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Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy said new Indira Mahila Shakti Bhavans are being developed across the districts as platforms for women's economic empowerment.

No Privatisation of Power Utilities



Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka on Wednesday rejected reports that the State government was planning to privatise DISCOMs, TRANSCO and GENCO or convert the power utilities into listed companies. Bhatti Vikramarka said the Congress government had complete faith in public sector undertakings and was committed to strengthening them. He said the government followed the Nehruvian economic approach of a mixed economy with a strong public sector. "There is absolutely no thought or discussion of selling the power sector. We strongly believe in strengthening public sector undertakings. It is not appropriate for people to imagine things on their own and criticise the government based on those assumptions," he said. Speaking to the media at Praja Bhavan, the Deputy Chief Minister said Telangana had recorded its highest-ever power demand, with consumption touching 19,892 MW. He said the State was meeting even a demand of around 20,000 MW without imposing power cuts and accused some political leaders of spreading misinformation and creating confusion among the people. "Even with power demand touching 20,000 MW, we are supplying electricity without any interruptions. We are ensuring power supply according to the requirements without causing any inconvenience to consumers," Bhatti said. Bhatti also criticised BRS leader T. Harish Rao, saying it was inappropriate for a person who had served as a minister for 10 years to make such allegations. Bhatti Vikramarka said political leaders should refrain from making statements that could undermine the morale of electricity employees. "Speaking without understanding the facts will ultimately harm the State," he said. The Deputy Chief Minister attributed the sharp rise in power demand partly to the impact of El Niño conditions and questioned the planning behind the Yadadri Thermal Power Plant. "Before setting up a power plant, the availability of the required coal should be ensured. It was stated that Grade-9 coal would be supplied to the Yadadri plant from Singareni. An agreement was made for coal supply, but the coal was not supplied. The Yadadri power plant was constructed from the beginning without a proper coal allocation," Bhatti said.



Rahul, Priyanka Detained During Protest



INDIA bloc leaders Rahul Gandhi and Priyanka Gandhi Vadra were detained by police on Wednesday while heading to Jantar Mantar to protest against Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar. The opposition leaders were demanding his dismissal and seeking a meeting with the Election Commission. Police pushed several leaders and workers into waiting buses. Priyanka Gandhi alleged that security personnel manhandled MPs during the protest, while Congress leaders accused police of using force. Rahul Gandhi also criticised an FIR filed against him over Tuesday's nine-hour sit-in.

₹2 Lakh Aid for Child's Treatment



Demonstrating a gesture of profound empathy, Minister for Roads & Buildings and Cinematography Komatireddy Venkat Reddy extended immediate financial aid of ₹2 lakh to a hearing- and speech-impaired couple from Panigiri village for their child's medical treatment. The parents, Jampala Mahesh Kumar and Rajitha, who are both speech- and hearing-impaired, faced severe emotional and financial hardship after learning that their child shared the same disabilities.Though medical experts confirmed the child could potentially develop the ability to speak with proper care, the multi-lakh expense proved insurmountable for the family.

Upon hearing their story, Komatireddy Venkat Reddy personally met the family, offered words of comfort, and handed over ₹2 lakh for immediate medical needs.

He further assured the couple that he would personally engage with medical professionals to facilitate comprehensive care, reaffirming his commitment to supporting vulnerable families in times of distress.

TGSRTC Rolls Out 7,000 Dasara Buses



The Telangana State Road Transport Corporation (TGSRTC) will operate 7,000 special buses to accommodate peak festival traffic during Dasara. According to official plans, operations will be split across three main zones: the Karimnagar Zone will run 3,533 buses (including 1,175 in Karimnagar, 719 in Nizamabad, 678 in Khammam, 530 in Warangal, and 431 in Adilabad); the Hyderabad Zone will run 2,155 buses (including 815 in Nalgonda, 645 in Mahabubnagar, 440 in Rangareddy, and 255 in Medak); and the Greater Hyderabad Zone will operate 1,312 services. Heavy passenger surges are anticipated on October 9, 10, 16, and 17, with return traffic expected to peak on Cont... Pg.5

Focus on Learning, Not Syllabus: Gugulothu



The Telangana Social Welfare Residential Educational Institutions Society (TGSWREIS) will intensify efforts to improve academic standards, student welfare, safety and infrastructure across its residential educational institutions, TGSWREIS Secretary Ravi Gugulothu said. Gugulothu on Wednesday issued the directions during a comprehensive review meeting with Zonal Officers (ZOs) and District Coordinating Officers (DCOs) Cont... Pg.5



Record 2.5 Lakh Workers Join MGNREGS

The state government has intensified its focus on providing steady employment to rural laborers through the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS). As El Niño-induced conditions trigger a slump in agricultural activities, the government's proactive measures to expand rural job availability Cont... Pg.5



Invest Telangana Governing Council holds first meeting

The newly constituted Invest Telangana Governing Council held its maiden meeting at the Secretariat on Wednesday to outline strategies for accelerating industrial development, attracting major investments, and positioning the State as a premier national investment destination. Chaired by Chief Secretary Sanjay Jaju, the high-level meeting brought together senior officials from key government departments to review measures for strengthening Telangana's investor-friendly ecosystem, streamlining speedy statutory clearances, and enhancing industrial infrastructure. Directing officials to aggressively promote Telangana's industrial potential across domestic and international markets, Chief Secretary Sanjay Jaju emphasised the need for sustained engagement with existing investors. He instructed line departments to expedite the scrutiny of investment proposals Cont... Pg.5



Govt issues orders for pending DA hike

In a major relief to state government employees and teachers, the Telangana government on Wednesday issued official orders releasing two long-pending instalments of Dearness Allowance (DA). Priori tising employee welfare, the state government decided to simultaneously release the DA instalments due for January 2024 and July 2024. Consequently, the DA for general employees under the revised pay scales has been enhanced from 33.67% to 37.31%, effective from January 1, 2024.



Governor Calls Youth to Lifelong Learning

Telangana Governor and Chancellor of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Open University Shiv Pratap Shukla on Wednesday called upon the youth to treat graduation not as the end of education but as the beginning of a new phase of responsible life, and contribute to nation-building with knowledge, skills, discipline and a spirit of service. Addressing the 27th Convocation of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Open University at the Bhavanam Venkatram Auditorium here, the Governor said a degree alone would not be sufficient in a rapidly changing technological world and advised students to continuously pursue skilling, reskilling and upskilling throughout their lives. Shukla appreciated the university for providing higher education opportunities to more than 25 lakh learners during its 45-year journey. He said open universities were playing a vital role in taking higher education to rural and remote areas and reaching disadvantaged sections of society. Cont... Pg.5

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Toxic Gas Turns Fatal: 4 Students Die at Vrindavan Gurukul



Four students died of asphyxiation, while one other is hospitalised after they reportedly inhaled a toxic gas while cleaning a water tank at a gurukul in Uttar Pradesh's Vrindavan, police said on Wednesday. According to District Magistrate Chandra Prakash Singh, a group of students tried to clean an underground water tank late last night after detecting a foul smell coming from it. The tank was situated 12-14 feet into the ground. Singh said the gurukulam, a Sanskrit school, is run by Ashish Kumar Sharma, a resident of Madhya Pradesh, in Chaitanya Vihar, with around 200 students enrolled and 100 residing on the campus in hostels.

What actually happened.. The students initially drained the water from the tank using a motor. After some water remained, they began cleaning it. One student entered the tank but soon became unconscious, apparently after being exposed to toxic gas, the DM added. Four other students then entered the tank in an attempt to rescue him. All five students fell unconscious inside the tank and were subsequently pulled out and rushed to a hospital.

Four of the students died in the incident, while one student identified as Rudra survived and is undergoing treatment. SSP Shlok Kumar said the four deceased students were aged between 17 and 20 years.

Their bodies were sent to the mortuary, while their families were being informed. The surviving student was initially taken to the district hospital and later referred for better monitoring. The SSP said he was conscious and talking. "The incident came to the notice of the Chief Minister, who took immediate cognisance and directed officials to ensure relief and rescue operations and proper treatment for the injured student," the DM added.

Inquiry initiated.. Singh said a magisterial inquiry would be conducted to ascertain how the incident occurred, whether the gurukulam had the required recognition and under what circumstances the students were asked to clean the water tank. "Other gurukulams in the area would be audited again, and the buildings would be checked to prevent recurrence of such incidents," he said. SSP Kumar said CCTV footage from the site would also be examined. He added that the police would take further legal action based on complaints submitted by the families.

SC Gives Rajpal Yadav Payment Relief, Warns of Jail Term Hike



The Supreme Court on Wednesday directed actor and comedian Rajpal Yadav to deposit Rs 1.15 crore with the apex court registry after his counsel submitted that the amount was ready to be deposited immediately, while another Rs 85 lakh would be arranged through a prospective buyer of his ancestral property, as part of arrangements to pay Rs 2 crore in connection with multiple cheque dishonour cases. A Bench of Chief Justice of India (CJI) Surya Kant and Justices Joymalya Bagchi and V Mohana was hearing Yadav and his wife Radha Yadav's pleas challenging the Delhi High Court judgment upholding their conviction in seven cheque dishonour cases under the Negotiable Instruments Act. During the hearing, the CJI Kant-led Bench was informed that Yadav had arranged Rs 1.15 crore through demand drafts, while a prospective buyer of his ancestral property, who was present in court, was willing to pay another Rs 85 lakh as an advance.

Yadav's counsel told the top court that the buyer was not presently willing to register the sale documents due to Pitru Paksha and wanted to proceed with the registration after the commencement of Navratri. The counsel further submitted that the buyer was willing to deposit the Rs 85 lakh by way of a demand draft on Monday. However, the Supreme Court questioned the overall value of the transaction, remarking that the liability was substantially higher than Rs 2 crore. "What will be the total sale consideration? Because the liability is much more than Rs 2 crore," the CJI Kant-led Bench asked. The counsel said the property was valued at more than Rs 30 crore and confirmed that the prospective buyer had the capacity to make the proposed payment.

'Why No AIIMS in Kerala?'



The Kerala High Court on Wednesday questioned the Centre's stand on the long-pending proposal to establish an All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) in the state, asking whether Kerala's comparatively better healthcare infrastructure had effectively become a handicap in securing the premier medical institution. A division bench of Chief Justice Soumen Sen and Justice Syam Kumar was hearing petitions seeking the establishment of AIIMS in Kerala under the Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana (PMSSY).

As the Centre said states with weaker healthcare infrastructure were being prioritised and that Kerala already had comparatively better medical facilities, the court took a tough view of the argument and questioned whether the Centre's position meant that Kerala did not require an AIIMS. It also questioned whether the presence of a large number of private hospitals could be treated as a disqualification. "There are more private hospitals here. Is that a disqualification?" the bench asked, pointing out that Kerala has a high population density. The court also questioned which specific criteria the state had failed to satisfy. The bench further questioned the logic of excluding Kerala because of its relatively advanced healthcare facilities, pointing out that AIIMS institutions had been established in other affluent parts of the country, including Delhi. The bench observed that there were sufficient reasons for Kerala to have an AIIMS and said it was not satisfied with the criteria cited by the Centre. The court noted that the proposal had been pending for nearly a decade, with Kerala having identified sites on earlier occasions. The state had also submitted a memorandum to the Union Health Minister in October 2025 seeking approval for an AIIMS at Kinaloor in Kozhikode. The Centre maintained that identification of land did not amount to formal allocation or approval. The bench, however, directed the Union Government to review the issue and take necessary steps.

The matter has been posted after six weeks.

The Centre had told Parliament in July that no in-principle approval had yet been granted for an AIIMS in Kerala. The AIIMS debate comes at a time when Kerala is also seeking to move beyond a conventional treatment-centred healthcare system. The state government on Wednesday constituted a high-level Kerala Holistic Model for Health, Wellness and Longevity Task Force, with the Chief Minister as Chairman and the Health Minister as Vice-Chairman, along with healthcare experts as members. The task force will work on a comprehensive model covering disease prevention, early detection, quality treatment and healthy ageing. It will examine the integration of modern medicine with traditional systems such as Ayurveda and explore a secure digital system to bring health information under one platform.

The task force is expected to submit its report within two months, including two or three pilot projects, a three-year phased action plan, estimated costs, funding options and mechanisms to monitor implementation and fix departmental responsibilities. Taken together, the AIIMS demand and the new longevity-focused task force point to Kerala seeking both greater access to advanced tertiary healthcare and a more preventive, integrated and technology-driven health model.

Orange alert for four south Bengal districts



Parts of West Bengal, including Kolkata, are likely to receive moderate to heavy rain accompanied by thunderstorms over the next two days, the Met office said on Wednesday.

Rain is expected in four south Bengal districts, namely Howrah, Hooghly, South 24 Parganas and North 24 Parganas, besides the state capital.<Kolkata remained cloudy from Wednesday morning. In the afternoon, a thunderstorm swept across the city, accompanied by heavy rain. The possibility of more thunderstorms is likely to increase after evening, the weather office said. The Meteorological Department initially issued a yellow alert for the districts. It later upgraded the warning to orange for all four districts in south Bengal.

Along with moderate to heavy rain, gusty winds of 30 to 40 kmph are likely in some places. The thunderstorms may continue till the evening. According to a Met department official, the monsoon has not completely withdrawn from West Bengal. There is also sufficient moisture in the air. Under these conditions, scattered rain is occurring in some areas because of locally formed clouds. On Tuesday, light to moderate rain was recorded in parts of Kolkata, Howrah, Hooghly and North 24 Parganas. The rain started again on Wednesday afternoon. "Light to moderate rain is likely in all districts of south Bengal on Thursday. Thunderstorms and gusty winds of 30 to 40 km per hour are likely to occur along with the rain. Thunderstorms are also expected in the districts of North Bengal till Friday," said the Met department official. There is a possibility of scattered rain on Friday, but the weather will change significantly. The state is expected to witness dry weather from Saturday. The possibility of rain will also be relatively low from Sunday. There is no significant change in temperature despite the rain. The minimum temperature is expected to drop once dry weather conditions set in.

Hindi promotion should be through creating opportunities



Union Minister of State for Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions Dr Jitendra Singh today emphasised that promotion of Hindi should be based on creating greater opportunities and stake in the language rather than making its use appear imposed. Addressing the third meeting of the Hindi Advisory Committee, the Minister said greater use of Hindi would naturally follow when knowledge of the language creates opportunities for employment and professional growth. On the Occasion, the Kaushal Patrika of the Department of Personnel and Training was also launched. Dr Jitendra Singh also highlighted improvements in the quality of translation in government work. He noted that technology and AI-driven systems, along with the availability of larger datasets, are now contributing to improvements in translation, including in technically sensitive areas. The Minister said the Hindi Advisory Committee has an important role in providing informed suggestions and guidance to the Department. He invited members to continue sharing their ideas and suggestions in writing or through other appropriate means, adding that the Department would continue to work towards improvements based on their guidance. The meeting also provided an opportunity for members of the Hindi Advisory Committee to place their suggestions before the Department on matters relating to the promotion and wider use of Hindi in official work.

Houthi Rebels Claim Attacks on Saudi Airports, Military Installations

In further escalation of the ongoing conflict in Yemen, the Houthi group claimed missile and drone attacks on Saudi Arabia and government-held areas of Yemen this morning. The Houthis said drones targeted King Khalid International Airport in Riyadh, disrupting air traffic, while ballistic missiles and drones targeted Abha International Airport and the Khamis Mushait military base. The Saudi-led coalition, meanwhile, said it intercepted and destroyed a ballistic missile launched towards Khamis Mushait, as well as another missile north of Riyadh. The coalition also said it was tracking the missile launch platform in the skies over Sanaa and would destroy it.

In Yemen, the Transport Ministry in Aden said the Houthis targeted Aden International Airport with two ballistic missiles and several explosive-laden drones.

The ministry said one missile landed near the runway minutes before the scheduled landing of Yemen Airways flight 603 from Cairo. Houthi-affiliated media agencies, citing Houthi military sources, reported that Saudi military supplies at Badr Camp near Aden International Airport were targeted.

Assam Sets Up SEIAA, SEAC for Green Clearances



Both bodies will have a tenure of four years from the date of publication of the Central government notification in the Official Gazette. The SEIAA will be responsible for making decisions on environmental clearance applications based on the recommendations of the SEAC.It will exercise its powers and follow procedures prescribed under the relevant government notification.(Shyamanta Bezbarua, retired former Secretary of the Assam Public Works Department (Building and National Highway), has been appointed Chairman of the SEIAA. Dr Socindra Kumar Borthakur, retired professor of the Department of Botany at Gauhati University, will serve as a member. The Secretary of the Assam government's Environment, Forests and Climate Change Department will function as the Member Secretary of the authority. The SEAC will be headed by Jatindra Sarma, IFS (Retd.), former Chief Conservator of Forests and Field Director of Kaziranga National Park and Tiger Reserve. Its members include Prof. Parthankar Choudhury of Assam University, Silchar; Dr Rahul Mahanta of Cotton University; environmentalist Dr Arup Barpujary; Dr Arup Kumar Sarma of IIT Guwahati; Dr Bhagwat Pran Duwarah of Gauhati University; and Dr Narayan Sharma of Cotton University. The Member Secretary of the Assam Pollution Control Board will serve as Member Secretary of the SEAC. The expert panel will function on the principle of collective responsibility. Its chairman will seek consensus while considering individual cases, with the majority view prevailing if consensus cannot be reached.

Women's Safety Vital for Viksit Bharat: Annpurna Devi



Union Minister for Women and Child Development Annpurna Devi said that today the women of the country is playing a significant role in shaping the country's development journey. Addressing the National Conference of Protection Officers in New Delhi, Ms Devi said, the resolve for a developed India will be realized only when the country's mothers, sisters, and daughters are empowered and safe. She stated that instilling a sense of security and dignity of the women is the first priority of the government, saying that Prime Minister Narendra Modi firmly believes that India's strength lies in its women power. The Minister highlighted that the government's shared goal is to ensure that every home is safe, and every victim receives speedy justice.

World Leaders Salute Modi's Service



Prime Minister Narendra Modi received congratulatory messages from leaders across the world on Wednesday as he completed 25 years at the helm of government, with several global leaders praising his political leadership and contribution to India's development. World leaders highlighted Modi's role in India's growth and his efforts to strengthen the country's position on the global stage. PM Modi first took charge as the Chief Minister of Gujarat on October 7, 2001. He remained in the post until May 2014, when he became the Prime Minister of India. Since then, he has led the central government through three consecutive terms, completing 25 years as the head of a government.

'Outstanding political leadership': Japanese PM Takaichi : Japan Prime Minister Sanae Takaichi extended her greetings to PM Modi and praised his contribution to India's development and its standing in the international community. In a post on X, Takaichi wrote, "Today, on the 25th anniversary of Prime Minister Modi's tenure as Chief Minister, I extend my heartfelt congratulations. For many years, you have dedicated yourself to the development of Indian society and the nation, and since 2001, you have demonstrated outstanding political leadership over a long period as Chief Minister. I express my deep respect for your achievements in advancing India's development and elevating its standing in the international community."

Philippines President Bongbong Marcos wishes PM Modi continued success

Philippines President Bongbong Marcos wished Modi continued success in his service to the people of India. "From Gujarat to leading the world's largest democracy, Prime Minister Modi's journey has been marked by a strong emphasis on good governance, innovation, technology, infrastructure and development, contributing to India's transformation and its growing role on the global stage," he said on X.

Botswana President commends PM Modi for dedication and service

Botswana President Duma Gideon Boko also congratulated Modi on completing 25 years at the helm of government. "We commend you for your dedication and service to the people of India. We wish you success in the years ahead and look forward to the enduring friendship between our countries," he said.

Dominica PM Roosevelt Skerrit appreciates friendship : Prime Minister of the Commonwealth of Dominica Roosevelt Skerrit said, "I wish to express my appreciation for the friendship you have extended to Dominica and the generosity shown to our people. I value the bond between our nations and look forward to building on it in the years ahead"

Nigerian President and Belgian PM congratulate PM Modi : The Presidency of Nigeria shared an official message from President Bola Ahmed Tinubu congratulating Prime Minister Narendra Modi on completing 25 years as Head of Government. In the statement, he said, "On behalf of the Government and people of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, and on my own behalf, I extend warm and fraternal congratulations to His Excellency Shri Narendra Modi, Prime Minister of the Republic of India, on a truly historic milestone.

Marks 25 years since he first assumed office in 2001 as Head of Government and Chief Minister of Gujarat."

Belgian Prime Minister Bart De Wever congratulated PM Modi on completing 25 years in government, from his tenure as Gujarat chief minister to his leadership in New Delhi.

US, India Step Up Defence Cooperation



The United States Embassy in India hosted a high-level gathering of top US and Indian military leadership at Roosevelt House in New Delhi, underscoring the deepening momentum in the India-US Major Defence Partnership.

The event brought together Admiral Samuel Paparo, Commander of the United States Pacific Command (USPACOM); Greg Gianforte, Governor of Montana; Chief of Defence Staff General NS Raja Subramani; Chief of the Army Staff General Dhiraj Seth, and other senior Indian defence officials.

"It was a true pleasure to host Admiral Paparo, Governor Greg Gianforte, Chief of Defence Staff General NS Raja Subramani, Chief of the Army Staff General Dhiraj Seth, and other highly distinguished Indian defence officials at Roosevelt House. USPACOM Commander Adm. Samuel J. Paparo's visit highlights the growing strength of the US-India Major Defence Partnership," the US mission posted on X. Admiral Paparo arrived in New Delhi on October 3 for a six-day official visit to strengthen the defence partnership between India and the US. On Tuesday, Defence Secretary Rajesh Kumar Singh held talks with Admiral Samuel Paparo, Commander of the United States Pacific Command, in New Delhi, with the two sides exploring ways to deepen India-US defence and strategic cooperation and sharing perspectives on regional and global developments. Following the meeting, the Ministry of Defence took to X and posted: "Defence Secretary Shri Rajesh Kumar Singh met with Admiral Samuel Paparo, Commander of the US Pacific Command, who is on a visit to India.

During the meeting, both sides discussed strengthening India-US defence and strategic cooperation and exchanged views on regional and global issues. Earlier on Monday, Admiral Paparo met several Indian defence chiefs during his ongoing visit to India.

Underscoring the significance of the US-India Major Defence Partnership, US Ambassador to India Sergio Gor said. "Honoured to host Admiral Samuel Paparo in India. One of America's most consequential military leaders, Admiral Paparo commands US Pacific Command, the nation's oldest and largest geographic combatant command, overseeing approximately 400,000 military and civilian personnel across a region spanning roughly half the globe," Ambassador Gor stated on X.

"Admiral Paparo joined India's Chief of Defence Staff, General N. S. Raja Subramani; Chief of the Army Staff, General Dhiraj Seth; Vice Chief of the Air Staff, Air Marshal Ashutosh Dixit; Chief of Integrated Defence Staff, Air Marshal Tejinder Singh; and other senior Indian defence officials for an evening highlighting the growing strength, ambition, and importance of the U.S.-India Major Defence Partnership," he added.

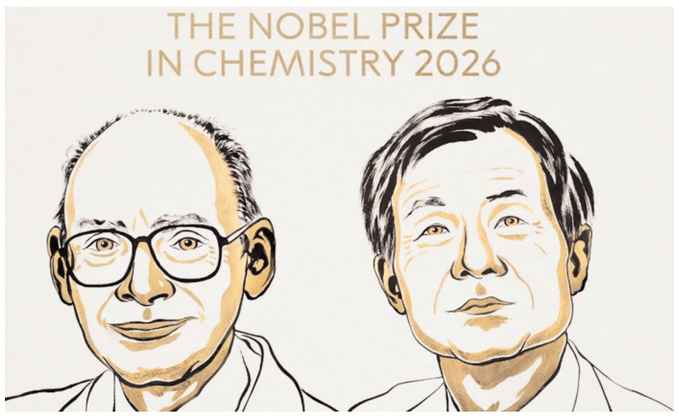
19 killed, 60 wounded in Ukraine in Russian missile attacks



Russian missiles and drones pounded Kyiv and a dozen other Ukrainian regions overnight, killing 19 civilians, including four children, and wounding around 60 others. Ukrainian officials said the worst-hit area was Pryluky in the northern Chernihiv region, where a Russian strike destroyed an apartment building, killing 13 people, including four children, and injuring about 50. Deaths were also reported in Kyiv and other cities. In Kremenchuk, two people were killed and seven injured.

President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said Russia had carried out a massive and deliberate attack. He said Ukraine urgently needs more air-defence systems, particularly Patriot missiles, to counter Russian ballistic missiles. Russia's Defence Ministry said its forces had targeted Ukrainian defence-industrial facilities, as well as port and ship-repair facilities in the Odesa region. Ukraine has also continued long-range strikes inside Russia, targeting oil facilities and military sites. The latest attacks come as Russia and Ukraine remain locked in a prolonged aerial war, with diplomatic efforts offering little prospect of an immediate end to the conflict.

Kagan, Soai Win Chemistry Nobel



The Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences on Wednesday awarded the 2026 Nobel Prize in Chemistry to Henri B Kagan and Kenso Soai 'for the discovery of non-linear effects and autocatalysis in asymmetric organic synthesis.' In the heart of their work, there is a strange property called chirality, or chemical "handedness." Interestingly, the prize money of this year is 12 million Swedish kronor (about $1.2 million), whether for an individual, a small group of laureates, or an organisation.

Henri Kagan and Kenso Soai provided a solution to chemical mystery "Henri Kagan and Kenso Soai have provided a solution to a chemical mystery that is over a century old: how homochirality can emerge spontaneously. The chemical reactions they have developed are spectacular," said Heiner Linke, chair of the Nobel Committee for Chemistry.

Three scientists last year won the Nobel Prize in Chemistry for their development of new molecular structures that can trap vast quantities of gas inside, laying the groundwork to potentially suck greenhouse gases out of the atmosphere or harvest moisture from desert environments.

The Nobel Prize in Chemistry 2026 recognises discoveries that have enabled chemists to drive chemical reactions that lead to homochirality. Henri Kagan took the first decisive step in 1986, when he discovered a new way of manipulating chemical reactions. This allowed him to create a greater excess of one of the mirror images than had previously been thought possible. Kenso Soai took the next step, and in 1995, a key publication describes how he designed the first-ever chemical reaction that had the potential to be homochiral. In 2003, he finally succeeded. He presented a reaction in which only one of the two possible mirror images was formed. Other than life itself, no one had previously achieved this feat.

Know all about Henri B Kagan

2026 Nobel Prize laureate Henri Kagan discovered a new way of manipulating chemical reactions, allowing a greater excess of one of the mirror images to be created than was previously assumed possible. His discovery has been revolutionary for chemists who develop reactions for the manufacture of pharmaceuticals, flavours, scents, and new materials.

WORLD

UAE begins crackdown on packaged food products to control obesity



The UAE has started implementing new limits on sodium, processed sugar and fat content in selected packaged food products, as part of a national effort to improve nutrition and reduce obesity and other noncommunicable diseases linked to unhealthy diets.The Ministry of Health and Prevention (MoHAP) said the rules apply to locally manufactured and imported packaged foods, as well as food establishments handling these products across the UAE, including free zones. The limits will be introduced in phases, with the final limits to be met by December 31, 2030.

The first group includes leavened and flat bread, sweetened milk drinks, flavoured yoghurt and laban, and salty snacks such as crackers, nuts, pretzels and chips. The second group covers processed cheese. The limits vary by product and will become stricter in the final phase. Food establishments must meet the first-phase limits within nine months for the first group and within two years and three months for processed cheese. Products manufactured or imported before the rules took effect can remain on sale for up to one year or until their expiry date, whichever comes first. The rules allow establishments to apply for limited exceptions to the first-phase limits in certain cases, but all targeted products must meet the final limits by the end of 2030. Violations can result in a warning, fines ranging from 5 thousand Emirates Dirham to 5 lakh Dirham, closure of the establishment for up to six months, or cancellation of its licence or approval, depending on the seriousness and recurrence of the violation.

Kagan Wins Chemistry Nobel



The 2026 Nobel Prize in Chemistry has been awarded to French chemist Henri B. Kagan and Japanese chemist Kenso Soai for their pioneering discoveries of non-linear effects and autocatalysis in asymmetric organic synthesis. The Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences today said Kagan and Soai solved a century-old mystery of how molecular asymmetry, or homochirality, can emerge spontaneously in nature. Many molecules, including amino acids, exist in two mirror-image forms. While these variants are chemically similar, living organisms overwhelmingly use only one form. For decades, scientists struggled to understand how such selectivity emerged naturally. According to the Nobel Committee, chemists traditionally obtained equal amounts of both mirror-image molecules during laboratory synthesis. The discoveries by Kagan and Soai demonstrated how chemical reactions can be steered toward producing predominantly or even exclusively one mirror image. This is a breakthrough with major implications for modern chemistry, particularly pharmaceutical development where the correct molecular form is often crucial for therapeutic effectiveness. Kagan made a major breakthrough in 1986 by developing a method to influence chemical reactions to produce a higher excess of one molecular mirror image, while Soai built on this work with a groundbreaking reaction in 1995 and in 2003 demonstrated a reaction producing only one of the two possible mirror-image forms. The two laureates will share a prize of 12 million Swedish kronor.

BUSINESS

JioHotstar Expands Global Footprint



JioHotstar has entered the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) market through a partnership with STARZPLAY, expanding its international presence after launches in the UK, Canada and Singapore. JioHotstar will be available as a dedicated streaming destination on the STARZPLAY app and website, offering Indian originals, television content, films and reality shows to audiences across the region.

The content offering will include new JioHotstar Originals alongside their India releases, with audio tracks in up to 10 languages. It will also feature content from JioStar television channels, films and reality franchises such as Koffee with Karan and Bigg Boss, which is currently running across six languages. The catalogue will include Hindi, Malayalam, Tamil, Telugu, Bangla and other languages, with a substantial Malayalam collection aimed at the region's Malayali audience. The JioHotstar offering will be available through STARZPLAY's PLUS plan at AED 34.99 per month. The MAX plan, priced at AED 49.99 per month, will combine the complete JioHotstar entertainment offering with STARZPLAY's sports portfolio, including cricket.

Amit Malhotra, Head – International Business, JioStar, said the response to JioHotstar's international launches had reinforced the company's belief in the global demand for Indian entertainment. "As we build JioHotstar into a truly global streaming platform, MENA is a crucial next market, with one of the world's largest South Asian diaspora communities and a deep appetite for entertainment across languages," he said. STARZPLAY CEO Maaz Sheikh said the partnership would combine Indian storytelling with the platform's understanding of regional audiences.

"Cricket has given STARZPLAY a strong and lasting relationship with South Asian audiences across the region. JioHotstar allows us to extend that relationship beyond the match and into the entertainment households return to every day," Sheikh said. To mark the launch, JioHotstar's Big Bang was projected onto Dubai's Burj Khalifa in a light-and-colour display featuring JioHotstar and STARZPLAY. JioHotstar said it would continue exploring features such as AI-powered personalisation, conversational discovery, interactive entertainment and in-app commerce as it expands internationally.

Japan beer giants raided over alleged price-fixing cartel



Japanese officials have raided the country's biggest beer makers over allegations they worked together to raise the price of their beverages. Asahi, Kirin and Suntory Spirits confirmed to the BBC their premises had been searched by the Japan Fair Trade Commission, adding that they would fully cooperate with the government authority. There are reports Sapporo Breweries was also raided. The firm has been contacted for comment. Asahi, Kirin and Sapporo all saw their share price fall after news of the investigation broke on Wednesday. Suntory is not publicly-listed.

According to the Japan Times, the investigation centres on the companies raising their prices in April last year and in October 2022. All four companies announced increases, citing the rising cost of raw materials as well as other factors such as energy and transportation. Kirin Holdings said its subsidiary, Kirin Brewery Company, was searched "on suspicion of a violation of the Antimonopoly Act". It said it takes the matter "very seriously", adding it would "fully cooperate with the Japan Fair Trade Commission's investigation and any requests for cooperation". Kirin Holdings said: "At present, the impact of this matter on the company's financial results has not been determined. The company will promptly disclose any material developments as they arise." A spokesperson for Suntory confirmed "an on-site inspection" had taken place "in connection with a potential violation of Japan's Antimonopoly Act relating to domestic alcohol trade practices". The company said: "We sincerely apologise for any concern or inconvenience this situation may cause to our customers, business partners, and other stakeholders. We will cooperate fully with the JFTC's investigation." Asahi Breweries said it was "subject to investigation by the Japan Fair Trade Commission". It added: "We will fully cooperate with the commission."

RBI Rate Hike Gets PHDCCI Backing



Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) policy rate hike after 44 months and the Reserve Bank of India's shift to a calibrated tightening stance was expected amid global tensions but further tightening must be data-led, an industry chamber said on Wednesday. The statement from PHDCCI cited experts to keep monetary tightening data-dependent while safeguarding credit flows to productive sectors. "The policy rate hike after 44 months is in line with industry expectations, given the global scenario and the decision of rate hikes in major central banks across the World. The Governor's strong stance of no rate cuts in the near future but chances of pause or rate hikes add to the cautious approach being taken by the RBI," said Rajeev Juneja, President, PHDCCI.

"The shift to calibrated tightening with global energy prices, geopolitical developments and domestic food-price pressures are creating uncertainty around the inflation trajectory," said Dr. Ranjeet Mehta, CEO&SG, PHDCCI.

Mehta said that the priority now should be to ensure that "monetary tightening remains data-dependent while maintaining adequate credit flows to productive sectors."

Faster improvement in supply-side capacity, logistics, food management and energy security will be critical to complement monetary policy in containing inflation, he added. Growth of the country remains resilient, driven mainly by private consumption, strong investment activity, resilient exports, sound system level parameters of Scheduled Commercial Banks and Non-Banking Financial Companies, backed by the momentum in high frequency indicators including IIP and Manufacturing and Services PMI, the statement noted.

The RBI Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) decided to increase policy repo rate 25 bps, taking repo rate to 5.5 per cent on the backdrop of sudden re-escalation of global uncertainties, volatility in global crude prices and financial markets, despite resilient but declining global growth, the statement noted.

The Standing Deposit Facility (SDF) stands at 5.25 per cent and the Marginal Standing Facility (MSF) and Bank Rate stands at 5.75 per cent with a change in the stance from neutral to calibrated tightening.

BEST Set for Major Makeover



The Brihanmumbai Electric Supply and Transport (BEST) is set to undergo major transformation in the coming days. BEST has presented its budget for the 2027-28 fiscal year, which includes numerous initiatives ranging from increasing the number of buses to digital ticketing, real-time tracking, and passenger safety. Most notably, BEST is preparing to add 1,500 new electric midi buses to its fleet. Tenders have also been invited for 200 CNG midi buses. Midi buses are mid-sized, zero-emission passenger vehicles, typically 8 to 10 meters in length, designed to navigate narrow urban streets.

Number of buses to be increased

BEST had a total fleet of 2,834 buses by the end of September 2026. The goal is to increase this to 4,016 buses in phases, and then to 10,000 buses in the future. Under this plan, 1,500 electric midi buses will be purchased through the central government's PM e-Drive scheme. The process to procure 200 CNG midi buses has also begun. Approximately 2.5 million passengers travel daily in Mumbai and surrounding areas on BEST buses. The increased fleet is expected to improve bus availability for passengers.

QR ticketing to make travel easier

BEST is also preparing to strengthen its digital ticketing system. QR code-based ticketing is proposed to be made available on multiple digital platforms through the ONDC network, including platforms like Charter, PhonePe, Paytm, WhatsApp, redBus, Rapido, and Namma Yatri. Additionally, the Integrated Transport Management System will be continued, providing passengers with features like real-time bus tracking, improved passenger information, and automatic vehicle location. The budget also proposes establishing a central command and control centre for route and schedule management.

Special emphasis on training drivers

The budget proposes setting up advanced bus driving simulators at the Dindoshi Training Centre to train drivers in hazard perception, difficult weather conditions and fuel-efficient driving, with the aim of reducing accidents.

Open-top buses will run for tourists

BEST has also proposed introducing open-top double-decker buses to promote tourism in Mumbai. These could be used in heritage tourist services.

The budget also proposes establishing a Security Operations Centre to monitor cyber threats and vulnerabilities, followed by steps towards obtaining ISO 27001 certification, the budget document pointed out.

Boots sold in £7bn deal to Canadian billionaire family



Boots, the High Street pharmacy and retail chain, has been sold in an $8.9bn (£6.7bn) deal to Canada's billionaire Weston family.

Wittington Investments, the holding company, confirmed it had agreed to buy 177-year old company on Wednesday from US private equity firm Sycamore Partners and the Pessina family.

Boots started as a simple apothecary in Nottingham but has evolved to become a familiar and trusted High Street presence, selling a vast range of health and beauty products, meal deals and travel accessories. Galen Weston, chairman of Wittington, said Boots played "a vital role in everyday life across the UK and Ireland". Boots has performed well in recent years despite challenges from rivals and changing shopping habits. Its stores have also seen lower footfall as people switched to working from home rather than visiting town and city centre offices every week day. It has closed hundreds of branches across the UK, leaving it with about 1,800 currently and 51,000 employees.

Its ownership status has also been uncertain, with several changes of ownership under discussion and sometimes completed over the last two decades.

But Weston, who will become chairman of Boots, signalled the new owners had fresh plans for the chain, including shop upgrades and an expansion of healthcare services. "We see a meaningful opportunity to make a great business even better through stable long-term ownership, further capital investment, and the renewed operating focus required to serve customers with excellence for generations to come," he said. Boots was established by John Boot, who opened the first herbalist store in Nottingham offering an affordable alternative to traditional medicines in 1849.

The Weston family will be buying Boots' retail operations in the UK and Ireland, Boots Opticians, No7 Beauty Company and its Thailand and franchised businesses. It is set be completed in early 2027.

The Weston family owns the Canadian grocery chain Loblaws, pharmacy business Shoppers Drug Mart, and previously owned the London department store Selfridges from 2003 to 2021, before selling it for $4bn. The separate UK branch of the Weston family is the majority owner of Associated British Foods, the parent firm of Primark. The Westons were ranked fifth on this year's Sunday Times Rich List with a combined fortune of almost £19bn. Wittington will have operational control over Boots, it has secured ownership in partnership with Fairfax Financial Holdings, a Toronto-based holding company.

E3 Electric.Ai Starts Trion Rollout



Bengaluru-based electric mobility startup E3 Electric.Ai has commenced production of its electric scooter, E3 Trion, at its manufacturing facility in Hyderabad. The company said customer deliveries of the scooter would begin in batches from October 7, coinciding with its second anniversary. The first 100 customers will form the company's founding-owner community, it said. The E3 Trion will be available in three variants, C1, C1X and C2, aimed at youngsters, families and business users, respectively. The scooter will be offered in six colours: Nova Blue, Teal Blue, Graphite Grey, Misty Green, Solar Red and Luna White. According to the company, the electric scooter underwent more than 550 Design Validation Plan tests as part of its development programme. These included power and range testing, brake-pressure sensor validation and other checks. The Trion also underwent accelerated durability testing with a 205-kg payload, along with water-wading tests at depths ranging from 100 mm to 300 mm. The company said the scooter was also subjected to heavy rainstorm and water-wash testing. As part of its road trials, the scooter completed a 260-km round trip between Bengaluru and Hogenakkal, covering mountain roads, sharp bends, gradients and rough surfaces. E3 Electric.Ai Founder and CEO Sanjeev P said the company had focused on durability and testing under conditions representative of Indian roads before commencing production. The first 100 customers will receive an extended warranty covering the battery and key components for eight years or 1 lakh km, whichever is earlier. They will also receive one year of roadside assistance under the company's E3 Wingman programme. The complimentary package is valued at Rs 6,500 for the C1 with its 2.3 kWh battery and Rs 8,500 for the C1X and C2, which use 3 kWh batteries.

Harmanpreet Backs Smriti for New Role



Former India skipper Harmanpreet Kaur believes that her team is in safe hands with Smriti Mandhana taking over the captaincy baton, backing her long-time teammate to take the team forward after a leadership journey that spanned more than a decade. Harmanpreet, who took over the responsibility of leading India in 2012, stepped down as captain across all formats on Tuesday, bringing an end to a significant chapter of her career. Her decision came after India's Asian Games campaign, where the team won the gold medal, but Harmanpreet made it clear that the move was not prompted by one particular tournament or result. Instead, she said the decision was driven by her desire to enjoy the game more, focus on her own cricket and make time for family and friends, while continuing to contribute to the team through her experience and mentorship.

The 37-year-old, who led India to their maiden ODI World Cup title, also spoke about her relationship with Mandhana, with whom she has shared the Indian dressing room for more than a decade. Harmanpreet said their long-standing understanding would continue to be valuable as they move into a new phase, with Mandhana now leading the side. In an exclusive interaction with IANS, Harmanpreet opened up about her decision to step down, what captaincy taught her, her relationship with Mandhana and her ambitions as a player going forward.

Harmanpreet Kaur: For over a decade, since the responsibility of captaincy first came to me in 2012, I have cherished the opportunity and made several plans towards the development of Indian women's cricket. It was never about an individual position. I simply wanted to use my instincts, experience and ideas to help the sport grow, encourage talent and fill the spaces that needed to be filled. Over the years, I have also realised that you may not achieve everything you set out to, and that is the nature of a team sport. Every day is different, and every player has a different journey. Whatever championships we have won as a team have added to our collective pride. This decision to step down is purely based on how I see my own growth in the sport I love. I wanted to pass on the baton for my own reasons to play with more enjoyment, while continuing to be there for my team with my experience, quality and mentorship. Throughout my tenure, I served my team and my country, and it was never about me. It was always about bringing the team together, winning together, and celebrating every moment as a collective victory.

Even on days when things didn't go our way, we stood by each other. I feel responsibility, captaincy, and leadership will always remain a part of me, and I believe that leadership should evolve in every player who represents the country and has goals to achieve.

BCCI Pays Tribute to Agarkar as Chief Selector Tenure Ends



The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) on Wednesday paid tribute to Ajit Agarkar, thanking the former chairman of the senior men's selection committee for his contribution to a successful period in Indian cricket.

Agarkar's tenure officially ended on Tuesday after the BCCI invited applications to fill the vacant position in the five-member selection panel. "A tenure marked by some truly special moments for Indian cricket — three ICC trophies, two Asia Cup titles and back-to-back Asian Games gold medals, along with a run to the 2023 ODI World Cup final," the BCCI said in a post on X. "Thank you, Mr Ajit Agarkar, for your commitment, conviction and contribution as Chairman of the Men's Selection Committee. Wishing you the very best for the journey ahead," it added. Agarkar took charge as chairman in July 2023 and oversaw a period in which India reached the 2023 ODI World Cup final before going on to win the 2024 T20 World Cup, 2025 Champions Trophy and 2026 T20 World Cup. His tenure also included India's two Asia Cup triumphs and back-to-back Asian Games gold medals, while the national side continued to remain a dominant force across formats.

Agarkar's final assignment as chairman was the selection of India's white-ball squads for the ongoing series against the West Indies.

Focus on Learning, Not Syllabus: Gugulothu

through videoconference from the TGSWREIS head office here. He reviewed academic performance, outcomes in competitive examinations, admissions, staffing, student welfare, nutrition, health and hygiene, infrastructure, safety and administrative systems. Reviewing the performance of students in Class X and Intermediate examinations and their achievements in IIT, NEET, JEE and other competitive examinations, the Secretary sought detailed information on academic progress and institutional preparedness.

He also reviewed the admissions process for the current academic year, vacancies in teaching posts and academic planning. Gugulothu emphasised that the focus should not merely be on completing the prescribed syllabus, but on ensuring that students understand the subjects taught in classrooms and are able to apply their knowledge effectively.

Governor Calls Youth to Lifelong Learning



The Governor said said educational institutions should focus not merely on producing job seekers but also on nurturing innovators, problem-solvers and entrepreneurs. He said Hyderabad had emerged as a prominent hub for innovation in IT, life sciences, pharmaceuticals and start-ups.The Governor also called for collective efforts to keep the youth away from drugs. Cautioning that bad company and momentary attractions could lead young people astray and adversely affect their lives, he urged people to begin efforts to eliminate drug abuse from their own homes.

Invest Telangana Governing Council holds first meeting



and ensure fast-tracked project execution within committed timelines.

"Invest Telangana must serve as the primary engine to position the State as a leader in industrial growth, investment influx, and job creation, in alignment with the 'Telangana Rising' vision," Sanjay Jaju stated. Principal Secretary (finance) Sandeep Kumar Sultania, Special Secretary Krishna Aditya, TGIIC Managing Director Shashank, ITE&C Joint Secretary Anudeep, Invest Telangana CEO and MD Ajit Reddy, Nikhil Chakravarthy and other senior officials attended the meeting.

Record 2.5 Lakh Workers Join MGNREGS



are yielding significant results. Daily worker participation under the scheme saw a massive surge this October. On Tuesday alone, a record 2,54,812 labourers attended work in a single day—marking the highest single-day attendance recorded in the state since the implementation of the VB-G RAM G framework.

Comparative data from October over the past five years highlights this dramatic rise. In October 2025, the average daily attendance of wage seekers stood at just 24,750. In October 2026, that figure skyrocketed to an average of 2.16 lakh workers per day, reflecting a sharp year-on-year increase. To safeguard rural household incomes during this agricultural downturn, Panchayat Raj and Rural Development Minister Seethakka instructed officials to expand MGNREGS works across the state.

The Minister has been conducting continuous review meetings with district officials to monitor progress on the ground. Seethakka further directed authorities to issue new job cards within 15 days to any eligible household requesting one. She emphasised the need to proactively identify wage seekers, inform them of available projects, and ensure maximum participation across rural areas.

TGSRTC Rolls Out 7,000 Dasara Buses

October 25 and 26. Additional buses will remain on standby to meet demand on these dates. In Hyderabad, major embarkation hubs include MGBS, JBS, Uppal (Nalla Cheruvu), Aramghar, LB Nagar Crossroads, KPHB, Bowenpally, and Gachibowli.

To manage crowds, temporary amenities—including pandals, seating, public address systems, drinking water, and mobile toilets—will be installed at key boarding points.

As per state government directives, TGSRTC will apply a revised fare of up to 1.5 times the normal rate strictly for special bus services on the peak travel dates (October 9, 10, 16, 17, 25, and 26). Regular fares will remain unchanged on routine bus services.

TGSRTC Managing Director Y. Nagi Reddy clarified that zero-fare travel for women under the state's Mahalakshmi initiative remains active across Palle Velugu, Express, City Ordinary, and Metro Express services.

SPORTS



Mary Kom Faces Defamation Case From Ex-Husband

Olympic medallist boxer Mary Kom's former husband, Onler Kom, has initiated criminal defamation proceedings against her, alleging that she has made disparaging remarks about him on television and other public platforms. Onler said the case has been filed and the next hearing is scheduled for November 19, 2026. "She is saying so many lies about me on public platforms just to get attention. I have filed a criminal defamation case against her. The development comes amid a public dispute between the former couple, with Mary Kom having previously accused Onler of cheating her of crores of rupees earned through her boxing career. She had also alleged that loans were taken in her name, her property was mortgaged, and some assets were transferred into Onler's name without her proper consent.

Onler has denied the allegations and said he does not object to Mary Kom moving on with her life following their divorce but does not want to be publicly blamed or defamed. "I don't drink alcohol anymore. I have small children, and she cannot keep defaming me every time. Humara divorce ho chuka hai (we are divorced). She can do whatever she wants; I have no problem with that. But why defame me?" he said. He added that he had deliberately refrained from discussing what he described as Mary Kom's personal weaknesses in public despite the allegations made against him. "Have I ever revealed any of her weaknesses to anyone? No. She has many bad habits, but I have never spoken about them publicly," he added. Mary Kom and Onler married in 2005 and have four children. Onler supported Mary during her boxing career and took on responsibilities at home while she competed internationally. The couple separated after years of differences and got divorced in 2023.

Shreyas Iyer Credits Abhishek Nayar After Maiden T20I Ton



India captain Shreyas Iyer credited his long-time mentor and former Indian assistant coach Abhishek Nayar for helping him improve and correct his mistakes and produce a match-winning performance after smashing his maiden T20I century against West Indies in the opening game of the five-match series on Tuesday. Iyer struck an unbeaten 102 off just 43 balls, including 10 fours and six sixes, as India chased down 172 in only 14.4 overs to take a 1-0 lead at the BRSABV Ekana Cricket Stadium. The knock came at an important juncture for Iyer, who had been struggling to convert starts into substantial scores and had breached the 50-run mark only twice since taking over as India's T20I captain in June. Reflecting on his innings in a BCCI video, Iyer revealed that a recent conversation with Nayar, who has shared a long-standing coach-mentor relationship with him through Mumbai domestic cricket, Kolkata Knight Riders and the national team setup, proved valuable. "I had a brief interaction with Abhishek Nayar in that period where we were talking about cricket. The India skipper said the key to his innings was preparing himself before every delivery and finding his rhythm early.

"The key that I observed in my batting today was setting myself before the delivery of the ball, and that worked perfectly. So creating that momentum and rhythm was essential at the start of the innings, and it worked out pretty well," he said. Nayar has earlier worked closely with Iyer on technical aspects of his batting as well as during different phases of his comeback in domestic and international cricket. Iyer also spoke about the challenge of returning from Japan and immediately adapting to the demands of international cricket.

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Sirolu police arrest absconding ganja accused

4 kg ganja seized at Chintapalli toll plaza in 2024
Case registered under NDPS Act – absconding accused remanded in custody CI L Pawan Kumar



Mahabubabad District Correspondent Telangana Essence : The Sirolu police in Mahabubabad district arrested an accused who had escaped during a police check while illegally transporting ganja and remanded him. According to the details of the case, on 27-02-2024, Sirolu police were conducting vehicle checks at Chintapalli toll plaza when two people came there on a scooty. When the police tried to stop them, the person sitting behind the scooty fled from there. When the scooty was checked on suspicion, 4 kg ganja was found in it. A case has been registered under the NDPS Act against the scooty driver, Jerrypotula Madhu, and the absconding Dhirawat Balaji. Jerrypotula Madhu was arrested at that time and sent to remand, while Dhirawat Balaji has been absconding since then. The absconding Dhirawat Balaji was caught by the Sirolu police and arrested, produced in court and sent to remand. Speaking on the occasion, Maripeda CI L. Pawan Kumar said that the illegal trafficking, sale and use of drugs like ganja and drugs will not be ignored and strict action will be taken against those involved in illegal drug activities as per the law. He advised the youth to stay away from drugs. If there is information that anyone is selling ganja or other drugs in their area, they should immediately inform Dial 112 and the details of those who provide information will be kept confidential.

Bank assistant manager addicted to online betting

- Gold mortgaged by customers was mortgaged to finance without the bank's knowledge
- 700.927 grams of gold ornaments worth Rs. 1 crore recovered
- The accused was questioned in police custody and key details were collected
- Mahabubabad Town CI Tirupati Reddy revealed

Mullangi Mohan Reddy Telangana Essence Mahbubabad District Correspondent :An incident of customers becoming addicted to online betting and misusing the gold ornaments mortgaged by the bank has come to light in Mahbubabad town. Police investigation revealed that Bhukya Rajesh, an assistant manager at Indian Bank in Mahbubabad town, mortgaged the gold ornaments of customers to Manappuram Finance Limited without the knowledge of the bank officials. According to the details, the police investigation revealed that the accused Bhukya Rajesh had withdrawn the gold ornaments mortgaged by the customers of Indian Bank in violation of the bank's rules and mortgaged them in Manappuram Finance Limited in Mahabubabad. The police said that he had misused the gold of the bank customers in this way as he had become addicted to online betting.

A case was registered at the Mahabubabad Town Police Station on August 12, 2026, based on the complaint given by the manager of Indian Bank and an investigation was initiated. As part of the investigation, the accused Bhukya Rajesh was arrested on September 22 and produced before the Honorable Court.

The accused was sent to jail as per the court's orders. Continuing the investigation of the case in more depth, the police took steps to recover the gold ornaments mortgaged by the accused in Manappuram Finance Limited. As part of this, the accused was taken into police custody on October 5 with the permission of the Honorable Court. While interrogating the accused in police custody, the police said that he revealed the details of gold ornaments belonging to Indian Bank account holders who had mortgaged them with Manappuram Finance Limited.

Based on the information provided by the accused, the police recovered 700.927 grams of gold ornaments worth about Rs. 1 crore. The police said that with this recovery, a key breakthrough has been made in the case of misuse of gold of the account holders.

Account holders should contact the bank

Account holders who had mortgaged gold ornaments in Indian Bank can contact the bank officials and get their gold ornaments, said Mahbubabad Town CI Raghupathi Reddy. He said that the investigation into more details related to the case is ongoing. Police said that in this incident, a person on bank duty abused the trust of the account holders by getting addicted to online betting. The police are also investigating how the accused misused the gold of the bank account holders and whether anyone else was involved in this matter.

Market development work should be accelerated

Illandu Market Market development work should be accelerated
MLA Koram Kanakaiah at the Illandu Market Committee Governing Body Meeting



Mahabubabad District Correspondent Telangana Essence : Illandu MLA Koram Kanakaiah suggested that the development work being undertaken within the Illandu Market area should be accelerated and efforts should be made to provide better facilities to farmers and traders. The MLA attended the governing body meeting held under the chairmanship of Chairman Banoth Rambabu at the Illandu Market Committee office as the chief guest. In the meeting, the governing body conducted a comprehensive review of the income and expenditure of the Market Committee for the financial year 2025-26. The income generated by the market, the expenditure on various development programs, and the work to be undertaken in the future were discussed.

MLA Koram Kanakaiah also inquired about the progress of the ongoing development work at the Tekulapally Subyard and Market Office within the market area. He suggested that the work be completed within the stipulated time with quality standards. The meeting also discussed the issue of setting up a new sub-yard in Kamepalli mandal within the market area. The MLA reviewed the feasibility, necessary facilities and benefits to farmers related to this with the officials and members of the governing body. The governing body was advised to take necessary steps for the development of the market along with improving the infrastructure required by the farmers within the market committee. Market Committee Vice Chairman Bija Venkateswarlu, Society Chairman Metla Ramakrishna, governing body members Kunja Vasantha Rao, Jare Sammakka, Bolli Raju, Gugulot Gabru, Maloth Bavusingh, Bhukya Shivalal Nayak, Banoth Jinku, Uke Buchayya, Jigata Venkanna, Market JMS Pikla Nayak, market staff and others participated in this meeting. Illandu MLA Koram Kanakayya suggested that efforts should be made to expedite the ongoing development works and provide better facilities to farmers and traders. The MLA attended the governing body meeting held at the Illandu Market Committee office under the chairmanship of Chairman Banoth Rambabu as the chief guest. In the meeting, the governing body conducted a comprehensive review of the income and expenditure of the Market Committee for the financial year 2025-26. The income generated by the market, the expenditure on various development programs, and the work to be undertaken in the future were discussed. MLA Koram Kanakaiah also inquired about the progress of the ongoing development work at the Tekulapalli subyard and market office within the market area. He suggested that the work be completed within the stipulated time with quality standards. The issue of setting up a new subyard in Kamepalli mandal within the market area was also discussed in the meeting. The MLA reviewed the feasibility, necessary facilities, and benefits to farmers related to this with the officials and governing body members.

The governing body was advised to take necessary steps for the development of the market in addition to improving the infrastructure required by the farmers within the market committee area. Market Committee Vice Chairman Bizza Venkateswarlu, Society Chairman Metla Ramakrishna, Governing Body members Kunja Vasantha Rao, Jare Sammakka, Bolli Raju, Gugulot Gabru, Maloth Bavusingh, Bhukya Shivalal Nayak, Banoth Jinku, Uke Butchaiah, Jigata Venkanna, Market JMS Pikla Nayak, Market staff and others participated in this meeting.

Lodge case stirs in Kuravi shrine

Family members identify couple and hand them over to police
Devotees demand increased surveillance on lodges

Mahabubabad District Correspondent Telangana Essence : It is reported that a dispute broke out after family members objected to a woman and a man staying together in a lodge within the Kuravi Sri Veerabhadraswamy shrine, nine kilometers from the Mahabubabad district center. It seems that the incident came to light in the wake of a family dispute. According to local information, it is known that the family members have identified two people named Zahida and Nagaraju staying together in a lodge within the Kuravi Veerabhadraswamy temple. Following this, the family members who reached the lodge questioned them and later handed them over to the police. There is local talk that an argument broke out between the family members and a scuffle took place between the two groups on this occasion. However, the full details of the incident are yet to be revealed after the police investigation. On the other hand, it is reported that the woman concerned has alleged to her family members that she has been facing problems with her husband's affair for the last two years. The facts are yet to come to light during the police investigation into these allegations.

In the wake of devotees flocking to the shrine from various parts of the country, devotees are demanding that the concerned authorities should keep a tight vigil on issues like room allocation in lodges, registration of guest details, and verification of identity documents. They are of the opinion that continuous monitoring is necessary on the management of lodges so that the sanctity of the temple is not disturbed.

The problems of porters should be resolved immediately

Mahabubabad District Correspondent Telangana Essence October : The problems of porters working in the Mahabubabad agricultural market should be resolved immediately by the government and market authorities, CITU Mahabubabad District Vice President Kummarikuntla Naganna has demanded. A dharna was organized in front of the agricultural market office on Wednesday under the auspices of CITU, demanding that the problems of porters be resolved. Speaking on the occasion, Naganna accused the authorities of neglecting to provide minimum infrastructure facilities to the porters working in the market. He demanded that fresh water facilities, rest rooms and toilets be provided to the workers. He demanded that every licensed porter in the market be provided with insurance facilities under the auspices of the market committee. Similarly, he demanded that ESI and PF facilities be provided to porters and a monthly pension of Rs. 6,000 be provided to porters who are above 50 years of age. He demanded that house plots be allotted to the homeless and poor porters and that houses be built through government schemes. Naganna demanded that the government take steps to provide Rs. 25 lakh compensation if an accident occurs to porters while on duty in the market. He said that the market



authorities should take the responsibility of providing employment to porters even during idle times. He criticized that the Congress government had given many promises to porters before coming to power, and even after 30 months of the government being formed, not a single promise has been fully implemented. He warned that if the government does not immediately resolve the problems of porters, large-scale agitations and struggles will be held in the coming days.

Later, a petition containing the problems of the porters was handed over to Market Secretary Vemula Venkateswarlu. Balu, Hari, Lachu, Kanti, Manni, Sirisha, Rani, Vijaya, Manga, Badri, Jyoti, Saroja, Sunitha, Srinu, Subhadra, Anuradha, Sukki, Dhana, Anita, Bujji, Kalyani, Sandhya, Mani, Padma, Jhansi, Rangi, Bhavani and others participated in this program.

Fake Documents Used for Land Registrations



Malkajgiri Police Commissioner B. Sumathi

Telangana Essence Reporter Avvari Venkateswara Sarma, LB Nagar, Hyderabad: A gang allegedly involved in registering properties using forged documents has been arrested by the Special Operations Team (SOT) police, Malkajgiri Police Commissioner B. Sumathi said. She said the gang prepared fake General Power of Attorney (GPA) documents by tampering with and fabricating documents dating back to 1982. The gang allegedly targeted properties belonging to people living abroad and attempted to acquire them using various types of fabricated sale deeds. The Commissioner said two more persons were taken into custody in LB Nagar in connection with the case. Police seized several stamp papers and stamps from their possession. The SOT police identified a gang that had allegedly created forged documents in the names of property owners residing in the United States. Following the investigation, police identified and helped release mortgage properties at eight locations, the Commissioner said. Police are continuing their investigation into the gang and its alleged property-related fraud.

MP Vaddiraju gives direction to BRS ranks on MLC elections

Special focus should be given to the registration of graduates



Mahabubabad District Correspondent Telangana Essence : BRS Parliamentary Party Leader and MP Vaddiraju Ravichandra said that they consider BRS, which achieved Telangana state and developed it in all fields, to be the people's party, and KCR's leadership is the protection of Sri Rama for Telangana. In the context of the Nalgonda-Khammam-Warangal graduates' MLC elections, the BRS office in Bhadradri Kothagudem district gave direction to the party ranks at a meeting organized at Telangana Bhavan along with MLC Takkalpalli Ravinder Rao and former minister Vanama Venkateswara Rao. Speaking on the occasion, Ravichandra criticized the Congress government for failing to implement the promises made during the elections. He alleged that the government is neglecting the Rs. 4,000 allowance for the unemployed, student fee arrears, DA of employees-pensioners and other benefits. He said that farmers, students, youth, employees, teachers, women and workers are unhappy with the Congress rule. He said that many multinational companies came to Hyderabad during KCR's rule and the youth got a lot of job opportunities. He said that many programs undertaken during the BRS government's rule were crucial in the development of the joint Khammam district.

Focus on the registration of graduates' voters

Keeping in mind the MLC elections, the MP suggested that the party ranks, doctors, teachers, faculty members, employees, lawyers, retired employees, journalists and LIC agents should personally meet and register the vote of every eligible graduate.

He called on the party working president KTR to work in coordination as per his suggestions and advice and gain strong support for BRS in the MLC elections.

Party leaders Anugula Rakesh Reddy, Kapu Seetha Mahalakshmi, Velpula Damodar, Raju Goud, Shanthi Nayak and others participated in this meeting. On this occasion, party cadres raised slogans like “Jai Telangana.. Jai Jai Telangana”, “BRS Zindabad”, and “KCR’s leadership should flourish”.

Khelo Telangana Bandhan – Fitness Challenge receives a special response

Boddupalli MLA Murali Nayak and DCC President Uma Murali Nayak respond to Upender's challenge.. A call for participation of athletes, youth and walkers for a healthy Telangana

Mullangi Mohan Reddy Telangana Essence Mahabubabad District Correspondent : The "Khelo Telangana Bandhan – Fitness Challenge" program launched from Mahabubabad with the aim of increasing awareness of health, fitness and sports among the people of Telangana and further increasing the sports spirit among the youth is receiving a special response. Mahabubabad Athletic Association President, former national Khokho player and athletics player Lions Boddupalli Upender MJF launched this fitness challenge. He called for a large number of sportspersons, former sportspersons, youth and walkers in Telangana to participate in this program.



MLA Murali Nayak's response : Mahabubabad MLA Dr. Bhukya Murali Nayak responded to the fitness challenge started by Boddupalli Upender and expressed his support for the program. He advised people to pay special attention to their health and adopt a healthy lifestyle by exercising, walking and participating in sports every day. He said that by taking steps towards sports, the youth can gain physical fitness as well as mental happiness, and such programs will help increase awareness about health in the society.

DCC President Uma Murali Nayak's support : Mahabubabad District Congress Party President Dr. Bhukya Uma Murali Nayak also responded to the "Khelo Telangana Bandhan - Fitness Challenge" and expressed her support. He said that there is a need to promote programs that increase interest in sports among the youth along with protecting the health of the people.

Growing response from athletes : Many athletes, former athletes, youth and walkers from Mahabubabad district as well as Telangana are responding to the fitness challenge given by Boddupalli Upender and expressing their support. Many are coming forward to participate in this program with the message of making fitness a part of everyone's life. On Wednesday, a fitness challenge was



thrown to former national basketball player Mullangi Mohan Reddy The organizers want sports not to be limited to competitions but to be the foundation of a healthy lifestyle, and to allocate some time every day for exercise, walking or any sport.

Thanks to the cooperation of journalists : Boddupalli Upender expressed special gratitude for the encouragement and cooperation provided by senior journalists, print media and electronic media representatives of Mahabubabad from the first step in his sports journey till today. "Your pen... your camera... your campaign... should become a great platform to further enhance the spirit of health and sports in Telangana," he hoped.

Vigilance is the weapon to protect against cyber frauds



Do not believe in fake offers and digital arrests
Students play a key role in building a cyber safe society- SP Dr. Shabarish unveils cyber safety posters

Mullangi Mohan Reddy Telangana Essence Mahabubabad District Correspondent October Mahububabad District SP Dr. Shabarish, IPS said that everyone's vigilance towards cyber crimes is the main weapon to protect themselves from being affected by them. The SP participated in a cyber awareness program organized at Ekalavya Model Residential School in Kuravi Mandal and made students aware of cyber crimes. On this occasion, posters related to cyber safety were unveiled. The SP said that in the current digital era, the use of technology has increased in every field such as education, banking, shopping, communication etc. At the same time, he advised people, especially students, to be vigilant as the threat of cyber crimes is also increasing.

Do not share personal details, OTPs

The SP advised students not to share personal information, passwords, OTPs, and bank account details with others under any circumstances while using social media, online games, digital payments, and online shopping.

Fake offers, scams in the name of gifts : He warned against fake links and messages sent by cybercriminals in the name of low prices, huge discounts, free gifts, and lucky draws, taking advantage of festivals and special occasions. He said that clicking on suspicious links and downloading unknown apps can put personal and financial information in the hands of criminals.

'Digital arrest' is completely fake

The SP clarified that 'digital arrest' scams such as video calls pretending to be from police, CBI, ED and court officials, threatening in the name of cases, keeping people online for hours in the name of investigation, and pressuring them to pay money are completely fake. He said that real government agencies do not order arrests and payments through video calls. If you receive such calls, you are advised to disconnect the call immediately and inform the police.

Beware of fake profiles

The SP advised not to share personal details, photos and videos with people you do not know on social media. He said that there is a possibility of fraud through fake social media accounts and fake profiles created in the names of others. He advised not to respond immediately when receiving messages asking for money in the name of friends or relatives, but to respond only after confirming them by calling them directly.

Parents should be made aware

The SP asked students to also make their parents aware of cyber fraud. Especially, parents and the elderly should explain digital safety to their children so that they do not fall prey to cyber criminals.

If you are a victim of fraud, immediately report to 1930

If you are a victim of online financial fraud, you should immediately report the information to the 1930 Cyber Crime Helpline without delay, the SP said. He said that by filing a complaint as soon as possible, there is a possibility of stopping the amount of fraud. The SP asked the public and students to be partners along with the police in controlling cyber crimes. Students should use technology for good purposes and share the information they know about cyber crimes with their family members, friends and acquaintances. SP Dr. Shabarish said that a cyber safe society can be built only with vigilance, awareness and responsible digital use.

Two Arrested for Series of Thefts in Madnoor PS Limits



Kamareddy, Telangana EssenceCorrespondent.. Madnoor police arrested two accused involved in a series of thefts under Madnoor Police Station limits on 07.10.2026. On the night of 04.09.2026, a series of thefts took place in one night - in one house in Madnoor village and in three houses in Menur village under Madnoor Police Station limits. In these incidents, miscreants entered the houses and stole gold, silver and cash. In connection with these incidents, cases were registered at Madnoor Police Station in Crime Nos. 183/2026, 184/2026, 185/2026 and 186/2026 U/S 331(4), 305(a) BNS and investigation was started. As per the orders of SP, Bichkunda CI Ravi Kumar and Madnoor SI Mohan Reddy formed special teams and intensified the investigation of the cases. As part of the investigation, technical evidence was analyzed and the accused involved in the thefts were identified as Gundewar Karan, Shailesh Baba and Rahul Yellappa, belonging to Basmath area of Maharashtra. Investigation revealed that a person named Shiva Yellappa cooperated with them. Among them, Shailesh Bal Power @ Baba has already been arrested, while the remaining accused are absconding.

In this sequence, on 07.10.2026, Madnoor police tactfully caught and arrested Karan Gundewar and Shiva Yellappa who were coming towards Madnoor to commit theft again at Mirzapur Hanuman Temple on the outskirts of Madnoor. Rs. 1,100 cash and a mobile phone were seized from them. During the investigation, when the accused were interrogated, they revealed that they had sold the gold and silver stolen earlier to persons named Mangesh, Naushad and Rais belonging to Maharashtra. Based on the information given by the accused, the police seized the stolen gold and silver from those persons. In the investigation of these cases so far, police have seized a total of 10 tolas of gold, 50 tolas of silver, Rs. 1,100 cash and one mobile phone. In cracking these cases, along with Madnoor SI Mohan Reddy, Madnoor Constables Vittal, Vishnu and CCS Constables Ganapathi, Rajender, Srinivas, Laxmikanth and Ravi acted tactfully and played a key role in nabbing the accused.

KVPS 29th foundation week celebrations in Mahabubabad Pattipaka



Mahabubabad District Correspondent Telangana Essence : The Anti-Caste Discrimination Struggle Association (KVPS) Mahabubabad Town Committee, under the auspices of which, the flag of the association with the goals of self-respect, equality and caste eradication was unveiled by senior leaders of KVPS, Alwala Anand*. Later, at the 29th foundation ceremony of KVPS held under the chairmanship of Sangh Town Secretary Amdali Mahender, KVPS District General Secretary Duddela Ramamurthy said that under the auspices of KVPS, it has been recognized as an association that has undertaken many social and public struggles in the last 28 years and achieved many successes. They explained that in addition to achieving the Justice Punnaiah Commission, the State SC/ST Commission, the SC/ST Sub-Plan Act, 1235 GOs for crematoriums, 382 GOs for free electricity, it has also fought many struggles for the implementation of the SC/ST Atrocities Act and for the protection of couples who have had inter-caste marriages, which has provided reassurance to Dalits and the poor. After the BJP came to power in the country, caste-based attacks, social exclusion, murders and rapes against Dalits, women and minorities have doubled, and it is evil for the rulers who should stop these to cooperate with and honor those who carry out attacks. They called for a united movement for the rights guaranteed by the Constitution.In this program, Mandula Mahender Vyakasa Town Secretary Devat Hema Nayak CITU District Leaders Phulu Bujja Venkanna Cheppuri Ganesh Pulipaka Nagaraju Yerphugonda Yadagiri Karna Kanti Raju Erra Srinivas Nar Ravi Mutka Kumari Yerugonda Lakshmi Mahankali Suvartha Vijaya and others participated. With social congratulations.. Duddela Rammurthy KVPS District Secretary Mahabubabad.

Badawat Vidya Sri selected for School Games Federation SGF joint district level under-14 women's cricket

Details revealed by Mahabubabad Cricket Association District President B Ajay Saradhi Reddy



Mahabubabad District Correspondent Telangana Essence October The recent Under-14 Women's Cricket Selections held at Jakaram Police Training Center in Mulugu district, Badawat Vidya Sri from Boddugonda village of Gudur mandal of Mahabubabad district has been selected for the SGF women's cricket competition, said Mahbubabad District Cricket Association President Ajay Saradhi Reddy. Soon, Vidya Sri will play in the School Games Federation SGF tournaments joint Warangal district level women's cricket. On this occasion, B Ajay Saradhi Reddy said that many district-level players are being sent from this area to the district level and the state level to the national level. Many students in this area have been given cricket through summer coaching cricket camps in this area. He said that he will teach them skills and train them. On this occasion, B Ajay Saradhi Reddy congratulated Vidya Sri and wished her to show her talent in the upcoming tournament and rise to the state and national level. Mahabubad District Cricket Chief Coach Methu Kumar, Assistant Coach Thota Vinay Kumar, Assistants B Satwik Reddy Pittala Ravan expressed happiness over Vidya Sri's selection to SGF.

Akula Srivani inspects drainage problem in Saroornagar's Srinivasa Colony



Telangana Essence Reporter Avvari Venkateswara Sarma, LB Nagar, Hyderabad: Responding to complaints from local residents, Saroornagar BJP former corporator Akula Srivani on Wednesday inspected the areas frequently affected by overflowing drains in Srinivasa Colony along with officials of the Hyderabad Metropolitan Water Supply and Sewerage Board (HMWS&SB). Residents informed Srivani that the frequent overflow of sewage and the foul smell had made it difficult for them to live in the area. During the inspection, it was found that food waste such as leftover rava, chutney and idlis was being directly dumped into the drainage system by some people who prepare and sell tiffins in the locality. The waste had accumulated inside the pipeline, causing blockages and resulting in sewage overflow. HMWS&SB officials used a jetting machine to remove the accumulated waste and silt from the pipeline and resolved the immediate problem. The officials explained the causes of the blockage to the residents and advised them not to dispose of food waste or garbage into the drainage system. They suggested that such waste be collected separately and handed over to Swachh Autos. The officials also warned that notices would be issued to those responsible if the problem was repeated. Srivani said that although such problems are sometimes caused by the actions of local residents, officials should take responsibility for creating awareness among the public to prevent their recurrence. She urged the authorities to educate residents about the problems caused by dumping waste into drains, provide proper guidance on waste management and closely monitor the area to ensure that the issue does not recur. She stressed that maintaining a clean colony requires not only action from the authorities but also the cooperation of residents. Srivani appealed to everyone to act responsibly and refrain from dumping garbage and food waste into drainage lines.

United struggle to protect democracy

INDIA alliance holds huge rally in Warangal as part of 'Save Democracy Week'



Telangana Essence Warangal District Reporter : Congress leaders have called on the people to come forward unitedly to protect democracy and constitutional values. As part of the "SAVE DEMOCRACY WEEK – Vote Bachao – Desh Bachao" program, a huge rally was organized in Warangal on Wednesday under the auspices of INDIA alliance. Leaders of INDIA alliance partner parties, public representatives and activists in large numbers participated in this rally, which was organized from Pochammaidan to the statue of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar in Warangal. The rally continued with slogans explaining the protection of democracy, constitutional rights and the value of the right to vote to the people. Palakurti MLA Smt. Yashaswini Reddy, TPCC Vice President Smt. Jhansi Rajender Reddy, MLAs Revuri Prakash Reddy, K.R. Nagaraju, Kakatiya Urban Development Authority (KUDA) Chairman Gundu Sudharani, Warangal District Congress President Ayub Khan and others participated in this program. Later, the leaders garlanded the statue of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar at the Ambedkar statue and paid tributes. The leaders stated that there is a need to further strengthen the democratic system by taking the ideals of the architect of the Constitution Ambedkar as inspiration. The leaders made it clear that the INDIA alliance will continue to fight unitedly for the protection of democracy and the realization of constitutional rights. They called on everyone to act responsibly to protect the people's right to vote and protect constitutional values.

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Adarsha Kutumbam: Are These Interviews Enough?



One of the biggest films that's getting ready to hit cinemas next week is none other than Trivikram and Venkatesh's Adarsha Kutumbam. Though the film is pretty big in terms of the director and hero's popularity, somehow the film is not getting such big hype. Guess what the team is doing right now? Other than sharing some common interviews that have Trivikram, Srinidhi Shetty and Venkatesh taking part, they are not giving enough mileage to Adarsha Kutumbam.

Apparently, the interviews are funny, but they don't have any spice that goes viral on the internet. Other than what Trivikram revealed about the upcoming flick with Jr NTR, nothing went viral from the interviews about the film that is hitting cinemas on October 9th. This kind of low hype will not be enough to create buzz about the movie and get huge box office collections. Apparently, Venaktesh's previous films with Anil Ravipudi used to get heavy attention due to the director's promotional campaigns. Even if the content is good, only a terrific promotional campaign that could bring pre-release hype would actually get huge Day 1 collections. Many are wondering if Trivikram and Venkatesh are missing out on these points.

Vijay Deverakonda's Ranabaali Trailer coming with Lot of Surprises



Starring Vijay Deverakonda and Rashmika Mandanna, the Rahul Sankrityan directorial Ranabaali is set for a grand worldwide theatrical release on October 16. The excitement around Ranabaali is reaching a new high as the makers prepare to unveil the film's theatrical trailer on October 8 at 6:03 PM. Adding to the anticipation, the trailer will run for 3 minutes and 47 seconds and is said to contain surprising content. The extended runtime suggests that the makers have plenty to showcase from the film's richly created world. look at Vijay Deverakonda and Rashmika Mandanna's characters, the film's rooted narrative and the larger conflict driving the story. At the same time, the promise of surprising content has ensured that curiosity remains high about what the trailer will actually reveal. Ranabaali has already enjoyed an impressive promotional journey. The songs have received a huge response, while the documentary series has helped audiences understand the effort behind the project. The lead pair's promotional interviews have also played a key role in building momentum, with Vijay Deverakonda and Rashmika Mandanna's first Hindi podcast creating significant buzz across social media. Backed by Mythri Movie Makers and presented by T-Series, the film is produced by Naveen Yerneni and Y. Ravi Shankar. Arnold Vosloo is part of the cast, while Ajay–Atul handle the music.

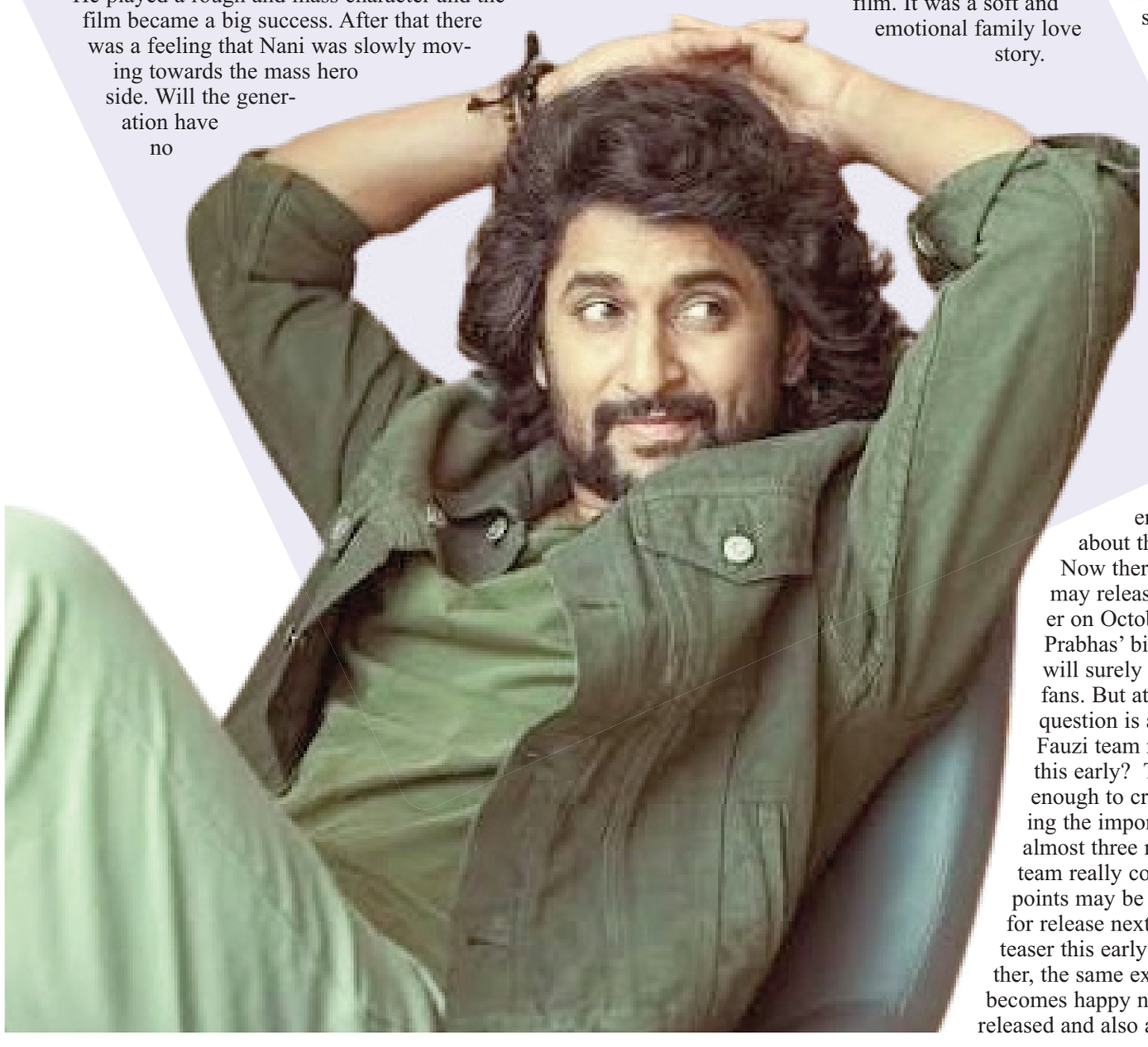


Star Actress Pregnant Again; Check Who It Is

Bollywood actress Kiara Advani has once again given a big reason for her fans to celebrate. The actress and her husband Sidharth Malhotra are reportedly expecting their second baby. Kiara shared the happy news on social media and the post has quickly caught the attention of fans. Kiara Advani and Sidharth Malhotra got married in 2023. The couple reportedly fell in love while working together on Shershaah. They kept their relationship private for some time before finally getting married in a grand ceremony at Suryagarh Palace in Jaisalmer. The couple welcomed their first child in July 2025. They were blessed with a baby girl named Saraaya. Since then Kiara has often spoken about how motherhood has changed her life. She has also shared how special the new phase has been for her. Now, the couple has another reason to be happy. Kiara's latest social media post has created a lot of excitement as in the picture, their daughter Saraaya can be seen holding a tiny white sock in her little hand. Kiara and Sidharth's hands can also be seen around their daughter's hand.

Nani Going Back to His Zone?

Nani is one of the heroes who has a special place in Telugu cinema. He became popular with simple and family friendly movies. For many years, audiences liked him for his natural acting, simple stories and also for emotional characters. But in the last few years, Nani also started trying the mass route. Movies like Dasara showed him in a completely different look. He played a rough and mass character and the film became a big success. After that there was a feeling that Nani was slowly moving towards the mass hero side. Will the generation have no more heroes who can do simple and family stories?Now it looks like Nani is not interested in getting stuck with the mass hero image. Nani recently spoke about his movie choices and said that he never planned to become a mass hero. He said his film choices themselves show this. After Dasara, he did Hi Nanna which was a completely different kind of film. It was a soft and emotional family love story.



Raaka's Oscar Dream Reduced To Tamil Talk

The other day at a film event for Vijay Sethupathi's Bathha, director Atlee took part, as he produced the movie and spoke highly about his upcoming film "Raaka", which features Allu Arjun in the lead. During the course of his speech, the director stated that he will bring an Oscar through Raaka, and that comment is now becoming a huge discussion on social media for a reason. Apparently, Atlee stated that he will try to bring an Oscar award for Raaka and make Tamil people proud. Well, SS Rajamouli's RRR also got an Oscar award for Best Song, which is given to MM Keeravani and Chandrabose, but they haven't spoken a lot about Telugu pride at that moment, but dedicated the award to the whole of India. Atlee saying that Raaka will get an Oscar, that too when Telugu Superstar Allu Arjun is leading the movie, is not going well with a section of society.



At least he should have said that he will make the whole country proud. The moment you say that Raaka's Oscar will be a Tamil dream, surely that dream gets limited to a few people, and people from other languages might not own the film. Filmmakers should be more careful while giving such rousing speeches because they might fancy a few, but surely hurt many.

Will Fauzi Team Leak the Story This Fast?

Prabhas' Fauzi is one of the most awaited films among fans. The movie has been creating a lot of curiosity even though the makers have not revealed much about the story or the major scenes. Now there is a new buzz that the team may release a special three minute teaser on October 23 on the occasion of Prabhas' birthday. If this news is true, it will surely be a big treat for Prabhas fans. But at the same time there one question is also coming up. Will the Fauzi team reveal too much of the film this early? The makers try to show enough to create interest but avoid revealing the important parts. But a teaser of almost three minutes is quite long. If Fauzi team really comes up with a three minute teaser then there is a chance that some important story points may be shown. This can become a tricky situation for the makers. Fauzi is reportedly planned for release next year. So, there is still a lot of time before the film reaches theatres. Releasing a long teaser this early can create huge expectations among the audience. If the release date gets pushed further, the same excitement can slowly turn into disappointment. So whether this three minute teaser becomes happy news for fans or will it became headache for makers can be decided, only after teaser is released and also after the release date of Fauzi is finalised.

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