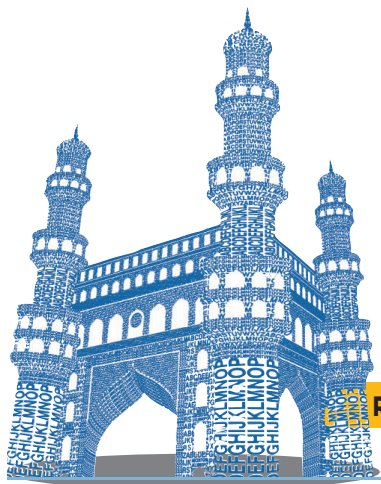




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KCR to convene BRS meeting ahead of Assembly session



HYDERABAD: With the Telangana Legislative Assembly session scheduled to begin on September 7, former chief minister and BRS president K. Chandrababhan Naidu (KCR) will convene a joint meeting of the party's MLAs and MLCs on September 6. The meeting will be held at KCR's Erravelli residence at 2 pm, following lunch at 1 pm. KCR will preside over the meeting and has directed all BRS MLAs and MLCs to attend. The meeting is expected to discuss the party's strategy for the upcoming Assembly session.

Revanth inspects development works in Maddur, directs timely completion



HYDERABAD

Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy visited Maddur municipality in Kodangal Assembly constituency of Narayanpet district on Friday and inspected various ongoing development works.

After arriving in Maddur from Hyderabad by special helicopter, the Chief Minister first inspected the construction of the degree college building. WIDC Managing Director Ganapathi Reddy briefed him on the project, stating that the three-storey building was being constructed on a

four-acre site with a built-up area of 13,670 square feet. Revanth Reddy directed officials to conduct a survey of the additional land adjoining the college building and facing the main road. He instructed Narayanpet District Collector Priyanka to acquire the land from the titleholders if it was found to be private property and construct a compound wall around the college to provide it with a spacious campus.

The Chief Minister directed officials to complete the degree college building by March and take all necessary measures to commence classes from the next academic year.

He subsequently inspected the construction of the residential school and college buildings and instructed officials to complete the works within the stipulated timeframe, maintaining quality standards, and make the facilities ready for use.

Revanth Reddy also directed officials to sanction Indiramma houses to those who had donated land for the construction of the Gurukula (residential school) buildings. A large number of fans, Congress leaders and party workers gathered to welcome the Chief Minister and interacted with him as he inspected the development works.



BRICS Summit in Delhi expected to yield major diplomatic dividends

NEW DELHI

BRICS remains central to India's foreign policy, providing a platform to preserve strategic autonomy, advance its leadership role in the Global South, and deepen cultural, social, economic and diplomatic engagement with important countries and regions worldwide. A successful Delhi Summit next week under a dynamic Indian presidency is expected to yield substantial dividends, a report has detailed.

"In the 21st-century architecture of global governance, BRICS occupies a special place, even though it is an informal forum rather than a treaty-based organisation. Its evolution over the past two decades tells the story of its origin, development, achievements, and ongoing challenges. The trajectory is interpreted differently by experts: some dismiss the grouping as a talk

shop, while others are convinced that its composition, philosophy, and ambition warrant special attention," former Indian diplomat Rajiv Bhatia wrote in think tank 'Politeia Research Foundation' (PRF).

"A fair perspective would indicate that, as a key forum for the Emerging Markets and Developing Countries (EMDCs), it has played a significant role in world affairs at a time when other plurilateral bodies such as the G20, G7, and SCO have struggled to gain prominence. Nevertheless, BRICS, too, faces serious challenges," he added. Reflecting on what the 18th BRICS Summit in Delhi on September 12-13 is expected to achieve, Bhatia said India has undertaken concerted efforts since assuming the chair in January 2026, organising more than 350 meetings with officials, ministers, think tanks, civil society and business organisations to push an ambitious agenda forward.

Uttam urges Chhattisgarh to clear NOC for Sammakka Sagar project

HYDERABAD

Irrigation and Civil Supplies Minister N. Uttam Kumar Reddy met Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai in New Delhi on September 3 and urged him to issue an early No Objection Certificate (NOC) for the Sammakka Sarakka barrage, officially known as the Sammakka Sagar Project.

Uttam Kumar Reddy sought Chhattisgarh's cooperation to enable Telangana to store water up to the barrage's Full Reservoir Level (FRL) and realise its intended irrigation benefits.

During the meeting, the Minister assured the Chhattisgarh Chief Minister that Telangana would pay full compensation for land and houses in the neighbouring State that would be submerged due to the project.



He said Telangana was ready to meet the compensation requirement and work with Chhattisgarh to resolve the pending issues.

"Telangana will pay full compensation for the land and houses that will be submerged in Chhattisgarh. We request the State government to issue the NOC at the earliest to enable us to store water fully in the barrage," Uttam

Kumar Reddy said. The barrage, constructed across the Godavari at Tupakulagudem in Kannaigudem mandal of Mulugu district, is 1,143 metres long and has 59 radial gates. It has a designed storage capacity of 6.94 TMC at an FRL of +83 metres and envisages diversion of 46.96 TMC of Godavari water for irrigation.

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Telangana SIR: Special campaigns for claims, objections on September 5 and 6

HYDERABAD

The Telangana Chief Electoral Office officials are organising two special campaigns on claims and objections on the draft electoral rolls released as part of the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls in the State. The first campaign will be held on September 5 and 6, and the second campaign is on September 12 and 13 at the polling stations. The applicants / electors can visit the said designated locations at polling station level to verify draft roll or deposit their claims and objections through Form-6, 7 and 8. Normal practice of lodging claims and objections in the offices of Electoral Registration Officers will also be accepted. The Booth Level Officers (BLOs) and Booth Level Agents (BLAs) will be available at the designated locations at polling station level on the campaign days.

Telangana Congress to hold Maha Dharna on Sept 6 demanding KCR's resignation

HYDERABAD

The Telangana Congress will organise a Maha Dharna at Dharna Chowk near Indira Park in Hyderabad on Sunday, September 6, demanding the resignation of former Chief Minister and BRS president K. Chandrababhan Naidu from his MLA post. The Congress alleged that KCR had been drawing his salary for nearly 1,000 days without discharging his responsibilities as the Leader of the Opposition. The party alleged that he had remained largely absent from the Assembly and failed to play an active role as the principal opposition leader.

The Congress demanded that KCR resign from the MLA post if he was unwilling to attend the Assembly sessions and discharge his responsibilities as an elected representative. Several senior Congress leaders, MLAs, MLCs and other public representatives are expected to participate in the Maha Dharna. As part of the preparations, a meeting will be held on Saturday under the leadership of Hyderabad and Rangareddy district in-charge Ministers Ponnann Prabhakar and D. Sridhar Babu to review arrangements for the protest.

275 Indians remain missing after Nepal flash floods; 169 rescued: MEA



NEW DELHI

Two hundred seventy-five Indians remained missing while 169 others were rescued following the devastating flash floods along the Nepal-Tibet border, the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) said on Friday.

The latest rescues from the Trishuli Bazaar area in Nepal's Nuwakot district since Friday include three Indian nationals: Abhijit Suresh Pawar, Dipika Abhijit Pawar, and five-year-old Samarth Abhijit Pawar, MEA spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said, adding that the Indian embassy in Kathmandu

is facilitating their return flight home. The spokesperson said 1,907 Indian nationals have safely crossed over to Nepal from China. Jaiswal also said India supplied around 95 tonnes of relief material to Nepal since the flash floods hit the country on August 26.

The death toll from the floods has risen to at least 1,295 after rescue workers recovered more bodies from affected areas, according to Nepalese authorities. While emergency teams have rescued more than 12,000 people, roughly 5,000 remain missing as search and rescue operations continue.

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BRS steps up statewide agitation as Congress marks 1,000 days in office

HYDERABAD

Massive rallies, Vanta-Vaarpu programmes, road blockades and protests were held as part of the BRS “Samar-abheri” statewide agitation for the third consecutive day on Friday, as the ruling Congress completed 1,000 days in office. The party leaders targeted the Congress government over non-implementation of election promises, focusing largely on women, senior citizens and persons with disabilities, with the BRS demanding implementation of promised financial assistance and pension hikes.

The party has been conducting a week-long campaign from September 2 to 8, with each day devoted to specific issues and sections of society.

At several places, BRS cadres organised “Vanta Varpu” programmes, rallies and public meetings. BRSMP deputy leader T Harish Rao participated in a protest in Sirpur and demanded that Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy apologise to farmers for insulting them by treating them as land encroachers by listing their legally purchased lands in the 22A prohibited lands list. He stated that the Chief Minister failed to deliver promises of hiked pensions to senior citizens, differently abled persons, single women and others, besides shelving welfare schemes like KCR Kits and Dalit Bandhu.

“This Congress owes around Rs 66,000 to every beneficiary of Aasara pensions. We will force it to cough up the dues,” he said.

He slammed the Chief Minister for getting his house removed from the prohibited list overnight, while forcing the genuine property owners to run around government offices for clearance and giving them sleepless nights.

Former Minister Vemula Prashanth Reddy participated in the protest in Morthad of Balkonda constituency



and questioned the Congress government over Six Guarantees promised to women, farmers and youth. He said the Congress government owes Rs 82,500 to each woman as it failed to implement the monthly honourarium of Rs 2,500 to each woman and another Rs 66,000 to each Aasara pension beneficiaries as part of its election promise.

In Pocharam, a protest was held at the PHC colony in Annojiguda, where the party alleged that promises including Rs 6,000 monthly pension for persons with disabilities and Rs 2,500 monthly assistance for women remained unfulfilled.

In Nirmal, more than 500 women and persons with disabilities participated in the protests and voiced grievances over the alleged failure to implement election assurances. Similar programmes were held in Maldaqal in Jogulamba Gadwal district, Tirumalagiri in Suryapet and other parts of the State.

The agitation also took a strong farmers’ turn. Boath MLA Anil Jadhav led a protest at the Ichoda electricity substation, followed by a Vanta Varpu

programme. He joined farmers in a symbolic protest using nooses, alleging that the government’s power policies were causing distress to the farming community. He accused the Congress government of failing to provide the promised 24-hour quality free power supply and recalled the implementation of Rythu Bandhu and Rythu Bima under the previous BRS government.

In Regonda, former MLA Gandra Venkataramana Reddy led a farmers’ rally carrying a 420-foot banner and demanded resolution of farmers’ problems. In Wardhannapet, former MLA Aroori Ramesh staged an unusual protest inside an SRSP canal, playing cricket, volleyball and shuttle to highlight the absence of irrigation water.

The protests were also marked by sharp symbolism. In Mahabubabad, former Minister Satyavathi Rathod and former MP Maloth Kavitha participated in a Vanta Varpu programme and a rally carrying a 420-foot flexi. The BRS accused the government of failing to implement its six guarantees and other election commitments.

In Maripeda, former Minister Redya

Naik led a protest and Vanta Varpu on the Khammam-Warangal highway, alleging failure to implement the six guarantees.

In Gajwel, MLA Kotha Prabhakar Reddy participated in the protest, with BRS leaders targeting the government over its 1,000-day record and irrigation-related issues.

The campaign also triggered confrontations with police. In Eturunagar, Mulugu district, police removed BRS flexis put up ahead of a protest rally, citing lack of permission, leading to tension between the cadres and police.

In Secunderabad, MLA T Padma Rao led a rally displaying banners listing the BRS’s version of the government’s “420 promises” and raised issues including pensions, women’s assistance, farmer support and jobs.

The BRS has announced that the agitation will continue through September 8, covering youth issues, fee reimbursement, the job calendar, local problems and representations to officials. The party has also announced support for protests by teachers and government employees on September 10.



Sri Krishna Janmashtami at Home: A Traditional Devotional Celebration

■ Blessed prayers, family bhakti, and the sacred spirit of Lord Krishna in every household

MEDCHAL-MALKAJGIRI

On the blessed occasion of Sri Krishna Janmashtami, families prepare their homes with devotion, joy, and traditional reverence to welcome the divine grace of Lord Krishna. In many households, the puja space is made sacred through simple and heartfelt decoration, with lamps glowing, flowers arranged, and sacred items kept carefully so that the atmosphere remains filled with bhakti. As preparations begin, the home itself becomes a temple—quietly radiating faith, purity, and festivity.

The special Janmashtami pooja at home is performed with a sincere sankalpa and a spirit of gratitude. Devotees begin with purification and prayer, inviting

Krishna’s blessings to rest in the household and to guide every member toward dharma. Offerings are prepared with care, incense and lights are offered with love, and naivedyam is presented as an expression of devotion. Many families also perform abhishekam and recite mantras, remembering that every step of worship is a way of drawing closer to the Lord.

As the auspicious time approaches, the home fills with chants and Krishna bhajans. Families gather together to sing the glories of Krishna, creating a devotional rhythm that brings peace to the heart and strength to the mind. In the midst of celebration, bhakti becomes the center of life—uniting elders, youth, and children in shared prayer and spiritual joy. The chants and hymns carry the message of love, righteousness, and divine protection across the walls of every home.

Beyond the rituals, Jan-

mashtami at home strengthens family bonds and spiritual values.

Elders bless the younger members, children learn the meaning of devotion through participation, and everyone joins in prayers for health, harmony, and prosperity. The festival becomes a time of togetherness, where members express gratitude for past blessings and pray for continued guidance in the days ahead. Ultimately, the true spirit of Krishna Janmashtami lies not only in worship, but in living Krishna’s teachings—compassion, humility, faith, and loving service. This sacred day gently renews devotion within each heart and reminds households to hold on to righteous conduct even in everyday life. May Lord Krishna bless your home with divine joy, protection, and inner peace, and may this Sri Krishna Janmashtami fill your family with light, harmony, and prosperity.

Black magic belief leads to brutal murder in Hyd; seven held

HYDERABAD

Flaknuma police have cracked the brutal murder of 53-year-old real estate businessman Mohd. Mehboob Ali, allegedly killed over a superstitious belief that he had performed black magic on a woman and was responsible for the death of a relative. Police apprehended six accused persons and a juvenile on September 3 in connection with the said murder. According to police, the incident occurred around 9.30 pm on

August 30 near Almas Hotel at Vatepally. Mehboob Ali was allegedly intercepted by the gang and attacked with knives and daggers, sustaining multiple injuries to his head, chest, hands and other parts of the body. He was rushed to Princess Esra Hospital, where he succumbed to his injuries. The investigation revealed that prime accused Mirza Mohsin Baig allegedly suspected Mehboob Ali of performing black magic on his mother, Tahera Begum, who had reportedly been suffering from pro-

longed illness. He also allegedly blamed the deceased for the death of his maternal uncle. Police said Baig shared his suspicions with his cousin Mohammed Imran Ahemad, who allegedly advised him to eliminate Mehboob Ali and assured assistance in securing bail. The duo allegedly then roped in four others and a juvenile to execute the plan.

On the night of the murder, the accused allegedly assembled at Ayaan Darbar Hotel, procured six knives and daggers and travelled on two Activa

scooters before attacking Mehboob Ali.

Police seized two Activa two-wheelers, six knives / daggers and three mobile phones allegedly used in the crime. The accused were produced before the court and remanded to judicial custody. Falaknuma police appealed to the public not to believe in black magic or act on superstitious beliefs, stressing that such practices have no scientific basis and that the people should approach the police rather than take the law into their own hands.

Telangana Dak Adalat on Sept 16

HYDERABAD

The Telangana Postal Circle will conduct a state-level Dak Adalat through virtual mode on September 16 at 12 noon, to hear public complaints and grievances relating exclusively to customer services of India Post.

Members of the public from Telangana can submit their grievances either offline or online by September 9. Offline complaints should be addressed to Ms S Vijaya Jyothi, Assistant Director (CS), Office of the Chief Postmaster General, Telangana Circle, Hyderabad-500001, with “DAK ADALAT” super-

scribed on the envelope.

Online complaints may be emailed to pgco.tl@indiapost.gov.in, with “DAK ADALAT COMPLAINT” as the subject or first line of the email, by 5.45 pm on September 9.

Complainants must provide their mobile number, email ID or address for communication and should choose only one mode of submission. Matters relating to staff, service issues and cases pending before courts will not be considered. The virtual meeting link will be shared with eligible complainants through their registered contact details.

Brahmin JAC leader attempts suicide at Gun Park

HYDERABAD

Telangana Brahmin Activists’ JAC chairman Yagnam Pawan Kumar Sharma allegedly attempted suicide at the Martyrs’ Memorial at Gun Park here on Friday, demanding the removal of Telangana Brahmin Corporation chairman Basavaraju Srinivas.

Sharma reportedly reached Gun Park carrying a bottle of petrol and a matchbox after announcing his intention on social media. An alert police officer intervened and took him into custody.

Several Brahmin community leaders gathered at the spot and urged Sharma not to take the extreme step. Former MLC Surabhi Vani Devi and former Union Minister Samudrala Venugopala Chari also appealed to him to withdraw the suicide bid.

The leaders demanded an apology from Srinivas over alleged derogatory remarks against Dalits and economically weaker sections of the Brahmin community, and urged Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy to remove him from the post.

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ISRO successfully launches Earth observation satellite EOS-05

SRIHARIKOTA

Ending an eight-month lull, Indian space agency ISRO delivered a much-needed comeback with the successful launch of the GSLV-F17 rocket carrying the EOS-05 satellite. The 52-meters-tall GSLV rocket that weighed 420-tons lifted off at 2:55am Indian time, from the second launchpad of the Satish Dhawan Space Centre, carrying the 2,367kg Earth-imaging satellite built by ISRO. In barely 20 minutes, the three-stage rocket placed the satellite in its designated initial orbit. ISRO’s launches scheduled for 2026 were halted after repeat mid-flight failures of ISRO’s workhorse PSLV rockets: PSLV-C61 in May 2025 and PSLV-C62 in January 2026.

Announcing the launch outcome, ISRO Chief Dr. V. Narayanan said that the EOS-05 satellite was successfully and precisely injected into the required orbit. He added that the satellite’s solar panels have been deployed and that the satellite’s health condition is perfectly alright. While ISRO intended to place the satellite in an initial elliptical(egg-shaped) orbit of 170kms perigee (nearest point from Earth) and 28,934kms apogee (farthest point from Earth), the rocket had delivered a better performance and placed the satellite in a 171kms perigee and 31,026kms apogee. He also projected that the EOS-05 satellite would have an operational life of seven to nine years.

Tracing the 25-year oper-

ational history of the GSLV rocket, Dr. Narayanan pointed out that the EOS-05 was the heaviest satellite to be launched by this vehicle. He recalled and contrasted that GSLV had lifted a satellite weighing 1,356kg during its first launch mission; while it has lifted a 2,367kg satellite in its latest mission, which is its 19thflight. He elaborated that this enhancement of lifting power is a result of ISRO’s efforts in constantly modifying and upgrading the structural elements, propulsion systems of the vehicle. He pointed out that the GSLV rocket had seen almost a 50percent increase in its lifting power over these years. However, he mentioned that further enhancement of this vehicle’s lifting power is ruled out.

Uttam urges Chhattisgarh to clear NOC for Sammakka Sagar project

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The project’s principal objective is to stabilise 4.40 lakh acres under Stage-II of the Sriram Sagar Project (SRSP), where water supply from the original source has been inadequate. It will also provide irrigation to a new ayacut of 30,000 acres through the

Ramappa–Pakhal Link Canal.

The project further envisages stabilisation of part of the ayacut under the Devadula Lift Irrigation Scheme and meeting the drinking-water requirements of villages along the route.

The proposed SRSP Stage-II benefits cover 2,34,199 acres in Suryapet, 96,494 acres in

Mahabubabad, 85,774 acres in Khammam, 22,422 acres in Warangal and 1,111 acres in Jangaon districts. The additional ayacut under the Ramappa–Pakhal Link Canal comprises 8,000 acres in Mulugu and 22,000 acres in the Narsampet constituency of Warangal district.



a physical fight. He further stated that the moment the police received the informa-

tion, they rushed to the spot and brought the students under control.

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“As per our information, 275 Indian nationals remain missing. We continue to be in close touch with the Nepali government,” Jaiswal said at his regular media briefing. “We deeply appreciate the efforts of the Nepalese authorities in this regard.” Jaiswal said 169 Indian nationals have been rescued and 1,907 Indians have safely crossed into Nepal from China.

“As per official sources in China, there are no Indian travellers who are stranded in the Tibetan Autonomous Region in China,” Jaiswal noted.

The MEA spokesperson said India will continue to help Nepal as per their requirements. “We do plan to send more forensic kits, Bailey bridges and other materials that are requested by the government of Nepal,” he said.

Jaiswal said India has sup-

plied around 95 tonnes of relief material on seven aircraft to Nepal till now. “In addition to the relief material, we have also sent 54 personnel to support relief and rescue efforts in Nepal. This comprises 30 tunnel rescue experts, 19 forensic experts, and a five-member medical team. Our rescue and forensic teams are deployed on the ground, and they are working closely with the Nepalese authorities,” he said.

The first tranche of relief materials was sent by India hours after Prime Minister Narendra Modi spoke to his Nepalese counterpart Balendra Shah on August 26, the day flash floods struck the Himalayan nation.

Modi had assured Shah of all possible humanitarian assistance to deal with the situation. The floods have damaged 35 motorable bridges, 45 suspension bridges and 40 km of black-topped roads, mainly in

central Nepal, according to local authorities.

Jaiswal said India responded promptly to the flash floods in Nepal and will continue to support the reconstruction and recovery efforts in the country.

To a question on climate change in the context of the Nepal floods, Jaiswal said India has consistently maintained that it is a common challenge, and action in this regard must be based on the principle of common but differentiated responsibilities and respective capabilities.

“Developed countries who historically are responsible for the emissions and have contributed overwhelmingly to this crisis, must take lead in reducing emissions and supporting developing countries by way of finance and technology transfer to meet this challenge,” he added.

The future belongs to the data and AI sectors: KTR inaugurates Conster’s new office

A golden age is coming for the data, AI, and content sectors

Young people in Tier-2 and Tier-3 cities possess immense talent and determination

HYDERABAD

BRS Working President Shri K. Taraka Rama Rao (KTR) inaugurated the new office of Conster Solutions at the Phoenix Primia building in Hyderabad’s Financial District on Friday. After cutting the ribbon and inaugurating the office, senior management representatives of the company briefed KTR on its operations, business expansion plans, and future goals. Addressing the employees on the occasion, KTR said that the world is changing rapidly and that tremendous opportunities are emerging, particularly in the fields of data, data centers, servers, ar-

tificial intelligence (AI), and content. Drawing on his experience of closely observing the technology world from both the government and industry perspectives over the past two decades, he said that those currently working in these sectors have an excellent future ahead of them.

KTR recalled that he had also worked in the corporate world two decades ago and had studied and worked in the United States for some time. He said he understood the challenges involved in working across different time zones around the world and collaborating with clients from multiple countries.

Responding humorously to the name Conster, KTR said he found the idea of “Convergence of Storage,” which lies behind the company’s name, interesting. With content consumption and production increasing dramatically across the world, he said companies such as Con-



ster would play a crucial role in storing, managing, and delivering that content to the world.

He said the way today’s generation accesses information has changed completely. In the past, people used to read newspapers page by page, whereas today’s youth explore the world by swiping through their mobile phones. Behind every swipe, content is being produced, stored, and distributed

on a massive scale, he said, adding that the digital revolution has further increased the importance of data and storage sectors.

KTR said he was particularly pleased that Conster Solutions is placing special focus on Tier-2 and Tier-3 cities. He said young people from smaller towns and cities tend to have a strong hunger for opportunities and greater determina-

tion to make the most of them. Rather than bringing talented young people to Hyderabad for jobs, he suggested that companies should go to them and create opportunities where they live. KTR recalled that during the previous BRS government in Telangana, several IT hubs were established with the objective of expanding the IT sector to Tier-2 cities. He said steps had been taken to establish IT hubs in cities including Adilabad, Khammam, Nalgonda, Nizamabad, Siddipet, Suryapet, Mahabubnagar, and Karimnagar. Their objective, he said, was to provide talented young people in these regions with employment opportunities in their own hometowns.

KTR said the COVID pandemic had completely transformed the way the world works. Earlier, people believed that work could only be done by coming to an office and working together in the same place. However, after COVID, it was

proven that people can work from anywhere in the world and still achieve effective results, he said.

Geographical limitations are no longer a major obstacle, KTR said, adding that talent is what matters most. If the right talent in Tier-2 and Tier-3 cities, smaller towns, and villages is identified and given opportunities, organizations can grow tremendously, he said.

KTR said it was commendable that Conster Solutions is moving forward with the goal of further expanding its workforce. He said there are no limits to the opportunities available for an organization to grow, and that growth is determined by imagination, ambition, and the ability to seize opportunities.

KTR congratulated the founders, leadership team, and employees of Conster Solutions and wished the company continued growth and greater success in the future.

Stanley Lifestyles unveils luxury home flagship

HYDERABAD: Stanley Lifestyles Ltd. on Friday unveiled its first Stanley superlative living flagship at Road No.45 here in Jubilee Hills, offering furniture, kitchens, wardrobes, lighting, décor, art and personalised interior design solutions under one roof. The six-level, 72,000-sq-ft destination features over 60 curated room settings and showcases global design influences through collaborations with specialist brands from Germany, Japan, Spain, Belgium and other European markets. The launch was attended by Telangana IT and Industries Minister D Sri-dhar Babu and Kodad MLA N Padmavathi Reddy.

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■ Several Welfare Programmes to Support Farmers, Women and Youth

■ Rajanaulla Lakshmi, District President, Mahila Congress, Medchal-Malkajgiri

Medchal District Correspondent

HYDERABAD

Mahila Congress Medchal-Malkajgiri District President Rajanaulla Lakshmi said that it is a matter of happiness that the Congress government has completed 1,000 days of governance in accordance with the aspirations of the people. On the occasion of 1,000 days of Praja Palana, she conveyed her greetings to Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, ministers, public representatives, Congress leaders and party workers.

Speaking on the occasion, Rajanaulla Lakshmi said that since assuming power, the government has been giving priority to the welfare of farmers, women, youth, poor people, agricultural labourers and weaker sections. She said that the government has undertaken several programmes in key sectors such as education, healthcare, agriculture, employment and social justice.

She stated that the government is implementing programmes such as crop loan



waiver, Rythu Bharosa, free agricultural electricity, paddy procurement and bonus for fine varieties of paddy as part of fulfilling its promises to farmers. She said that lakhs of farmers have received relief through the crop loan waiver and that increasing the Rythu Bharosa amount has provided support to farming families.

Rajanaulla Lakshmi said that programmes such as Gruha Jyothi, providing free electricity up to 200 units, and LPG cylinders at Rs.500 are being implemented with the objective of reducing the financial burden on women. She said that new ration cards are being issued to ensure food security for poor families and that various welfare schemes required by the people are being made available.

She stated that a large number of government jobs have been filled to provide employment opportunities to the youth, while special focus is also being placed on skill de-

velopment. The establishment of the Young India Skills University and the initiative to develop ITIs as modern technology centres would benefit the future of the youth, she said.

Rajanaulla Lakshmi said that the government has initiated several changes in the education sector, including breakfast programmes in schools and colleges and steps towards the construction of Young India Integrated Residential Schools. She said that strengthening educational and healthcare facilities remains one of the major objectives of the government.

She said that the Congress government is also taking key decisions with regard to social justice. The BC caste census and steps taken towards providing 42 per cent reservation for BCs in local bodies are important steps towards social equality, she said. She added that the completion of the SC categorisation process would help the government move

forward in providing justice to disadvantaged sections.

Rajanaulla Lakshmi said that the Revanth Reddy government is moving forward by combining the implementation of promises made to the people with development and welfare programmes in the state. She said that people are observing the programmes being implemented by the government and are not in a position to pay heed to the criticism of the opposition parties. She expressed confidence that the Congress government would undertake more programmes in the coming days with public welfare as its primary objective.

Mahila Congress Medchal District Vice-President Durga, General Secretary Merugu Sunitha, Medchal B-Block President Eega Swetha, former Dammaiguda Municipal President Joopalli Shobharani, former Cherlapally Division President Nareddy Neerajareddy and others participated in the meeting.



TEDxGITAM Hyderabad Highlights Resilience and Growth Through Inspiring Ideas and Stories

HYDERABAD

TEDxGITAM Hyderabad, an independently organised TED event hosted by GITAM Deemed to be University, Hyderabad, brought together around 100 participants on September 4 under the theme “Resilience & Growth.” The event featured diverse voices and perspectives on navigating challenges, embracing change and achieving meaningful personal and professional growth. Among the distinguished speakers were Air Marshal Nanesyeshwar Tiwari, former Indian Air Force officer and leadership professional; B. V. Nandini Reddy, acclaimed filmmaker and storyteller; and Mihika Bhanot, Founder & CEO of MihikaBhanot Image Consultancy and a personal branding and soft-skills expert. Through personal experiences and professional insights, the speakers explored resilience as more than the ability to overcome adversity—presenting it as a mindset of adaptability, continuous learning and transformation. Air Marshal Nanesyeshwar Tiwari emphasised the power of a strong and disciplined mind, encouraging participants to step beyond their comfort zones and embrace the unfamiliar. Drawing from his

experiences as a test pilot, he highlighted the importance of taking on challenges, exploring new possibilities and believing that every individual can make a meaningful contribution. He also underlined the importance of health and happiness as essential components of a fulfilling life.

Filmmaker B. V. Nandini Reddy shared her journey from her college days to becoming a successful film director, reflecting on the hurdles, failures and uncertainties she encountered along the way. She urged young people to learn from failure, remain open to confusion and take away only what is useful from the advice of others. “A failure will teach you much more than your success does,” she said, encouraging participants to move forward with confidence and purpose.

Mihika Bhanot spoke about resilience, empathy and the courage to act despite fear. She encouraged participants to begin rather than wait for the perfect moment, take ownership of their choices and never give up. As a student-led initiative, TEDxGITAM Hyderabad also provided students with hands-on experience in leadership, teamwork, communication, event management and stakeholder engagement.

Confrontation in Balanagar: Congress Leaders Obstruct BRS MLA Madhavaram Krishna Rao

■ Slogans, road blockade attempt, and swift police action

MEDCHAL-MALKAJGIRI

High tension erupted in Balanagar on Friday when local Congress leaders, led by Division President Puli Shiva Kumar Goud, attempted to obstruct Kukatpally BRS MLA Madhavaram Krishna Rao’s convoy. The incident took place as the MLA was traveling to a protest meeting organized by BRS Ex-Corporator Avula Ravinder Reddy at Vinayak nagar.

The situation escalated when Congress protesters rushed onto the main road, trying to besiege the convoy and raise slogans against the MLA. Balanagar police responded promptly, intervening to disperse the crowd and restore order. Following the clash, police carried out preventive arrests and detained several party leaders.

Those taken into custody and shifted to the police station included Congress A-Block Vice-President Madireddy Yugandhar Reddy, Medchal District Vice-President Puli Srikanth Patel, and Market Committee Chairman Pushpa Reddy. Additional party leaders detained included Akula Narender, Matte Prasanna Kumar, Mahender, Jalla Shiva, Sada Goud, Dandu Ravi Goud, and Swetha.



GOVERNOR HAILS ISRO's MAJOR SPACE MILESTONE

AMARAVATI: Andhra Pradesh Governor S. Abdul Nazeer on Friday congratulated ISRO scientists on the successful launch of EOS-05, described as India’s heaviest Earth observation satellite, aboard the GSLV-F17 rocket from the Satish Dhawan Space Centre in Sriharikota. The Governor said the successful mission marked a significant achievement for India’s space programme and highlighted the satellite’s importance for continuous earth imaging, surveillance and national security.

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E - TENDER NOTICE No. PGT/OT/19/2026 dated 03/09/2026			
Sl. No.	Name of Work	Approx-imate Cash Value in (₹) lakhs	Bid Security Amount (₹)
1	Provision for track machine siding at Mannanur for a length of 130 Tmtr.	79.90	1,59,800/-
2	Removal of vegetation, bushes in midsection along side track in between the tracks, side drain, catch water drain cleaning, in Senior Section Engineer/Permanent Way/Kollengode Section for a period of 1 year.	106.06	2,12,100/-
3	Removal of vegetation, bushes in mid-section along side track, in between the tracks, dewatering, cutting of trees, side drain and catch water drain cleaning in Senior Section Engineer/Permanent Way/Angadippuram section for a period of 1 year.	198.13	3,96,300/-
4	Removal of vegetation, bushes in mid-section along side track, in between the tracks, dewatering, cutting of trees, side drain and catch water drain cleaning in Senior Section Engineer/Permanent Way/Tirur section for a period of 1 year.	110.36	2,20,700/-
5	Pollachi-Palakkad section: Widening of cess and Standardization of embankment work at scattered locations between Km 0.000-53.070 (SL).	756.73	15,13,500/-
6	Palakkad division:- Conducting 3 D scanning of River bed of bridge nos. 924, 943, 1047, 1116, 1130, 1162, 1169, 1201 & 1274 (9 nos) for the year 2026-27.	19.12	38,300/-
7	Assistant Divisional Engineer/Palakkad section - Provision of 1.80 m wide FOB to prevent trespassing at Km 540/100-200 and 546/300-400.	492.27	9,84,600/-
8	Assistant Divisional Engineer/Shoranur section- Provision of 1.80 m wide FOB to prevent trespassing at Km 590/600-700 and 628/200-300- 130 kmph route.	482.48	9,65,000/-
9	Assistant Divisional Engineer/Kannur section- Provision of 1.80 m wide FOB to prevent trespassing at Km 658/300-400, 677/700-800 and 689/800-900-130 kmph route.	722.36	14,44,700/-
10	Assistant Divisional Engineer/Mangalore section - Provision of 1.80 m wide FOB to prevent trespassing at Km 808/800-900, 828/100-200 and 848/400-410- 130 kmph route.	736.82	14,73,700/-
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Sl.No. 1&6 : 25.09.2026 Sl.No. 2-5 : 06.10.2026 Sl.No. 7-10: 06.10.2026		Sl.No. 1,7&8 : Ten Sl.No. 2-5 : Twelve Sl.No. 6 : Six Sl.No. 9-10 : Eighteen	
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SHORT
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Rs.24.49 lakh cash theft cracked; former bakery worker held

HYDERABAD: Mailardevpally police have arrested a 28-year-old former bakery worker in connection with the theft of nearly Rs.24.49 lakh cash from a biscuit company's office at Kattedan. The accused was identified as Anil Nagorao Kamble, a labourer and helper residing in Sri Ram Colony, Jalpally. According to police, the cashier of Harsh Bakers Biscuit Company had kept around Rs.24 to 25 lakh in the office locker on the evening of August 31 before locking the premises and handing the keys to the security guard. The next morning, employees found the office door, almirah and locker broken open and the cash missing. A case was registered at Mailardevpally Police Station. Police formed special teams and examined CCTV footage and witnesses to identify the suspect. During investigation, Kamble was traced and allegedly confessed to the offence. Police subsequently recovered Rs.24,49,500 and a mobile phone from his house. Police said the accused had previously worked at Harsh Bakers. Police advised business establishments to conduct thorough background checks on employees, particularly those handling cash and valuables. They also urged employers to maintain regular accounts and audits, restrict access to cash and keys, and ensure proper CCTV surveillance and secure storage facilities.

Release Nagarjuna Sagar water or I'll march again, warns KT Ramarao



HYDERABAD

Bharat Rashtra Samithi BRS Working President K T Rama Rao said he would undertake a padayatra from Kodad to Haliya with thousands of farmers if the Telangana government failed to announce a schedule for releasing water into the Nagarjuna Sagar Left Canal by September 14. Allying that the Congress government was withholding water from the Left Canal despite around 180 TMC being available in the Nagarjuna Sagar project, Rama Rao, also known as KTR, said farmers were anxious about their crops. "If the government does

not announce a clear water-release schedule by September 14, I will personally undertake a padayatra from Kodad to Haliya with thousands of farmers," he said, demanding that the government immediately announce a detailed plan specifying when water would reach farmers. He recalled that his father and BRS president K Chandrasekhar Rao had undertaken a similar padayatra (foot march) from Kodad to Haliya in Nalgonda district in 2003 in support of farmers dependent on the Left Canal, successfully pressuring the then government to resolve their water woes. He said he was prepared

to launch a similar agitation now. Addressing an event in Miryalguda in Nalgonda district on Thursday evening, September 3, Rama Rao said the Nagarjuna Sagar command area, which had flourished under the BRS government and contributed significantly to Telangana's agricultural growth, was facing a severe crisis, leaving farmers across the Left Canal command area uncertain about water for their crops. He attacked the Congress government over unfulfilled poll promises on farm loan waivers, financial assistance and crop bonuses. Countering Rama Rao, Congress MLA Beerla Ilaiah

told reporters on Friday that irrigation projects in Nalgonda district, including modernisation works on the Left Canal, had been ignored under the previous BRS regime, and that people would not trust the BRS even if Rama Rao undertook a padayatra or similar agitation. Ilaiah said the state government was prioritising drinking water supply in view of deficient rainfall attributed to El Nino and alleged that Rama Rao was resorting to agitations as he was "unable to digest the popularity of the Congress government", which had recently completed 1,000 days in office.

Rise to the Level of Gurus from Ordinary Teachers

■ Lion Capt Dr. Burra Madhusudhan Reddy, Retired Principal, Author

KARIMNAGAR

In today's modern world, teachers working in various educational institutions should transcend their limitations and teach students to become responsible citizens with complete, perfect personalities and rise to the level of Gurus from ordinary teachers, said renowned writer and orator Lion Capt Dr. Burra Madhusudhan Reddy. Speaking as the chief guest at the National Teachers' Day program organized on a large scale by St. George - Paradise Schools today, he said that teachers are performing their duties as employees by teaching subjects and preparing children for exams. He said that teachers should take the lead in teaching culture along with education beyond the scope of textbooks.



He suggested that education should not be just for salary, but should help us walk on the right path in life with lots of wisdom. Speaking, the Chairman of the schools, Dr. P. Fatima Reddy said that every year, lecturers and teachers who are working with commitment in government degree and junior colleges as well as government schools continue to be selected and appropriately honored. Speaking at the event, the guests of honor, Principal Dr.

Kalvakuntla Ramakrishna, lecturers Dr. B. Venkateswarlu, eminent Dr. Anamalla Sridevi and teacher Jhansi, said that over time, teachers are facing new challenges and they should overcome them and do justice to their profession. They congratulated Fatima Reddy for undertaking such unique programs and making them successful. Later, the guests felicitated lecturers and teachers from various colleges and schools.

RTC bus driver killed in Kamareddy road accident

HYDERABAD

A Telangana State Road Transport Corporation (TGSRTC) bus driver was killed and several passengers injured after a Hyderabad-Bichkunda bus overturned near Jukkall X Road in Kamareddy district early Friday. The bus, carrying 13 passengers, reportedly lost control at high speed and crashed into a roadside culvert wall before overturning. The

impact severely damaged the front portion of the vehicle, trapping the driver, Anjaneyulu, who died on the spot. Police are examining whether driver drowsiness or a technical fault led to the accident. Banswada DSP and his team rushed to the spot and launched rescue operations. A crane was used to retrieve the driver's body from the wreckage, while the injured passengers were shifted to Bichkunda Government

Hospital. Police have registered a case and begun an investigation. Transport Minister Ponnam Prabhakar expressed deep anguish over the accident and spoke with the TGSRTC Managing Director, District Collector and Superintendent of Police to take stock of the situation. The Minister conveyed condolences to the family of the deceased driver and directed the officials to ensure the injured receive quality medical treatment.

Another prestigious international invitation for KTR

HYDERABAD

BRS Working President KTR has received another invitation from a prestigious international platform. The organizers have invited KTR to deliver a keynote address at Luxembourg Venture Days-2026, a prominent European event focused on startups, venture capital, and investments. The invitation has been extended by Luxinnovation and the Luxembourg Private Equity and Venture Capital

Association (LPEA) for the event, which will be held in Luxembourg on October 14 and 15. The organizers have asked KTR to speak at a special session examining how investment policies differ between Asian and European countries, along with topics such as investors' risk-taking tendencies, startup founders' expectations, investment opportunities, and international collaboration. The organizers stated in their invitation that KTR's experience in connecting India

with global investment and innovation ecosystems would be valuable to investors and startup founders in Europe. They also said that his perspective would be important in strengthening investment ties between India and other international markets. The event, which will bring together leading investors, venture capital firms, startup founders, and policymakers from across Europe, will focus primarily on startup financing and business growth.

Telangana Mera Community State Committee Elected Unanimously

HYDERABAD

A round table meeting of the Mera community was held on Thursday at Sundarayya Vignana Kendram, Bagh Lingampally. During the meeting, the Telangana Mera Sangam State Committee was elected unanimously. The election process, which had remained unresolved for the past few years due to various hurdles, was conducted smoothly with the cooperation and coordination of the members. Mr. Keerthi Rajagopal was elected as President, Mr. Seelam Koti Ravi as General Secretary, Mr. Karate Krishna as Honorary President, Mr. Singu Vishnu as Treasurer, and Mr. Munagala Ramu as Joint Secretary and Official Spokesperson unanimously. The election process was held under the supervision



of Telangana State Mera Corporation Chairman Mr. Sangam Venkata Rajam and Vice Chairman Mr. Madishetty Lakshminarayana. Former and present presidents, secretaries, intellectuals and elders of Mera associations from various districts, zones and towns across the

state participated in the meeting. Speaking on the occasion, Chairman Mr. Sangam Venkata Rajam said that a true leader is one who unites the community with coordination and stays away from disputes. Later, several unresolved issues in the Mera Sangam were discussed. In the backdrop of

the State Government allocating funds for the construction of Atma Gaurava Bhavans for various communities in Uppal Bhagayath, the construction of Mera Atma Gaurava Bhavan was also discussed, along with the appointment of Directors along with Chairmen for various caste corporations.

Demand for probe into Gurukul student's death

HYDERABAD

BC Dal National President and BC Reservation Struggle Coordination JAC Chairman Dundra Kumaraswamy has urged the Telangana State Human Rights Commission to order a comprehensive inquiry into the death of Intermediate student Ashwini at Kammadanam Gurukul in Ranga Reddy district. Ashwini was reportedly found hanging in her hostel room and later died while undergoing treatment. Kumaraswamy said the incident at a government-run residential institution warranted a detailed probe into possible lapses in student safety and supervision. He sought examination of the FIR, inquest and post-mortem records, besides preservation of CCTV footage, hostel registers, attendance records and electronic evidence. He also demanded an audit of safety measures, emergency medical response, support across govt Gurikuls.

Allocate a site for the statue of Praja Yuddha Nouka Gaddar



■ People's organizations appeal to Warangal West MLA Rajender Reddy

WARANGAL

Leaders of various people's organizations met Warangal West constituency MLA Nayini Rajender Reddy on Friday

and submitted a petition requesting that a site be allocated in Hanamkonda district headquarters for installing a statue of Praja Yuddha Nouka Gaddar. They thanked the MLA for immediately forwarding the petition submitted by the leaders of the people's organizations to the Hanamkonda District Col-

lector. They said that Gaddar's role in the formation of Telangana was crucial and appealed that, as part of realizing Gaddar's ideals, his statues should be installed across the state and people should become partners in the liberation of oppressed communities. Those who participated in the programme included Gaddar Statue Installation Committee Chairman Kondra Narsing Rao; BC JAC leaders Dr. Tirunahari Sheshu; VCK Party State President Dr. Jilukara Srinivas; All India OBC JAC Chairman Sayini Narendar; DBF State General Secretary Chunchu Rajender; Gajala Govardhan; Gaddar Sambayya; P. Ramesh; and others.

Family Planning Surgeries Performed on Stray Dogs

SURYAPET

To control the increasing population of stray dogs in the town and prevent the spread of rabies, veterinary doctors conducted special Animal Birth Control (ABC) surgeries on stray dogs on Friday. The programme was jointly organised by the Animal Husbandry Department, municipal authorities and Blue Cross of Hyderabad under the supervision of senior veterinary doctors.

Officials said that stray dogs would be captured and taken to the Animal Birth Control (ABC) centre, where they would undergo sterilisation surgeries. After the procedures, the dogs would be administered anti-rabies vaccines and kept under medical care until they fully recovered. As per the guidelines of the Animal Welfare Board, the dogs would be safely released back into the same areas from where they were captured after completion of the surgery and

post-operative care, officials said. Keeping public safety in mind and ensuring that no harm is caused to the animals, the veterinary team will continue the birth control drive on a regular basis, they added. District Veterinary Officer Kiran, Blue Cross district in-charge Gottemukkula Narendar Naidu, Dr. Shankar, Anil, Venu, In-charge Sanitary Inspector Yadagiri, Environmental Researcher Shiva, and others participated in the programme.



Congress goal is to make Rahul Gandhi Prime Minister: Vivek

MANCHERIAL

Minister for Energy and Mines Dr. G. Vivek Venkataswamy has clarified that the goal of everyone in the Congress party is to make Rahul Gandhi the Prime Minister. He stated that their shared objective is to strengthen the party without room for personal or political differences and to form a Congress government at the national level under Rahul Gandhi's leadership. Speaking to the media in Mancherial on Friday, the Minister said the Telangana government is moving forward with a focus on public



welfare and development. "Within just one year of coming to power, the Congress government waived farm loans up to ₹2 lakh, spending ₹23,000 crore for

this purpose," Vivek said. He highlighted initiatives such as free bus travel for women, free electricity up to 200 units, distribution of fine-grain rice to the poor, free medical treat-

ment up to ₹10 lakh under Rajiv Arogyasri, and the sanction of new pensions and ration cards. Vivek Venkataswamy criticised the previous BRS government for neglecting the double-bedroom housing scheme and noted that the Congress government has already sanctioned 2 lakh Indiramma houses. On youth employment, the Minister said the government is equipping young people with modern skills, including Artificial Intelligence. He informed that 65 Advanced Technology Centres have been established across the state and ₹800 crore will be spent on the develop-

ment of polytechnic colleges. He assured that lateral entry into engineering courses for polytechnic students will continue through the ECET exam, fees will not be hiked, and a stipend of ₹2,500 will be provided to students. "Job security, salaries, and promotions of lecturers will also be safeguarded," he said. The Minister strongly criticised the BRS leadership, stating that the party has made it its sole agenda to sling mud at the Congress government. He recalled the BRS's successive electoral defeats and said the public is well aware of the corruption and commission culture during its ten-year rule.

World Packaging Day to be celebrated globally on Sept 6

HYDERABAD

The global packaging industry will mark the first-ever World Packaging Day on September 6, with the World Packaging Organisation (WPO) launching the annual observance to highlight packaging's role in food security, healthcare, economic growth, safety and sustainability. September 6, the anniversary of the WPO's foundation, has been designated as World Packaging Day. Hyderabad-based packaging professional and WPO Global Ambassador Chakravarthi AVPS said the

initiative aims to broaden public understanding of packaging beyond waste management and recognise its contribution to protecting food and medicines, reducing product losses, supporting trade and improving quality of life. The inaugural campaign will focus on four themes - packaging for progress, packaging against food waste, packaging and economic growth, and packaging and sustainability. The WPO has encouraged industry associations, manufacturers, educational institutions and other stakeholders

worldwide to organise seminars, factory visits, competitions, student programmes and digital campaigns under the common World Packaging Day identity. WPO President Luciana Pellegriano has emphasised the everyday importance of packaging, noting that it is present in virtually every aspect of daily life. The observance will also provide India an opportunity to showcase its growing packaging ecosystem and innovations in sustainable materials, machinery, logistics and product protection, Chakravarthi said.



Shocking misinformation propaganda by Naidu govt, says Jagan on literacy rate data

AMARAVATI

Countering the claim by Andhra Pradesh Education Minister, Nara Lokesh, that the literacy rate in the State increased from 72.6 per cent in 2024 to 82.1 per cent in 2026, former Chief Minister and YSR Congress Party President, Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy expressed “shock” over what he called “misinformation propaganda” by the coalition government headed by Chandrababu Naidu.

“It’s shocking to see the extent of misinformation propaganda by the present Andhra Pradesh Government,” he posted on ‘X’.

He claimed that no statistics pertaining to the literacy rate for Calendar year 2026 were released by any author-

ity as the year is yet to complete.

“The PLFS (Periodic Labour Force Survey) Annual report for 2023-24 presents the results of the survey conducted by the NSSO, Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation, Government of India, pertaining to the period June 2023 to June 2024 and this places the literacy rate of Andhra Pradesh at 72.6% for age group 7 years and above. The corresponding figure for 2018-19 is 69.1%,” wrote YS Jagan.

He mentioned that the Periodic Labour Force Survey Annual report for Calendar year 2025 presents the results of the survey conducted by the NSSO, pertaining to the period January, 2025 to December, 2025 and this places



the literacy rate of Andhra Pradesh at 71.4 per cent for age groups 7 years and above. This document was published on July 2, 2026.

“When things are so amply clear, for a Government to make false claims and attempt to hoodwink the people of the State is most unfortunate,” said Y.S. Jagan.

“A worrying aspect is that,

owing to the policy changes brought into effect by the present State Government, the enrolment in Government schools is reducing and enrolment in private schools is increasing as brought to light by the Statistics released by the UDISE, Ministry of Education, Government of India,” he said.

Jagan stated that instead of focussing on how to make education more accessible to children from economically weaker backgrounds, the TDP alliance Government is preoccupied in making false claims through its deception tactics. “It is advisable that the Minister of Education devotes greater time and effort towards his department and not to red book governance,” he remarked.

AP Governor, CM greet people on Krishna Janmashtami

AMARAVATI

Andhra Pradesh Governor S. Abdul Nazeer and Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu have greeted people on the occasion of Krishna Janmashtami.

“I extend my warm greetings and best wishes to the people of Andhra Pradesh on the auspicious occasion of Sri Krishnashtami. The festival of Sri Krishnashtami is celebrated with joy and devotion,” Andhra Governor said in his message.

“The day reminds us of the eternal message of Lord Sri Krishna, delivered through Bhagavad Gita, affirming the foundation for building a harmonious society. I wish this auspicious occasion to be a harbinger of peace, progress and prosperity and further strengthen the bonds of brotherhood, amity and harmony among all the people of the State,” Governor Abul Nazeer said.

Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu also conveyed best wishes to all Telugu people on the occasion of Sri Krishna Janmashtami. He noted that the incarnation of Sri Krishna is yet another avatar taken by Lord Maha Vishnu to counter unrighteousness.

“He is the ‘Jagadguru’

who imparted the Bhagavad Gita to Arjuna, enlightening him about his duty during the great Kurukshetra war. I sincerely pray that the protection of Sri Krishna remains with you and your family always. Wishing everyone a joyous celebration of Sri Krishna Janmashtami,” he said.

Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan also greeted people. He stated that the birth of Lord Sri Krishna—who imparted the teachings of duty, righteousness (Dharma), and truth to humanity through the Bhagavad Gita—reminds us of spiritual values as well as the essential principles of life. “Sri Krishna’s life inspires us to stand courageously in the face of adversity, perform our duties with commitment, and walk the path of righteousness,” he said.

Former Chief Minister and YSR Congress Party president YS Jagan Mohan Reddy also greeted people on Janmashtami. “Wishing everyone a very Happy Sri Krishnashtami; may everyone prosper in happiness and well-being through the grace of Lord Sri Krishna, who upheld righteousness and proclaimed to the world that truth ultimately triumphs,” he said.

AP CM Naidu directs TTD to expedite construction of 5,000 temples

AMARAVATI

Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu has directed Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD) and Endowments Department officials to expedite the construction of 5,000 temples across the State and finalise the sites at the earliest. The Chief Minister said the TTD should expand its programmes for promoting Hindu Dharma and spirituality and directed officials to begin temple construction once the proposed sites were finalised. “Officials should expedite the construction of 5,000 temples across the State and finalise the sites at the earliest,” Naidu said in an official release late on Tuesday. During a review meeting, TTD Executive Officer Muddada Ravi Chandra said proposals had been received for 4,192 temples from 161 constituencies across 28 districts.

Partial Cancellation, Regulation and Rescheduling of Trains

HUBBALLI

Southern Railway has notified partial cancellation, regulation and rescheduling of train services due to Track Circuit Block works for September 2026 over the Chennai Division. The details are as follows:

I. Partial Cancellation of trains

Train No. 66550 KSR Bengaluru–Jolarpettai will be partially cancelled between Somanayakkanpatti–Jolarpettai on 09.09.2026, and Train No. 66549 Jolarpettai–KSR Bengaluru will be partially cancelled between Jolarpettai–Somanayakkanpatti on 09.09.2026

II. Regulation of trains

Train No. 05074 Lalkuan–KSR Bengaluru Express Special, journey commencing on



12.09.2026, will be regulated for 85 minutes over Southern Railway. Train No. 12296 Danapur–SMVT Bengaluru Express, journey commencing on 12.09.2026, 14.09.2026 and 16.09.2026, will be regulated for 85 minutes, 95 minutes and 85 minutes, respectively, over Southern Railway. Train No. 12245 Howrah–SMVT Bengaluru Express, journey commencing on 13.09.2026 and 15.09.2026, will be regulated for 90 minutes and 105 minutes, respectively. Train No. 16613 Rajkot–Coimbatore Express, journey commencing on 13.09.2026, and Train No. 66549 Jolarpettai–KSR Ben-

galuru Express, journey commencing on 14.09.2026, will each be regulated for 10 minutes over Southern Railway.

Train No. 16523 SMVT Bengaluru–Balurghat Express, journey commencing on 16.09.2026, will be regulated for 180 minutes; Train No. 12864 SMVT Bengaluru–Howrah Express, journey commencing on 16.09.2026, will be regulated for 150 minutes; Train No. 22864 SMVT Bengaluru–Howrah Express, journey commencing on 16.09.2026, will be regulated for 120 minutes; and Train No. 17209 KSR Bengaluru–Kakinada Town Express, journey commencing on 16.09.2026, will be regulated for 90 minutes over Southern Railway.

Train No. 22365 Danapur–SMVT Bengaluru Express, journey commencing on 12.09.2026 and 14.09.2026

will be regulated for 10 minutes, while Train No. 12552 Kamakhya–SMVT Bengaluru Express, journey commencing on 16.09.2026, will be regulated for 90 minutes. Train No. 06510 Danapur–KSR Bengaluru Express Special, journey commencing on 16.09.2026, will be regulated for 15 minutes; Train No. 03251 Danapur–SMVT Bengaluru Special, journey commencing on 13.09.2026 and 16.09.2026, will be regulated for 220 minutes and 150 minutes, respectively.

III. Rescheduling of Train:

Train No. 22601 Dr. MGR Chennai Central–Sainagar Shirdi Express, journey commencing on 16.09.2026, will be rescheduled by 60 minutes and regulated en route for 30 minutes.

Vijayawada Airport to adopt hub-and-spoke model with new terminal

AMARAVATI

Vijayawada Airport can implement a hub and spoke model, which can enable security and baggage check-in for international passengers within the airport, once the new terminal is operational, its director M Lakshmikanth Reddy said on Friday.

The Airports Authority of India (AAI), which runs the airport, has engaged a new contractor to complete the ter-

minal, which is expected to be completed by October, he said.

“AAI gave the contract to a new contractor in June and the terminal is expected to be completed by October. The hub and spoke model can be implemented once the new terminal is operational,” Reddy said in a release issued by the Andhra Pradesh Chambers of Commerce & Industry Federation (AP Chambers).

During an interaction session at AP Chambers in Vi-



jayawada, the airport director noted that the new terminal, equipped with multi-level operations, six aerobridges, escalators, state-of-the-art technology and ambience,

will be inaugurated within a few days of its completion.

According to Reddy, the airport, located at Gannavarum, about 15 km away from Vijayawada city, currently handles 22 flights and around 2,000 passengers a day.

He said the airport has flights to many major domestic destinations and international connectivity to Singapore and Sharjah three times a week.

Further, Reddy said Fly91 is going to launch morning

flights to Tirupati, which will be useful for devotees and observed that direct connectivity is required to Dubai for travellers going to Europe and America.

On cargo facilities at the airport, he said that the long-term proposal is to have an exclusive integrated cargo terminal.

Reddy underscored that the current terminal can be converted into a cargo terminal till a dedicated one

is constructed. Meanwhile, AP Chambers president P Bhaskar Rao said passengers from Vijayawada Airport need direct connectivity to Dubai and hub and spoke connectivity to major international destinations.

He also requested convenient flight timings between Vijayawada and other cities in Andhra Pradesh. Moreover, Rao suggested having a dedicated cold storage cargo facility for perishable products.

Pawan Kalyan orders summons to Andhra Paper Mills for polluting Godavari

AMARAVATI

Andhra Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan on Friday held Andhra Paper Mills Private Limited responsible for half of the pollution in the Godavari River at Rajahmundry and directed officials to issue summons to the company.

Pawan Kalyan, who is also the Environment Minister, asked officials to take appropriate action in accordance with the regulations. He also instructed the Advocate General, Additional Advocate General, government pleaders, and standing counsels to take the necessary steps to ensure the speedy disposal of cases related to violations of rules by the company.

In a statement on Friday, he also criticised the company for avoiding tax payments for 10 years.

According to him, the company owes Rs 21.34 crore to local bodies and has not paid taxes since 2016.

“Official statistics indicate that Andhra Paper Limited is responsible for half of the pollution in Rajahmahendravaram (Rajahmundry) city. While the city generates a total of approximately



70 million litres of liquid waste, your facility alone produces 35 million litres,” he said.

According to the Deputy Chief Minister, it has also been confirmed that the waste Andhra Paper Mills discharge contains pollutants exceeding permissible limits. “Tests conducted on samples collected near your waste discharge lagoons revealed a Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD) of 36 milligrams per litre—20 per cent above prescribed standards.

Phosphate levels stood at 5.3 milligrams, exceeding limits by 6 per cent. Sulphide levels were 3.4 milligrams, which is 70 per cent higher than the standards set by the Central Pollution Control Board.”

Pawan Kalyan told the company that the pollution it discharges depletes oxygen levels in the water, endangering aquatic life, and damaging the Godavari River’s natural ecosystem. It emits foul odours, degrades water quality,

harms public health, and jeopardises the future survival of humanity.

He recalled that during his field visit, he had advised the company to take appropriate measures to prevent groundwater contamination, but it failed to implement them.

“Strict action could be taken against you for these violations in accordance with Pollution Control Board regulations -- ranging from halting industrial oper-

ations and imposing penalties to seizing the company or even revoking its license. However, with the intention of not causing undue hardship to industries, the coalition government issued show-cause notices as a preliminary warning, offering you an opportunity to rectify the errors,” he said.

The Deputy CM noted that over the past three months, the Pollution Control Board officials have held multiple discussions with company representatives and suggested remedial measures; yet, there has been a complete lack of response from their end. “Consequently, I am directing the Pollution Control Board officials to immediately issue summons to Andhra Papers Limited and take appropriate action in accordance with the regulations,” he added.

“We seek the support of environmentalists and civil society for the government’s initiatives to protect the Godavari River from pollution, under the theme of ‘Clean Godavari – Sacred Pushkaralu.’ I wish to state that the coalition government is prioritising public interest and environmental protection above all else,” he added.

Andhra Pradesh Governor, CM congratulate ISRO scientists

AMARAVATI

Andhra Pradesh Governor S. Abdul Nazeer and Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu on Friday congratulated the ISRO scientists on the successful launch of GSLV-F17.

The Governor congratulated ISRO scientists for achieving a significant milestone with the successful launch and placing in geosynchronous orbit, its heaviest Earth observation satellite, EOS-05, via the GSLV-F17 rocket from Satish Dhawan Space Centre in Sriharikota on Friday.

The Governor said the mission marks India’s acquisition of its first dedicated imaging satellite, crucial for continuous surveillance and national security & it adds another feather in ISRO’s cap. Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu described it as a proud moment for India’s space journey.

“Congratulations to ISRO on the successful launch of GSLV-F17 and the precise placement of EOS-05 into its intended orbit. This remarkable achievement reflects the strength of India’s space capabilities and the dedication of our scientists and engineers. My best wishes to the entire ISRO



team for many more milestones ahead,” the Chief Minister said in a post on X. Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan termed the launch a new milestone in Bharat’s space journey from Earth to the stars.

“Bharat continues to push the boundaries of what is possible. The successful GSLV-F17 mission, placing EOS-05 into its intended Sub-Geosynchronous Transfer Orbit, marks another remarkable achievement for ISRO. EOS-05 is India’s first-ever imaging satellite from a geosynchronous orbit, strengthening our Earth observation capabilities. Heartiest congratulations to the brilliant ISRO scientists, engineers, technicians and everyone in-

volved in this historic mission,” said Pawan Kalyan, who is also the minister for science and technology. Pawan Kalyan stated that under the visionary leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, India’s space programme continues to reach new heights, inspiring our youth and strengthening our position among the world’s leading spacefaring nations.

Former Chief Minister and YSR Congress Party President Y. S. Jagan Mohan Reddy also congratulated ISRO on the successful GSLV-F17 launch carrying EOS05 from Sriharikota. “I commend the scientists and engineers whose dedication and precision made this achievement possible.



EDITORIAL

The Shielding of Power and the Erosion of Institutional Respect

When a constitutional government chooses party political survival over the dignity of national institutions, the damage extends far beyond the immediate news cycle. The Madhya Pradesh government's decision to deny sanction to prosecute senior Cabinet Minister Kunwar Vijay Shah for his derogatory remarks targeting Colonel Sofiya Qureshi represents a troubling compromise of institutional ethics. By offering a fortress of procedural technicalities to shield an elected official, the state cabinet has sent a damaging signal regarding accountability and respect for the armed forces.

The controversy stems from crude public comments made by the minister regarding an officer who served as a public face during military briefings for Operation Sindoor. When the Madhya Pradesh High Court initially took suo motu cognisance of the incident, it rightly observed that such derogatory rhetoric—characterised as “language of the gutters”—warranted criminal investigation under provisions prohibiting the promotion of enmity and hatred. Yet, instead of facilitating a transparent judicial process, the state apparatus mounted a defense strategy rooted in rationalisation. The five-point defence submitted by the state cabinet—arguing that the minister did not explicitly name the officer, that no private citizen lodged a formal complaint, and that the remarks were born of misplaced fervor rather than malicious intent—rests on fragile logic. To claim an absence of harm simply because a decorated officer chose not to engage in partisan litigation ignores the power imbalance between a high-ranking minister and an active-duty military professional. Furthermore, hiding behind the technical omission of a name when the target was unambiguous undermines the spirit of legal accountability.

This protective maneuver places the state executive in direct tension with the judiciary. The Supreme Court has repeatedly reprimanded the minister and questioned the state's delays in taking decisive action, warning against testing the court's patience. By utilizing executive discretion to block prosecution after a Special Investigation Team (SIT) concluded its probe, the state effectively shuts the door on judicial scrutiny, preventing the chargesheet from being weighed on its merits in a court of law. Public service demands a higher standard of decorum, especially from leaders holding constitutional oaths. When political administrations use institutional immunity to excuse abusive rhetoric against public servants and military personnel, they weaken the norms that hold democratic governance together. True patriotism is not demonstrated through political speeches, but through an uncompromising commitment to holding powerful individuals accountable when they cross the line.

Today's Students: The Modern Challenges Before Teacher

Teaching today's students is no longer a challenge confined to the classroom. Rapid technological change, evolving student behaviour, changing family and social environments, rising competition and new demands in the job market have fundamentally altered the role of the teacher. Once, the teacher was the primary source of knowledge. Today, information is available at a student's fingertips. The real challenge, therefore, is no longer merely to provide information, but to teach students how to identify what is true, assess what they read and apply knowledge meaningfully.

Today's students grow up surrounded by smartphones, social media, videos, online gaming and artificial intelligence. The habit of consuming information quickly can make sustained attention, deep reading and patient inquiry more difficult. At the same time, not everything available online is reliable. Students must learn to distinguish facts from opinions, misinformation and propaganda. This makes the teacher less a transmitter of information and more a guide who develops judgement, curiosity and the habit of asking the right questions.

The diversity within classrooms adds another layer of complexity. Students differ in their learning pace, language abilities, interests, family backgrounds and access to technology. A single teaching method cannot serve all of them equally well. Teachers increasingly need flexible and differentiated approaches that respond to individual learning needs.

Technology, particularly AI, presents both an opportunity and a challenge. Digital resources, virtual laboratories and AI tools can make learning more engaging and personalised. But if students begin to depend on AI for every answer, independent thinking can suffer. The issue is not whether technology should be used, but how wisely it is used. Instead of focusing on whether homework was completed, schools should ask whether the student actually understood the subject. Copy-and-paste assignments should give way to problem-solving, classroom discussions, projects, experiments and presentations. AI should strengthen human thinking,



not replace it.

The pressure of marks, rankings and competitive examinations is another major challenge. The demand to complete the syllabus and produce results often leaves little room for creativity, questioning and exploration. When ‘How do I remember this?’ becomes more important than ‘Why does this happen?’ or ‘How can I use it?’, education risks becoming an exercise in memorisation. Examinations remain necessary, but a

student's abilities cannot be judged by a single written test. Understanding, application, problem-solving, communication and teamwork also deserve assessment.

As students and classrooms change, the responsibilities of teachers have expanded. They are expected to be educators, mentors, technology guides and, at times, sources of emotional support. Administrative duties, record-keeping and examination responsibilities further reduce the time available for teaching. If expectations from teachers are rising, training, resources and time must rise with them. Continuous and practical training in digital tools, AI, child psychology and modern teaching methods is essential.

The emotional well-being of students also requires greater attention. Academic pressure, parental expectations, social-media comparisons and uncertainty about the future can affect their behaviour and learning. A student who falls behind is not necessarily careless or uninterested. Teachers need the ability to recognise when a problem may have deeper causes and work with parents, counsellors and schools when necessary. Students must be seen as individuals,

not merely as marks on a report card.

The answer to these challenges is not to place more responsibilities on teachers, but to create better conditions for them to teach. Classrooms should become spaces for questioning, discussion, experimentation and learning from

mistakes. Technology should be used where it adds value, while books, experiments, direct observation and discussion should remain equally important. Most importantly, lessons should be connected to everyday life. Mathematics can be linked to household budgets and business; science to nature, health and the environment; and social sciences to real issues in

society. When students understand why they are learning something, learning becomes more meaningful.

Education also requires the partnership of parents, schools and society. Children should be assessed not merely against their peers but against their own progress. Parents must look beyond marks and recognise their children's interests and abilities. Schools should maintain meaningful communication with families, while the wider community can contribute through local knowledge, occupations, environment, history and culture. Technology may provide speed and access to information, but it cannot by itself provide judgement or direction. The teacher's role will therefore not disappear; it will evolve. From being the provider of answers, the teacher must increasingly become the guide who teaches students how to question, think, evaluate and learn independently. Technology can accelerate learning; only a teacher can give direction to thought.



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WHAT CAN I SAY!

Not every hand that reaches for yours
is meant to walk beside you.
Not every heartbeat
is a promise.
Some are only footsteps
passing through the corridors of youth.
At an age
when even the sky seems within reach,
a glance becomes a universe,
a smile becomes a season,
and a passing attraction
borrows the sacred name of love.
The heart runs ahead;
wisdom follows barefoot.
Books remain open,
but the mind begins reading dreams.
Marks lose their urgency,
warnings become distant echoes,
and tomorrow is quietly mortgaged
for the excitement of today.
In the burning May of youth,
even a glass of cold water
can taste like heaven.
But thirst
is not love.
A mirage, too,
knows how to shine.
Some words arrive dressed as promises;
some promises arrive wearing forever.
But forever is not proved
by holding hands.
It is proved
by holding on
when life becomes heavy.
Life is no television serial,
no carefully scripted cinema
where yesterday's scene
can be rewritten tomorrow.
There is no director
to call, “Once more!”
No retake
for a wounded trust.
No rewind
for a wasted year.
No editing table
for certain choices.
And when truth finally knocks,
regret often opens the door.
By then,
the flower may have lost its fragrance,
the road its turning,
and the clock

its forgiving hour.
So, what can I say?
Do not imprison your heart
educate it.
Do not abandon your dreams
discipline them.
Do not fear love
learn to recognise it.
True love will never ask you
to become smaller
so that it can become larger.
It will not steal your books,
silence your ambitions,
sever you from your roots,
or make you surrender
the values that shaped you.
The right hand
will not pull you away
from your destination.
It will walk beside you
towards it.
Youth is not merely
the season to fall in love.
It is the season
to fall in love with possibility
with knowledge,
with courage,
with character,
with purpose,
and with the person
you are still becoming.
Build yourself.
Let education become your wings,
values your compass,
character your address,
and purpose
your signature upon the world.
Attraction may choose
a moment.
Character chooses
a lifetime.
So, what can I say?
Let the heart feel
but let wisdom lead.
Let love enter
but never let purpose leave.
And before placing
the key to your heart
in another's hands,
build a life
whose doors
are worth opening.



... - Dr Puka Raju ...
National Poet, 7810032847.

Gandhi the teacher: lessons at Valmiki Temple

The world remembers Gandhi as an apostle of peace, a leader of the freedom struggle and a social reformer. Far fewer people know that, briefly, he was also a teacher and not in a metaphorical sense. While living at the Valmiki Temple inside the Valmiki colony capital, he chose to teach English and Hindi to children and their parents. It was perhaps the first and only time he became a teacher in the true sense of the word.

Step into Babu's room and you see old sepia photographs of Gandhi with Lord and Lady Mountbatten, Acharya Kripalani, Frontier Gandhi, C. Rajagopalachari, Sardar Patel, Maulana Azad and Pandit Nehru. One fading painting, however, tells the story of this venerable room. In it, several children talk to Babu with animated faces. The painter's name is missing, but the work still captures the mood of a space with a remarkable past.

The carpeted room holds a wooden desk at the centre, the desk Gandhi used for writing. To the right is the bed he slept on. Close by stands his charkha—a small one. For caretaker and priest of the temple Krishan Vidhyarthi, everything remains where Gandhi left it.

Dr Om Prakash, a Dalit activist whose father and brother were Gandhi's students, says: “Gandhi chose this place so that he could live with ‘untouchables’. In those days a very large number of Valmiki families lived in jhuggis in the Valmiki Colony next to the temple. They worked as sweepers in Gole Market, Irwin Road (now Baba Kharak Singh Marg) and Connaught Place. He had deep empathy for my community.”

Many Valmiki families still live here, though now in decent flats. The jhuggis are long gone. In 1946 Gandhi asked the elders of the colony if he might stay with them for a couple of months. They welcomed him. He remained exactly 214 days, from 1 April 1946 to 10 June 1947.

He held classes every morning and evening without fail. He was so conscientious that he often delayed meetings with leaders of the freedom movement in order to finish teaching.



The classes began before prayers; during lessons and prayers he would not receive guests. Louis Fischer, in his biography The Life of Mahatma Gandhi, recalled: “Once I reached the Valmiki Temple from my hotel, the Imperial, to interview him. But he met me only after the prayers.” Fischer spent more than a month in Delhi in 1946 gathering notes for the book.

“Once he moved to the Valmiki Colony, he began interacting with the families,” Krishan Vidhyarthi says. “He was shocked that they were all illiterate. Nobody had even seen a school. Then he asked residents to send their children to him; he would teach them. With Babu's offer, the elders began sending their children to his classes.” Vidhyarthi's father and uncles attended those classes. Gandhi wanted them to learn to read and write basic English and Hindi.

Gandhi was a hard taskmaster. He would chide any student who came to class without bathing. Residents of the Valmiki Colony were not the only pupils. Children from Harcourt Butler School, Raisina Bengali School

and the Delhi Tamil Education Association (DTEA) School also attended. The classes were open to all. It is said he knew every student by name.

Those students are no longer alive to tell their own stories, but their children still are. “It was a big blow when he was forced to shift from here to Birla House for security reasons,” Vidhyarthi says. “Our elders were devastated. Alas, he was killed where security was tight.”

Dr Om Prakash, who later taught at the Indian Law Institute, grew up on those memories. “I grew up listening to stories of Gandhi teaching at the Valmiki Temple from my father and other members of the family. My father had attended his classes; in those days our family also lived close to the temple. Thanks to Gandhi, many members of my family became a little literate. The best thing about those classes was that many father-son and mother-daughter pairs attended them religiously.” When Babu began teaching at the temple, children from Gole Market, Paharganj, Irwin Road and other nearby areas joined too. The class that started with about 30

students grew to around 75 in the morning and 75 in the evening. When numbers swelled, lessons moved into the open. Meanwhile, it is well-known fact that on his first visit to Delhi, from 13 to 15 April 1915, Gandhi stayed at the residence of S. K. Rudra, principal of St. Stephen's College, inside the campus at Kashmiri Gate. “Rudra became a friend of Mahatma Gandhi thanks to Deenbandhu C. F. Andrews, a teacher at St. Stephen's and an active member of the Delhi Brotherhood Society,” says Father George Solomon of the DBS, which has been doing social work in Delhi for more than 150 years. A photograph of that first Delhi visit hangs in the principal's office at St. Stephen's



VIVEK SHUKLA

Railway minister inaugurates Delhi-Bhuj train service via Rajasthan's Jalore

JODHPUR: (MAY 22)

Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw on Friday flagged off a new train service from Jalore in Rajasthan and said it was for the first time that this region was getting direct rail connectivity with Delhi and Jaipur. Though it was inaugurated from Jalore, its scheduled service will operate between Bhuj and Delhi via Jalore, Pali and Ajmer. Vaishnaw said that the people of the Jalore region had long needed better rail connectivity, which has now been fulfilled through the new rail service. He said that this new rail service will play an important role in the development of Jalore and the surrounding areas and provide passengers with better and convenient travel facilities.

Drugs, arms seized in Assam, Manipur during joint operations

KOLKATA

Assam Rifles units, under the Army's Spear Corps, in coordination with the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) and state police, have made huge seizures of narcotics and weapons in Assam and Manipur.

In intelligence-based operations carried out in Jiribam in Manipur and the Sribhumi district of Assam on Friday, security forces seized 10.891 kg of brown sugar worth nearly Rs 80 crore. About 14,000 Yaba/methamphetamine tablets were also seized which were worth nearly Rs 2.5 crore.

Six persons were apprehended in this connection. "The successful operations underscore the effectiveness of inter-agency coordination and the unwavering resolve of Assam Rifles to disrupt narcotics networks, deny illicit trafficking routes and safeguard the North-eastern states from the menace of drugs," the Spear Corps said in a post on social media platform X. Another intelligence-based



operation by the Assam Rifles and Manipur Police in the Imphal East district of Manipur resulted in the recovery of six firearms.

Follow-up operations at Keishampat and Charangpat resulted in the apprehension of three active UNLF (K) cadres involved in an extortion network. The joint operations were aimed at busting an ille-

gal arms and extortion racket in Manipur, the Army said.

The ethnic violence in Manipur since May 2023 has claimed 306 lives, the state government has said.

Under the circumstances, the Assam Rifles is providing assistance to the state police in recovering illegal weapons.

"Several insurgent outfits that were dealt a heavy blow

during Counter Insurgency/Counter Terrorism (CI/CT) operations in Manipur over the years, are trying to regroup through extortion and recruitment. There is also trafficking of narcotics from across the border that helps in funding their efforts," a senior official said. While the Army and Assam Rifles are not directly involved in the maintenance of

law and order in Manipur, activities such as narcotics smuggling is linked to insurgency.

Drugs like brown sugar and Yaba are sourced from Myanmar, where insurgent groups operating in the Northeastern states, have their camps.

With the government focusing on the 'Nasha Mukta Bharat Abhiyan', all agencies have been directed to maintain a watch on states where trafficking of drugs is rampant.

"The effort is to bring about peace in Manipur. This can happen only through the seizure of narcotics and illegal arms. There is a close link to narcotics and what is happening in the state now. Illegal weapons are also a factor," the official said. The Army and Assam Rifles will continue to aid civil authorities in the crackdown against the trafficking of narcotics and illegal weapons in the Northeastern states, other officials said. Such activities are affecting the youth in the states who are being roped in with promises of good earnings.



NFR Extends 02 Pairs of Special Trains

*** To Facilitate Smooth Passenger Movement during Festive Season**

MALIGAON

Northeast Frontier Railway (NFR) has extended the services of two pairs of Festival Special trains to provide additional travel options and facilitate the smooth movement of passengers during the upcoming festive season. The extended services cover train nos. 09189/09190 (Mumbai Central – Katihar – Mumbai Central) and train nos. 04127/04128 (Kanpur Central – Guwahati – Kanpur Central) Festival Specials. These services have been extended to meet the expected passenger rush during the extra rush and festive seasons. The trains will operate as per their existing service schedule, timings, composition and stoppages.

Train no. 09189 (Mumbai Central – Katihar) Festival Special will run for 07 additional trips on 5th & 12th September; 17th, 24th & 31st

October and 07th & 14th November 2026. In the return direction, train no. 09190 (Katihar-Mumbai Central) Festival Special will run for 07 additional trips on 08th & 15th September; 20th & 27th October and 03rd, 10th & 17th November 2026.

Train no. 04127 (Kanpur Central – Guwahati) Special will run for 14 additional trips from 10th September to 10th December 2026. In the return direction, train no. 04128 (Guwahati – Kanpur Central) Special will run for 14 additional trips from 11th September to 11th December 2026.

The operation and extension of these special train services will significantly benefit passengers by providing additional travel options and easing congestion on busy routes. The details of stoppages and timings of these trains are available at IRCTC website and social media platforms of N. F. Railway. Passengers are requested to verify the details before undertaking their journey.

DGMA launches Seafarer Tracking Module on e-NAVIC portal

KOLKATA

In order to keep track of Indian seafarers on both Indian and foreign-flagged vessels, the Directorate General of Maritime Administration (DGMA) has launched the Seafarer Tracking Module on its e-NAVIC portal.

"In view of the prevailing geopolitical tensions and heightened maritime security threats, merchant shipping and seafarers are facing increased risks in various regions, particularly the Strait of Hormuz, Persian Gulf, Gulf of Oman, Red Sea, Gulf of Aden, Bab-el-Mandeb, Black Sea and Somalia. A significant number of Indian seafarers are serving onboard both Indian-flagged and foreign-flagged vessels operating in or transiting through these regions, thereby exposing them to the associated maritime security risks," the DGMA has said in a circular dated September 4, 2026.

In view of the above, the DGMA has found it necessary to establish a mechanism for monitoring Indian seafarers operating in these areas, with a view to facilitating timely information, coordination and prompt response in the event of any eventuality. The module is currently operating in its beta version and once updated by the Recruitment



and Placement Service Licences (RPSLs) and shipping companies, it will enable the monitoring of Indian seafarers effectively.

The DGMA has accordingly asked all RPSLs and shipping companies to update the module with details of the seafarer, the vessel and its position. "While the details are provided in the user manual, the brief information required to be furnished/updated is as follows: Vessel identification and voyage-related data; Details of Indian seafarers onboard; RPSL particulars, wherever applicable. Further, it may be noted that for cases where the position of the vessel is not known, the vessel may be added in the module by selecting the geographical region from the drop-down menu, and positional data may be updated when available," the DGMA has said. Once duly updated, the module will provide a centralised database of Indi-

an seafarers' onboard vessels, especially those operating in high-risk regions. These region-wise details about the vessels and seafarers would facilitate enhanced maritime coordinated response during emergencies. "With immediate effect, all RPSLs and concerned shipowners/operators shall ensure that all vessels, along with its Indian crew on board, which are operating in the above-mentioned high-risk area are updated in this module on priority.

Thereafter, only the vessel's position (daily basis) and crew sign-on & sign-off need to be updated at regular intervals," the authority has stated. "While it is endeavoured to track Indian seafarers on board ships globally, however, to start with it is requested that all RPSLs, and Indian shipowners/operators may update all the vessels with Indian seafarers in the following high-risk areas, immediately.

Prez Murmu to honour 48 teachers with National Teachers Awards today

NEW DELHI

President Droupadi Murmu will confer the National Teachers Awards on 48 school teachers at Vigyan Bhawan in New Delhi on Saturday, as the country marks Teachers' Day on September 5.

Short documentaries highlighting the exemplary work and achievements of each awardee will also be showcased during the event, providing an insight into their contributions to school education and the impact they have made in the lives of their students.

The Department of School Education and Literacy under the Ministry of Education organises the national-level function every year on Teachers' Day to honour some of the best teachers from across the country with the National Teachers Awards.

The awardees are selected through a rigorous, transparent and online selection process designed to recognise teachers who have demonstrated exceptional commitment to their profession.

The National Teachers Awards aim to celebrate the unique contribution of some of the finest teachers in the country and acknowledge those educators who, through their dedication, hard work and commitment, have not only



helped improve the quality of school education but have also enriched the lives of their students.

For the National Teachers Awards 2026, eligible teachers were invited to submit online self-nominations through the Ministry of Education's portal. The nomination process was open from June 15 to July 20, allowing teachers from across the country to participate in the selection process.

This year, a total of 48 school teachers have been selected by the Department of School Education and Literacy through a three-stage selection process conducted at the District, State and National levels.

The 48 selected awardees represent a diverse group of teachers from across the country. They have been selected from 27 States, seven Union Territories and six organisations of the Central Government. Among the 48 teachers

chosen for the National Teachers Awards this year, 26 are male, and 22 are female, reflecting participation from educators working across different regions and administrative areas of the country.

The National Teachers Awards are intended to recognise teachers whose sustained efforts have contributed significantly to creating better learning environments and improving educational outcomes. The annual awards also seek to encourage innovation, dedication and excellence in teaching.

The award ceremony at Vigyan Bhawan will bring together the selected teachers to celebrate their contribution to the education sector. The screening of short documentaries on the awardees will further highlight their work, achievements and the difference they have made through their teaching practices.

Teacher : A Creators of Empowered Youth

(05 September on the occasion of "National Teachers' Day")

A valiant intellectual who can transform an ordinary raw human being into a refined intellectual. Correcting the first letter, correcting the personality defects, showing the right paths, standing by us until we rise to the highest level, standing like a backbone, planting seeds of hope in despair, melting like a candle and standing as a lamp for tomorrow's generation, becoming a walking stick when we stumble, is the only divine form, the treasure of ideals that can be walked. A teacher is a selfless being who teaches lessons, teaches us to walk and walk, and brings enlightenment. It is the responsible disciple who bows down to the feet of the good Guru, the king of Delhi. The teacher is the support stick for the growing plant. The most sacred relationship between a guru and a disciple is like the relationship of a devotee with God. Gurus are like the Creator. The role of a teacher is to impart knowledge to the student and teach him new things. The teacher guides and leads him towards salvation. The

teacher is the guide, the one who dispels the darkness of ignorance and brings enlightenment. The teacher is the changer, the intellectual who shapes the future.

National Teachers' Day

Teachers are the builders of tomorrow's generation. Nation building takes place in classrooms. A disciple who believes in the Guru cannot be resisted. As per the suggestion of Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan, who recognized the importance of the Guru, observing his birthday as India's "National Teachers' Day" has become a tradition since 1992. Gurus who carry out their duties properly and sacredly with multifaceted goals such as knowledge, worldly knowledge, personality development, wisdom, educational intelligence, scientific attitude, good habits, motivation, mercilessly correcting mistakes, and career building in mind are equal to Brahma in the eyes of their disciples. Those who only teach lessons in books are ordinary teachers. Only great people who sincerely contribute to the comprehensive personality development of students along with the curriculum are good teachers. Good teachers are the



ones who can sow the seeds of kindness, compassion, curiosity, courage, self-confidence, and discipline in children and turn them into great trees that provide shade. Teachers are the embodiment of patience and unconditional sacrifice.

A Master Guru Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan

Born on 05 September 1888 in a middle-class family in Tikuttani, Tamil Nadu, Radhakrishnan earned a reputation as an excellent student

from childhood. After school, he completed his higher education at Madras Christian College. Later, he served as a lecturer at the University of Mysore and the University of Calcutta, and later served as the VC of Andhra, Delhi, and Banaras Hindu Universities. He proved his worth on the UNESCO board along with the Universities of Oxford and Chicago. Dr. Radhakrishnan, who recognized his unique intellectual property, was selected as the Vice President of India

in 1952. In the same sequence, he served as the second President of the country in 1954 and rendered distinguished services until 1967. "World Teachers' Day" is also celebrated every year on 05 October at the initiative of UNESCO. Radhakrishnan, who received the Bharat Ratna in 1954, was nominated for the Nobel Prize in Literature 16 times and the Nobel Peace Prize 11 times. Radhakrishnan, who had a deep knowledge of philosophy, wrote several famous books

during his lifetime.

Teachers' Day Celebrations

National Teachers' Day is a platform for expressing gratitude to our teachers, receiving their blessings, honouring them wholeheartedly, writing loving letters to teachers in distant places, observing Self-Government Day in schools, praising their services, and organizing various competitions in schools. It should be noted that this platform is very useful for expressing selfless love, respect, and gratitude. It is very sad that some of today's teachers neglect their duties, misbehave with female students, consume alcohol while performing their duties, work for fun, and behave in an objectionable manner.

As the producers of tomorrow's generation, we urge today's teachers to come forward to teach traditionally in digital-AI classrooms using modern technologies, and to strive to transform every student into responsible citizens.

"Guru: Brahma Guru: Vishnu Guru: God Maheshwara"

"Guru Sakshat Parabrahma Tasmai Sri Gururue Namah"

- Prof Madhusudan Reddy Burra
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LJP-Ram Vilas reiterates resolve to make Chirag Paswan as Bihar CM

PATNA

The Lok Janshakti Party-Ram Vilas (LJP-RV) on Friday reiterated its resolve to make party chief Chirag Paswan the Chief Minister of Bihar, with senior leaders making the declaration at a meeting in Patna in the presence of Paswan.

LJP-RV National General Secretary and MLA Raju Tiwari and State Party President Surendra Vivek made the announcement from an open platform during the meeting, signalling the party's ambition to lead the state government.

Addressing the gathering, Raju Tiwari expressed confidence that the party organisation would continue to strengthen under Chirag Paswan's leadership.

He said that party leaders had resolved to form an LJP (Ram Vilas) government in the upcoming Bihar Assembly elections and fulfil their pledge to make Paswan Chief Minister of the state.

"We have full confidence that we will progress day by day under the leadership of our leader, Chirag Paswan. For the upcoming Assembly elections, we will resolve to form our party's government and fulfil the pledge of making Chirag Paswan the Chief Minister," Tiwari added.

Several party leaders, including State President Surendra Vivek, were present



at the meeting, which was attended by Chirag Paswan.

The declaration assumes significance in the context of Bihar's political landscape, particularly the LJP (Ram Vilas)'s position within the National Democratic Alliance (NDA). The party's public assertion of its claim to the Chief Minister's post could fuel further political discussion over the alliance's leadership and the party's plans for the upcoming Assembly elections.

The Lok Janshakti Party (Ram Vilas), under the leadership of Chirag Paswan, has performed strongly in recent Lok Sabha and Bihar Assembly elections.

In the 2024 Lok Sabha election, the party contested five seats—Hajipur, Vaishali, Samastipur, Khagaria and Jamui—and won all five, registering a 100 per cent strike rate. In the 2025 Bihar Assembly election, LJP (Ram Vilas) contested 29 seats and won 19, once again delivering an impressive performance.

The party is currently a constituent of the NDA governments at both the Centre and in Bihar.

Strengthening every sport is India's goal, not just winning medals: HM Amit Shah

AHMEDABAD

Union Home and Cooperation Minister Amit Shah said on Friday that India's sporting ambition should not be limited to winning the maximum number of medals, but should focus on strengthening every sport represented at major international competitions.

Speaking at the inauguration of the Archery Association of India's 'World Archery Para Series Amdavad 2026', Union Minister Shah noted that the country's approach under Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership is aimed at building a compre-

hensive sporting ecosystem.

"Our aim is not merely to win the maximum number of medals, but to strengthen all the sports included in the Olympics, Asian Games, Commonwealth Games, Police Games, and other such competitions," he said. The World Archery Para Series is being held in Ahmedabad from September 5 to 9, with 108 athletes from 19 countries participating.

Union Minister Shah said the development of sport in India should cover competition, training, infrastructure, equipment and specialised support systems rather than focus solely on medal tallies.

The Pen That Turned Life into a Story — Maupassant

Was literature born to decorate life, or to present life as it truly is before us? Guy de Maupassant is one of those writers who answered this question through his writings. His stories captured the tears hidden behind a person's smile, the extraordinary truth hidden in an ordinary incident, and the real human being behind the face shown by society. That is why Maupassant's stories never become outdated with time. They continue to hold a mirror to life for every new generation of readers.

Born on August 5, 1850, the French writer Guy de Maupassant left an unforgettable mark on world short-story literature. He transformed the short story from merely a form of narrating an incident into a literary form capable of giving the reader a complete experience of life. His narrative power could make a few pages carry the emotional weight of a life that might otherwise require a full-length novel. The greatness of Maupassant does not lie in the length of his stories, but in the depth of observation behind them.



He did not merely look at the people around him; he carefully observed their behaviour. He understood their desires and recognised their weaknesses. Poverty, ambition, love, deception, selfishness, social inequality and the mindset of the middle class were brought close to human life through his stories. The people who appear in his stories are not extraordinary individuals. They are ordinary people whom we see around us every day. But the writer's vision transformed

them into memorable literary characters. His stories quietly reveal how a small desire can change a person's life, how a small lie can lead to serious consequences, and how the values imposed by society can influence an individual's personal life. Satire is one of the distinctive strengths of Maupassant's writing. He does not question society by shouting. He does not deliver lectures. He does not pass judgments. Instead, he places an incident before the reader and allows the reader to

understand the reality hidden behind it. That is the strength of his storytelling. He proved that a work which makes the reader think does not need to speak loudly. His contribution to the short story, in particular, influenced world literature. His writings suggest that a story needs not only a beginning, middle and ending, but also an inner life. Rather than explaining the psychology of his characters at length, he allowed their actions to reveal their minds to the reader. This became one of the important features of his narrative craft. When we read Maupassant, we do not see France alone. We see the human being. That is the universal quality of his literature. Languages may change. Countries may change. Times may change. But human hopes, fears, loves, weaknesses and selfish desires do not change much. That is why, even after more than a century, his stories continue to speak to new generations of readers. There is much that today's short-story writers can learn from Maupassant. A writer need not always search for

great incidents to create a powerful story. A small incident taking place in a family can reveal an entire society. A person's silence can carry the history of a family. A simple conversation can reflect the thinking of an entire generation. What a writer needs is not merely a collection of incidents, but a deeper vision to observe them. This lesson is even more relevant in the present times. As the flow of information has increased, the time we spend observing people has decreased. Every day, thousands of stories pass before our eyes. But how many of them remain in our minds? A true story is one that makes the reader pause for a moment and question his or her own life. Maupassant's literature reminds us of this truth once again. For literature to cross the boundaries of time, it should not merely describe its own period; it should touch those human truths that remain meaningful beyond time. Maupassant did exactly that. He wrote about the French society of his time, but by writing about the human being at the centre of

that society, he became a writer of the world. Remembering Maupassant on his birth anniversary is not merely an occasion to recall a great writer. It is also an opportunity to ask ourselves what a story truly means, why observation is essential for a writer, and how literature should reflect society. His pen reminds us that honestly presenting the truth of life is a greater service to literature than merely making life appear beautiful. A story may be short, but the life within it should be vast. The words may be few, but they should continue to echo in the reader's mind. That is the timeless message Maupassant's literature offers us.



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MoS Kirti Vardhan Singh to visit Saudi Arabia, discuss 'issues of mutual interest'

NEW DELHI

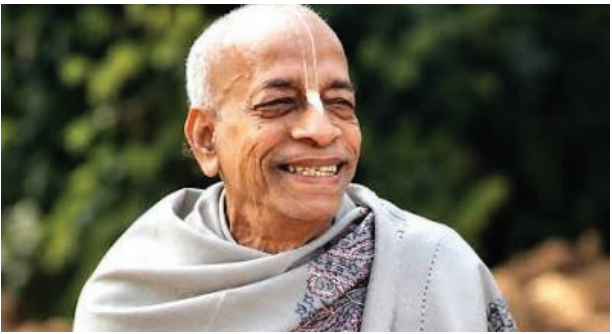
Minister of State (MoS) for External Affairs and Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Kirti Vardhan Singh will be visiting Saudi Arabia's Riyadh from September 5 to 8, the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) said on Friday. "Hon'ble MoS for External Affairs and Environment, Forest and Climate Change Shri Kirti Vardhan Singh will be visiting Riyadh, Saudi Arabia from September 5 - 8, 2026. This will be the first official visit of the Hon'ble Minister to Saudi Arabia, during which he will be meeting the Saudi Minister of Human Resources and Social Development, the Minister of State for Foreign Affairs and Climate Affairs Envoy, the Vice Minister for Environment, Water and Agriculture, as well as other dignitaries," the MEA stated on X. MoS Singh will also meet with a large cross-section of the Indian community in Saudi Arabia and Indian business leaders, entrepreneurs and professionals during the visit. "He will interact with Indian workers, reflecting the Government of India's unwavering commitment to the welfare of Indian workers overseas," the MEA highlighted in the state-

ment. "The visit will provide an opportunity for both sides to discuss issues of mutual interest in the areas of human resources, skill development, environment, climate change and international affairs and further strengthen the multifaceted strategic partnership between India and Saudi Arabia," it added. Last month, India and Saudi Arabia discussed various aspects of their historic and strategic partnership, as well as issues of mutual interest. The discussions took place between India's Ambassador to Saudi Arabia, Vipul, and Saudi Arabia's Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, Adel Al-Jubeir. "Ambassador Mr Vipul paid a courtesy call today on H.E. Mr. Adel Al-Jubeir, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, Member of the Council of Ministers, and Climate Envoy of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia on August 26. They discussed various aspects of the historic and strategic partnership between India and Saudi Arabia and issues of mutual interest. Amb. Vipul looked forward to further strengthening of the multifaceted bilateral relations during his tenure," India's Embassy in Saudi Arabia posted on X.

Birthday of ISKCON Founder : A.C. Bhakthivedantha Swami Prabhupada

(On the occasion of "Srila Prabhupada Appearance Day" on 05 September)

His divine Grace, A.C. Bhaktivedantha Swami Prabhupada (1896 - 1977) was born (or appeared) on the of Nandostava, the next day of Krishna Janmashtami. He was born in Gaudiya Vaisnavas on Abhay Charan De 1st September 1896 in Culcutta. His father was Gour Mohan De, a cloth merchant, and his mother was Ranjani. From early childhood he showed signs of pure devotion to Lord Sri Krishna. According to an astrologer's reading, the horoscope, and predicted that this child will cross oceans, become a great exponent of religion, and open 108 temples all over the globe. On this most sacred occasion - the Appearance Day of His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedantha Swami Prabhupada, we celebrate the advent of the beloved Founder-Acharya of ISKCON, who selflessly carried the message of Lord Krishna to every corner of the world.



no intoxication, and no illicit sex. These teachings are essential for spiritual advancement within Krishna consciousness movement. He preached four principles based on 4 pillars of dharma - austerity, cleanliness, truthfulness and compassion. He strongly believed that the purpose of life is to enjoy based on Krishna consciousness.

A.C. Bhaktivedantha Swami Prabhupada's Life Journey

Abhay Charan De after his school, secondary education and completed B A (English, Philosophy, Economics) degree at Scottish Church College, Culcutta, but refused to take degree certificate from British rulers. He got motivated with the non-cooperation movement call given by Gandhi and proved himself as a true freedom fighter. Prabhupada's early life was filled with strong inclination towards devotional activities and met his guru, Srila Bhaktisiddhantha Saraswathi Thakur in 1922 and became a disciple of Srila Bhaktisiddhantha in 1933. He began writing and publishing the magazine "Back to Godhead" in 1944. His guru instructed him to preach in the west. At the age of 69 in

1965, Prabhupada traveled to the USA on a freight ship and established ISKCON in 1966, initiating a spiritual revolution in the western world. He began chanting Hare Krishna in public spaces and lecturing on the Bhagavad-gita. Prabhupada circled the globe 14 times in 11 years, established temples, initiating disciples, and delivering lectures. Now ISKCON expanded to include over 108 temples, farms, schools, and communities worldwide. He passed away at the age of 81 in Vrindavan on 14 November 1977. The devotees and well-wishes around the world commemorate this special day with kirtan, abhishek, homages and feasting to honour the life and teachings of our founder as Srila Appearance Day. Prabhupada's ability to articulate complex Vedic concepts in a simpler way to attract western audiences ensured the widespread acceptance of Bhakti Yoga and the growth of the global ISKCON Hare Krishna movement. Let's chant "Hare Krishna Hare Krishna Krishna Krishna Hare Hare ; Hare Rama Hare Rama Rama Rama Hare Hare" to realise the beauty of life.

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India, Poland review progress of 2024-28 Joint Action Plan

WARSAW

External Affairs Minister (EAM) S Jaishankar on Friday met Radoslaw Sikorski, Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister of Poland, in Warsaw as they reviewed the progress of the Joint Action Plan 2024-28. "This afternoon, met with DPM and FM Radoslaw Sikorski of Poland here in Warsaw. We reviewed the progress of our Joint Action Plan 2024-28, focusing on trade and investment, space, digital, AI, semiconductors, defence, education, shipping, mining and energy,

people-to-people, culture and multilateral cooperation," EAM Jaishankar stated on X after the meeting. "Value Poland's support for deeper India-EU cooperation. Confident that the entry into force of the FTA will lead to even closer bilateral cooperation. Discussed the complex global challenges, including supply chain resilience and food, fuel and fertiliser security. Endless war must give way to end of war," he added. EAM Jaishankar said that India has been maintaining continuous engagement with

both Ukraine and Russia, while exploring ideas and suggestions that could help de-escalate the ongoing conflict between the two countries and pave the way for its cessation. Addressing a joint press conference with Polish Foreign Minister, EAM Jaishankar also responded to questions on India's role in diffusing tensions between Moscow and Kyiv. "You will appreciate that beyond a point, I can't go into specifics. What I can tell you is that we've been in continuous touch with the Ukrainian side, also with the Russian side.

India-EU pact a shield against arbitrary trade barriers: Belgium's PM

MUMBAI

Belgium's Prime Minister Bart De Wever on Friday, without naming US President Donald Trump over his recent decisions to slap tariffs on various countries, said that the Free Trade Agreement (FTA) between India and the European Union have made both economies resilient against disruption and coercion. Terming the India-European Union Free Trade Agreement a cornerstone for strategic trust, PM De Wever stressed that finalising comprehensive FTAs is Europe's priority to counter global supply chain shocks. He noted that the FTA would serve as a structural buffer against arbitrary unilateral tariffs. "Ladies and gentlemen, more and more voices today are calling for barriers to go up, for markets to be shut off, for tariffs to be imposed. Some do this



entirely arbitrarily. They decide something on Monday, they revoke it on Wednesday. I am not going to say the name, but you know these people who do it arbitrarily, without any economic logic at all," he said at the India- Belgium high level dialogue on the India- EU FTA jointly organised by Port of Antwerp-Bruges, the Chancellery of Belgian Prime Minister, FPS Foreign Affairs, Flanders Investment & Trade and the Consulate-General of Belgium in Mumbai. Union Minister Piyush Goyal and Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis were also present.

EAM Jaishankar calls on Polish President, discusses positive trajectory of Strategic Partnership

WARSAW

External Affairs Minister (EAM) S Jaishankar on Friday called on Polish President Karol Nawrocki in Warsaw, holding talks on the positive trajectory of the India-Poland Strategic Partnership. "Glad to call on Polish President Karol Nawrocki. Our conversation focused on the positive trajectory of our Strategic Partnership. Exchanged views on the Ukraine conflict, Middle East/West Asia, IMEC and G20," EAM Jaishankar stated on X. He also met the India-Poland Parliamentary Group and shared perspectives on fashioning a contemporary India-Poland relationship. "Pleased to meet with the India-Poland Parliamentary Group led by Kinga Gajewska. Shared perspectives on fashion-



ing a contemporary India-Poland relationship. Discussed this and other regional developments in the larger context of our ties with the EU. Look forward to regular exchanges between our Parliamentary friendship groups," EAM Jaishankar stated on X. Earlier in the day, EAM Jaishankar met Radoslaw Sikorski, Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister of Poland, in Warsaw as they reviewed the progress of the Joint Action Plan

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FLAMINGOS – PINK MIGRATORY BIRDS

DR KANDEPI RANI PRASAD

Some of the birds in nature are particularly attractive with their appearance, color, and behavior. Flamingos are important among such magnificent birds. Long legs, curved beaks, long necks, and pink or red feathers give flamingos a special identity. These birds, which are found in groups in lakes, salt-water areas, wetlands, and coastal areas, are symbols of natural beauty. Flamingos are birds belonging to the Phoenicopteridae family. There are mainly six species of flamingos recognized in the world. They live in many wetlands, lakes, and salt-water areas in Africa, Asia, Europe, North America, and South America. The body structure of flamingos is consistent with their lifestyle. Long legs help them walk on water, and their long neck helps them reach food in the water. Another distinctive feature is that their beak is bent downwards.



Flamingos' pink color is not fully formed at birth. Carotenoid pigments in their diet give their feathers shades of pink, orange, or red. Lesser flamingos are usually gray or white. As they grow, their feathers change color due to the pigments they absorb from their diet. Therefore, a flamingo's color is not just for beauty; it is also related to its diet and lifestyle.

Flamingos' beaks are one of their most unique organs. They collect food such as small aquatic organisms, algae, microorganisms, and small invertebrates. Flamingos dip their heads into the water, suck water in through their beaks, and separate food particles with the help of a special filter structure. This process is called filter feeding.

Flamingos are often seen resting on one leg. This is one of their most interesting behaviors. Scientists believe that resting on one leg while maintaining balance conserves energy. Flamingos usually live in large flocks rather than alone. In some areas, thousands of birds gather together to create a magnificent spectacle. A flock of flamingos is

commonly called a flamboyance. The sight of thousands of pink flamingos moving together is a magnificent example of natural beauty. Flamingos usually build small nests with mud near water bodies. They lay eggs in the middle of the nest. Both parents participate in protecting the eggs and raising the chicks. When the flamingo chicks hatch

from the eggs, they are not pink like their parents. They gradually grow and acquire the color of the larger flamingos by consuming appropriate food. Flamingos also migrate to India. Flamingos can be seen especially in areas such as the Kutch region of Gujarat, the wetlands near Mumbai, and the coastal areas. They are important among the migratory birds during the winter. The wetlands of India provide the flamingos with the necessary environment for food, rest, and breeding. Therefore, the conservation of these areas is essential for the conservation of flamingos. Flamingos are not just beautiful birds. They are an important part of the wetland ecosystem. They participate in the food chain in the aquatic environment through the microorganisms, algae and other small organisms they feed on. The presence of flamingos in an area can also be considered an indicator of the ecological importance of the wetlands in that area. Habitat destruction, wetland

encroachment, water pollution, climate change, and disruption caused by human activities are causing problems for the life of flamingos. Especially if the wetlands where migratory birds rest and feed are destroyed, their migration journey is also affected. Therefore, measures such as wetland conservation, pollution control, and protection of migratory birds are very necessary. Although flamingos appear to be symbols of natural beauty, there is a wonderful scientific world hidden behind them. Their pink color, filter beak, long legs, gregarious nature, and thousands of kilometers of migratory journeys are evidence of the evolutionary diversity of nature. Conserving flamingos is not just about saving a species; it is about protecting the wetlands, aquatic ecosystems, and biodiversity that make up their habitat. We all have a responsibility to protect nature if we want to see flocks of flamingos that light up the sky in pink for future generations.



A decade of digital disruption

■ **How Jio sparked the great Indian data revolution and reshaped the Telugu states**

Ten years after its commercial launch on September 5, 2016, Reliance Jio's subscriber base across the united Telangana-Andhra Pradesh telecom circle has grown from zero to 325.8 lakh — a 39.9% compound annual growth rate that outpaced every rival in the market by a wide margin. The regional story is one chapter of a larger national transformation: a decade in which India went from rationing megabytes to building the technology that increasingly runs the country's networks, devices and institutions.

Hyderabad, September 2026 — Ten years ago, on September 5, 2016, Reliance Jio launched commercial operations in India and ignited a transformation that changed how people connect, communicate, and live. In the unified Andhra Pradesh Circle—which represents the vast telecommunications service area encompassing the dual Telugu states of Andhra Pradesh and Telangana—the impact has been nothing short of a complete structural and social rebirth. Over the last decade, the regional market has transitioned from extreme digital scarcity to a playground of digital abundance.

To understand the scale of what has occurred, one must recall the state of telecommunications in 2016. There was a time, not very long ago, when switching off mobile data was almost a physical reflex for Indian subscribers. A message would arrive, a webpage would load, and the data connection would promptly be turned off to preserve every precious megabyte. Videos on mobile networks were strictly avoided, software updates were postponed indefinitely, and streaming on a cellular connection felt like an extravagance reserved for the ultra-wealthy. Indian citizens rationed mobile data as if it were a scarce physical commodity.



The numbers from that era illustrate this scarcity. In 2016, the average monthly mobile data consumption in India was below 0.2 GB (200 MB) per subscriber. At the same time, a single gigabyte of data cost around ₹228. Widespread high-speed access was virtually non-existent: fewer than 10 million Indians had access to 4G networks, and average download speeds struggled to cross a meager 2.5 Mbps. This was the digital landscape that Reliance Jio set out to disrupt.

Jio's first big idea was simple yet revolutionary: remove scarcity. By treating high-speed bandwidth as a fundamental public utility rather than a luxury, Jio fundamentally altered the economics of internet access. Today, in 2026, the cost of a gigabyte of data has plummeted by approximately 97 percent to roughly ₹7.9. Active high-speed 4G and 5G subscribers across India have climbed to around 938 million. On Jio's network, the change in consumer behavior is staggering: an average subscriber now consumes 42.3 GB every month. India has successfully moved from rationing the internet to assuming it will always be there, and that abundance has changed everything built on top of it.

From Zero to 3.25 Crore: The Jio Growth Story in AP & Telangana

The dual states of Andhra Pradesh and Telangana, unified under the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) as the Andhra Pradesh Circle, represent one of the most competitive and dynamic telecom battlegrounds in the country. Jio's trajectory in this circle over the past decade has rewritten regional economic records.

Starting from absolutely no reported subscribers in August 2016, Jio entered the market with immediate force, recording 12.4 lakh users in its very first month of commercial operations (September 2016). Over the course of the next decade, Jio's subscriber base grew to an astonishing 325.8 lakh (3.258 crore) by June 2026. This represents an absolute gain of 313.4 lakh (3.134 crore) subscribers over ten years, translating to an incredible Compound Annual Growth Rate (CAGR) of 39.9 percent. No competitor in Andhra Pradesh or Telangana has come close to matching this expansion rate.

During this ten-year sprint, Jio reached its highest regional subscriber peak of 330.7 lakh (3.307 crore) in June 2024. In terms of market share,

Jio's base multiplied roughly 26.3 times over the decade. As of June 2026, Reliance Jio stands as the dominant No. 2 operator in the AP Circle, capturing 36.9 percent of the region's total 883.0 lakh wireless connections.

The Competitive Battleground: Overtaking the Legacy Incumbents

Jio's rise did not happen in a vacuum; it was achieved by systematically dismantling the long-held dominance of established legacy players. When Jio launched in late 2016, the market was crowded with more than eight active operators, led by Airtel, Vodafone, Idea Cellular, and BSNL, alongside several smaller brands. Overtaking these giants required relentless network deployment and aggressive customer acquisition.

According to TRAI data, Jio achieved its first massive milestones on the monthly subscriber tables in 2019. Jio officially overtook Vodafone Idea in January 2019 and subsequently overtook Bharti Airtel in October 2019, briefly climbing to the absolute top position of the AP Circle for the first time. While Bharti Airtel reclaimed the leading position later, Jio

has firmly maintained its stronghold at No. 2, closely trailing Airtel.

A deep-dive review of Jio's growth compared to competitors over the ten-year period (August 2016 – June 2026) highlights the stark divergence in their trajectories:

- **Bharti Airtel:** The legacy leader in the region moved from 241.7 lakh subscribers in August 2016 to 394.1 lakh in June 2026. This represents an absolute gain of 152.4 lakh subscribers, growing at a modest but steady CAGR of 5.1 percent.

- **Vodafone Idea (Vi):** Formed via the merger of Vodafone India and Idea Cellular, the combined base of these two entities was 228.6 lakh in August 2016. Although the merged entity peaked at 247.7 lakh subscribers in July 2018, it experienced a severe and continuous contraction over the decade, collapsing to just 87.3 lakh subscribers by June 2026—a net loss of 141.3 lakh subscribers at a negative CAGR of -9.3 percent.

- **BSNL:** The state-owned operator also suffered from Jio's aggressive expansion, with its subscriber base sliding from 97.5 lakh in August 2016 to 75.8 lakh in June 2026, marking a contraction CAGR of -2.5 percent.

- **The "Others" Category:** In 2016, a crowded field of operators—including Tata Teleservices, Reliance Communications (RCOM), Aircel, Telenor, and Videocon—held a combined base of 164.1 lakh subscribers in the circle. Under intense competitive pressure from Jio, this entire segment collapsed to zero by approximately July 2019 as these operators went bankrupt, shut down, or merged with larger players.

TRAI Wireless Subscriber Snapshot (August 2016 – June 2026)

The following table, compiled from official TRAI records, provides an exhaustive overview of the structural changes in the Andhra Pradesh Circle over the last ten years. It demonstrates how Jio's meteoric rise was the primary engine of market transformation.



Daily Coal Production and Transportation of 1.90 Lakh Tonnes Has to Be Achieved

■ **SCCL CMD Dr. Buddhaprakash Jyoti Directs General Managers of All Areas**

HYDERABAD

In view of the growing demand for electricity and to ensure adequate coal supply to thermal power stations having Fuel Supply Agreements, SCCL Chairman and Managing Director Dr. Buddhaprakash Jyoti directed the General Managers of all Areas to ensure that daily coal production and transportation of 1.90 lakh tonnes has to be achieved.

SCCL Chairman and Managing Director Dr. Buddhaprakash Jyoti held a special review meeting on coal production with the Directors of the Company and General Managers of all Singareni Areas at Singareni Bhavan, Hyderabad, on Friday.

Speaking on the occasion, he said that electricity consumption has increased significantly across the country. In this context, the Prime Minister's Office, Ministry of Coal, Government of India, and the State Energy Department are conducting reviews and setting targets to ensure adequate coal supply to thermal power stations. He directed the General Managers of all Areas to make all-out efforts to enhance coal production and transportation, as government coal-producing companies have the responsibility of ensuring adequate coal supply in the interest of the country's energy security. He reviewed the Area-wise targets allotted so far and the progress achieved.

Officials informed that as of August 31, five months of the current financial year had been completed and SCCL had transported 253 lakh tonnes of coal, of which more than 90 per cent was supplied to thermal power stations. The CMD directed the General Managers of all Areas to formulate appropriate plans

to achieve the targets allotted to them.

He informed that the first railway rake of coal from the Naini Coal Mine was supplied to the Singareni Thermal Power Station. Recently, another rake was supplied to the Yadadri Thermal Power Station at Damaracharla as per the directions of the State Government. He stated that henceforth also, priority would be accorded to meeting the power requirements of the State and coal from the Naini Block would be supplied to the State's thermal power stations.

The CMD also reviewed overburden removal along with coal production and transportation. Officials informed that 1,315 lakh cubic metres of OB had been removed through offloading up to the end of August. However, as this accounted for only 95 per cent of the target, he directed the officials to take steps to increase overburden removal and ensure achievement of more than 100 per cent of the target.

As the rains have completely receded and the conditions are favourable for production, he directed the officials to achieve coal production beyond the daily targets. He also directed them to coordinate with the Railway Department and achieve more than 100 per cent coal transportation.

He advised all concerned, from senior officials to field-level personnel, to make collective efforts to supply quality coal while adhering to safety standards. Director (Operations) Shri L. V. Suryanarayana, Director (Projects & Planning) Shri K. Venkateshwarlu, Director (Personnel & Finance) Shri Gowtham Potru, Director (E&M) Shri M. Tirumala Rao, Executive Director (Coal Movement) Shri B. Venkanna, General Manager (Coordination & Marketing) Shri T. Srinivas, Corporate General Managers and General Managers of all Singareni Areas were present at the review meeting.

Adani Electricity organises safety awareness campaign in collaboration with Dahi Handi mandals

MUMBAI

Adani Electricity Mumbai Limited on Friday extended warm greetings to Mumbaiers on the auspicious occasion of Shri Krishna Janmashtami and Dahi Handi festivals.

The company conducted an electrical safety awareness campaign in its licensed area on Friday. The teams met the Dahi Handi organisers and their electrical contractors to provide information on the safe electrical practices followed in the pandals and shared the essential "Do's" and "Don'ts".

"Dahi Handi is an integral part of Mumbai's festive spirit and our aim is to ensure that everyone enjoys the festival safely and responsibly. Our teams have completed advance preparations by inspecting key locations, deploying staff, and coordinating with the organizers and administration," said an Adani Electricity spokesperson.

"We urge everyone to celebrate with enthusiasm, but give top priority to safety. In case of any emergency related to power supply, pandal organisers or customers can



contact our 24x7 toll-free helpline 19122. Adani Electricity wishes all Mumbaiers a happy, safe and auspicious Janmashtami and Dahi Handi," the spokesperson added.

Among the 'Do's' are to keep the handi, platform and human pyramid area at a safe distance from the overhead power lines; get a metered temporary electrical connection for stage lighting, sound system and decoration; get all installation and wiring work done by a licensed electrical contractor; use ISI-Mark cables, MCB, and RCCB safety devices with appropriate capacity; ensure earthing of all metal structures, trusses, scaffolding and poles; and keep meter boxes and distribution panels closed, secure, above ground and out of reach of people.

Among the 'Don'ts' are: "Do not tie the rope, banner or any structure of the handi to electric poles, stay wires or street light poles; do not place platforms, pavilions, or billboards under or near overhead power lines; do not take electricity directly from the street power lines and do not use any unauthorized connections; do not spray water on electrical points, distribution boards, poles or feeder pillars; do not use loose or tapered joints and do not overload any one point; do not obstruct access to the feeder pillar and substation; and do not climb power poles or transformer structures to watch the event.

The on-site installation, wiring and other arrangements will be the responsibility of the Organizing Board and its licensed contractor.

SEBI issues observation letter for Rs 30,000 crore NSE IPO

MUMBAI

The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has issued an observation letter for the proposed Rs 30,000-crore initial public offering (IPO) of the National Stock Exchange, according to a regulatory update on Friday. The market watchdog issued its observations for the IPO, which comprises an offer for sale by existing shareholders, the update showed.

However, reports claim that the issue is expected to be launched later this month, subject to the completion of remaining regulatory and procedural steps. Earlier this month, BSE Managing Director and CEO Sundararaman Ramamurthy said NSE had confirmed that it



would not seek permission to trade on its own exchange after listing, according to reports. The clarification followed reports that NSE could potentially trade on its own exchange under the permitted-to-trade (PTT) category.

"NSE has confirmed no addendum will be issued for self-trading along with offer document," he said. Ramamurthy said BSE had also sought permission to trade on its own

exchange in 2017 but was not allowed to do so.

NSE's draft red herring prospectus -- filed with SEBI in June -- highlighted regulatory, technology and cybersecurity risks as well as its dependence on trading revenues. The exchange said transaction charges accounted for 78.65 per cent of its operating revenue in fiscal 2026 with options trading contributing 60.22 per cent of total revenue from operations.

It also warned that further regulatory tightening, changes in investor behaviour and a shift towards alternative asset classes could adversely affect trading volumes and profitability. NSE disclosed that it had incurred substantial settlement costs in recent years.

Indigenous 'Kamikaze' platform gets a boost

■ **Munitions India-Drogo Aerospace sign MoU for loitering munition and UAV systems**

■ **Partnership to combine MIL's warhead expertise with Drogo Aerospace's UAV engineering capabilities**

HYDERABAD

In a significant development aimed at strengthening indigenous capabilities in the defence sector, Munitions India Limited (MIL), a Defence Public Sector Undertaking (DPSU) under the Ministry of Defence, has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Drogo Aerospace Private Limited for collaboration in the design, development and integration of indigenous Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs) and loitering munition systems.

The MoU was signed in Pune on Friday by Yashwanth Bonthu, Founder and CEO of Drogo Aerospace, and Kumar Vaibhav Gaur, Executive Director, MIL.

Combining complementary capabilities

Under the partnership, Drogo Aerospace will focus on the design, development and manufacturing of UAV platforms, besides developing associated



empty-payload hardware. MIL will contribute its expertise in defence munitions and warhead technologies.

MIL, a Government-owned defence manufacturing company headquartered in Pune, was established in 2021 following the restructuring of the erstwhile Ordnance Factory Board into seven separate public sector undertakings. It manufactures a range of ammunition, explosives, rockets and bombs for the Indian Armed Forces, foreign military customers and domestic civilian requirements.

As part of the collaboration, MIL will bring its capabilities in areas including munitions design, explosive systems, payload filling, fuzing and modular munition development.

Joint effort on UAV-munition integration

The two organisations will

work together on subsequent stages of development, including munition-UAV integration, safety evaluation, field and range trials, and quality certification.

The partnership is expected to bring together UAV engineering, munition technology, payload systems and defence-grade integration capabilities, with the objective of developing indigenous unmanned systems for authorised defence requirements.

Successful Delta Wing Kamikaze test

A key element of the collaboration is Drogo Aerospace's indigenous Delta Wing Kamikaze UAV/loitering munition platform, which the company said was successfully tested recently in Hyderabad. The Delta Wing Kamikaze is a loitering munition-type unmanned platform designed to identify and engage designated targets. The term "Delta Wing"

refers to the triangular wing configuration, while "Kamikaze" is commonly used in modern defence terminology to describe one-way attack drones or loitering munitions that are designed to strike their intended targets.

Drogo Aerospace said the platform was being developed keeping long-range defence requirements in view. According to the company, it is being designed for a mission range of up to 1,000 km and a warhead-carrying capacity of approximately 20–30 kg.

The MoU with MIL is expected to strengthen the platform's munition and warhead integration capabilities and facilitate its progression through the next stages of development, integration and validation.

'Indigenous solutions for India's defence requirements'

Speaking on the occasion, Yashwanth Bonthu, Founder and CEO, Drogo Aerospace, said the Delta Wing Kamikaze represented an important step in the development of advanced indigenous unmanned systems for India's defence requirements.

He said the combination of Drogo Aerospace's UAV engineering capabilities with MIL's expertise in munitions and warhead technologies would add strength to the partnership.

The successful recent test of the Delta Wing Kamikaze had

provided further momentum to the programme, he said, adding that the MoU would support the company in moving towards integration, validation and mission readiness.

Kumar Vaibhav Gaur, Executive Director, MIL, said: "We are happy to be part of this MoU to strengthen the Indian defence through collaborating with Drogo."

Boost to indigenous defence manufacturing

The partnership is in line with the broader objective of promoting the development and manufacture of advanced defence systems within India. By combining UAV engineering, loitering munition technology, payload systems and defence integration capabilities, the two organisations aim to strengthen the domestic defence manufacturing ecosystem.

The collaboration is also intended to contribute to the development of next-generation indigenous unmanned systems for the Indian Armed Forces and other authorised defence requirements. The association between Drogo Aerospace and MIL, bringing together indigenous UAV and munition capabilities, marks another step towards enhancing technological self-reliance and domestic manufacturing capabilities in India's defence sector.



Telangana Realty Enters a New Phase

Hyderabad's premium housing boom, expanding infrastructure and emerging growth corridors are reshaping the state's real estate landscape, with buyers becoming increasingly selective



The 1 Crore-Plus Home Is Becoming More Important

One of the most significant changes in Hyderabad's housing market is the growing importance of premium homes.

The city is seeing strong interest in apartments priced above ₹1 crore, particularly from technology professionals, entrepreneurs, senior executives and investors. Developers are responding by launching larger apartments with better amenities, clubhouses, landscaped areas, upgraded specifications and more sophisticated community infrastructure.

This does not mean that affordable housing has disappeared. Rather, the centre of gravity of new development is moving upwards.

A large portion of Hyderabad's unsold inventory is still concentrated between ₹50 lakh and ₹2 crore, making this an important segment for the city's working population. At the same time, premium projects are attracting significant buyer attention.

The result is a two-speed residential market: well-located premium projects can continue to perform strongly, while projects without a clear location or infrastructure advantage may take longer to sell.

Infrastructure Is Redrawing the Telangana Property Map

Infrastructure is arguably the biggest long-term force shaping Telangana real estate.

The expansion of roads, metro connectivity, radial routes and regional connectivity is gradually changing how buyers evaluate property. Areas that were previously considered too far from the city are increasingly being viewed as future residential and commercial corridors. The proposed and developing Regional Ring Road and Future City ecosystem are

particularly important to the long-term story. Their influence is likely to extend beyond immediate construction activity by creating new employment nodes, logistics opportunities, industrial development and residential demand.

The important point is that infrastructure does not automatically make every surrounding location successful. The strongest opportunities are likely to emerge where transport connectivity, employment, social infrastructure and organised development come together.

The North Is Emerging as an Alternative Growth Corridor

For several years, Hyderabad's real estate story was dominated by the western corridor. That equation is slowly broadening. Northern Hyderabad and its surrounding areas are attracting increasing attention because of comparatively lower entry prices, established residential communities and improving connectivity. Bachupally is one of the locations benefiting from this trend. According to Cushman & Wakefield's Q2 2026 data, Bachupally accounted for around 20% of Hyderabad's residential launches, while the western corridor continued to dominate with 72.5% of launches. This indicates that developers are beginning to diversify their land banks rather than depending exclusively on the traditional IT corridor. For buyers who cannot afford western Hyderabad's premium prices, northern and peripheral markets may offer a more accessible entry point, although the investment case depends heavily on individual micro-location and infrastructure.

Land Remains a Different Story

Residential apartments and

land are behaving differently. Land continues to attract investors who have a longer investment horizon, particularly in locations expected to benefit from major infrastructure and employment development.

But the Telangana land market also requires greater caution. Rapid appreciation in a particular area can create unrealistic expectations, especially when investors begin purchasing based only on future infrastructure announcements. The more mature approach is to examine whether infrastructure is actually progressing, whether roads and utilities exist, whether development approvals are clear and whether genuine end-user demand is emerging. In other words, future potential matters, but present fundamentals matter more.

Buyers Are Becoming More Selective

Perhaps the biggest change

Commercial Real Estate Is Supporting Housing Demand

Hyderabad's residential market cannot be understood without looking at its office market. The continued expansion of IT companies, pharmaceutical firms, financial services businesses and GCCs creates employment, which in turn generates demand for housing, rentals, retail and supporting services. Hyderabad's office leasing performance in 2026 remains encouraging. JLL reported that Hyderabad was among the major contributors to India's strong H1 2026 office leasing performance, while Cushman & Wakefield reported 25% year-on-year growth in Hyderabad's H1 leasing volume. This creates a positive cycle: companies create jobs, jobs create housing demand, housing creates retail demand, and infrastructure expands to sup-

port the growing urban population.

Rental Housing Is Gaining Importance

The rise in property prices is also changing the rental market. Professionals working in Gachibowli, Financial District, Madhapur and surrounding employment hubs increasingly prefer locations that provide reasonable commuting times. This supports rental demand in both established neighbourhoods and emerging residential corridors. For investors, this means the question is no longer simply whether a property will appreciate. Rental potential, tenant profile, maintenance costs and vacancy risk are becoming equally important. Properties close to major employment centres, schools, hospitals, retail and transport infrastructure are likely to have a stronger rental proposition than isolated developments.



Hyderabad Continues to Drive Telangana's Realty Market

Hyderabad remains the undisputed engine of Telangana's real estate sector. The city's combination of IT, pharmaceuticals, financial services, Global Capability Centres and expanding infrastructure continues to create a steady pool of homebuyers and investors. The western part of Hyderabad remains the strongest residential and commercial market. Gachibowli, Financial District, Kokapet, Nanakramguda and surrounding locations continue to benefit from employment concentration and infrastructure investment. The commercial market is particularly important because residential demand in Hyderabad is closely connected to employment. Cushman & Wakefield reported that Hyderabad recorded 5.2 million sq ft of office leasing in the first half of 2026, up 25% year-on-year, with Global Capability Centres accounting for a significant share of quarterly leasing. Gachibowli emerged as the city's most active office corridor. This employment-driven demand gives Hyderabad an advantage over markets that depend primarily on speculative investment.

Western Hyderabad Remains the Premium Zone

The western corridor continues to command the strongest attention from developers and high-income buyers. Gachibowli and the Financial District have matured into established corporate and residential centres, while Kokapet and Neopolis represent the next generation of premium development. Narsingi, Tellapur, Puppallaguda and the areas towards Kollur are increasingly becoming part of the wider western residential ecosystem. However, the market here is no longer simply about buying land and waiting for prices to rise. Entry prices have increased considerably, meaning investors now have to examine the actual development potential of a location. Kokapet is a good example. Its transformation from a peripheral land market into a premium high-rise residential destination has been dramatic. Land values, office development, luxury housing and connectivity have collectively pushed the area into a completely different category.





US Open: Defending champ Sabalenka ousts Rakhimova in third round

NEW YORK

Top seed and two-time defending champion Aryna Sabalenka ousted Kamilla Rakhimova, 6-3, 6-4, in a women's singles third-round match in the 2026 US Open at the Louis Armstrong Stadium in New York on Friday.

Playing under a sizzling sun dressed in an equally sizzling orange kit, No. 1 seed Sabalenka solved the problems posed by the tricky Rakhimova, ranked 92nd in the WTA Rankings, to storm into the fourth round at the US Open for the fifth year in a row.

Coming into the opening match of Day 6, Sabalenka had yet to be truly tested. She lost just eight games total across her first two matches, logging an efficient two hours and 35 minutes on court. Sabalenka started the match on a strong note,



going up an early break to earn a 2-1 edge. For her part, Rakhimova, the 25-year-old from Uzbekistan, seemed to

struggle against the top seed's power. Down 5-3, she pulled off a gutsy service game, displaying both counterpunch-

ing skills and real variety to her shotmaking on her way to winning it. But Sabalenka managed to continue her serv-

ing dominance, closing out the first set in 35 minutes, 6-3. To get there, she racked up four aces on the set (to zero double faults), won 81% of the points behind her first serve and never faced a break point.

Sabalenka has beaten Rakhimova in their three prior meetings, twice in straight sets at the French Open, in 2023 and 2025. On the hard courts of Washington, D.C. in 2024, Rakhimova pushed Sabalenka to three sets before falling to the No. 1 seed.

But Rakhimova proved that she can pull off an upset in the first round at this US Open, ousting two-time Grand Slam champion Barbora Krejčíková, seeded No. 27, in straight sets.

Sabalenka will next face the winner of the third-round match between American Taylor Townsend and No. 15 seed Diana Shnaider.

Satwiksairaj Rankireddy-Chirag Shetty storm into China Masters semifinals

SHENZHEN (CHINA)

India's Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty produced a fighting performance to beat Denmark's Kim Astrup and Anders Skaarup Rasmussen 21-13, 16-21, 21-18 and enter the semifinals of the China Masters Super 750 badminton tournament on Friday. The Indian pair made a strong start but were pushed into a decider after the Danes levelled the contest.

Satwik and Chirag held their nerve in the final game to seal a hard-fought victory. The win continued the Indian duo's impressive run at the China Masters, where they have reached the semifinals in every edition since 2019, finishing runners-up in 2023 and 2025.

The victory also marked their second win over Astrup and Rasmussen at the China Masters, after they had beaten the Danish pair in the quarterfinals in 2024.

Earlier, Kidambi Srikanth's campaign at the China Masters ended after losing to Lee Cheuk Yiu in the quarterfinals.

Srikanth suffered a 16-21, 16-21 loss at the hands of Lee at the Shenzhen Arena. It was



Srikanth's first quarterfinal appearance in a BWF World Tour Super 750 event or above in three years.

Lee's lead in their head-to-head record was also increased as a result of the defeat, as Srikanth has now lost their last four matches in a row to him. In the first round of the 2018 India Open, he was victorious over the Hong Kong player for the only time in his career.

In the pre-quarterfinals, Srikanth pulled off a stunning upset over Canadian World No. 9 and recent World Championship bronze medallist Victor

Lai, winning 21-18, 21-19. He had defeated Chinese Taipei's World No. 21 Chi Yu-jen 21-16, 21-15 in just 35 minutes in the opening round.

The Indian women's singles campaign at the BWF Super 750 badminton tournament came to an end on Thursday after Tanvi Sharma lost 21-17, 18-21, 21-16 to Japan's Tomoka Miyazaki. Meanwhile, India's mixed doubles pair of Dhruv Kapila and Olympian Tanisha Crasto lost their second-round match 21-18, 21-18 against Liu Kuang-Heng and Hsu Yin-Hui of Chinese Taipei.

Unbeaten India storm into quarterfinals of the Pickleball World Cup 2026

MUMBAI

The Indian contingent remained unbeaten at the end of Day 2 of the team event at the Pickleball World Cup currently ongoing in Da Nang, Vietnam, storming into the quarterfinals by beating the Philippines and will play the formidable USA next.

The India pro squad consisting of Harsh Mehta, Arjun Singh, Anish Froilan, Aman Patel, Pearl Amalsadiwala, Naomi Amalsadiwala, Aaliya Ebrahim and Mihika Yadav beat China in the Round of 32 with a scoreline of 4-0.

Pearl Amalsadiwala and Mihika Yadav set the tone by winning the first tie of the match 21-19, after which Harsh Mehta and Arjun Singh chalked up another point for Team India. In the third tie, Harsh Mehta and Pearl Amalsadiwala won a challenging match to set

up Arjun Singh and Mihika Yadav to defeat the Chinese 4-0.

"Really happy with the way we have been executing our plans and making it all the way to the quarterfinals. Playing with Mihika and Harsh has been a great experience for me and Harsh Mehta has been pivotal in his leadership. I am very happy to have played my role for the team and look forward to the quarters. Tomorrow is a crucial day for the rest of the Indian teams, but we are ready for the challenge," said Pearl Amalsadiwala on Friday.

The Round of 16 clash against the Philippines was expected to be tough, but the Indians managed to clinch the match with a scoreline of 4-1.

The women's doubles pair of Pearl and Mihika once again gave India their first point whilst the men's doubles went



down fighting for the second tie 19-21. The next two mixed doubles went in India's favour, giving them a 3-1 lead as Aaliya Ebrahim completely shut down her opponent 21-12 to take India into the quarterfinals.

The India Masters squad, Junior squad and the Kids squad have all made their way into the quarterfinals against Vietnam, Chinese Taipei and Australia respec-

tively. The India Senior team lost to New Zealand in the round of 16, ending the campaign for this edition of the World Cup.

India Masters edged out China in the round of 16 in the very last tie of the match, winning with a final score of 3-2, with Bhushan Akut and Petulia Balaji dominating the decider 21-9.

"Tomorrow, our Kids, Juniors, Open, and Masters

(60+) teams step into the quarterfinals with unstoppable spirit. Each player is giving their absolute best and playing with heart, grit, and pride for the nation. Watching them pour everything into the game fills us with joy and pride. Their performances make us believe even more strongly that nothing is greater than seeing India triumph," said Aalap Sharma, Treasurer, Indian Pickleball Association.

"Congratulations to the squad. Making the quarterfinals is a formidable statement by Team India, and the entire Indian Pickleball Association is backing them to go deep into the final leg of the tournament. All the players in each team have played their part well and taken up the responsibility for the team," said Suryaveer Singh Bhullar, President, Indian Pickleball Association.

Shreeniti eyes double, Tejas ousted at KSLTA World Tennis Tour J30 Bengaluru

BENGALURU

Local lass Shreeniti Chowdhury is in line for a double at the KSLTA World Tennis Tour Junior J30 Bengaluru after reaching both the singles and doubles finals at the SM Krishna Tennis Stadium in Bengaluru on Friday.

The fourth-seeded Shreeniti produced a superb comeback in singles, overcoming sixth seed Vasundra Balajee 3-6, 6-1, 6-1, and then returned to the court to combine with Riddhi Shinde and book their place in the girls' doubles final.

In the singles title clash, the 15-year-old Shreeniti will meet another local girl, Aahida



Singh, who brushed aside the challenge of Zoha Qureshi with a straight-sets 6-2, 6-0 victory.

In the boys' section, Niyanth Badrinarayanan of the USA ended top seed and home favourite Tejas Ravi's campaign in straight sets, 7-6, 6-4, while Fazal Ali Meer edged Vivaan

Mirdha 6-4, 1-6, 7-5 in a thrilling three-setter to enter the final. Shreeniti recovered from a disastrous start as she was down 0-5 in the opening set before regaining her rhythm and winning three games in a row. But the recovery came a little too late as Vasundra closed out the set 6-3.

The second set was a completely different story. Shreeniti was ruthless with her forehand and frequently attacked the net, with most of her approaches proving successful. She broke Vasundra at love in the fourth and sixth games, while her opponent struggled with a string of unforced errors, often finding the net.



LA LIGA

Injuries pile up for Valencia ahead of key Barcelona clash



MADRID: Valencia coach Carlos Corberan has a long injury list to add to his early-season problems ahead of Sunday's La Liga match at home to FC Barcelona. Valencia go into the game with just one point from their opening three games, which came from a 0-0 draw at home to Celta Vigo on the opening day.

Since then, Corberan's side has lost 1-0 at home to Real Betis and was beaten 3-1 away to Deportivo La Coruna last weekend, adding to the pressure at Mestalla Stadium, which lost patience with club owner Peter Lim a long time ago. A further defeat would leave Valencia in the relegation zone. However, to make matters worse, Corberan's side will be missing several key players to take on Barcelona. Guido Rodriguez, Jose Copete, Sadiq Umar, Justin de Haas, Diego Lopez and Sergi Canos are all certain to miss Sunday's key game, while Dimitri Foulquier, Luis Rioja and Kayne van Oevelen are all doubts.

Proteas edge Namibia to secure final clash against Zimbabwe in tri-series

WINDHOEK

Lhuan-dre Pretorius hit his maiden T20 ton as South Africa made it three wins from four games to top the group, beating Namibia by 11 runs to secure a place in the final of the T20I Tri-series at the Namibia Cricket Ground, Windhoek, on Friday.

After consecutive victories over Zimbabwe, South Africa returned to confidently defeat Namibia, whom they had lost to previously in their opening game of the series. Connor Esterhuizen and Lhuan-dre Pretorius put on a masterclass with the bat, amassing a total of 228/4, which proved tall for Namibia despite a competitive chase.

The Proteas will take on Zimbabwe in the T20 tri-series final, hoping to keep a perfect record against the Chevrons, who most recently defeated Namibia by five wickets following a commendable chase.

Pretorius and wicket-keeper Es-



terhuizen started with an immense partnership of 156 runs between them to make their intentions clear early. Esterhuizen led the duo as he reached 88 off 40 deliveries, clocking eight sixes before falling to a quick one from John Balt. The Namibian pacer was in action again, as

only 10 balls later he combined with Gerhard Erasmus to dismiss Dewald Brevis for only three runs. Pretorius brought up his maiden T20I ton (101 runs off 53 balls) to guide his side to an impressive total, which included five boundaries and eight sixes.

Olympic and World triathlon champion Jonny Brownlee retires

NEW DELHI

Olympic and World triathlon champion Jonny Brownlee has announced his retirement from the sport at 36, the same age as his elder brother Alister Brownlee hung up his boots. The six-time world champion and Olympic gold medallist in the mixed team event, Brownlee, said that he was contemplating retirement for a while before confirming it now.

"I've been thinking about it for a while. I've won more than I ever thought I'd ever achieve," Jonny said, as quoted by BBC Sport. "One thing I'm really proud of is we full-on committed to winning Olympic medals and delivering our best performance. And now I just don't think I can do that anymore. It's over for professional sport, but I don't think you ever truly stop."

Jonny won an individual bronze medal at the 2012 London Olympics, an individual silver at the 2016 Rio before finally clinching a mixed relay gold at the 2020 Tokyo Games. The Briton said that the birth of his child gave him clarity over his retirement decision.

"I don't think I can have that commitment because of how life is. He's my priority now, my family, but also with my body as well," said Brownlee. "The thought of missing a training session used to be the worst thing in the world, whereas now, if Freddie is ill or needs me, then without question I do that."

He also stated that he fears getting injured now as he won't be able to carry his 10-month-old son in his arms. "I used to have absolutely no fear with racing, I used to dive into corners on my bike at 60kph and not



care," he said. "If I hit that corner and crash, then I can't hold Freddie for five to six weeks if I have got a broken wrist. I was asking if that was really worth it anymore."

The 36-year-old reflected on his journey, calling the London 2012 some he was "incredibly proud of", while also highlighting the 2016 World Series Triathlon race in Mexico, where he nearly collapsed in the heat but was carried to the finishing

line in second place by his elder brother. "To deliver those medals [in 2012] was something I'm incredibly proud of. The first time racing in Leeds kind of symbolised everything, the whole journey," said Brownlee.

"The fact that there was a World Series in Leeds was just unthinkable when we started triathlon, and then to come into the Millennium Square for the first time was one of the proudest moments of my life and something I'll never forget."

He called that the 2016 race, which annoyed him. "It really annoyed me at the start; I've got multiple Olympic medals, World Championships, and that got remembered," said Jonny. "Quite often now people say, 'Which one are you? Are you the one who did the carrying or the one who got carried?' So yeah, it does grate me a little bit," he added.

GCL Season 4 trophy unveiled ahead of Bengaluru opener

BENGALURU

The fourth edition of the Global Chess League (GCL) promises to be a scintillating affair as World No. 1 Magnus Carlsen returns after a year's hiatus to strengthen defending champions Alpine APL Pipers, while two-time champions Triveni Continental Kings retain their core group with an eye on a third title in four years.

The Global Chess League (GCL) has emerged as one of the most coveted team competitions in the world chess calendar and will be hosted in India for the second consecutive year. Season 4 has attracted some of the world's best players for the nine-day competition, which will see six teams face off in a double round-robin format, with the top two teams advancing to the Grand Finale.



India's Bichu Devi shortlisted for Magic Skills Award for last-minute saves in Hockey World Cup

MUMBAI

A couple of brilliant saves pulled off by Indian women's team goalkeeper Bichu Devi Karibam in the last minute of the match against England during the recently concluded FIH Hockey World Cup have been shortlisted for the Magic Skill Award by the International Hockey Federation (FIH). The fan-voted awards, one each for the men's and women's sections of the FIH Hockey World Cup in Belgium & Netherlands, celebrate the players that created magical moments.

The sensational saves made by Bichu Devi have been shortlisted for the vote along with a magical goal created by Judith Vandermeiren of Belgium against Germany and some brilliant dribbling by Yani Zhong of Germany that created a fine goal. Bichu Devi played a key role in the Indian team finishing fifth in the FIH Women's Hockey World Cup, their best performance in recent times. "From breathtaking individual skill and spectacular goals to dramatic finishes and outstanding saves, the tournament delivered countless moments of magic

on hockey's biggest stage. Now, fans around the world have the chance to relive the very best moments and vote for their favourite "Magical Skill" from the World Cup," the FIH said in a release on Friday.

The International Hockey Federation (FIH) announced the shortlist of the nominees for the Poligras Magic Skill Award, celebrating the extraordinary creativity, flair and technical brilliance that helped make this World Cup such a memorable success.

In the men's section, the shortlist includes Abdul Rehman (Pakistan) for his 3D magical skills, Elliot Curty of France for creating a goal from an impossible angle, and Kenton Melville of South Africa for a brilliant no-look goal.

Fans can vote for the prestigious Poligras Magic Skill Award on the FIH's official website. The awards celebrate the extraordinary talent and innovative skills of hockey players worldwide. It stands as a testament to Poligras' commitment to hockey innovation and nurturing the next generation, honouring stand-out performances that push boundaries and enhance the skill set of hockey.

Karthi's Malavika Comments Go Viral



Actor Karthi's comments about actress Malavika Mohanan's Character at the Sardar 2 trailer launch have sparked huge criticism on social media. Speaking at the event, Karthi said that when Malavika Mohanan's name was announced as the heroine, he asked the team whether Malavika would wear glamorous costumes similar to actress Monica Bellucci. Karthi said he asked it not for his enjoyment, but he had asked for audience sake and their entertainment. While Karthi made these comments in funny tone, many felt he crossed the line. Karthi's comments did not go down well with many netizens. Some feminists and social media users have criticised Karthi's double-meaning statements, saying that it objectifies women and her body. Instead of actress's performance, Karthi's comments highlighted heroine's appearance. These exactly got backlash from the critics. Karthi also spoke about why he chose to do Sardar 2. He said his fans enjoy action films and that he made the sequel to entertain them. He also thanked his fans for their continuous support over the years. Sardar 2 is written and directed by PS Mithran. The film also stars Malavika Mohanan, SJ Suryah, Ashika Ranganath, Rajisha Vijayan Yogi Babu and others. While the film has generated interest among action movie fans, Karthi's comments about Malavika have now become a talking point ahead of the release, September 10.



RAAKA Tests Allu Fans' Patience

Allu Arjun, who attained Pan India stardom with Pushpa 1 & 2, has pushed the limits and is doing massive budgeted large scale movies. While he collaborated with Atlee for RAAKA, he has teamed up with Lokesh Kangaraj for his up next film, AA23. Coming to RAAKA, the film was announced with a massive hype. With the pre-announcement, RAAKA did make a huge impact. However, post that the film hasn't had given any major updates. Barring Allu Arjun's first look from the film and RAAKA title revealing, the film's team hasn't actually revealed any crucial update. This has upset Allu Arjun fans who are eagerly waiting for some content from RAAKA. As director Atlee's birthday falls this month (Sep 21), Allu fans are wanting a major update from the film and its director. At least, a glimpse or teaser from RAAKA is expected by the fans. It's now on Atlee and his team to come up with a terrific glimpse to satisfy Allu Arjun's diehard fans.



DC Storm Takes Over Social Media

Lokesh Kanagaraj and Wamiqa Gabbi-starrer DC has emerged as the sleeper hit of this year. The hard-hitting action thriller, backed by strong content and Anirudh Ravichander's terrific background score, has worked big time with audiences. The film garnered unanimous positive reviews from both audiences and critics alike. Thus, DC became a box-office spinner. DC became a cult film of sorts. DC marks the acting debut of critically acclaimed filmmaker Lokesh Kanagaraj. DC's buzz did not stop with its solid theatrical run. The film's OTT release has created yet another storm. Particularly, social media is abuzz with DC talk. With the film hitting OTT now, the buzz is even stronger and bigger. Many are voluntarily taking to so-

cial media and raving about the film's gripping content along with the solid performances. Especially, Wamiqa Gabbi's outstanding and powerful performance is getting thumbs up from all the corners. So is Lokesh Kanagaraj's intense acting. DC's writing and direction by Arun Matheswaran is being praised. Of course, Anirudh Ravichander, who created a storm in theatres with his terrific background music, is once again getting all the laurels for his work after the OTT release. On the whole, DC's solid theatrical run is now continued with its OTT with its wild response. Now, DC is being placed among the rare films that are garnering this kinda positive response across the languages.

Chandrayan: Intriguing Journey Begins With A Rocket



The motion poster of Chandrayan has generated curiosity with its wonderfully offbeat concept and Telangana flavour. Presented by Venu Udugula after the success of Raju Weds Rambai, the film promises to be a hilarious adventure that combines an unconventional story with strong local roots. The movie is produced by Praveen Molaka under the Simba Screen Stories banner and directed by Srinath Chandrasekhar. The announcement video titled "Mandamarri to Chandrayan" captures the imagination with the sight of a rocket flying into space while a Telangana-rooted song plays in the background. At the heart of the story is a simple yet fascinating question: what happens when a common man from Telangana dreams of seeing the moon up close? The answer appears to be an adventure packed with humour, innocence and unexpected situations. The glimpse introduces three youngsters who decide to build their own rocket using everyday objects, including bike tyres, a pressure cooker and dumbbells. Their ambitious Chandrayaan mission raises several questions about their motivation, their journey and whether they can actually accomplish what even trained scientists would find challenging. The motion poster successfully keeps the story under wraps while creating curiosity about what awaits the trio. Shiva kumar Dheekonda, Swapna Priyadarshini, Ravi Sivateja, Vamsidhar, Lokesh and Balagam Satyanarayana form the principal cast. Harsha Praveen scores the music, while Srinath Chandrasekhar provides the story, screenplay and dialogues besides directing the film. Presented by Venu Udugula and produced by Praveen Molaka.

Alia's Bags Two Big Tollywood Deals

Alia Bhatt's Telugu debut in RRR may have been brief, but it gave her a strong entry into Tollywood. Sharing screen space with Ram Charan and Jr NTR in the Oscar-winning blockbuster helped her gain popularity among Telugu audiences. Now, the Bollywood star is once again making headlines for being linked to two of the biggest upcoming Telugu films. Industry buzz is that Alia is almost confirmed for a crucial role in Kalki 2. At the same time, Alia is also in news for Jr NTR and Prashanth Neel's highly anticipated action film Dragon. We at Gulte had already reported that Alia will be seen in a significant role in the project, making it a reunion with Jr NTR after RRR. What makes these developments interesting is the scope of the roles. In RRR, Alia had limited screen time despite the film's massive success. But if the reports surrounding Kalki 2 and Dragon turn out to be true, she could end up playing far more substantial characters in both films. With Kalki 2 and Dragon being among the most awaited Telugu films currently, these projects could give Alia a much stronger foothold in Telugu cinema. For now, fans are eagerly waiting for official announcements, but one thing is clear: Alia continues to land Tollywood's biggest films one after the other.



Chakkora Teaser Sparks Love & Chaos

The teaser of Chakkora – Lunar Love Bird makes a lively impression with its refreshing mix of youthful entertainment, romance and emotion. Union Minister of Civil Aviation Shri Kinjarapu Ram Mohan Naidu launched the teaser and extended his best wishes to the team. The film had earlier created buzz when Dashing Director Puri Jagannadh unveiled its title motion poster. Sravan and Malaika T Vasupal emerge as the teaser's biggest attractions. Their refreshing chemistry and charming screen presence add considerable appeal. The lunar love bird's attempt to reach the moon serves as an engaging metaphor for Sravan's character and his pursuit of love. The teaser moves smoothly between fun, romance and youthful moments, while presenting a colourful world that feels distinct from conventional love stories. The emotional turn towards the end adds depth and leaves viewers curious about the story. The sensational background score becomes the teaser's soul, elevating both romantic and emotional moments. Impressive visuals further highlight director Manga Srinivas' confidence and creative vision. Produced by Dr. Chintada Hemarao, Chakkora stars Sravan and Malaika T Vasupal and is slated for theatrical release on October 8.

