mother's without an invasive procedure.

NV gradiometers could eventually enable portable, room-temperature systems for magnetoencephalography, which records magnetic signals from the brain. Such systems could support neurological diagnosis and future brain-computer interfaces, which use brain activity to communicate with external devices.

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Rishab Shetty & Hombale Films' Rift Takes Centre Stage



Since the release of the film "Kantara: Chapter 1", the prequel film of the superhit movie Kantara, something is not going well between hero-director Rishabh Shetty and production house Hombale Films. While the actor unfollowed most of the film's cast and crew, it was said that it was some bug. However, the latest happenings show that the rift is real. A couple of days ago, on September 30th, on the fourth anniversary of the movie "Kantara", Rishab Shetty took to his Twitter to share a few posters on the eve, and those posters didn't have the Hombale Films logo on them. But then, Hombale shared a poster where Rishabh could be seen in the avatar of Deivam. However, now, posting the first anniversary poster of the Kantara prequel, Hombale Films shared the poster that has a tiger, which happens to be the God inside the film, and hasn't even shared Rishab Shetty's picture. That's a kind of trolling in the open field, with everyone noticing what is happening. While Rishab Shetty's fans are accusing Hombale Films of making money with Kannada-centric stories, but then stopping making Kannada movies and tilting towards Telugu films, Hombale's fans accuse Rishab is behaving differently and having no gratitude for the production house that gave him a huge budget and a break by agreeing to bankroll Kantara. Officially, none of the parties made any comment so far.

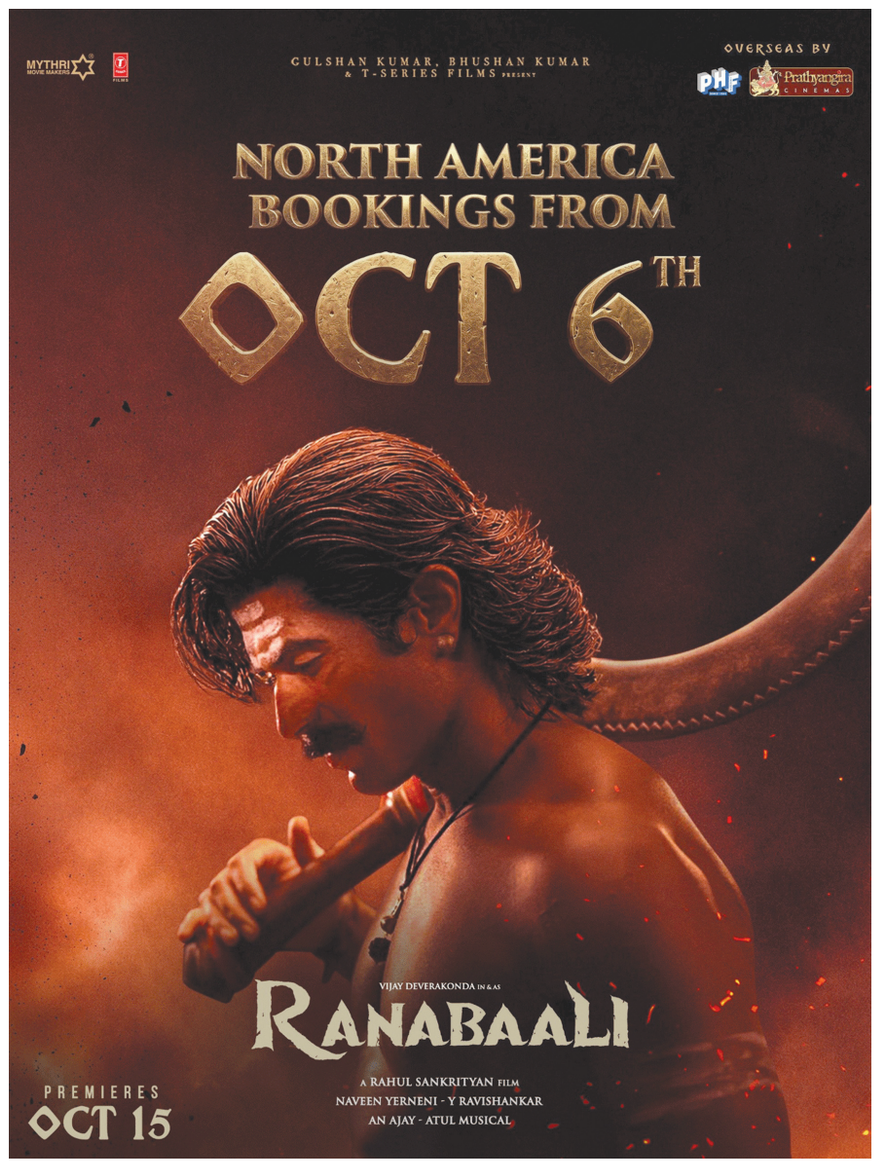
Sai Pallavi's Career Choices Draw Attention

Sai Pallavi has built a strong position for herself in South Indian cinema. In Telugu and Malayalam films, she has earned a special fan base with her natural acting, dance skills and simple screen presence. Unlike many actresses, she has also been careful about choosing roles that give her scope to perform. However, her career has been relatively quiet in recent times. Her last release was Thandel, and since then audiences have not seen her regularly on the big screen. This has also led to discussions about whether her current career choices are working in her favour.

Sai Pallavi is now trying to expand her reach beyond Telugu and Malayalam cinema. Her Bollywood debut Ek Din did not create a major impact at the box office. Still, she has some interesting projects lined up, including Ramayana which is one of the most talked-about upcoming films because of its scale and star cast. Ramayana Part One is scheduled for release on November 6.



Ranabaali's 'The Men We Forgot' Sheds Light on the Real-Life Heroes



The third episode of Ranabaali – Never Forget The Truth, titled 'The Men We Forgot', has been released on YouTube. The latest episode shifts the spotlight to the historical figures whose courage and stories played a significant role in shaping the world of Ranabaali and the character portrayed in the film. Director Rahul Sankrityan discusses the legacy of Rayalaseema's warriors, particularly Budda Vengal Reddy, Uyyalawada Narasimha Reddy and Gadekal Bobbili Nagireddy. Their stories, according to the filmmaker, provided different shades of bravery, sacrifice and determination that ultimately came together in the design of Ranabaali's character. Rahul Sankrityan said, "Rayalaseema is a land that has given birth to many brave warriors. The heroic stories of Seema Palegars such as Budda Vengal Reddy, Uyyalawada Narasimha Reddy and Gadekal Bobbili Nagireddy continue to be narrated through traditional ballads even today. When you visit the villages of Rayalaseema, people still speak with great pride about their courage and contributions."

Mirnaa Stuns in Regal Purple Saree

South Indian actress Mirnaa recently shared a stunning series of photos that highlight her graceful presence and traditional charm. Dressed in a rich purple saree featuring intricate gold embroidery and a heavily embellished blouse, she poses with quiet confidence against a soft outdoor backdrop. Accompanying the images, she quipped, "Because we had to get a few clicks in first capturing the lighthearted spirit behind the polished frames. 4 Advertisement Born Sayana Santhosh and earlier known as Adhiti Menon, Mirnaa made her film debut in the 2016 Tamil movie Pattathaari. She later expanded into Malayalam cinema with Big Brother (2020) opposite Mohanlal and entered Telugu films with Crazy Fellow (2022). Her profile rose significantly in 2023 with roles in Ugram, the critically noted Burqa, and especially Rajinikanth's blockbuster Jailer, where she played Swetha Arjun. In 2024 she appeared in Naa Saami Ranga and Birthmark.



Sitara Ghattamaneni's Telangana Slang Wins Hearts



Superstar Mahesh Babu's daughter Sitara Ghattamaneni is once again getting attention on social media. This time, it is not only because of her dance or lifestyle videos. Her way of speaking in a natural Telangana slang has become a talking point among Telugu audiences. Sitara recently appeared in a promotional video for Fahadh Faasil's Don't Trouble the Trouble. In the video, she can be seen interacting with Sara Palekar, who performs magic tricks. Sitara's reactions and dialogues in the video are getting noticed by viewers.

For a long time, Sitara was mostly seen speaking in English in her social media videos. She also spoke Telugu occasionally. Since she grew up in an English-speaking and international school environment, her communication style naturally had a strong English influence. However, the latest video showed a different side of her. Sitara used a casual Telangana style while talking to Sara. Words and expressions such as "Aagu, itu raa," "itlana," and "atlaana" gave the video a clear Hyderabad and Telangana flavour. At one point, Sara asks Sitara about their next trip. Sitara humorously says that they should go to the Moon and then travel to Mars. Her natural expressions and casual way of speaking made the video entertaining for viewers.

Shama Sikander Radiates Elegance in Dreamy White Ensemble

Born on August 4, 1981, in Makrana, Rajasthan, Shama trained at Roshan Taneja School of Acting. She made her film debut at 16 in Prem Aggan (1998), followed by a supporting role in Mann (1999) opposite Aamir Khan. Advertisement She rose to fame with the popular TV series Yeh Meri Life Hai (2003–2005), playing Pooja Mehta and earning multiple awards, including Indian Television Academy Awards for Best Debut and GR8! Face of the Year. Other film credits include Ansh: The Deadly Part (2002), Dhoom Dadakka (2008), and Bypass Road (2019). She also appeared in the web series Maaya: Slave of Her Desires (2017) and the children's show Baal Veer. In recent years, she has taken a selective approach to projects while focusing on personal life and occasional creative work.



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