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electoral promises remain unfulfilled. Speaking to the media after being taken to Gandhi Nagar Police Station following his arrest, Rao questioned the government over its commitments to farmers, youth, employees and various social groups. He alleged that the Rythu Bharosa assistance was reduced from the promised

Rs.15,000 per acre to Rs.12,000 and was not being paid to farmers on time. Rao also questioned the government's employment record, claiming that only around 16,000 jobs had been provided despite its promise to create employment opportunities within 100 days.

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Meanwhile, Assembly Speaker Gaddam Prasad has already been holding a series of meetings with the party's senior leadership in Delhi. On the other hand, Minis-

ter Tummalam Nageswara Rao has been meeting Union ministers and discussing various issues concerning the state. Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka, along with ministers Duddilla Sridhar Babu and Uttam Kumar Reddy, and MLA Komatireddy Rajagopal Reddy, are reportedly scheduled to travel to Delhi today. As part of his Delhi visit, Chief Minister Revanth Reddy met Congress national president Mallikarjun Kharge, party general secretary K.C. Venugopal, and Telangana Congress affairs in-charge Meenakshi Natarajan.

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Prime Minister Modi indirectly criticized those spreading pessimism about the country's economy. He said India had achieved 7.8% growth despite fake news and pessimistic campaigns. He noted that

At the same time, it was higher than the 6.9% growth recorded during the same period a year earlier. Prime Minister Modi said that India needs to maintain this momentum. He emphasized that moving forward with the vision of Atmanirbhar Bharat (Self-Reliant India) is essential to further strengthen the country's economic power.

MOGALTHURU

Naidu said women possessed immense talent, strength and leadership capabilities and could achieve greater heights when provided opportunities. He urged women to draw inspiration from Collector Nagarani and take up responsibilities across all fields.

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Ponnam directs officials to ensure peaceful, smooth Ganesh festivities



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Hyderabad district in-charge Minister Ponnam Prabhakar said the Ganesh Navratri festivities would be organised on a grand and spectacular scale across Telangana.

The Minister directed senior officials of all concerned departments to work in close coordination to ensure that the upcoming Ganesh Navratri celebrations are conducted in a grand, peaceful and smooth manner in Hyderabad, Rangareddy and Medchal–Malkajgiri districts.

Ponnam Prabhakar held a high-level preparatory coordination meeting on the Ganesh Festival Celebrations-2026 at the Dr MCR HRD Institute in Jubilee

Hills on Tuesday.

Speaking at the meeting, the Minister said the Praja Palana government, under the leadership of Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, was providing free electricity connections to all Ganesh pandals across the State. He urged pandal organisers to apply through the prescribed procedure and make use of the facility.

Referring to Hyderabad's nearly 47-year-old tradition of Ganesh festivities, the Minister directed officials to identify issues and shortcomings faced during previous celebrations in advance and take timely corrective measures.

He instructed all departments to work in close coordination to ensure

that devotees face no inconvenience and called for heightened vigilance until the completion of the festivities and immersion process.

The Minister directed the Hyderabad, Cyberabad and Rachakonda Police Commissioners to make elaborate security arrangements and ensure effective traffic management. He also called for the deployment of SHE Teams and anti-theft surveillance teams, besides taking all necessary measures to maintain law and order and communal harmony.

The municipal authorities were instructed to keep sanitation personnel available round the clock, undertake necessary road repairs, ensure proper maintenance of streetlights and make

arrangements for the construction and maintenance of baby ponds.

He also directed officials to give special attention to fogging and the provision of bio-toilets.

Ponnam Prabhakar further instructed officials to prominently display the logos of the newly launched municipal corporations and create awareness among the public about them.

Government Advisor V. Hanumantha Rao, MP Anil Kumar Yadav, MLAs Danam Nagender, Naveen Yadav, Raghuvir Reddy, and Marri Rajasekhara Reddy; DGP CV Anand, ADGP Mahesh Bhagwat, and Police Commissioners Sajjanar, Ramesh, and Sumathi, and other senior officials attended the meeting.



Bandi Sanjay rejects MPLADS utilisation report, says 94% of KNR funds under implementation

HYDERABAD

Union Minister Bandi Sanjay Kumar on Tuesday dismissed a report by the 'Empowered Indian' organisation alleging that MPs were failing to utilise their annual MPLADS funds, calling the claims misleading and factually incorrect.

Citing his Karimnagar Lok Sabha constituency, Bandi Sanjay said Rs.16.47 crore, or 94.1 per cent, of the Rs.17.50 crore allocated under MPLADS for the 18th Lok Sabha term was already being utilised through works at various stages. About 627 proposals had been submitted to the District Collectors over the past three years based on requests from the public for community halls, borewells, high-mast lights and CC roads. The proposals included 313 works in Karim-

nagar, 39 in Hanamkonda, 45 in Jagtial, 151 in Rajanna Sircilla and 79 in Siddipet, he noted. According to the Minister, District Collectors have approved 82.29 per cent of the proposed works, while the remaining proposals are under the sanctioning process. He said the Rs.16.47 crore figure also included Rs.2.5 crore that remained unutilised during former MP Boinapally Vinod Kumar's tenure in the 16th Lok Sabha. Bandi Sanjay said MPLADS implementation involves several stages, including fund allocation, submission of proposals by MPs, approval by District Collectors, execution by departmental officials and completion of works. He criticised the organisation for allegedly branding MPs as non-performers without taking these procedural stages into account.

He also said the annual MPLADS allocation was inadequate to meet the growing demands from constituencies and that several MPs had requested the Centre to increase the allocation. Despite seven months remaining in the current financial year, he said, there were no unspent MPLADS funds with him as all proposals had already been forwarded to the respective District Collectors.

The Minister added that he was also mobilising CSR funds to address public grievances and local development needs. He urged the 'Empowered Indian' organization to present complete, step-by-step data on MPLADS - from allocation and proposal submission to approvals, execution and final completion - before making allegations against MPs.

HC lifts stay on Telangana's Kalyana Lakshmi, Shaadi Mubarak schemes

HYDERABAD

The Telangana government on Tuesday received relief from the High Court as a Chief Justice-led division bench set aside the interim stay imposed by a single judge on the implementation of the Kalyana Lakshmi and Shaadi Mubarak schemes.

The division bench was hearing the government's appeal challenging the single judge's order staying the implementation of the two welfare schemes.

The single judge had passed the interim order on a petition filed by advocate Vijay Gopal in his individual capacity, challenging eight government orders issued since 2014 in connection with the schemes. The stay was granted after the govern-



ment failed to file its counter in the matter. Appearing for the government, Advocate General A. Sudarshan Reddy argued that the petition challenged welfare schemes that had been in operation since 2014 and that their implementation neither affected the petitioner nor violated any of his rights. He also pointed out that the petitioner was not a beneficiary of either scheme.

The AG contended that the petition did not qualify as a public interest litigation. He submitted that the Supreme Court had permitted schemes similar to Shaadi Mubarak and said Kalyana Lakshmi was also a welfare scheme of a similar nature.

He further argued that the petition was not maintainable before a single judge and that a division bench had jurisdiction to hear challenges to government policy decisions.

The AG urged the court to vacate the interim stay on the implementation of the schemes. Accepting the government's arguments, the division bench lifted the stay and allowed the schemes to continue.

Grand Alumni Meet 2026 at Acharya Nagarjuna University

Special Invitation to Jana Sena Leader

MEDCHAL-MALKAJGIRI

The Golden Jubilee (Grand Alumni Meet 2026) at Acharya Nagarjuna University (Diechmann) is set to take place on September 2 at the Diechmann Auditorium. The event will celebrate the university's alumni community and bring together former students from across different fields.

As part of this grand celebration, Jana Sena Party leadership has extended a special invitation to Mumma reddy Prema Kumar, the Jana Sena, MLA contested candidate from Kukatapally constituency, to attend the meet as a respected guest. The program is expected to create a meaningful reunion among alumni and strengthen connections within the former student community.



Two hash oil peddlers held with Rs.21.37 lakh contraband

HYDERABAD

Hyderabad Commissioner's Task Force, Jubilee Hills Zone, along with S.R. Nagar Police arrested two alleged hash oil peddlers and seized 1,710 litres of hash oil valued at Rs.21.37 lakh.

The accused were identified as Poddur Mohan Rao (41) and T. Bistudas (27), both agricultural workers from Alluri Sitharama Raju district of Andhra Pradesh. Two mobile

phones were also seized.

According to police, the accused allegedly procured the hash oil from Champaguda village in Odisha on August 30 and travelled by train from Visakhapatnam to Secunderabad on August 31. They subsequently travelled to S.R. Nagar to deliver the contraband to a prospective customer but were apprehended while waiting in Water Tank Lane.

Police said the accused allegedly entered the illegal trade

due to financial difficulties and intended to sell the hash oil in Hyderabad for profit.

The Task Force appealed to youngsters to stay away from drugs and urged the public to report suspected drug-peddling activities to the police. The arrest was made under the supervision of Inspector of Police Ch. Yadender of Jubilee Hills Zone Task Force, and D. Ravi Raj, SIP, Jubilee Hills Zone Task Force, and their staffs along with SR Nagar Police.

Technical team to inspect Kothagudem airport sites on Sept 7

HYDERABAD

The Centre has taken another step towards establishing a greenfield airport in Bhadradi Kothagudem district, with a technical team scheduled to visit Telangana on September 7 to conduct a field-level inspection of four to five alternative sites proposed for the airport.

Agriculture, Marketing and Cooperation Minister Tummala Nageswara Rao met Union Civil Aviation Minister Kinjarapu Ram Mohan Naidu in New Delhi on Tuesday and discussed the need for an airport in Bhadradi Kothagudem district and the studies conducted so far.

As part of a preliminary feasibility study for the proposed airport, six locations in the district were examined. Seethampeta and Sujathanagar emerged as the most suitable sites, securing almost identical top scores. The study also found that around



667 acres of land required for the runway-based airport infrastructure was available at these locations.

However, before taking a final decision on the project, the Central technical team will conduct a field inspection of four to five alternative sites. The team will assess geographical and climatic conditions, land acquisition issues, suitability for runway construction and technical requirements for aircraft op-

erations, among other factors.

Tummala Nageswara Rao said Ram Mohan Naidu had assured him that further steps towards establishing the Kothagudem airport would be initiated if the report submitted by the Central technical team is favourable.

The Minister also said Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy is likely to discuss proposals for the Mamnoon (Warangal) and Adilabad airports with the Centre on September 2.

Indian national among 12 killed in latest Russian strikes on Ukraine

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In this regard, the Embassy is in contact with his company and the Ukrainian authorities," it added.

Giving details of the attacks, Zelenskyy said dozens of people were injured in the strikes, which also hit Kyiv, Odesa, Kherson, Donetsk, Zaporizhzhia, Kharkiv, Chernihiv, Zhytomyr, Sumy and Dnipro regions. In Kyiv, seven people were killed in a strike on a railway depot. In Boryspil, a five-storey residential building was damaged, and 50 people were evacuated, while four people were killed and 13 injured in the

city, Zelenskyy said. He said nearly 350 first responders were involved in rescue and recovery operations in Kyiv and the surrounding region alone.

"A significant number of jet-powered drones and ballistic missiles were used in the attack," Zelenskyy said, adding that residential buildings and civilian infrastructure were damaged. Russian guided aerial bomb and drone strikes also continued against Odesa and the surrounding region, he said. A border crossing with Romania and export infrastructure were also "deliberately damaged", according to Zelenskyy. The

president blamed Russia for deliberately targeting civilians and called for increased air defence assistance to Ukraine.

"Russia always plans its strikes specifically to cause as much destruction to people's lives as possible, and it succeeds only when air defence capabilities are insufficient. "The number of victims of Russian terror directly hinges on every new package of assistance," Zelenskyy said, while thanking countries supporting Ukraine through the Priority Ukraine Requirements List (PURL) and bilateral supplies.

YSR Award to Be Presented to MS Swaminathan Research Foundation

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Building on the legacy of Dr. M.S. Swaminathan, MSSRF has been playing a key role in taking scientific knowledge to farmers and rural communities. Dr. Soumya Swaminathan will receive the award on behalf of MSSRF. Congress national president Mallikarjun Kharge, Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, and several other prominent personalities are expected to attend the event.

"Democracy under threat in Telangana": BJP

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Earlier in the day, Maheshwar Reddy released a BJP chargesheet on the Congress government's 1,000 days in office, dubbing the period "1,000 lies and 1,000 betrayals". The BJP alleged that the government had failed to fulfil its six guarantees and 420 promises and accused it of administrative paralysis and financial mismanagement. The BJP also alleged a rise in crime and cited recent incidents, including those in Shamshabad and Patancheru, as evidence of deteriorating law and order and lack of safety for women and the common public.

Vivekanand dares Revanth to debate Congress govt's performance

HYDERABAD

BRS Assembly Whip and Quthbullapur MLA KP Vivekanand on Tuesday challenged Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy to publish a white paper on the Congress government's performance during the upcoming Assembly session and conduct a detailed debate on it.

He said the BRS was prepared to bring the Congress government's alleged misgov-

ernance, corruption and exploitation before the public.

Speaking at a press conference at Telangana Bhavan here, Vivekanand said Revanth Reddy had not fulfilled the Six Guarantees even after 1,000 days in office, although he had promised to implement them within 100 days.

The BRS MLA also cited the 13 declarations and 420 promises made by the Congress during its election campaign. He alleged that the

Chief Minister's Office began issuing statements emphasizing the government's achievements after the BRS announced its campaign on the administration's 1,000-day record.

The BRS MLA described the Congress government's 1,000-day tenure as a period of deception. He said the Chief Minister was making contradictory statements and misleading the public with new falsehoods every day.

Global Knowledge Hub in Hyd

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Similarly our meetings with Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), and several other Ivy League and American schools have been positive and our youth will all be able to get education from such global institutions of excellence right here in Hyderabad. Educational courses, certification programs, shared research, setting up centres of excellence, offering programs for professionals of different walks of life, our pioneering efforts will make Hyderabad a global educational powerhouse.

BJP vows to intensify fight against Cong govt

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He raised concerns over delays in salaries, pensions and PRC implementation, besides alleging that Rs.15,000 crore in fee reimbursement dues were affecting nearly 40 lakh students.

Criticising the government initiatives, Rao said HYDRAB, HILT and CURE had created uncertainty among residents, industries and investors. He also questioned the status of various declarations made by Congress before the elections, including the SC/ST, Youth, BC and Rythu declarations. Rao further criticised the government over law and order, attacks on BJP leaders and alleged suppression of opposition activities. He demanded details of investments, industries and employment generated in Telangana. Declaring that the BJP would continue its agitation, Rao said the party would fight "from the streets to the Assembly" and would not retreat despite arrests or police cases.

Is there any connection between the date '26' and natural disasters?

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August 26, 2026 - Thousands of people went missing after the Bhothe Koshi River overflowed in Nepal. October 26, 2015 - The Hindu Kush earthquake claimed 400 lives. May 26, 2006 - The Yogyakarta earthquake killed more than 5,700 people in Indonesia. July 26, 2005 - The Mumbai floods claimed around 1,100 lives across Maharashtra. December 26, 2004 - The Indian Ocean tsunami killed 228,000 people in several countries, including Indonesia, Sri Lanka, India, and Thailand. December 26, 2003 - The Bam earthquake in Iran claimed approximately 31,000 lives. March 25-26, 2002 - Earthquakes in Afghanistan killed up to around 1,800 people. January 26, 2001 - The Gujarat earthquake claimed approximately 20,000 lives.

Key Developments in Telangana Cong...

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Congress sources say discussions with the party high command are likely to cover several issues, including a possible expansion of the state Cabinet, organisational matters within

the party, and recent political developments. However, no official statement has been issued regarding the agenda of the meetings.

Meanwhile, the YSR Awards presentation ceremony is scheduled to be held in Delhi tomorrow.

Several Congress leaders from Telangana are likely to attend the event. With several key leaders arriving in Delhi at the same time, political circles are closely watching the developments taking place within the Telangana Congress.

GITAM Hyderabad Hosts Interactive Session with Eminent Former Indian Navy Officers

HYDERABAD

The Department of Mechanical Engineering, School of Core Engineering, GITAM Deemed to be University, Hyderabad, in association with the Venture Development Cell (VDC) and E-Club, organised an engaging interactive session with two eminent former Indian Navy officers on September 1, 2026.

Commodore B. R. Raju, during his session on "Indian Navy: Leadership, Engineering and Lifelong Learning," shared valuable insights from his distinguished naval career and experiences during the 1965 India-Pakistan war. Recalling his service at sea, he spoke about the challenging experience of spending nearly 20 days underwater near Karachi while closely observing the movements of the Pakistan Navy. He also highlighted the demanding nature of submarine operations and noted that remaining underwater for extended periods requires exceptional endurance, discipline and preparedness. Commodore M. Jitendran, VSM, who played a significant role in shaping the vision and development of INS



Vikrant, India's indigenous aircraft carrier, shared his remarkable journey of transforming an ambitious vision into reality at Cochin Shipyard. During his tenure as Chairman, he oversaw several crucial aspects of the project, although he retired from service before the vessel was formally commissioned. He revealed that nearly 5,000 personnel have received training aboard the aircraft carrier.

Providing students with a glimpse into the complexities of building a modern aircraft carrier, Commodore Jitendran explained the intricate engineering, procurement and assembly processes involved in bringing together

more than five million components. He elaborated on concepts such as LCG, VCG and 3CG and explained how 3D models were used to communicate designs to vendors while maintaining strict controls over access to the actual vessel during the construction process. Emphasising the importance of leadership, Commodore Jitendran said, "A leader should always be at the forefront to accomplish the assigned task." Responding to questions from students and faculty members, he advised budding engineers to focus on developing practical engineering solutions through thorough analysis and innovative thinking. He also encouraged

students to embrace emerging technologies such as Artificial Intelligence (AI), Machine Learning (ML) and Data Science (DS) as tools to enhance their engineering capabilities and problem-solving skills.

The interactive session provided students and faculty members with a rare opportunity to learn directly from two distinguished naval professionals whose careers exemplify leadership, engineering excellence, discipline and lifelong learning. The speakers also responded to a wide range of questions raised by the participants, making the session highly informative and engaging. Prof. Ramesh Vadde, Director, School of Core Engineering, felicitated the distinguished guests. Prof. P. Srinivas, Dr. Fakhreddin Sheikh, Deputy Director, Venture Development Cell, along with faculty members and students, participated in the session.

The programme served as an inspiring platform for students to connect engineering education with real-world challenges and gain valuable perspectives on leadership, innovation, technology and nation-building.

IRCS Telangana to hold elections to 30 district branches on Oct 4

HYDERABAD

The Indian Red Cross Society (IRCS), Telangana State Branch, has decided to conduct elections to the Management Committees of 30 district branches simultaneously on October 4. The decision has been approved by Telangana Governor and President of the Indian Red Cross Society, Telangana State Branch, Shiv Pratap Shukla. The terms of the Management Committees of the 30 district branches have expired and the committees are currently vacant. Additional Collectors have been appointed as Special Officers to oversee the day-to-day functioning of the respective district branches under the supervision of the District Collectors, who are the Presidents of the district branches.

The Telangana State Branch of the Indian Red Cross Society has enrolled more than 66,000 new members during a special membership drive conducted from May to August 2026.

With the addition of the new members, the total membership

of the Telangana State Branch has crossed 1.13 lakh, marking a significant expansion of the Red Cross movement in the State.

Meanwhile, IRCS Telangana State Branch Chairman M. Dana Kishore held a meeting with former office-bearers of the district branches at the Secretariat on Tuesday to discuss the election schedule, guidelines and measures required for the smooth conduct of the elections.

During the meeting, Dana Kishore considered suggestions put forward by the former office-bearers and agreed to incorporate appropriate suggestions in the election process. The election guidelines and schedule, along with the voters' lists, will be sent to the respective District Collectors within the next two days to facilitate the conduct of the elections. Prof. A. Sriramulu, General Secretary and CEO, Indian Red

Cross Society, Telangana State Branch, attended the meeting.

EASTERN RAILWAY

E-Tender Notice No.: W_LLH_07_2026-27, Dated: 26.08.2026. E-Tender (Open Tender) is invited online by Dy. Chief Mechanical Engineer/Elect, C & W Workshop, Eastern Railway, Liluah, Howrah-711204 from Tenderers having technical capabilities for the following work: **Name of the Work:** Stripping, Shifting, Scrubbing, Dusting, Cleaning, Fitment, Painting and other allied works of Electrical Items of ICF & LHB type AC Coaches for 03 years at C&W Workshop, Eastern Railway, Liluah. **Approx. cost of Works:** Rs. 8,51,37,896.60. **Earnest Money:** Rs. 17,02,800/- **Tender Closing Date & Time:** 17.09.2026 at 14.00 hrs. Website where complete Details of Tender is available: www.ireps.gov.in

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Madurai Division

TENDER NOTICE NO: U-E-OT-2026-13 dated 31.08.2026

The Senior Divisional Electrical Engineer/General service/Madurai, for and on behalf of the President of Union of India, invites E-TENDER for the following work. The prospective tenderers/bidders will be able to submit their offers online & upto 14:00 hrs. on 22.09.2026 which is the closing time of the tender. Submission of offers manually is not permissible and manual offers if any, received even within the closing time of the tender, will be summarily rejected.

S. No	Tender No & Name of the Work	App. Tender Value in ₹	Bid Security in ₹	Period of Completion
1	U-E-OT-2026-13-01: DEN/ South/MDU Jurisdiction - Goods shed Improvement works at Virudhunagar stations- Power supply and Lighting arrangements.	28,59,273/-	57,200/-	3 months
2	U-E-OT-2026-13-02: Senior Section Engineer, Dindigul, Madurai and Manamadurai Jurisdiction - Zonal work contract for Electrical Works for a period of 12 Months	71,01,237/-	1,42,000/-	12 months
3	U-E-OT-2026-13-03: Senior Section Engineer, Virudhunagar, Sengottai, Tirunelveli and Tuticorin Jurisdiction - Zonal work contract for Electrical Works for a period of 12 Months	42,68,418/-	85,400/-	12 months

Time & Date of closing: 14:00 & 22.09.2026.
For further details, log on to website at <http://www.ireps.gov.in>.

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e-Tender Notice No STCVSKP-Util/Shift-07001, Date: 29.08.2026

For and on behalf of the President of India, Dy. Chief Signal & Telecom Engineer, Construction, Visakhapatnam, South Coast Railway invites e-bids at website <http://www.ireps.gov.in> for the under mentioned works form the tenderers fulfilling the requisite eligibility criteria.

Name of work: Shifting of infringing Signalling and Telecommunication cables and gears for facilitating Construction/Civil Engineering work in connection with Multitracking works in Visakhapatnam Division of South Coast Railway. **Approx Cost of the work:** Rs.26,62,03,985.87. **Cost of tender document:** Nil. **Earnest Money/Bid Security to be deposited:** Rs.53,24,100.00. **Completion period of the work:** 24 (Twenty Four) Months. **Tender Closing Date, Time:** 29-09-2026 at 16:00 Hrs.

No manual offers sent by Post/Courier/Fax or in person shall be accepted against such e-tenders even if these are submitted on firm's letter head and received in time. All such manual offers shall be considered invalid and shall be rejected summarily without any consideration.

Complete information including e-tender documents of the above e-tender is available in website <http://www.ireps.gov.in>. The prospective tenderers are advised to revisit the website fifteen days before the date of closing of tender to note any changes/corrigenda issued for this tender. The tenderers/bidders must have Class-III Digital Signature Certificate and must be registered on IREPS portal. Only registered tenderer/bidder can participate on e-tendering.

The tenderers should read all instructions to the tenderers carefully and ensure compliance of all instructions including check lists, Para 3.1 (additional check-list) of Tender form (Second sheet) Annexure-I of Chapter 2 of Tender documents.

Dy. Chief Signal & Telecom Engineer/ Construction/Visakhapatnam

No. B/E. CN(GS)/61/II/ RENIGUNTA NJ, Date: 31.08.2026

Chief Electrical Engineer (Construction), South Coast Railway, Visakhapatnam, invites e-tender on behalf of the President of India for the following works in a single packet system of tendering:

SI. No. 1, NIT No.: Tender No. 04-2026-2027-E-GS-CN-GTL. **Name of the work:** Electrical Construction/ GTL - Electrical arrangements for Pre-NI and NI for RENIGUNTA yard Modification works: Provision of Temporary un-interrupted power supply & Lighting arrangements for a period of approximately 47 days in connection with Pre-NI/NI working including Provision of Electrical arrangements for RRI Cabin in connection with RU Yard modification works at RENIGUNTA Station., **Details: Estimate Cost:** Rs. 2,35,58,857.51, **EMD:** Rs.4,71,200.00, **Tender Document Cost:** Nil, **Completion period:** 06 (Six) months, **Date of closing:** 21/09/2026 at 15:00 hrs.

1. For bid document and other details, please login to website <http://www.ireps.gov.in>

2. The Bid Security/EMD shall be deposited either in cash through e-payment gateway in IREPS or submitted as Bank Guarantee bond in favour of FA&CAO/C/VSKP from a scheduled commercial bank of India or as mentioned in tender documents. The Bank Guarantee bond shall be as per Annexure-VIA and shall be valid for a period of 120 days beyond the bid validity period.

3. Tenderer can submit their offers online during tender submission period which is fifteen days period to closing of tender.

4. Tenderer should watch for any Corrigenda (issued online only) upto the date of commencement of the Tender submission period.

Chief Electrical Engineer/Construction/ SCOR-A277 Visakhapatnam

For further tender conditions/ details and for downloading the tender documents, please visit the website at <https://www.ireps.gov.in>.

Former Corporator Madhavaram Ranga Rao Participates in SIR Meeting in Serilingampally Assembly Constituency



Ensuring ECI-aligned transparency, voter awareness, and proper guidance on Notices & Form-6

MEDCHAL-MALKAJGIRI

Former corporator Madhavaram Ranga Rao participated in a meeting held under the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) programme in the Serilingampally Assembly constituency, organized under the leadership of ERO Amit Narayan and attended along with BRS leaders.

Addressing the meeting, Madhavaram Ranga Rao said that the SIR programme must be carried out in a fair, transparent, and voter-friendly manner, fully in line with the Election Commission of India (ECI) guidelines. He requested that special training be pro-

vided to Booth Level Officers (BLOs) and staff so they can clearly understand the notices being issued to voters and ensure correct procedures are followed.

He emphasized that voters who receive notices should not be called to offices in a way that causes inconvenience or hardship. Instead, he urged that BLOs visit voters at their homes, deliver the notices properly, and collect necessary details as per the election process. He added that it is important to create confidence among the public so that the SIR exercise does not lead to fear or confusion among voters.

Ranga Rao further requested clarity regarding Form-6. He asked officers to ensure that people are clearly informed about what documents are required when submitting Form-6, so voters do not face uncer-

tainty or delays due to lack of information.

In addition, he said that the list of voters to whom notices are being issued under SIR should be properly compiled, and the ASDD list should be shared with the representatives of recognized political parties, as part of transparency and effective monitoring.

"The SIR process should be conducted transparently and without causing any inconvenience to voters. It is the primary responsibility of election officials to educate voters clearly so that there is no fear or misunderstanding," Ranga Rao said.

The meeting reaffirmed the commitment to conduct SIR as per ECI norms, ensuring smooth communication, accurate verification, and transparency throughout the revision work.

University of Birmingham Representative calls for collaboration with Telangana Universities



HYDERABAD

Professor Mark Lee, Professor of Artificial Intelligence, Deputy Pro-Vice-Chancellor (India), University of Birmingham and Mr. Devesh Anand, Regional Director - South Asia and Middle East, University of Birmingham, Birmingham Global met Prof. V. Balakista Reddy, Chairman, TGCHE. The University of Birmingham is around 125 years old and has a strong presence in the field of climate change, environment and sustainability studies beside their prominence in the domain of sports science, medicine in the world.

The agenda of the discussion was to identify potential collaboration with public universities in Telangana including student and faculty mobility, joint research projects, identifiesuitable partners in Telangana, focusing on multi-disciplinary, technology-oriented, and

skill-oriented courses, exploring emerging technologies and clean energy, developing AI Governance and Ethical modules, Entrepreneurship and Industry engagement and joint research and Publications.

Further, Prof. Reddy briefed the visitors about the innovative measures taken by the TGCHE to address the demands of the global market through introduction of new curriculum with mandatory internships, experiential learning, inclusion of technology centric courses in undergraduate courses. Prof. Reddy also emphasized on research and innovation initiatives through industry-academia collaborations. Prof. Reddy also invited the University of Birmingham to set up its India campus in Hyderabad and invited them to participate in the upcoming Rising Telangana Summit in December at Bharat Future City, in Telangana.

ICAR-NAARM marks 51st foundation day, unveils roadmap for agri leadership

HYDERABAD

The Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) - National Academy of Agricultural Research Management (NAARM) celebrated its 51st Foundation Day, focusing on agricultural leadership, innovation, digital transformation and capacity building for a sustainable agri-food future.

Padma Bhushan Dr. R. S. Paroda, former Director General of ICAR and chief guest, called for NAARM to transition from an institution primarily focused on training researchers to one that nurtures agricultural leaders. He stressed institutional partnerships, teamwork, systems thinking and continuous transformation. ICAR Secretary (DARE) and Director General Dr. Mangi Lal Jat emphasised investment in human capital, digital literacy and managerial skills, besides demand-driven training and stronger collaboration with agricultural universities and research institutions.

The celebrations, held with the theme "Agricultural entrepreneurship for Viksit Bharat @ 2047", also highlighted AI, MOOCs, digital learning and agri-entrepreneurship. Publications and policy papers on resilient agriculture and 5G-powered farming were released, while the Farmers Vault portal and NAARM Library App were launched to improve access to agricultural knowledge.

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TAKES

Plea for 'jalasiri' fish ponds to fishermen

HYDERABAD: Telangana Gangaputra Sangam has requested the Government to give preference to the traditional fishermen families in the allocation of fish ponds under the 'Jalasiri' program in the State. TGS state secretary T Rajesh Khanna Gangaputra today submitted a representation in this regard to the State Planning Committee vice-chairman and State Prajavani in-charge Dr. G Chinna Reddy at the 'Prajavani' program at Mahatma Jyotirao Phule Prajabhavan. Khanna stated that in the background of the State Government's decision to construct 50,000 ponds and lakes under 'Jalasiri', providing an opportunity to the traditional fishermen would help them earn livelihood.

Bhatti hands over Rs. 1 crore accident insurance to kin of deceased TRANSCO employee

HYDERABAD: Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka on Tuesday handed over a cheque for Rs.1 crore towards accident insurance to Boda Swathi, wife of Shankar Reddy, a Grade-II employee who died accidentally while on duty under the jurisdiction of the TRANSCO Huzurabad 132/11 KV Sub-Station. The cheque was handed over at Praja Bhavan on Tuesday. Shankar Reddy, who was performing his duties in the Huzurabad area, lost his life on October 1, 2025, due to an electrical short circuit while on duty. In view of the incident, Bhatti Vikramarka personally handed over the Rs.1 crore accident insurance cheque to his wife, Boda Swathi.

Employees Step Up Fight for OPS

Black Badge Protest Marks September 1 as 'Pension Protest Day' in Karimnagar

KARIMNAGAR

Government employees in Karimnagar renewed their demand for scrapping the Contributory Pension Scheme (CPS) and restoring the Old Pension Scheme (OPS), asserting that pension is a right and not a concession. Observing September 1 as 'Pension Protest Day', employees wore black badges while attending their duties and staged protests during the lunch break to highlight their concerns over the existing pension system. Karimnagar Employees JAC chairman Daram Srinivas Reddy and convener Madipalli Kali Charan Goud said employees who have dedicated decades of service to the government deserve social and financial security after retirement. "Pension is an employee's right, not alms, charity or ex-gratia," they said, de-



manding that the government provide a guaranteed pension system to employees.

Retirement Security Cannot Depend on Market Trends

The JAC leaders questioned the practice of linking the retirement security of employees who joined government service after 2004 to market conditions.

While employees who entered government service before 2004 were covered by a guaranteed pension system, the retirement benefits of subsequent recruits depend largely on market-linked contributions, they said.

Leaving the financial fu-

ture of employees to fluctuations in the stock market was not in the spirit of social security, they argued. They urged the government to take necessary legal and policy measures to restore OPS for all employees recruited after 2004.

Clarity Sought on Contributions

The leaders also demanded a clear policy on the contributions collected from employees under CPS over the past two decades. They sought measures to protect the interests of employees and ensure clarity on their accumulated contributions and future benefits. They urged

the government to bring necessary legal amendments to provisions of the PFRDA Act and take steps towards implementing OPS by scrapping CPS for employees who joined government service after 2004.

Implement Assurances, Employees Warn

The JAC leaders said the State JAC had held several rounds of discussions with ministers and senior officials and submitted representations on various employee issues. However, several assurances had not been implemented in full, they alleged.

They urged the government to fulfil the assurances



BRS MLA hits back at Kavitha, says KCR knew his actions

NIZAMABAD

Former Minister and Balkonda BRS MLA Vemula Prashanth Reddy on Tuesday hit back at former MLC and TRS founder K. Kavitha over her allegations against him, asserting that his only intention was to unite the family and not create a rift.

Prashanth Reddy said Kavitha should first recognise who stood by her father and former Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao during difficult times and questioned whether she had considered the mental anguish her father was undergoing because of the ongoing family and political differences. He maintained that KCR, the BRS chief and Telangana movement leader, was fully aware of his actions and that action was taken against Kavitha only after she crossed the party line.

Reiterating his association with the party, Prashanth Reddy said his father Vemula Surender Reddy and he were among the founding members of the erstwhile TRS and had been associated with the party even before the Telangana movement began in 2001. "Prashanth Reddy is synonymous with BRS, and BRS is synonymous with Prashanth Reddy. Kavitha entered the scene later and left later", he



said. Rejecting Kavitha's allegation that he had held talks with the Congress, Prashanth Reddy said he had not discussed politics with anyone in the Congress and challenged Kavitha to clarify whether she could make a similar claim regarding her own alleged talks with Congress leaders.

He said people were aware of who was fighting against Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy both inside and outside the Assembly and at the district level. He also urged Kavitha not to make baseless allegations that could damage the reputations of long-standing party leaders for personal or political interests. Prashanth Reddy accused Kavitha of deliberately targeting leaders who had been associated with the BRS since its inception and said she had no justification for levelling unsubstantiated allegations against them.

Uttarakhand media delegation begins Hyd press tour

HYDERABAD

A 15-member media delegation from Uttarakhand, led by PIB Dehradun Assistant Director Sanjeev Sundriyal, is undertaking a Hyderabad Press Tour from August 31 to September 4 to gain first-hand exposure to key development initiatives of the Central Government in Telangana.

On the first day, the delegation visited the Press Information Bureau (PIB), Hyderabad, and interacted with Smt. Shruti Patil, ADG, PIB Hyderabad, Dr. Manas Krishnakanth, Joint Director, and other officials.

Shruti Patil briefed the journalists on Telangana's evolving media landscape and the communication and outreach initiatives of PIB and the



Central Bureau of Communication (CBC). She emphasised the role of journalists in development-oriented communication and encouraged the delegates to share their Hyderabad experiences with people in Uttarakhand.

The delegation also visited the Indian National Centre for Ocean Information Services (INCOIS), under the Ministry of Earth Sciences, where officials briefed them on ocean monitoring, forecasting, the Tsunami Early Warning System and dissemination of

alerts. During the remaining days, the journalists are scheduled to visit the National Institute of Nutrition (NIN), ESIC Hospital and an exhibition showcasing Telangana's handlooms and handicrafts. The visits will offer insights into nutrition research, public healthcare, social security and the promotion of traditional crafts.

The cultural itinerary includes visits to the Salar Jung Museum, Charminar and Laad Bazaar, providing the delegation an opportunity to explore Hyderabad's rich historical and cultural heritage. The tour, which concludes on September 4, aims to showcase both Telangana's development initiatives and Hyderabad's distinctive cultural legacy to the visiting journalists.

"Healthy Child, Healthy India": MP Laxman calls for nutrition revolution

HYDERABAD

Rajya Sabha BJP MP Dr. K. Laxman on Tuesday called for greater public participation in the fight against malnutrition, saying that building a healthy nation begins with ensuring the health and fitness of every child.

Addressing a gathering after inaugurating the five-day Integrated Communication and Outreach Programme (ICOP) on POSHAN MAAH - 2026, organised by the Central Bureau of Communication (CBC), Ministry of Information & Broadcasting, at AV College Grounds, Gagan Mahal. POSHAN MAAH is a nationwide annual nutrition month observed every September.

Describing the nutrition exhibition as informative and thought-provoking, Dr. Laxman urged the students and youth to become volunteers and take awareness messages on proper nutrition to families and disadvantaged communities. He stressed the need to address anaemia, underweight, overweight, obesity and growth-related problems.

Highlighting the reach of government nutrition initiatives, he referred to digital



monitoring of nearly 14 lakh Anganwadi centres covering around nine crore children, besides hot cooked meals being provided to nearly 12 crore children through more than 11 lakh schools.

Further, the BJP MP said the proportion of children experiencing growth-related setbacks in Telangana had declined from 33 percent to 27 percent, attributing the improvement to the efforts of Anganwadi and frontline workers and government support.

He also advocated greater

consumption of millets and traditional foods, while encouraging students to explore nutrition-based innovation and entrepreneurship. Calling upon youth to become job creators rather than only job seekers, he highlighted the growing opportunities in India's start-up ecosystem.

Emphasising that nutrition must go hand in hand with fitness, Dr. Laxman urged youngsters to embrace sports, yoga and regular physical activity.

Shruti Patil, ADG, PIB/

CBC, said nutrition was closely linked to health, productivity, learning and quality of life. She highlighted CBC's efforts to carry credible nutrition messages to grassroots communities through exhibitions and traditional art forms including Oggukatha and Yakshaganam.

The programme, being held from September 1 to 5, features around 40 nutrition panels, expert talks, IEC stalls, demonstrations and folk-art performances, including Oggukatha, Street Play/Kolam and Yakshaganam.

ANPR cameras, AI technology to make transport surveillance smarter: Ponnamp

HYDERABAD

Transport Minister Ponnamp Prabhakar said steps have been initiated to install 60 Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) cameras to detect traffic violations in the State.

He said the government has also formulated a plan to make surveillance in the transport system more effective by leveraging Artificial Intelligence (AI) technology.

Speaking to the media here on Tuesday, the Minister said 113 Assistant Motor Vehicle Inspectors (AMVIs), 50 constables, 20 junior assistants and four Motor Vehicle Inspectors (MVIs) had been appointed in the Transport department.

He said check-posts had been abolished in the Transport department to prevent harassment, while enforcement teams had been strengthened across the districts.

Ponnamp Prabhakar said the Telangana State Road Transport Corporation (TGSRTC)



was not merely a transport organisation but a lifeline for the poor and middle-class sections of society. He said that just as the Railways played a crucial role in the lives of people across the country, the RTC had a significant role in the daily lives of people in Telangana.

The Minister appreciated the

efforts of drivers, conductors and other employees in striving to make the RTC one of the best public transport organisations in the country.

He said that under the leadership of Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy and with the support of Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka, the



government was sanctioning the funds required for the Transport department and was committed to further strengthening the RTC.

Ponnamp Prabhakar asserted that, with the dedicated efforts of employees, efficient performance of officials and supportive government policies, the RTC would be transformed into the No. 1 public transport organisation in the country in the future. Special Chief Secretary (Transport) Vikas Raj, TGSRTC MD Y. Nagi Reddy, Transport Commissioner Ilambarthi, JTC Chandrasekar Goud and others participated in the meeting.

Weapons Missing from Bolarum Army Facility; Insider Role Suspected

■ Four AK-47 rifles, six pistols, an INSAS rifle and ammunition are reportedly missing from a restricted storage room.

MEDCHAL-MALKAJGIRI

A security breach was reported at the Madras Regiment premises in Bolarum after several service weapons and ammunition were found missing from a secured storage room.

The incident is suspected to have occurred on Sunday night and came to light when Army personnel inspected the room and found its door and lock damaged. A complaint was filed with the Bolarum police on Monday, following which a theft case was registered.

According to preliminary



information, the missing weapons include four AK-47 rifles, six pistols and an INSAS rifle, along with ammunition. Officials have not yet publicly confirmed the complete inventory, though reports indicate that around 12 weapons may be missing.

The weapons were stored in

a restricted section accessible only to authorised personnel. Police and Army authorities are examining how the suspects entered the facility and removed the firearms.

The area has reportedly been sealed, and personnel, security guards and others with access to the premises

are being questioned. Investigators are reviewing entry and exit records, as well as CCTV footage from the regiment and nearby areas.

Authorities are also examining the possibility of insider involvement, given the security arrangements at the facility. Investigators are trying to determine how the weapons and ammunition were removed without immediately raising an alarm and whether more than one person was involved.

Senior officers of the Malkajgiri Commissionerate are supervising the police investigation, while the Army is conducting a parallel internal inquiry. The teams are working to establish the sequence of events, identify those responsible and trace the missing weapons.

Former Navy officers inspire GITAM Hyd students on leadership & engg

HYDERABAD

GITAM Deemed to be University, Hyderabad, hosted an interactive session with two eminent former Indian Navy officers, offering students insights into naval operations, engineering, leadership and lifelong learning.

Commodore B. R. Raju spoke on "Indian Navy: Leadership, Engineering and Lifelong Learning", recalling his experiences during the 1965 India-Pakistan war, including nearly 20 days spent underwater near Karachi while monitoring Pakistan Navy movements. He highlighted the discipline, endurance

and preparedness required for submarine operations.

Commodore M. Jitendran, VSM, who played a key role in the development of India's indigenous aircraft carrier INS Vikrant, explained the engineering, procurement and assembly challenges involved in the massive project. He said nearly 5,000 personnel were trained aboard the carrier and described the complexities of assembling more than five million components.

Urging students to develop practical engineering solutions, Jitendran stressed the importance of analysis, innovation and leadership. He also

encouraged budding engineers to use emerging technologies such as Artificial Intelligence, Machine Learning and Data Science to strengthen their problem-solving capabilities. "A leader should always be at the forefront to accomplish the assigned task", he noted.

The session was organised by the Department of Mechanical Engineering, School of Core Engineering, in association with the Venture Development Cell and E-Club. Prof. Ramesh Vadde, Director, School of Core Engineering, felicitated the guests. Faculty members and students actively participated in the interaction.

Odisha Lok Bhavan Becomes Country’s First Governor House to Earn IGBC Platinum Certification

Bhubaneswar, September 1: Odisha Lok Bhavan, the Governor House in Bhubaneswar, has achieved the prestigious IGBC Platinum Certification under the Indian Green Building Council (IGBC) Green Campus Ratings, becoming the first Governor House campus in the country to receive the recognition.

The certification plaque was handed over to Odisha Governor Shri Hari Babu Kambhampati by C. Shekar Reddy, National Chairman of IGBC, at a joint press conference held at Lok Bhavan on Monday. The event was attended by the Minister of Works, Law and Excise, Government of Odisha, along with Principal Secretaries of the Energy and Environment departments.

Lok Bhavan secured an impressive 88 out of 100 points, placing it among the highest-rated green campuses in the country. The campus has maintained more than 80 per cent green cover, with 2,374 trees belonging to 72 species documented on the premises.

The campus has also achieved a 35 per cent reduction in water consumption through efficient water-management measures, including comprehensive rainwater harvesting and groundwater recharge systems.

In the renewable energy sector, Lok Bhavan has an installed solar power capacity of 635 kWp and has recorded an Energy Performance Index of 50.57 kWh per square metre per year.

The green campus initiatives extend to waste management, with 100 per cent treatment and reuse of organic waste and complete diversion of dry waste from landfills. The campus has also adopted electric vehicle-based internal mobility and developed EV charging infrastructure.

The IGBC certification marks a significant milestone in Odisha's efforts towards sustainable infrastructure and demonstrates the potential for government campuses to adopt environmentally responsible practices while maintaining operational efficiency.

Jagan Calls for Full-Scale Battle in Local Body Polls

Pulivendula (Andhra Pradesh), September 1: YSR Congress Party president and former Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy on Tuesday called upon party leaders and cadre to treat the forthcoming local body elections as a major political challenge and prepare to contest every seat, leaving no scope for uncontested victories.

During his visit to Pulivendula, Jagan held a Praja Darbar at the Bhakarapuram camp office, where a large number of party leaders, workers, supporters and members of the public met him and submitted their grievances. He patiently heard their concerns and interacted with party leaders on local political developments, organisational issues and the party's strategy for the upcoming elections.

Jagan directed the party cadre to strengthen the organisation from the village level, maintain continuous contact with the people and stand by them in resolving their problems. He said candidates should be identified well in advance and preparations



should begin early to ensure that the YSRCP contests every local body seat.

He cautioned that any attempt to misuse official power or the police machinery to threaten opposition candidates and party workers must be faced firmly and collectively. Jagan assured the cadre that the party would stand by them in every possible way.

The YSRCP president asked party leaders to take to every household the welfare and development initiatives undertaken during the previous YSRCP government. He specifically highlighted village

secretariats, the volunteer system, Nadu-Nedu, expansion of AarogyaSri, education reforms and various measures taken in support of farmers, women, students and economically weaker sections.

Jagan also directed party leaders to highlight what he described as the coalition government's failure to honour its election promises and to raise issues concerning the hardships being faced by people across the state.

He urged the cadre to remain continuously among the people, fight for their issues and remind voters of the wel-

fare and development initiatives implemented during the YSRCP government.

“Stay among the people, fight for their issues and remind them of the good done during YSRCP rule. If we do this, victory in the local body elections will not be difficult,” Jagan told the party cadre.

The former Chief Minister's remarks come as the YSRCP begins preparations for the forthcoming local body elections, with the party focusing on strengthening its grass-

roots organisation and mobilising its cadre across villages and local constituencies.

Hazare's Condition Stable: Doctor

Mumbai, September 1: Social activist Anna Hazare's condition is currently stable and he is responding well to treatment, his doctor Dr Gautam Bhansali said on Tuesday.

Hazare was admitted to Bombay Hospital on Monday night after suffering from viral fever for nearly a month, along with bouts of loose stools. He had previously undergone treatment at a hospital in Shirur, near Ralegan Siddhi.

Dr Bhansali, Consultant Physician and Infectious Disease Specialist, said Hazare was shifted to Mumbai after his infection worsened slightly and showed early indications of affecting his kidneys.

“He was completely stable at the time of admission, though he was experiencing some weakness and fatigue. We have started the appropriate treatment and he is showing significant improvement and responding well,” Bhansali said.

The doctor said Hazare has been kept in a special ward and there was no need for ICU admission. Medical teams have conducted tests including a 2D echocardiogram, while urine tests and infection screenings are underway.

The complete test reports are expected within



three to four days, following which doctors will decide on the next course of treatment.

Bhansali said Hazare is currently eating and drinking comfortably and remains stable.

He also said Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnis had called after Hazare's admission and again on Tuesday to enquire about his health. Maharashtra Minister Chandrashekhar Bawankule assured that the state government would take all necessary steps to support Hazare's recovery, including ensuring medical check-ups and the availability of specialist doctors.

Hazare, widely known for his anti-corruption and social reform campaigns, gained nationwide prominence during the 2011 anti-corruption movement, when he undertook a hunger strike demanding a strong Lokpal law.

Karnataka Declare 101 Taluks Drought-Affected

Mysuru, September 1: Karnataka Deputy Chief Minister and Revenue Minister G Parameshwara on Tuesday said 101 taluks have been declared drought-affected under Central government norms, adding that the situation will be reviewed again after a week to identify additional areas that meet the prescribed criteria. Parameshwara, who inspected drought-affected areas in Hunsur taluk of Mysuru district, said the state government would assess the situation before deciding on relief measures for farmers.

He said declaring an area drought-affected under state norms alone would not make it eligible for Central assistance, as drought declaration and relief have to follow Union government guidelines.

“We have declared 101 taluks as drought-affected. We will review the situation again after a week, and any additional areas that meet the prescribed criteria will also be declared drought-affected,” he said. Speaking to reporters after inspecting affected areas at Kattimalavadi village, Parameshwara said Karnataka would submit a comprehensive drought memorandum to the Union government within the next two weeks.

He said Central teams would subsequently visit

the state to assess the situation, following which relief funds could be released. “We will not receive any drought relief from the Centre before this,” he said. Parameshwara said Chief Minister Siddaramaiah was inspecting drought-affected areas in Gadag, while he was reviewing the situation in Mysuru. Following the Chief Minister's directions, ministers have been visiting districts assigned to them to assess the drought situation. After the inspections are completed, the government will review the overall situation and decide on assistance for farmers and measures related to crop insurance, he said.

The Deputy Chief Minister said maize crops in the region had been affected by Downy Mildew, which is currently not covered under crop insurance. He said the government would hold discussions with insurance companies to explore possible assistance.

Referring to weather forecasts, Parameshwara said international climate reports indicated that rainfall could largely cease by the first or second week of September. He attributed the unusual situation to El Nino and said the government could not be certain about further rainfall.

On cloud seeding, he said the government had already

issued orders and a technical team was preparing for the exercise. While experts believe it may not produce heavy rainfall, even light showers could benefit crops, he said. Regarding tobacco crop losses in Hunsur and Periyapatna taluks, Parameshwara said more than 16,000 hectares had been affected in Hunsur alone this season.

Asked whether the state government would provide compensation for commercial crops not covered under Central norms, he said the matter would be discussed with the Chief Minister and in the Cabinet before deciding on assistance.

He said the government would examine the situation comprehensively, noting that if 16,000 hectares had been affected in one taluk, neighbouring taluks could also face similar losses.

On complaints regarding leaking Revenue Department buildings in Hunsur, Parameshwara said he would seek a report from the Deputy Commissioner and examine any proposal for construction of a new building. Hunsur MLA Harish Gowda, KR Nagar MLA Ravishankar, former MLA HP Manjunath, Deputy Commissioner Lakshmikanth Reddy, the Tahsildar and Agriculture Department officials were present during the inspection.

Assam CM Launches Support for Youth, Flood-Affected Families

Guwahati, September 1: Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma on Tuesday extended financial assistance to students and fresh graduates under the CM-FLIGHT and Chief Minister's Jibon Prerana schemes, while also releasing the fourth phase of interim flood assistance to affected families.

The Chief Minister released Rs 15,000 per household through Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) to 16,746 flood-affected families in Sivasagar, Charaideo and Jorhat districts. A total of Rs 25.12 crore was transferred in this phase. With this, the state government has provided Rs 175.64 crore in interim flood assistance to 1,17,095 households.

Speaking at a programme at Lok Sewa Bhawan, Sarma said CM-FLIGHT aims to equip Assam's youth with foreign language skills and improve their prospects for overseas employment. Financial assistance was provided to institutions including ASEAN Assam Academy, MIRAI Japanese Learning Centre and Jaxec Ventures LLP.

Under the scheme, students undergoing prescribed training are eligible for Rs 1 lakh, while those who successfully

complete training and secure placement receive an additional Rs 50,000 as post-placement assistance.

Sarma said the changing global workforce scenario had created new opportunities for skilled youth from Assam, particularly in countries such as Japan and Singapore. He urged young people to acquire skills that would improve their employability both in India and abroad.

Under the Chief Minister's Jibon Prerana Scheme, financial assistance was released to 47,505 Aadhaar-linked fresh graduates. Each eligible graduate receives Rs 2,500 per month for 12 months. The government has also decided to release assistance for April to July 2026, which was delayed due to the Model Code of Conduct during the Assembly elections. The Chief Minister said around 1,000 additional beneficiaries would receive assistance after resolving Aadhaar-related issues. He noted that 48,366 fresh graduates benefited from the scheme in 2025, helping them prepare for competitive examinations and pursue entrepreneurial opportunities.

Sarma also announced plans to select five GNM institutes

initially to train nurses in English and Japanese, along with their professional skills, to help them pursue overseas employment opportunities.

On flood relief, Sarma said the government had taken several measures beyond direct financial assistance, including support related to bank moratoriums and insurance claims. Around Rs 330 crore has been spent on flood reconstruction and related works, including restoration of Anganwadi centres, Namghars, schools and other infrastructure.

He said the state had established a new benchmark in flood relief and rehabilitation in Sivasagar, Charaideo, Jorhat and Golaghat, and that the same approach would be followed in Gohpur and other affected areas.

Sarma said several more initiatives for youth development and skilling were in the pipeline. He urged young people to remain patient, determined and focused while making use of emerging opportunities.

The programme was attended by Skill Development Minister Biswajit Daimary, Revenue Minister Keshab Mahanta, Chief Secretary Dr Ravi Kota, senior government officials and students.

‘Most Corrupt Government’

Kumaraswamy Backs Karnataka Padayatra, Hails India’s Growth

New Delhi, September 1: Union Minister HD Kumaraswamy on Tuesday launched a sharp attack on the Congress-led Karnataka government, describing it as the “worst and most corrupt government” in the political and administrative history of the state.

Kumaraswamy was speaking to ANI about the 10-day JDS-BJP Padayatra that began in Karnataka on Tuesday. He said the march would be held across the northern parts of the state and was aimed at highlighting the alleged failures of the ruling Congress government.

10-Day Padayatra Begins

“From today, they have started the Padayatra. They will be conducting the Padayatra for ten days in the northern part of Karnataka. In the history of Karnataka politics and administration, this is the worst and most corrupt government,” Kumaraswamy said.

He said the Padayatra was intended to send a message across the country and, more importantly, to “save Karnataka”.

“The Padayatra has been started

to send a message to the country and, more importantly, to save Karnataka. For that reason, the Padayatra started today,” he said.

Kumaraswamy Hails GDP Growth

Kumaraswamy also praised India's economic performance under Prime Minister Narendra Modi, particularly the 7.8 per cent GDP growth recorded in the first quarter of financial year 2026-27.

He described the growth figure as a major achievement of the Modi government despite the challenges facing the global economy.

“The Finance Ministry's achievement of crossing 7.8 per cent GDP growth under the leadership of the Prime Minister is a great achievement,” Kumaraswamy said.

He said India was continuing to register strong economic growth despite several challenges, including the ongoing war and global uncertainties.

“Even though we are facing several problems and this war is going on, we are facing all these challenges in a big way. Even in this challenging situation, we are crossing 7.8 per cent GDP growth in the first quarter of 2026-

27,” he said.

Predicts 10% GDP Growth

The Union Minister further expressed confidence that India's economic growth could cross 10 per cent by the end of financial year 2027. Rejecting criticism that the Indian economy was weakening, Kumaraswamy said the economy was growing and was on course to achieve record GDP growth. “No, the Indian economy is not a dead economy. It is growing. It is going to reach record GDP growth this year,” he said. Kumaraswamy also predicted a decline in the political fortunes of the Congress, saying the party would become a “zero party” in the future.

Vijayendra Targets Congress

Earlier on Tuesday, BJP Karnataka president BY Vijayendra visited the Sri Amreshwara Temple in Lingasur and offered prayers ahead of the BJP's padyatra.

Vijayendra said the party's campaign against the Congress government would continue even after the 10-day march concludes.

Speaking to the media after offering prayers at the temple in Gurugunta, he

said the padyatra could conclude on September 10, but the BJP's political fight against the ruling government would continue.

“The fight against the corrupt, anti-people, anti-Dalit, and anti-development Congress government has begun. The padyatra may end on the 10th, but the fight against this government will continue,” Vijayendra said.

BJP Vows to Continue Fight

Vijayendra said the BJP would use the next one-and-a-half to two years to highlight what it described as the failures of the Congress government. He expressed confidence that a BJP-led NDA government would return to power in Karnataka. “We will uproot this government completely. Our fight will continue till then. In future, our BJP-led NDA government should come to power,” he said. The 10-day JDS-BJP Padayatra is expected to provide the opposition alliance with a platform to intensify its political campaign against the Congress government in Karnataka, while also seeking to mobilise support ahead of the next electoral battle.

Kharge Accuses BJP of ‘Vote Theft’

New Delhi, September 1: Congress president and Leader of Opposition in the Rajya Sabha Mallikarjun Kharge on Tuesday accused the BJP of “vote theft” and alleged that the party was attempting to “hollow out Indian democracy” by influencing electoral rolls.

In a post on X, Kharge alleged that voters were being added in places where it benefited the BJP and deleted from electoral rolls where their presence was inconvenient.

Targeting the Election Commission, Kharge alleged that instead of acting as the guardian of free and fair elections, it was functioning as a “Save BJP's Seat Commission”.

Citing Maharashtra, Kharge claimed that the number of voters had increased sharply between the Lok Sabha and Assembly elections and alleged that 2.07 crore voters were now missing from the draft electoral roll.

He also referred to West Bengal, claiming that 91 per cent of names deleted from the electoral rolls were subsequently restored following appeals. Kharge questioned whether the deletions were

carried out during the election period to benefit the BJP.

Kharge alleged that a similar situation was emerging in Delhi, claiming that voter numbers were increased before the Assembly elections, while the names of 47.56 lakh voters were now missing from the draft electoral roll. He further alleged that notices were being prepared for another 33 lakh voters.

The Congress president also claimed that party workers in Telangana and Karnataka were facing similar issues.

“The nation is now uniting against vote theft. The country has understood the BJP's conspiracy. The thief has been caught. The punishment for holding democracy hostage is inevitable!” Kharge said.

The Congress has repeatedly raised concerns over electoral rolls and the functioning of the Election Commission.

Congress leader Rahul Gandhi also renewed the party's “vote theft” allegations on Tuesday, accusing the BJP and the Election Commission of changing their tactics while pursuing what he described as a common objective.

“Has Agriculture or Youth Benefited?”

New Delhi, September 1: Congress leader Pawan Khera on Tuesday questioned the Union Government over India's 7.8 per cent real GDP growth in the first quarter of FY27, asking whether the headline economic expansion has translated into tangible benefits for agriculture, youth and other key sections of the economy. Speaking to ANI, the Congress spokesperson questioned the government's economic narrative and contrasted its celebration of GDP growth with appeals to citizens to cut spending and save money.

“On one hand, they say, ‘Look at the GDP of a single quarter and applaud.’ On the other, they say, ‘Don't buy gold, don't host lavish weddings.’” Khera said, also questioning the government's advice to citizens against overseas travel.

Khera argued that the impact of economic growth should be assessed through its effect on people's lives. He cited issues including inflation, employment, manufacturing and the condition of the agriculture, MSME and unorganised sectors.



EDITORIAL

Reframing Regional
Realities: The Bishkek
Imperative

At the 26th Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) summit in Bishkek, Prime Minister Narendra Modi delivered a clear blueprint for regional stability and economic integration. In an international landscape fractured by ongoing conflicts, supply-chain vulnerabilities, and systemic trust deficits, the Prime Minister’s address presented a strategic recalibration of Eurasia’s shared priorities. Moving beyond multilateral generalities, the speech articulated a pragmatism grounded in three pillars: Security, Connectivity, and Opportunity. The cornerstone of PM Modi’s address was an uncompromising posture on regional security. In explicit terms, India called for dismantling the entire ecosystem of terrorism—singling out terrorist financing, radicalization networks, cross-border recruitment, and safe havens. Crucially, the speech confronted the persistent scourge of “double standards” in international counter-terrorism efforts, reiterating that state-sponsored terrorism can no longer be tolerated or treated as a strategic asset. For the SCO, an organization originally founded to combat the “three evils” of terrorism, separatism, and extremism, this emphasis served as a necessary reminder that economic progress remains fragile without complete security synchronization.

Equally significant was India’s framing of regional connectivity. While acknowledging the urgent need for modernized infrastructure, trade routes, and logistics networks across Central Asia, the Prime Minister reinforced the essential principle that true connectivity must respect sovereignty and territorial integrity. This distinction matters. Connectivity projects must not create unsustainable debt burdens or unilateral strategic corridors; instead, they should be inclusive, transparent, and mutually beneficial. India’s ongoing engagement with regional transport networks, alongside its commitment to expanding trade with Central and West Asian partners, demonstrates a desire to link Eurasian markets fairly and sustainably. Beyond security and trade, the Bishkek address stood out for its focus on human-centric development. By proposing a shift toward measurable outcomes—spanning scientific exchanges, youth startup forums, digital documentation, and civilizational dialogue—India signaled that multilateral groupings must directly benefit ordinary citizens. In an era where geopolitical discourse is often dominated by great-power rivalry, prioritizing farmers, entrepreneurs, and young innovators grounds SCO cooperation in tangible economics rather than pure statecraft. Finally, the context of the summit highlighted India’s distinct role as a bridge-builder. In bilateral discussions on the sidelines, PM Modi reaffirmed that dialogue and diplomacy remain the only viable paths to resolving active global conflicts, stressing that protracted instability damages the energy security and supply lines of the Global South above all. The Bishkek speech was not merely an assertion of India’s foreign policy principles; it was a pragmatic call to action for Eurasia. As global institutions face rising cynicism, the SCO’s future effectiveness will depend on whether member states act on these principles—rejecting double standards on security, building equitable trade channels, and putting collective regional prosperity ahead of narrow geopolitical posturing.



WHAT IS IN THIS GIFT?

Sir... This is My Gift!	their unfinished story still walks with me.
A few English letters... A touch of affection... Is that all?	Times have changed. Generations have changed. Faces have changed.
No, Sir...	But the address of love, written in our blood, has never changed.
Within it live three generations framed not merely in photographs, but in memory.	Yesterday—my grandparent. Today—my father. Tomorrow—I carry them forward.
My grandparent the root that still breathes beneath our family tree... My father the branch that rose from that root, watering our tomorrow with the sweat of his yesterday...	Three generations. Three portraits. One heartbeat. Can a price ever be placed on such a gift? Never.
And I a little flower of letters, blooming at the edge of that enduring branch.	A gift bought from a shop may remain in our hands... But a gift born of memories remains in the heart.
Just three photographs, you may think...	That is why this is not merely My Gift
No, Sir!	
One is my root, one is my strength, and the other my pen, my journey.	it is my roots, my remembrance, my inheritance...
In my grandparent’s hands rests an age...	a little family history that no history book can hold,
In my father’s sweat lives a lifetime... And through my pen,	wrapped in love, carried across generations, and gifted to me by Time.



... Dr. Peruka Raju ...
National Poet
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OPINION

THREE DECADES OF POLITICS...
THREE CENTURIES OF GLORY..!

He was a political leader... but he was also a man who won the hearts of the people! A fearless leader who knew no defeat during his three-decade political career. At the same time, he was a man of the people who earned a reputation and legacy that could last for three centuries. A great personality who continues to live in the hearts of the people. A symbol of authentic Telugu tradition... a great leader who would shine in the pristine radiance of a white traditional dhoti, always wearing an unforgettable smile on his face... A nature that remained committed to every promise he made... a temperament that enabled him to take decisions at the right time... a personality that lived on trust... a compassionate nature that loved everyone... a noble character that considered people as members of his own family, beyond caste, religion and region... the embodiment of humanity... He was Dr. Yeduguri Sandinti Rajasekhara Reddy! The great leader whom the Telugu people affectionately called “YS.”

Dr. YS Rajasekhara Reddy was a towering leader. Through people-friendly governance, he earned a special place in the history of the undivided state of Andhra Pradesh. He not only set an example for the country through good governance, but also secured a permanent place in the hearts of the Telugu people. He considered the welfare of the people his ultimate objective. He worked throughout his life for the principles he believed in. He became a role model for politics itself.

There was hardly a village in the Telugu states without people who admired him! Once he gave someone his word, there was no question of going back on it. Whether he was in power or not, he remained among the people. No matter how difficult a person’s circumstances were, after meeting him they would return home with a smile. Although he served as Chief Minister for nearly five years and three months, he earned a reputation that could last for a hundred years. He would be delighted simply when someone called him “Anna” (elder brother). He never abandoned those who placed their trust in him. Trustworthiness, affection, courage, compassion and vigilance—these five qualities defined his distinctive personality.

It would not be an exaggeration to say that Dr. YSR was the result of the good fortune earned by the Telugu people long ago. YS Rajasekhara Reddy was born on July 8, 1949, at a missionary hospital in Jammalamadugu, Kadapa district. After completing his MBBS, he provided medical treatment for just one rupee. By offering quality medical care at an extremely low fee, he earned the affection and respect of the people at a very young age.

As a doctor, he would diagnose people’s illnesses by examining their pulse and treat them accordingly. At just 28 years of age, he entered politics and proved that he had a “healing touch” even there! He was elected as an MLA at a very young age. He emerged victorious six times—in 1978, 1983, 1985, 1999, 2004 and 2009. He was elected to the Lok Sabha four times—in 1989, 1991, 1996 and 1998. Except for the 1996 Lok Sabha election, he won all the other elections with huge majorities. He created history as a leader who never tasted defeat.

Always working with the welfare of the people as his goal, he was a champion of farmers. He would often say that neglecting the farmer was like neglecting one’s own mother. He believed that if farmers were provided with the irrigation water they needed, they would never have to depend on anyone. He firmly believed that the country could prosper only when farmers prospered, and that the state would flourish only when farmers smiled.

He used to say that his goal was to provide irrigation to one crore acres of land, even if it cost one lakh crore rupees, and to see happiness in the eyes of crores of farmers. After assuming office as Chief Minister, he wrote a new chapter in the history of irrigation through the “Jalayagnam” programme. Within five years, 80 major, medium and minor irrigation projects were taken up, of which 13 were completed. Irrigation facilities were provided to more than 25 lakh acres of land.

They Rejected It Then... Today
They Call It “Wonderful”...

YS strongly emphasized that free electricity for farmers was a historic necessity. He made it clear that free electricity had to be provided to farmers. At that time, there were more than 25 lakh agricultural pump sets in the state.

When he announced the free electricity scheme as the Leader of the Opposition in Andhra Pradesh, senior leaders of his party in Delhi and some economists expressed doubts, asking whether such a scheme could actually be implemented and whether the party would be embarrassed if it could not be carried out.

YSR was a courageous leader
who told the leaders in Delhi:

“If I come to power and become Chief Minister, I will continue this scheme. The day I am unable to provide free electricity

to farmers, I will not remain Chief Minister even for a moment.”

After taking oath as Chief Minister in 2004, his very first signature was on the file relating to free electricity for farmers.

Subsequently, many states across the country began implementing free electricity schemes. Those who rejected it then are the very people who praise free electricity today. YSR was not only a key leader in Andhra Pradesh but also played a crucial role in bringing life to the farming of dryland farmers across India through free electricity.

Former Prime Minister Manmohan Singh also praised YS for his work on irrigation projects. He said that he had never seen a Chief Minister who had studied irrigation so extensively.

YSR frequently said that differences among people would not arise if all districts and all regions of a state developed comprehensively and equally. That was why, in the undivided Andhra Pradesh, he worked tirelessly to ensure balanced development across all 23 districts in agriculture, drinking water, industries, IT, education, healthcare and social sectors. That is why people loved him so deeply.

In March 2007, YS participated in the “World Agricultural Forum” conference held in the United States. There too, he spoke about irrigation and the importance of farmers. He demonstrated that farmers were the backbone not only of the nation but of the entire world.

The audience applauded him enthusiastically. At that international conference, attended by representatives from 150 countries, he participated wearing the traditional Telugu panche (dhoti). He at



tracted the attention of world leaders. He was the only representative from India to attend the conference.

Even the Rain God Smiled...

During the five years that YS governed the state, there was no shortage of rainfall. From 2004 to 2009, rains poured across the state. Andhra Pradesh remained vibrant with lush green crops. YS would often say, “The Rain God has blessed Andhra Pradesh.” With nearly 20 million tonnes of food-grain production, along with flourishing agricultural and dairy production, Andhra Pradesh emerged as the “Annapurna” of the country—the land of abundant food. After he became Chief Minister, grain production increased significantly. Farmers lived happily.

People’s Welfare Was
His Ultimate Mission...

YSR never compromised when it came to the welfare of the people. He focused completely on the work he was undertaking and did not allow himself to be distracted by other matters. He was a highly cultured and gracious person who knew how to respect every individual.

Meeting him just once was enough to make him unforgettable for a lifetime. People would return deeply satisfied, with the confidence that, “YS is there. What more could we possibly lack?”

YS considered the entire state his family. Every citizen was a family member and relative to him. Resolving people’s problems quickly and introducing innovative schemes for their welfare—that was his constant concern.

Dr. YS Rajasekhara Reddy has secured a permanent place not only in the history of the Telugu states but in the history of India itself. Declaring, “My association is with the people,” he became the protagonist who single-handedly led the Congress Party to win the highest number of seats in Andhra Pradesh. He was perhaps the only leader to become Chief Minister on the strength of unmatched popularity. He was certainly not a “sealed-cover Chief Minister.”

Ahead of the 2009 elections, he openly declared that whether the party won or lost, he would take responsibility. YS was one of the very few leaders in Indian political history who never experienced defeat in his political career.

Despite rising to great heights during

his three decades of public life, he never displayed even the slightest trace of arrogance. He was a true man of the people who never flaunted the authority of office.

YS would often say:

“It is not important how long we ruled. What matters is how we ruled and how much we served the people.”

Every scheme implemented during his five-year tenure was people-oriented. In 2003, during the scorching summer, YS undertook an approximately 1,450-kilometre-long padayatra (walkathon) across the state. He met families personally and learned about their problems.

After becoming Chief Minister, he fulfilled his goal of providing the poor with food, shelter, education and healthcare free of cost.

Just as government employees received their salaries on the first day of every month, his administration introduced the practice of ensuring pensions on time for eligible poor people, the elderly, widows, handloom workers and persons with disabilities.

A Scheme That Changed Lives...

Fee reimbursement was another innovative scheme unlike anything else in the country at the time. Students from families with an annual income below one lakh rupees were provided fee reimbursement. It was a groundbreaking initiative that gave a new lease of life to students from weaker and economically disadvantaged sections.

The scheme not only increased confidence among the youth but also strengthened them economically by enabling them



to obtain employment and build their lives.

On the occasion of Ugadi in 2008, the government launched the scheme of providing rice at just two rupees per kilogram. It benefited crores of people.

After YS returned as Chief Minister for a second term following the 2009 elections, rice prices in the open market increased substantially. There was considerable debate on the issue.

However, there is one fact that many people do not know: until market prices—particularly the price of Sona Masuri rice—came down, the Chief Minister and his family members themselves used the same variety of rice supplied under the two-rupees-per-kilogram scheme.

This Is How Aarogyasri
Was Introduced...

YS decided that poor people should have access to corporate-level healthcare and that they should not die from heart disease and other illnesses simply because they could not afford treatment.

He worked for three months on how Aarogyasri should be implemented. Only after gathering public opinion did he introduce the Aarogyasri scheme.

Even a developed country such as Britain had introduced a similar scheme but later had to set it aside because of the financial burden. YS, however, successfully continued Aarogyasri through sheer determination and sincerity.

For ordinary people, the scheme became like a second Sanjeevani—a lifesaving support.

He was also the one who introduced the 108 emergency ambulance service. During road accidents and other emergencies, 108 vehicles would arrive with their familiar sirens, saving countless lives. YS himself referred to this achievement at several public meetings.

The 104 mobile medical service was another major initiative undertaken to provide medical treatment at the doorsteps of people in rural areas.

Pavala Vaddi, Abhaya Hastham, Jalayagnam, farm-loan waivers, land distribution, Pashu Kranti, Indiramma Houses, self-help groups, ration cards, pensions and essential commodities for just ₹103—these were among the many schemes that he successfully implemented.

YSR had extensive knowledge of every sector. From farmers to workers... from labourers to industrialists... from ordinary

people to extraordinary personalities... from agriculture to IT and industries... from villages to cities—he could speak effortlessly about virtually any sector.

Moreover, he neglected neither any sector nor any section of society.

During YS’s tenure, not only agriculture and dairy production but also IT exports grew significantly. Andhra Pradesh stood second in the country in attracting investments.

It would perhaps not be an exaggeration to say that every person in the state benefited from at least one of the schemes introduced by YS during his five-year tenure. Every family benefited from one scheme or another.

Whether he was in office or not, YS remained constantly connected with the people. He would always tell officials that they should think not merely in terms of rules and regulations, but also with humanity.

His personality was extraordinary. For anyone, it was a privilege to work with him. Many senior IAS officers eagerly wanted to work under him.

Complete Freedom for Officials...

YS never told officials that they had to do whatever he said simply because he was the Chief Minister. He gave officials complete freedom in important decisions and encouraged them to take the right decisions.

For example, on one occasion, some MLAs approached him and said that there were vacant posts at Acharya Nagarjuna University and requested that those posts be given to their people.

YS immediately called the Vice-Chancellor of the university.

He asked whether there were vacant posts and, if so, instructed him to issue a notification immediately and fill them.

When YS suggested that the people recommended by the MLAs could be considered based on their qualifications, the Vice-Chancellor explained:

“Sir, there are people who have been working on a contract basis for 14 years. It would be better to give them an opportunity first and only then recruit new people.”

YS replied:

“Okay, let it be done that way. As Vice-Chancellor, you are the boss of the university. Issue the notification. Give first priority to the contract employees. After that, recruit eligible candidates based on merit. There is no need to appoint only the people we recommend.”

That was his personality.

At the same time, he would instruct officials to clear files promptly. He would never tolerate unnecessary delays.

S.K. Joshi was a straightforward and honest IAS officer who also served as the Chief Secretary of Telangana. During the YSR administration, he worked for six years as Principal Secretary of the Irrigation Department.

The Jalayagnam programme was of enormous importance. There were extensive discussions on several issues relating to irrigation projects, including land acquisition and payment of compensation.

However, during the six years he served as Principal Secretary, YSR never once, under any circumstances, told him to “do this favour” for anyone.

“We were given complete freedom. He only used to say that the projects were a historic necessity and that they should be completed quickly. He would say that the true purpose of these projects would be fulfilled only when water flowed into the fields,” S.K. Joshi said.

The Heartbeat of the
Telugu People...

During his three decades of public life, YS earned immense fame and respect. He worked with public service as his very breath. Ultimately, while travelling for the people, he lost his life in a helicopter accident. They say that the greatness of a person becomes evident after their death. In YS’s case, this became an absolute truth.

Although he is no longer physically among us, he has remained immortal in the hearts of the people through the service he rendered and the schemes he introduced. He became the heartbeat of the Telugu people.

Beyond political parties, castes
and religions, everyone would
say:

“YS means YSR. There is no one who can equal him. He is the only leader who continues to live in the hearts of the people even after death. He was a person like the Koh-i-Noor diamond. A mighty and heroic personality.”

He is immortal.
He was a precious gem given to the Telugu nation.

Today marks the 73rd birth anniversary of YS. The Telugu nation pays its grand tribute to this great soul.

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Indian Embassy
Issues Guidelines for
Identifying Victims
of Nepal Floods
NEW DELHI

The Indian Embassy in Kathmandu has issued key guidelines to assist the families of Indian nationals caught in the flash floods that struck Nepal on August 26. It advised relatives to initiate the identification process for Indian citizens who died in the floods based on photographs and other available details.

The embassy said that photographs and details of unidentified bodies registered by the Nepal Police can be viewed on the police department's official website. It also stated that, after identification, it would coordinate with local authorities to facilitate the transportation of the bodies to India.

The embassy outlined a nine-step process covering the registration of bodies, recording of photographs and details, post-mortem examinations, determination of the cause of death, official identification, collection of fingerprints/DNA samples, passport or identity verification, consular coordination, and handover of the bodies.

The embassy said that when a large number of bodies have been temporarily buried, identification may need to be carried out through DNA matching. It advised close relatives to provide their DNA profiles or blood samples. It also stated that DNA profile details could be sent to the email address specified by the embassy.

Bessent pushes
faster sovereign
debt relief
ASHEVILLE

US Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent has called for faster, more transparent and predictable sovereign debt restructuring as developing economies confront mounting debt burdens, weaker financing flows and growing liquidity pressures.

Addressing a G20 meeting on sovereign debt in Asheville, North Carolina, Bessent said the group would establish a technical-level study group to advance discussions before the G20 Leaders' Summit in Doral, Florida, in December.

"As we prepare to conclude the G20 presidency, I expect our debt work stream to remain an ongoing priority," he said. "Accordingly, to maintain momentum and better inform leaders' discussions, we will establish a technical-level study group following today's meeting to continue advancing this important issue now and at the Leaders Summit in Doral in December."

Bessent said the G20 carried a particular responsibility because its members included many of the world's largest official creditors as well as some of its biggest borrowing nations. "That gives the G20 both the responsibility and the capacity to act," he said.

Amid Nepal's death and destruction come reports
of humanity, bravery and miraculous escapes

NEW DELHI

Amid the chilling stories of death and destruction in the aftermath of Nepal's catastrophic floods come stories of survival and heroics where survivors, rescuers, and others have risked everything to save others, highlighting extraordinary resilience, sense of responsibility, and service to community.

There are stories of community groups and non-profit organisations braving rough weather and tough terrain to reach out to the victims like Sikh groups heading for flood-hit district of Rasuwa with aid despite damaged bridges, washed-out roads and inclement weather.

Then there are reports of celebrities personally distributing relief material.

Even as the Hindi film fraternity mourned the loss of lives, actor Sonu Sood reportedly reached Nepal with essential supplies for the people affected. And there are tales of valiant rescue workers engaged



in a challenging task on the rough terrains.

There also are incidents recorded in some reportage that can perhaps be termed as miraculous escapes. One of them is Bikash Tharu, an electrical technician at the Bhote Koshi hydropower station who survived because he and his colleagues were late for work after a grueling work the day earlier.

Their delay allowed them to spot the gush on time and flee uphill, enduring nights in the open before army helicopters evacuated them. They later learnt that the swirling waters had swept away the dam that Tharu and his colleagues had

been working to be built.

In another incident, elderly couple Jari and Bhakta Barde-wa could flee on time from their Trishuli Bazaar home when neighbours warned of an impending doom, shouting "Aayo, aayo (It is coming, coming)". Even as they were trying to reach higher grounds, the water and slush reached the septuagenarian husband, but he managed to ascend to safety with his wife.

Then there are tales of other worker at dams, where Buddha Tamang could survive because he was inside a tunnel when the flood struck. He came out later to be airlifted after being

stranded for about 24 hours.

Meanwhile, a young Indian engineer Ananay Sharma was reportedly saved after he paid heed to a call for rushing out of a building after a loud sound and spotting seepage on walls.

There are also heart-wrenching tales like that of Sangke Dolma Tamang, who could climb uphill with other family-members.

But not her husband, who was swept away even as the family tried desperately to save him. In other instances, families lost wives, husbands, children in separate incidents while the water and slush drowned village after village.

Pilgrims to the Kailash-Man-sarovar, the route to which lies through Nepal's Rasuwagadhi border into Tibet region, met with mixed fate as some could escape the water by climbing up hills on time as others were swept away.

While Sivaranjani Muthunathan, among 56 pilgrims from Tamil Nadu, could climb to safety with some others travellers, they watched in horror

vehicles being washed away.

Another pilgrim, Poonguzhali Ponnambadan, used her sari to make a rope and help the elderly climb to safety.

There are several other reports of survival and heroics, but the media stories of professionals like helicopter pilots, army personnel, medical teams, along with volunteers rushing to danger zones needs special mention. The largely unnamed, uncelebrated heroes remain in folklores who risk themselves to save others.

Reports cite pilots ferrying survivors from inaccessible valleys, often risking their lives in treacherous weather. Meanwhile, camps in Nuwakot and Bidur became lifelines, providing medical aid and trauma counselling.

In one instance, a rescue team of Nepal's Armed Police Force heard a six-year-old girl crying beneath debris in Timure. They dug through collapsed structures and pulled her out alive, stabilising her there as bad weather prevented immediate evacuation.

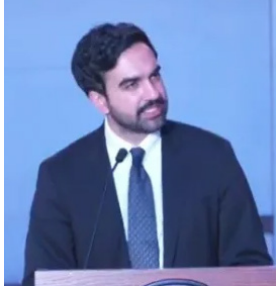
Senior bank executive stabbed
to death in Times Square in
front of shocked tourists

NEW YORK

A senior bank executive was stabbed to death by a knife-wielding woman in Times Square, swarming with thousands of tourists visiting the iconic landmark. The stabber, a woman, was later shot dead by police on Monday as blood drenched the platforms of the city's heart. The victim was identified by the Bank of America (BoA) on Tuesday as its vice president Erin Piacenti, a 32-year-old rising executive.

"We are shocked and deeply saddened by the tragic loss of our colleague. She was a valued teammate who will be greatly missed," the bank said. Police Commissioner Jessica Tisch said at a news conference, "This was an extraordinarily dangerous situation unfolding in the heart of Times Square, the cross-roads of the world".

Another man was stabbed earlier by the same woman and is in stable condition in a hospital, Mayor Zohran Mamdani said. Although Times Square has been in the crosshairs of terrorists for a long time, officials indicated that terrorism was not a motive, but mental illness could be a factor. The stabber, Pamela Cisneros, 45, had a record of "mental health history", Tisch



said, and she had two previous encounters with police. Flabbergasted tourists watched in fear as the woman wielded two knives when police tried to arrest her.

Last month, a teenage Australian tourist was stabbed to death in an unprovoked attack at a McDonald's restaurant a few blocks from Times Square. In the Times Square incident, police tried to subdue Cisneros with a Taser, a device that sends electric current through a wire shot at the person, but it apparently did not work, and two of them shot her.

Tisch said, "During the encounter, she told the officers, 'I'm not dropping anything, I'd rather kill both of you'. She repeated, 'I will kill you'. Tisch called the attack unprovoked. Mental health issues have been a factor in many of the random attacks on people in the city, where violent crimes have been on the decline.

Five more Indians
rescued in Nepal, search
operations continue



NEW DELHI

The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) on Tuesday said that five more Indian nationals were rescued from Nepal since Monday, taking the total number of rescued to 163 after devastating floods hit the Himalayan nation. The Ministry also noted that 151 Indian nationals left China on Tuesday.

"After establishing a foothold at hydropower tunnels in Chilime, the Indian tunnel rescue team had to overcome several challenges such as extremely restricted access space, limitations on use of specialised equipment due to terrain, and a marshy tunnel floor. Using innovative methods and improvised floats, the team was able to move deeper in the tunnel. Its efforts will continue tomorrow to try and rescue any individuals that may be trapped inside," stated the Ministry.

"The forensic team from India expanded its activities today in coordination with its counterparts from Nepal to undertake tasks such as examination of DNA and analysis. This will help expedite the processing of DNA samples in Nepal," it

added. Over 1,000 people have now been confirmed dead following last week's devastating floods in Nepal, even as bodies swept away continue to pile up along riverbanks in different districts. The number of bodies recovered so far has reached 1003, the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Authority (NDRRMA) said in an update on Tuesday. The highest number of bodies — 321 — were recovered in southern Chitwan district, followed by 216 in Nawalparasi East.

According to the NDRRMA, as many as 3,916 people, including 583 foreign nationals, remain out of contact. Nepali Army, Armed Police Force and Nepal Police personnel, as well as other government employees, are among those reported missing. As many as 639 people working at various hydropower projects along the Bhotekoshi and Trishuli river corridors have remained out of contact since last week's disaster, according to the authority. Government authorities said search, rescue and relief operations were continuing in the affected districts.

Kiren Rijiju calls on Serbian President,
delivers India's statement at NAM conference

BELGRADE

Parliamentary Affairs Minister Kiren Rijiju on Tuesday called on Aleksandar Vucic, President of Serbia and reaffirmed the strong friendship and growing partnership between India and Serbia.

"Called on H.E. Aleksandar Vucic, President of the Republic of Serbia, in Belgrade. Had a warm and meaningful interaction, reaffirming the strong friendship and growing partnership between India and Serbia, rooted in mutual respect & shared interests," Rijiju stated on X. He also delivered India's statement for the High-Level Commemorative Meeting to mark the 65th Anniversary of the First Conference of Heads of State or Government (HoS/ HoG) of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM).

"Sixty-five years ago, the founding Conference of Non-Aligned Countries first met and



gave institutional shape to an idea that was revolutionary for the time—that newly independent nations need not be drawn into geopolitical rivalries. India was proud to stand as one of the five founders of our Movement. However, six and a half decades later, the world bears little resemblance to the bipolar order against which NAM defined itself. What has replaced it is not a simpler world, but one facing unprecedented challenges. This is a world today facing challenges of climate change, debt sustain-

ability, resilient supply chains, technological divide, trade and tariff," said Rijiju in his statement.

He also noted that India has constantly been part of solutions, not of disruptions, and India is guided by the belief in Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam: the world is a family.

"Our focus has been to work for a secure, peaceful and equitable world. India has always been committed towards addressing the needs and aspirations of fellow developing countries and

has been constructively championing the cause of holistic human-centric development of countries of the Global South," he emphasised.

He mentioned that during its G20 Presidency, India ensured the entry of the African Union as a formal member, and India's development partnership spans more than 100 member states across Asia, Africa, and the Pacific, Latin America and the Caribbean.

"When major conflicts occurred, India has also enhanced global awareness about their implications for food, fuel and fertiliser security. As natural disasters struck, we were very often the first responder. During the COVID-19 pandemic, India supplied medicines and vaccines to more than 150 countries. Our prompt mobilisation, disaster response teams and emergency supplies have made a difference to the lives of many," stated the Minister.

Largest, Deadliest and Bloodiest War on Earth: World War 2

(On the occasion of
"Victory Over Japan
Day" on 02 September)

'Victory over Japan Day', also known as "V-J Day", is the day on which imperial Japan surrendered in World War 2 and signed to end the war officially on 02 September 1945. The V-J Day term has been applied to both of the days on which the initial announcement of Japan's surrender was made on 15 August 1945. 15 August 1945 is the official V-J Day for the UK, while the official US commemoration in 02 September 1945. The US President Harry S. Truman announced Japan's unconditional acceptance of surrender on August 14 in the US, while due to time zone differences, it was August 15 in the UK, Australia, and Asia.

The formal surrender ceremony took place abroad the USS Missouri in Tokyo Bay, which the US officially designated as V-J Day.

Bloodiest, Biggest Conflict

The US dropped atom bombs on Hiroshima on 06 August 1945 and on Nagasaki on 09 August 1945 has left no option for Japan than to accept the defeat and hands up. The World War 2 has been one of the largest, deadliest and most destructive wars in world history. This V-J Day is a new beginning in the history of freedom on this Earth. The World War 2 was started on 01 September 1939 and finally ended officially on 02 September 1945. Nazi Germany's surrendered unconditionally on 08 May 1945, and they called



this day as V-E Day ie., Victory in Europe. This global conflict was between two main alliances namely, the Allies (led by mainly Great Britain, the US, the Soviet Union, France and China) versus the Axis powers (led by Germany, Italy, and Japan). An estimated 60 to 85 million people died, a majority of whom were civilians almost 55 million, making it the most

deadliest and bloodiest conflict in human history. Millions died as a result of massacres, starvation, diseases, and genocides including the Holocaust.

Causes of World War 2

The causes of World War 2 included unresolved tensions in the aftermath of First World War. The harsh peace terms imposed by Germany soon after the World War 1, it's attack on Poland, the dictators like Adolf Hitler of Germany and Benito Mussolini of Italy were the main causes of World War 2. The Allied forces closed in on Berlin, Hitler committed suicide on April 30, 1945, the bombings of Japan by US, leading to Japan's formal surrender on September 02, 1945. The key events preceding the war included Japan's invasion of

Manchuria in 1931, the Spanish Civil War, the Second Sino-Japanese War in 1937, Germany's annexations of Austria and invasion of Poland and the Sudetenland added fuel to initiate the Second World War on 01 September 1939.

World War 2 officially concluded in 1945 after six years of devastating global conflict, ending with the defeat of Nazi Germany in May and imperial Japan in September 1945. With the impact of World War 2, the Us and the Soviet Union have emerged as the new superpowers, setting the stage for the beginning of Cold War. The UN was established to maintain international peace and prevent future global conflicts.

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US held 'quiet' Iran talks with China, Russia, says Scott Bessent

ASHEVILLE

The United States held quiet discussions with China and Russia about Iran during the G20 finance ministers' meeting, Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent has said, while cautioning that Beijing made no specific commitment to help reopen the Strait of Hormuz.

Bessent said Washington believed it could build upon the discussions as the Trump administration sought broader international support for its economic campaign against Tehran.

"We've had very quiet conversations with Russia and China, and I think we can move that discussion forward,"

he told reporters after the two-day meeting in Asheville, North Carolina.

Bessent said the United States and China had overlapping interests despite their wider economic and strategic differences. "As I said with China on Iran, we have more in common than we have differences," he said.

"China agrees Iran cannot have a nuclear weapon. China agrees that there has to be free maritime trade in the Strait of Hormuz," Bessent added.

The Treasury secretary said China's reliance on energy supplies from the Gulf gave Beijing a direct interest in restoring unrestricted navigation through the strategic wa-

terway. "China gets 50 per cent of its energy from the Gulf. So I believe it's up to China or incumbent upon China to work toward a solution," he said. "We will see how they follow through."

Bessent later clarified that the discussions had not resulted in a specific US-China agreement on steps to reopen the Strait.

"No, I didn't say that there was a specific agreement. I said we agreed that the Strait must be open," he said when asked whether Beijing had made any commitments.

The distinction left unanswered whether China would use its diplomatic and economic influence with Iran or par-



ticipate in measures aimed at restoring maritime traffic.

Bessent said the United States had nevertheless held "very productive, quiet conversations" with Chinese officials during the G20 meeting.

The Treasury secretary also said several US allies had offered support for Washington's campaign against Iran. He did not identify the countries or announce concrete commitments on secondary sanctions.

"What I can tell you is that many of our allies came forward and said we will do whatever is necessary," Bessent said. He said the assistance offered included intelligence, economic intelligence and outreach to entities supporting the

Iranian government.

"They have offered to do whatever they could, whether it is intelligence, economic intelligence, and speaking to any entity that supports this treacherous, evil regime," he said.

Iran and the continued disruption of energy trade also featured in the G20 chair's statement issued after the meeting. The document said the free, safe and predictable navigation of the Strait of Hormuz was essential to sustaining durable global growth.

China objected to that paragraph as well as sections dealing with global economic imbalances, IMF surveillance and sovereign debt. The other G20

members present supported the statement.

The Strait of Hormuz is a narrow passage linking the Persian Gulf with the Gulf of Oman and the Arabian Sea. It is one of the world's most important energy routes, carrying oil and liquefied natural gas from Gulf producers to major markets, particularly in Asia.

China has maintained close economic relations with Iran and remains an important market for Iranian energy. Russia and Iran have also developed extensive political, economic and security ties, giving both Moscow and Beijing potential influence over Tehran as Washington seeks an end to the confrontation.



Hero MotoCorp Backs Ethanol Shift

Ethanol Unlikely to Impact Two-Wheeler Mileage as OEMs Improve Efficiency



NEW DELHI, SEP 1

Alternative fuels, including ethanol, are unlikely to emerge as a major concern for two-wheeler mileage as original equipment manufacturers (OEMs) continue to improve vehicle efficiency through technological advancements, Ashutosh Varma, Chief Business Officer-India at Hero MotoCorp, said.

Varma said ethanol has a lower calorific value compared with conventional petrol, which can result in some reduction in vehicle mileage. However, improvements in product efficiency by Indian OEMs are helping to bridge the gap and minimise the impact on overall mileage.

Speaking to ANI on the sidelines of the Auto Retail Conclave organised by the Federation of Automobile Dealers Associations (FADA), Varma said the outlook for the two-wheeler industry had remained promising over the past year and continued to be positive in 2026.

“The outlook for the industry has been promising over the past year and in 2026. On this backdrop, having a pulse on how the market would move, make investments accordingly, be future ready, I guess that’s a big area,” Varma said.

He, however, identified fluctuations in consumer demand as a “big challenge” for the two-wheeler industry. According to Varma, repeated disruptions over the past four to five years, including the COVID-19 pandemic, have made it difficult for companies to accurately assess and predict demand trends.

He said manufacturers and other industry stakeholders need to closely monitor market developments, understand changing consumer behaviour and make investments accordingly to remain prepared for future shifts in demand.

Varma also identified digitisation and the industry’s ability to adapt to an increasingly evolving digital ecosystem as another major disruption facing the automobile sector.

Despite the challenges associated with the rapid pace of digital transformation, he remained optimistic about the industry’s ability to adapt. He described the developments as an opportunity and said the automobile sector was entering an “exciting” phase.

Varma also welcomed the government’s initiatives aimed at promoting alternative fuels and energy diversification, describing them as “an excellent initiative” towards achieving greater energy independence.

As per Varma, there have been no incidents whatsoever of higher damage being reported in connection with the use of alternative fuels.

Expressing confidence in the future of alternative energy sources, Varma said new avenues, alternative energies and alternative fuels were being developed and could play an important role in shaping the automobile industry in the coming years.

“We are confident that there are new avenues, alternate energies, alternate fuels being developed that should

shape the industry,” he said.

At the same time, Varma acknowledged that ethanol’s lower calorific value could have some impact on mileage.

“Ethanol has a lower calorific value. So, to that extent, there is certain dip in mileage that comes in,” he said.

However, he pointed out that Indian OEMs have been working continuously to improve the efficiency of their products through various technological interventions.

According to Varma, technologies such as idle stop-start systems and low-rolling-resistance tyres have helped manufacturers improve fuel efficiency and bridge the mileage gap associated with ethanol-blended fuels.

“So, honestly, not a concern that seems to be spoken all across,” he stressed.

The comments come at a time when the automobile industry is adapting to changes in fuel composition, evolving emission requirements, technological advancements and changing consumer expectations. The increasing adoption of ethanol-blended fuels has also led to discussions about their potential impact on vehicle performance and fuel economy.

Varma’s comments indicate that improvements in vehicle technology and efficiency could help address some of these concerns, allowing two-wheeler manufacturers to adapt to the changing fuel environment while maintaining product performance.

Apart from fuel and technology-related developments, Varma also highlighted the importance of industry-wide collaboration and interaction among manufacturers and dealers.

He lauded the Auto Retail Conclave organised by FADA, describing it as an excellent annual event that brings together dealers and automobile manufacturers from across the industry.

“Congregation of dealers from across the industry, all manufacturers come here. A great event to share ideas and to learn from each other,” he said.

According to Varma, such industry platforms provide an opportunity for participants to exchange ideas, understand emerging market trends and learn from one another.

With the two-wheeler industry navigating several changes, including fluctuations in demand, digitisation, alternative fuels and technological transformation, manufacturers are increasingly focusing on improving efficiency and preparing their products and businesses for the evolving mobility landscape.

Varma’s remarks underline the industry’s confidence that technological improvements can help mitigate the impact of ethanol on mileage while the development of alternative energy sources could open up new avenues for the automobile sector in the future.

The industry, he said, must remain prepared to respond to changing market conditions, embrace new technologies and continue investing in efficiency as the mobility ecosystem evolves.

MONEY MATTERS09

India, Denmark Discuss Ways to Strengthen MSME Sector

NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 1

India and Denmark have discussed ways to further strengthen bilateral cooperation in the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) sector, with a particular focus on innovation and intellectual property (IP).

The discussions took place during the fourth meeting of the India-Denmark Joint Working Group (JWG), held in Copenhagen from August 24 to 28. The meeting was organised between India’s Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises and the Danish Patent and Trademark Office (DKPTO).

According to a release issued by the Ministry of MSME, the meeting reviewed previous engagements between the two sides and discussed priorities for future collaboration, while also exploring possibilities to expand cooperation under the existing framework.

“The fourth meeting of the India-Denmark Joint Working Group (JWG) between the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises and the



Danish Patent and Trademark Office (DKPTO) was held in Copenhagen, Denmark, from August 24 to 28 to strengthen bilateral cooperation in MSME development, innovation and intellectual property (IP),” the ministry said.

During the meeting, both sides exchanged views on their respective MSME and innovation ecosystems and explored areas where cooperation could be further expanded. Key areas discussed included technology adoption, innovation, intellectual property, technology commercialisation, entre-

preneurship and cluster development.

The discussions also focused on creating greater opportunities for MSMEs and strengthening the linkages between innovation, technology and business development. The two sides examined ways to facilitate knowledge sharing and cooperation that could support the growth and competitiveness of enterprises in both countries.

As part of the engagement, the Indian delegation also held discussions with officials from

the Danish Ministry of Industry, Business and Financial Affairs. The meetings provided an opportunity for both sides to exchange views on business development, innovation and the SME ecosystem in Denmark.

The Indian delegation was led by Dr Rajneesh, Additional Secretary and Development Commissioner, Ministry of MSME. The visit also provided an opportunity for the delegation to engage with stakeholders from the Nordic start-up and innovation ecosystem.

The interactions enabled the

Indian side to share perspectives on India’s MSME sector while gaining insights into Denmark’s approach to supporting startups, innovation and small and medium-sized enterprises.

The India-Denmark engagement comes amid growing economic and commercial ties between the two countries, with services trade showing an upward trend.

According to data shared by the Embassy of India in Denmark, bilateral trade in services increased to USD 4.25 billion in 2025, compared with total services trade of USD 4 billion in 2024.

India’s services exports to Denmark stood at USD 1.9 billion in 2025, while imports from Denmark were valued at USD 2.3 billion. In 2024, India’s services exports to Denmark stood at USD 1.7 billion, while imports were valued at USD 2.3 billion.

The figures indicate continued growth in the services relationship between the two countries, alongside efforts to deepen cooperation in areas linked to MSMEs, innovation

and technology.

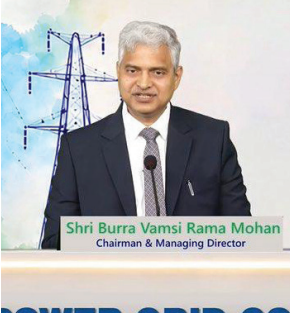
Meanwhile, data from the Commerce Ministry showed that India achieved 106 per cent of its export target to Denmark in 2025-26, exceeding the target set for the year.

The latest discussions are expected to contribute to further strengthening institutional cooperation between India and Denmark, particularly in MSME development, innovation, intellectual property, entrepreneurship, technology commercialisation and cluster development.

The two countries are also expected to continue exploring opportunities for closer engagement between their business and innovation ecosystems, with MSMEs and startups emerging as important areas of bilateral cooperation.

The meeting in Copenhagen marked another step towards expanding the existing India-Denmark partnership and creating a stronger platform for collaboration in the MSME and innovation sectors.

POWERGRID Convenes 37th Annual General Meeting



Gurugram: The 37th Annual General Meeting (AGM) of Power Grid Corporation of India Limited (POWERGRID), a Maharatna CPSU under the Ministry of Power, Government of India, was convened through virtual mode on 20th August 2026.

The meeting was chaired by Sh. Vamsi Rama Mohan Bura, Chairman and Managing Director, in the presence of Dr. Yatindra Dwivedi, Director (Personnel), Sh. Naveen Srivastava, Director (Opera-



tions), Sh. Amol Taori, Director (Finance), Sh. Abhay Bakre, Govt. Nominee Director. Shareholders were connected through virtual mode.

During the AGM, the company’s key financial highlights, operational achievements, and future growth prospects, technological innovations and initiatives were presented, and the queries raised by the shareholders were addressed by the management. The shareholders appreciated the company’s performance and conveyed

their best wishes for its continued growth.

As of 31st July 2026, POWERGRID has commissioned and is operating 292 Sub-stations and more than 1,86,889 ckm transmission lines and 6,37,016 MVA of transformation capacity. With the adoption of the latest technological tools and techniques, enhanced use of automation and digital solutions, POWERGRID has been able to maintain an average transmission system availability of more than 99.81%.

India’s Current Account Deficit Widens to USD 4.2 Billion in Q1 FY27: RBI

New Delhi, September 1: India’s current account deficit (CAD) widened to USD 4.2 billion, or 0.5 per cent of GDP, in the April-June quarter of the current financial year, mainly due to a sharp increase in the merchandise trade deficit, according to preliminary data released by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on Tuesday.

The CAD stood at USD 3.4 billion, or 0.4 per cent of GDP, in the corresponding quarter of the previous financial year, the central bank said in its latest release on developments in India’s balance of payments.

The merchandise trade deficit, which represents the gap between the country’s merchandise exports and imports, increased significantly during the quarter. It widened to USD 86.1 billion in Q1 FY27, compared with USD 68.9 billion in the same period a year earlier.

The widening merchandise trade gap put pressure on the country’s current account position during the quarter. However, higher net receipts from services helped cushion the impact of the larger merchandise deficit.

According to the RBI, net services receipts increased to USD 51.6 billion in Q1 FY27, compared with USD 47.9 billion in the corresponding quarter of the previous year.

The central bank said services exports recorded year-on-year growth across major categories, including computer services, other business services and transportation services. The rise in services earnings provided important support to the external sector as the merchandise trade deficit expanded during the quarter.

Remittances Rise

India also received stronger support from remittances sent by Indians working overseas during the quarter.

Personal transfer receipts increased to USD 42.9 billion in Q1 FY27, compared with USD 33.2 billion in the year-ago pe-



riod.

At the same time, the net outgo under the primary income account declined. The primary income account largely reflects investment income payments, including payments related to investments made in India by foreign investors.

The net outgo on the primary income account fell to USD 10.5 billion during the quarter, from USD 13.3 billion in Q1 FY26.

FDI Inflows Increase

Foreign direct investment (FDI) also remained a source of support for India’s external account.

India recorded a net FDI inflow of USD 6.1 billion in Q1 FY27, higher than the USD 5.2 billion recorded in the corresponding quarter of the previous financial year.

However, foreign portfolio investment (FPI) flows showed a contrasting trend. India recorded a net FPI outflow of USD 9.6 billion during the April-June quarter, compared with a net inflow of USD 1.6 billion in Q1 FY26.

The movement in portfolio flows reflected weaker net foreign investment through equity and debt market instruments during the quarter.

NRI Deposits and External Borrowings

Net inflows into Non-Resident Indian (NRI) deposits stood at USD 2.8 billion during Q1 FY27, lower than the USD 3.6 billion recorded in the same quarter a year

earlier. Net inflows through external commercial borrowings (ECBs) also declined during the quarter. Such inflows stood at USD 3.3 billion, compared with USD 4.4 billion in Q1 FY26.

The decline in NRI deposit and ECB inflows came alongside the higher merchandise trade deficit and increased net portfolio investment outflows.

Forex Reserves Decline

India’s foreign exchange reserves also recorded a decline on a balance-of-payments basis during the quarter.

According to the RBI, foreign exchange reserves depleted by USD 8.1 billion in Q1 FY27, compared with an accretion of USD 4.5 billion in the corresponding quarter of the previous financial year.

The RBI’s latest data showed that while the merchandise trade deficit widened considerably, stronger services earnings, higher remittances, lower primary income outgo and increased FDI inflows provided support to India’s external position.

The current account deficit of 0.5 per cent of GDP remains relatively moderate despite the increase in the merchandise trade gap, with services exports and remittances continuing to play an important role in cushioning India’s external sector.

The latest balance of payments data will be closely watched for indications of India’s external-sector resilience amid changing global trade and investment conditions.

NIFTY ENDS AT 24,055.. SENSEX SLIPS marginally...

Mumbai, September 1: Benchmark domestic equity indices ended marginally lower on Tuesday as escalating geopolitical tensions in the Middle East, elevated crude oil prices and concerns over higher global interest rates kept investors cautious, despite stronger-than-expected growth in the domestic economy.

The NSE Nifty 50 closed at 24,055.80, down 24.60 points, or 0.10 per cent, while the BSE Sensex ended at 76,944.28, declining 12.99 points, or 0.02 per cent.

Global Risks Weigh

Market sentiment remained cautious as investors balanced India’s strong economic growth against growing global uncertainties.

Vinod Nair, Head of Research at Geojit Investments Limited, said markets were

increasingly weighing India’s strong growth momentum against mounting global risks.

“Markets are increasingly balancing India’s strong growth momentum against mounting global uncertainties. Better-than-expected GDP growth underscores the resilience of domestic demand and the broader economy,” Nair said.

However, he noted that escalating tensions in the Middle East and a more hawkish stance from the US Federal Reserve had renewed concerns about inflation and the possibility of interest rates remaining elevated for a longer period.

“Persistent cost pressures may weigh on both corporate earnings and the pace of demand recovery. At the same time, higher U.S. bond yields and renewed foreign capital

outflows have kept investor sentiment cautious,” Nair added.

FMCG, IT Gain

Financial stocks came under pressure during the session, while FMCG and IT stocks attracted defensive buying, according to Nair.

The sectoral indices on the NSE reflected a mixed trend, with several defensive sectors ending higher.

Nifty FMCG gained 0.94 per cent, while Nifty IT rose 0.98 per cent. Nifty Media advanced 0.26 per cent and Nifty Oil and Gas increased 0.35 per cent.

Auto, Pharma Under Pressure

Several other sectors ended in negative territory.

Nifty Auto declined 1.22 per cent, while Nifty Pharma fell 1.45 per cent. Nifty PSU Bank dropped 1.21 per cent, while Nifty Metal slipped

Ensure Adequate Coal Supply: Singareni

Union Minister for Coal and Mines
G. Kishan Reddy Reviews Coal Supply to Thermal Power Stations Across the Country



Singareni Bhavan, September 01: In view of the significant increase in power consumption across the country, Union Minister for Coal and Mines Shri G. Kishan Reddy directed government coal-producing companies to ensure adequate and uninterrupted coal supply to thermal power stations having Fuel Supply Agreements (FSAs) with them. He also directed Singareni to continue supplying adequate coal, as usual, to the thermal power stations having fuel supply agreements with the Company. On Tuesday, the Union Minister conducted a special review meeting through video conference with government coal-producing companies across the country regarding coal supply to thermal power stations.

Addressing the meeting, he stated that 28 thermal power stations in the country currently have low coal stocks. He directed the government coal-producing companies supplying coal to these thermal power stations to respond immediately and step up coal transportation to ensure that there is no shortage of coal. Senior officials from Coal In-

dia Limited, Singareni Collieries Company Limited and other government organisations participated in the review meeting.

Singareni Chairman and Managing Director Budda prakash Jyoti stated that Singareni is supplying adequate coal to thermal power stations having fuel supply agreements with the Company. He further stated that, keeping the growing power requirements in view, Singareni would continue its efforts to ensure adequate coal supply to these power stations. Participating in the video conference from Singareni Bhavan, Hyderabad, along with Chairman and Managing Director Dr. Buddaprakash Jyoti, were Director (Personnel & Finance) Shri Gawtham Potru, Executive Director (Coal Movement) Shri B. Venkanna, and General Manager (Coordination & Marketing) Shri Tadaboyina Srinivas. From the Head Office, Kothagudem, Director (Operations) Shri L.V. Surya Narayana, Director (Projects & Planning) Shri K. Venkateshwarlu, and Director (E&M) Shri M. Tirumala Rao participated in the video conference.

The Silent Revolution in the Shed

Technology is Quietly Transforming India's Small Dairy Farms



The Digital Transformation of India's Small Dairy Farms

India's dairy sector is undergoing a quiet but significant transformation. Across villages, small dairy farmers who once depended almost entirely on traditional knowledge, manual records and local milk collectors are increasingly using digital tools to improve animal health, milk quality, productivity and household incomes. This change is particularly important because India's dairy economy is built largely around smallholder farmers, many of whom maintain only a few cows or buffaloes alongside crop cultivation. Unlike large commercial dairy farms, these small operations cannot afford expensive machinery or sophisticated management systems. The emerging technology ecosystem is therefore focused on affordable, practical solutions that can work in rural conditions. Smartphones, automated milk testing machines, Internet of Things (IoT) devices, artificial intelligence, digital payments and solar-powered equipment are gradually becoming part of the rural dairy landscape. The result is not the replacement of traditional farmers with machines. Instead, technology is giving smallholders access to information, services and financial opportunities that were previously difficult to obtain.

Transparency at the Village Milk Collection Centre

One of the most important changes is taking place at village milk collection centres. For many years, milk quality and quantity were determined through manual processes. Farmers often had limited information about how their milk was being assessed, creating opportunities for disputes over fat content, weight and payment.

Automated milk collection units are changing this relationship. Modern systems can digitally measure the quantity of milk and assess parameters such as fat and solid-not-fat

content. The results can be displayed immediately, while transaction details can be recorded electronically and linked to the farmer's account. This creates a more transparent system in which payment is connected to measurable milk quality rather than subjective assessment. Farmers can see how the quality of their milk affects the amount they receive, encouraging better feeding, cleaner milking practices and improved animal care. Digital records also create a history of a farmer's milk production. Instead of relying solely on paper registers or verbal records, cooperatives and dairy companies can track deliveries over time. This information can eventually support better production planning and financial services.

Artificial Intelligence Enters the Cattle Shed

Technology is moving beyond the milk collection centre and directly into cattle sheds. Animal health and reproductive management are among the biggest challenges for small dairy farmers because illness, poor nutrition or missed breeding opportunities can significantly reduce household income. Affordable IoT devices are beginning to provide farmers with continuous information about their animals. Smart collars and ear tags can monitor activity, movement and other indicators associated with animal behaviour. When unusual patterns appear, digital systems can alert farmers that an animal may require attention.

Artificial intelligence can help interpret this information. Changes in movement or activity may indicate that an animal is entering its reproductive cycle, while unusual behaviour can sometimes signal possible health problems. Early warnings can encourage farmers to seek veterinary assistance before a condition becomes more serious. Smartphone-based applications are also expanding access to basic livestock information. Farmers can use photographs and digital tools to

obtain preliminary assessments of visible symptoms or abnormalities. These systems are not replacements for professional veterinarians, but they can help farmers identify situations requiring further attention. The greatest advantage is accessibility. Complex information can be converted into simple mobile notifications, voice messages or local-language instructions, making technology more useful for farmers with limited technical education.

Precision Feeding Improves Farm Economics

Feed is one of the largest expenses in dairy farming, making efficient nutrition essential for profitability. Traditionally, many smallholders have relied on locally available fodder, crop residues and household knowledge to feed their animals. While this approach can be economical, it does not always provide a balanced diet. Digital precision-feeding tools are beginning to address this problem. Farmers can enter information such as the animal's approximate weight, milk production, stage of lactation and available fodder into a mobile application. The system can then recommend a more suitable combination of feed ingredients. The objective is not simply to give animals more feed but to provide the right nutrition in the right quantities. Better-balanced diets can support animal health, improve productivity and reduce unnecessary expenditure on feed. Precision nutrition may also have environmental benefits. When animals receive balanced diets and produce more milk efficiently, the amount of resources required for each litre of milk can potentially be reduced. In a country where dairy production is spread across millions of small farms, even modest improvements in efficiency can have a substantial cumulative impact. Climate change makes this issue even more important. Rising temperatures and increasingly unpredictable weather can reduce livestock productivity. Better feeding,

Milk Data Becomes a Financial Asset

Perhaps one of the most important consequences of dairy digitisation is the creation of reliable financial records for small farmers.

Historically, many small dairy households struggled to demonstrate regular income to formal financial institutions. Their earnings came through frequent small transactions, and they often lacked conventional documents or collateral required for loans. Digital milk collection can change this equation. Every milk delivery can generate a record showing the quantity supplied, quality achieved and payment received. Over months and years, these records can demonstrate a farmer's economic activity and income consistency. Financial institutions and agritech companies can potentially use such information to develop alternative methods of assessing creditworthiness. A farmer with a stable history of milk production and payments may have a stronger financial profile than traditional documentation alone would suggest. This could make it easier to access loans for purchasing livestock, improving cattle sheds, buying feed or investing in equipment. Digital systems can also simplify payments for insurance, veterinary services and other farm-related expenses. For smallholders, this represents more than convenience. Access to formal finance can reduce dependence on informal borrowing and provide farmers with greater opportunities to invest in the future of their dairy businesses.

improved water management and digital monitoring can help farmers respond more effectively to heat stress and changing environmental conditions.

Building a Smarter Rural Cold Chain

Milk is highly perishable, and maintaining its quality between the farm and processing centre is a major logistical challenge. In many rural areas, particularly where electricity supply is unreliable, delays in cooling can reduce milk quality and increase wastage. IoT-enabled chilling systems are emerging as a solution. Solar-powered or energy-efficient bulk milk coolers can allow milk to be cooled closer to the point of production. This is particularly valuable for remote villages where transporting fresh milk over long distances without adequate refrigeration can be difficult. Digital temperature sensors can provide continuous information about storage conditions. If temperatures move outside acceptable ranges, operators can receive alerts and take corrective action. Technology can also improve transportation. GPS systems can monitor milk tankers, while sensors can track temperature during transit. Such information helps dairy operators identify problems and im-

prove logistics. The larger objective is to create a connected cold chain in which milk quality can be monitored from collection to processing. This can reduce losses, protect product quality and potentially increase the value of milk supplied by rural producers.

Traceability Connects Farmers With Consumers

Digital traceability is another emerging feature of the modern dairy ecosystem. Consumers increasingly want to know where their food comes from and how it was produced. QR codes and digital tracking systems can provide information about the journey of dairy products through the supply chain. In advanced systems, a consumer could potentially scan a product and access information about its processing or source region. For dairy companies, such traceability can improve supply-chain management and strengthen consumer confidence. For farmers, greater transparency can eventually create opportunities to capture more value from high-quality production. Milk produced under specific quality, hygiene or sustainability standards may command a premium if consumers are willing to pay for those attributes. The broader significance

is that technology can shorten the information gap between rural producers and urban consumers.

Women at the Centre of the Transformation

Technology's impact on dairy farming is particularly significant for rural women. Women play a major role in many dairy activities, including feeding animals, cleaning sheds, milking and caring for livestock. Yet their contribution has not always translated into independent financial control. Digital payments and mobile-based dairy records can help change this situation. When milk payments are transferred directly into an individual bank account or digital wallet, the person managing the livestock can gain greater visibility and control over earnings. However, technology alone cannot guarantee empowerment. Women still face barriers such as limited smartphone access, digital literacy gaps and restricted control over financial accounts. Training programmes therefore need to accompany technological expansion. Local-language interfaces, voice-based applications and simple digital systems could make these tools more accessible to women and older farmers who may find complex applications difficult to use.

In the early light of dawn, inside a modest brick-and-thatch cattle shed in rural Karnataka, a smallholder farmer named Shyamala prepares her two indigenous cows for milking. To an outsider, the scene appears untouched by modernity—a timeless tableau of Indian agriculture that has played out for centuries. Yet, within minutes of filling her steel cans, Shyamala walks to the village milk collection center, taps a digital key fob against an electronic terminal, and pours her yield onto an automated analyzer. In seconds, a solar-powered internet-of-things (IoT) scale reads the exact weight, measures the fat and solid-not-fat (SNF) content, and sends a text message to her smartphone. The exact payment calculation lands instantly in her digital wallet, backed by real-time cloud data.

This seamless intersection of rural labor and cutting-edge digital infrastructure represents a monumental shift taking place across the subcontinent. As the world's largest producer and consumer of milk, India relies on an astonishing 80 million smallholder farmers—most of whom care for micro-herds of just two to three cows or buffaloes. Historically plagued by opaque supply chains, poor veterinary access, low yields, and systemic financial exclusion, these smallholders are now standing at the center of a massive technological revolution. Powered by artificial intelligence, smart wearables, cloud computing, and mobile fintech, technology is fundamentally altering how milk is produced, monitored, collected, and monetized across India's rural heartland.

The Architecture of Smallholder Dairy

To appreciate the scale of this technological transformation, one must first understand the structural uniqueness of India's dairy landscape. Unlike the multi-thousand-acre industrial mega-dairies of North America or Europe, India's white revolution was built upon decentralization. The sector is overwhelmingly fragmented, driven by marginal families who manage livestock alongside small agricultural plots. While this model has provided critical livelihoods for nearly half of the country's rural workforce, it historically suffered from inherent structural vulnerabilities. Small

farmers lacked the capital to invest in modern farm machinery, had minimal negotiating power against middleman collectors, and often lost significant income to milk spoilage in hot tropical climates lacking reliable cold chain infrastructure. Furthermore, livestock diseases often went undetected until it was too late, crippling household finances. Technology's true triumph in this sector has not been the replacement of the small farmer with automation, but rather the creation of low-cost, hyper-scalable tools tailored specifically to the realities of a two-cow farm. By digitizing the operational layer of dairy farming, agritech enterprises and cooperatives are turning millions of isolated micro-farms into a connected, highly efficient distributed network.





Paralympic
IPC hands Iranian para-athlete Javanmardi a 3-year ban for doping



BONN (GERMANY): The International Paralympic Committee (IPC) has banned Iranian para-athlete Seyed Aliasgar Javanmardi, who won a gold medal in the Men's Shot Put F35 competition in the 2025 World Para Athletics Championships in New Delhi, for three years for doping. The Iranian athlete returned adverse analytical findings (AAF) for a prohibited substance in two urine samples provided out of competition. The first sample was collected on September 22, 2025, by his National Anti-Doping Agency, the Iran NADO, and the second sample was collected by the IPC on September 24, 2025.

Badminton
Shi Yuqi suffers first-round exit at China Masters



SHENZHEN (CHINA): China's Shi Yuqi suffered a straight-game defeat to Singapore's Loh Kean Yew at the 2026 BWF China Masters in Shenzhen on Tuesday, making an early exit for the second consecutive tournament following the World Championships. The clash between sixth seed Shi and Loh was one of the highlights of the opening day, with the pair having won the world title in 2025 and 2021, respectively. However, Shi struggled throughout the match and was beaten 21-11, 21-10 in just 30 minutes.

US Open: Madison Keys on course after Korneeva clash in Round One

NEW YORK

American star Madison Keys survived a tough encounter before getting the better of Alina Korneeva in their first-round clash in the women's singles event at the Arthur Ashe Stadium in the 2026 US Open in New York on Tuesday. Teenage sensation Korneeva had recently defeated Keys' compatriots Emma Navarro and Iva Jovic at the WTA 1000 Toronto and posed some tough questions in the opening set. However, the 2017 runner-up found the telling shots in the crunch moments for a 7-5, 6-4 victory. "It's always funny. I think I'm still a teenager, so looking across the net and seeing a teenager doesn't make much sense to me," quipped Keys, seeded 24 in this edition. "It's always tough playing someone young and up and coming; they're going for all



their shots. "It's just so hard to play the first round of a Grand Slam, so nervous, wanting to do so well. I'm happy I was able to fight through that and get the win today," she said. Keys was up against a top-draw rising star and sent out a signal of intent with a crushing forehand in a one-two strike for the very first point. The world No. 24's heavy hitting with cannonballs off both forehand and

backhand landed for a 3-0 scoreboard. Korneeva, who trains at the Rafa Nadal Academy in Mallorca, scurried across the baseline like the legendary Spaniard to fire a forehand pass down the line. Next point, the 19-year-old repeated that trick, this time off the backhand wing to deservedly get an opening game. It was the launchpad for the teenager to restore parity at 3-3. Yet more booming Keys ground-strokes chalked up a 5-3 advantage, but the serve was lacking rhythm and impact; Korneeva came back to level. Just when the tension rose and danger loomed, Keys called upon her previous 33 US Open match wins to fire a scintillating backhand pass as the highlight-reel Keys component to capturing the opening set. Compared to the turbulent first, the second set was front-foot excellence within the baseline, much more in the mold of major contender Madi up until 4-2. Once again, Korneeva stood tall and refused to gift points, the 19-year-old fending off match point at 5-3 down to prolong the encounter. With 94 minutes on the clock, a Korneeva forehand headed wide, and Keys roared with relief to avoid the same fate as her 2025 US Open first round.

Delhi HC seeks WFI stand on Vinesh Phogat's plea against show-cause notices

NEW DELHI



The Delhi High Court on Tuesday sought the Wrestling Federation of India's (WFI) stand on a plea filed by wrestler Vinesh Phogat challenging show-cause notices and disciplinary proceedings initiated against her, while also issuing notice on her separate plea seeking a fair and transparent framework for women athletes returning to competitive sport after pregnancy and maternity leave. A single-judge Bench of Justice Swarana Kanta Sharma, hearing Phogat's plea against the disciplinary proceedings, did not issue a formal notice but asked the WFI to obtain instructions and listed the matter for further hearing on September 29. Senior advocate Rajshekhar Rao, appearing for Phogat, submitted that the plea challenged two show-cause notices issued by the WFI on May 9 and June 17, alleging that they were part of a continuing pattern of arbitrary and mala fide action that had obstructed the wrestler's return to competitive wrestling after maternity. Rao also submitted that the Delhi High Court had earlier directed the WFI to adjudicate the first show-cause notice, but the process had not been completed. "First petition raises questions on two show-cause notices. Your lordships had initially directed them to adjudicate my first show-cause notice; even that has not been done. I'm only requesting that my lord can consider on a short returnable date," he submitted. Appearing for the WFI, counsel said that hearings had been scheduled twice but Phogat had not appeared, adding that a final opportunity had been given and the hearing was scheduled for Wednesday. However, Rao submitted that the issue also concerned the constitution

of the disciplinary committee and sought clarity from the federation on the mechanism being followed. The Delhi High Court thereafter asked the WFI to seek instructions and fixed the matter for September 29. Phogat has contended that the disciplinary action was initiated despite the International Testing Agency having cleared her to compete from January 1, 2026, and claimed that the proceedings were being used to obstruct her return to competitive wrestling following childbirth. In a separate plea, the Delhi High Court issued notice to the WFI, the Centre and the Indian Olympic Association (IOA) on Phogat's demand for a fair, transparent and structured framework governing the return of women athletes to competitive sport following pregnancy, childbirth and post-partum recovery. Justice Sharma listed the matter for hearing on November 18. Through the plea, Phogat has cited her own experience of returning to wrestling after childbirth and argued that women athletes should not be disadvantaged in selection processes because of the period during which they are unable to compete due to pregnancy and maternity. She has contended that the exist-

ing eligibility framework relied on performances in tournaments held during the maternity period, effectively penalising her for the absence rather than providing an alternative route for returning to competition. The plea seeks directions for a structured policy to ensure that women athletes returning after pregnancy and childbirth are provided a fair pathway back into competitive sport. The latest proceedings come against the backdrop of an earlier dispute between Phogat and the WFI over her participation in the Asian Games 2026 selection trials. In July, the Delhi High Court had closed as infructuous Phogat's petition challenging her exclusion from the selection trials after she was permitted to participate pursuant to earlier judicial orders. At that time, Justice Sharma had directed the WFI to take a decision within two weeks on the show-cause notice issued to Phogat on May 9 and place the outcome on record after communicating it to the wrestler and the court. The federation had also assured the Delhi High Court that Phogat would be granted a personal hearing before any final decision in the disciplinary proceedings. The dispute had arisen after the WFI issued a 15-page show-cause notice to the three-time Olympian on May 9, alleging multiple acts of indiscipline, anti-doping violations and breaches of international wrestling regulations. The federation had also declared her ineligible to participate in WFI-sanctioned competitions until June 26. Phogat had subsequently approached the Delhi High Court challenging her exclusion from the May 30-31 Asian Games selection trials. A Division Bench of then Chief Justice Devendra Kumar Upadhyaya and Justice Tejas Karia had permitted her to participate, observing that motherhood could not be treated as a ground for excluding a woman athlete from professional opportunities. The bench had also questioned the WFI's revised eligibility criteria and directed that the selection process be video-recorded under the supervision of independent observers. The WFI challenged the interim order before the Supreme Court. While allowing the selection trials to proceed, the apex court expressed reservations over certain observations made by the Delhi High Court at the interim stage. After completion of the selection trials, the Supreme Court disposed of the WFI's Special Leave Petition (SLP) as infructuous, clarifying that its order should not be construed as affirming the Delhi High Court's observations against the federation and keeping all issues open. Phogat's comeback bid ultimately ended at the Asian Games selection trials held at the Indira Gandhi Indoor Stadium in New Delhi on May 30 and 31, where she lost 4-6 to Meenakshi Goyat in the women's 53kg semifinals and failed to qualify for the 2026 Asian Games in Aichi-Nagoya, Japan.



US Open: Rain delays start of play on outside courts

NEW YORK

Rain disrupted the start of Tuesday's play at the US Open, where the scheduled first-round matches on the outside courts will not begin before 2:45 p.m. local time (12.15 IST Wednesday). Matches were continuing on the show courts—Louis Armstrong Stadium and Arthur Ashe Stadium—under the roofs. The inclement New York weather has not stopped fifth seed Flavio Cobolli from beginning his title bid at the hard-court major; however, the Italian is contesting his opener against Francisco Comesana under the roof at Louis Armstrong Stadium. French star Gael Monfils will later begin the final Grand Slam campaign of his career against Adolfo Daniel Vallejo. The Tuesday schedule on Arthur Ashe Stadium, which also has a retractable roof, features 2024 finalist Taylor Fritz. The home favourite faces his fellow American, #NextGenATP Darwin Blanch, in the second match on. In the night session, top seed Alexander Zverev takes on Lorenzo Sonego. Alex de Minaur against Andrea Guerrieri, Lorenzo Musetti against Arthur Fery, and Rafael Jodar against Thanasi Kokkinakis are among the matches scheduled for outside courts on Tuesday once the rain clears at Flushing Meadows. Meanwhile, Madison Keys survived a tough encounter before getting the better of Alina Korneeva in their first-round clash in the women's singles event. Teen sensation Korneeva had recently defeated Keys' compatriots Emma Navarro and Iva Jovic at the WTA 1000 Toronto and posed some tough questions in the opening set. However, the 2017 runner-up found the telling shots in the crunch moments for a 7-5, 6-4 victory. "It's always funny. I think I'm still a teenager, so looking across the net and seeing a teenager doesn't make much sense to me," quipped Keys, seeded 24 in this edition. "It's always tough playing someone who is young and up and coming; they're going for all their shots.

Prashant Singh appointed SAI Regional Director for Gujarat, Rajasthan

GANDHINAGAR

Prashant Singh's appointment as Regional Director of the Sports Authority of India's (SAI) Regional Centre in Gandhinagar will place the focus on strengthening the sporting pipeline across Gujarat and Rajasthan, from grassroots talent identification to high-performance and podium-level preparation. Singh, who hails from Luc-

know in Uttar Pradesh, has been appointed to oversee SAI's regional operations in the two states. He brings more than 10 years of experience in sports administration, covering sports policy and programme implementation, athlete development, major sporting events, sports science and athlete-support systems, communications, public engagement and institutional

development. He has been associated with the Khelo India Scheme since its inception and was involved in the launch and conduct of the first Khelo India School Games in 2018. He has worked across more than 10 editions of the Khelo India Games and the 36th National Games, contributing to systems and standard operating procedures for multidisciplinary national sporting events.

Telangana Golconda Masters: Dhruv Sheoran, Vishesh Sharma post 10-under 60 to share lead

HYDERABAD

Dhruv Sheoran and local favourite Vishesh Sharma produced matching course-record scores of 10-under 60 to share the opening-round lead at the INR 1 crore Telangana Golconda Masters 2026 in Hyderabad on Tuesday. The pair holds a one-shot advantage after the first round of the tournament's 12th edition at Hyderabad Golf Association. The 31-year-old Sheoran, who hails from Gurugram, made 11 birdies against a solitary bogey to register the lowest score of his career. A winner on the DP World PGTI in 2024, he entered the week ranked 12th on the 2026 Race to India Championship. Starting from the par-five 10th, Sheoran made five consecutive birdies through the 14th before dropping his only shot of the day on the par-four 15th. He recovered immediately and remained bogey-free for the rest of his round. Hyderabad's 19-year-old Vishesh, competing in his second season on the PGTI Tour, matched Sheoran during the afternoon session. His 60 featured an eagle on the par-five sixth, nine birdies and one bogey. Noida's Amardeep Malik, a two-time winner on the tour, remained one stroke behind the leaders at solo-third after posting a nine-under 61. The 41-year-old made 10 birdies and one bogey. Japan's Koichiro Ishika, playing his maiden season on the DP World PGTI, produced a bogey-free seven-under 63 to occupy fourth place. Sheoran's round began in unlikely fashion when he pulled his opening drive into a bunker on another hole. With trees blocking his route to the green, he shaped a 40-yard cut from about 260 yards, found the putting surface and nearly holed his first putt from



50 feet before tapping in for birdie. "I got off to a hot start, although the opening tee shot went left and left me out of position," said Sheoran. "I made good contact with the recovery, found the green and nearly holed the long putt. That gave me a lot of momentum." He followed with a 20-foot birdie conversion on the 11th, a 10-footer on the 12th and an eight-footer on the 13th. Sheoran then drove the green on the 14th and two-putted to complete five consecutive birdies. His only setback came on the 15th, where he pushed a pitching-wedge lay-up into the trees and needed to take a penalty drop. "The birdies had given me a cushion, and I knew the momentum was still on my side, so the mistake did not unsettle me," he said. Finding the fairway on the first, a tee shot Sheoran considers particularly challenging, restored his rhythm for the closing stretch. "Once I hit that tee shot the way I wanted, I felt I could express my game," he said. "From there, I played with controlled aggression and continued executing my tee shots and approaches." Sheoran moved his base to Japan in mid-June because his wife is Japanese. The relocation disrupted his

usual practice routine, and he initially struggled to rediscover his preferred right-to-left ball flight after returning to competition. "I was quite rusty when I came back and couldn't move the ball the way I wanted," Sheoran said. "I worked with my coach before last week's Telangana Open and started seeing my preferred ball flight again. The top-10 finish there gave me the confidence I needed, and that progress showed today." Sheoran was unaware that he had matched the course record until completing his round. Standing over a 20-foot birdie putt on the last, he mistakenly believed he was nine-under and needed to hole it to equal the mark. "I later realised I was already 10-under," he said. "It would have been nice to make that putt and establish a new course record." Vishesh also learned only after completing his round that he had matched Manu Gandas' course record from 2022 at his home venue. "Today's round was very special, particularly because it came at my home course," he said. "Everything seemed to go my way. I putted well, struck some good shots and, despite a slow start, stayed patient and kept returning my focus to the present." Vishesh converted a 15-foot eagle putt on the sixth, while another high-light arrived on the par-three 16th, where he struck his tee shot to about three feet and made birdie. However, the teenager felt his par saves were just as valuable as the eagle and birdies. "The rough around the greens is quite thick, and the ball tends to sit down," Vishesh said. "Even if you miss a green by only a foot, the recovery can be difficult. Saving par from those positions makes a significant difference by the end of the round."

Karnataka's Shreeniti storms into pre-QF at KSLTA World Tennis Tour Junior J30

BENGALURU

Karnataka's 15-year-old Shreeniti Chowdhury produced one of the best performances of the Bengaluru leg of the KSLTA World Tennis Tour Junior J30, racing into the pre-quarterfinals with a 6-2, 6-0 victory over Aniha Reddy Gavinolla at the SM Krishna Tennis Stadium on Tuesday. The fourth-seeded Shreeniti, a Class 10 student of DPS East School who trains at HLTA, showed tremendous composure after making a slow start. She trailed 0-2 in the

opening set before completely turning the match around, winning the next 12 games in succession to close out the contest in emphatic fashion. The victory comes just days after Shreeniti won the ITF J60 in Hyderabad, where she upset fifth seed Savitha Bhubaneswaran 7-5, 6-1 in the final on Saturday. She had reached the quarterfinals of the J60 Gurugram earlier this year. Meanwhile, the boys' draw witnessed the biggest upset of the day when 17-year-old Mahijet Pradhan of Maharashtra knocked out fifth seed Pradnyesh Shelke 2-6, 6-3, 6-3.

Mahijet recovered superbly after losing the opening set, in which he dropped serve in the sixth and eighth games. He immediately changed the momentum in the second, breaking in the opening game and, despite being broken back in the next, regained control to lead 5-2. He dropped serve once more but broke again to level the match. The decider saw Mahijet race to a 5-1 lead after an early break. Pradnyesh fought back by breaking in the seventh game, but Mahijet held his nerve and his serve to close out the match. Among the other results, top



seed Tejas Ravi defeated fellow Karnataka player Shreyanth Mahanthesha 6-3, 6-4, while Ishaan Badagi,

another Karnataka youngster, came from a set down to beat Atharva Sri-ramoju 5-7, 6-1, 6-0. Second seed Ahan Shetty survived a three-set battle against Rishi Yadav 6-2, 1-6, 6-4, while No. 4 seed Vivaan Mirdha defeated Chukka Lakshya Vardhan 6-2, 6-4. In the girls' main draw, No. 2 seed Karthika Padmakumar advanced after Swasti Singh retired at 0-3, while No. 6 seed Vasundra Balajee led Avipsha Dehury 6-0, 2-0 when the latter retired. Seventh seed Tejaswi Manneni survived a marathon against Samradnyee Dalvi, winning

5-7, 7-5, 6-4. RESULTS (ALL INDIANS UNLESS MENTIONED) BOYS' SINGLES (ROUND OF 32): 1-Tejas Ravi bt Shreyanth Mahanthesha 6-3, 6-4; 7-Ayan Shetty bt Pradyumna Tatachar 6-3, 6-4; Mahijet Pradhan bt 5-Pradnyesh Shelke 2-6, 6-3, 6-3; 4-Vivaan Mirdha bt Chukka Lakshya Vardhan 6-2, 6-4; Aarush Kote (USA) bt Evan Saha 6-2, 6-2; 2-Ahan Shetty bt Rishi Yadav 6-2, 1-6, 6-4; Ishaan Badagi bt Atharva Sriramoju 5-7, 6-1, 6-0; Neel Kelkar bt Abhivadya Misra 6-4, 6-1;

BOYS' DOUBLES (ROUND OF 16): Chukka Lakshya Vardhan/ Parthiv Nallagundla bt Vishwak Reddy Gunampally/Shreyas Narendran (USA) 6-4, 6-3; GIRLS' SINGLES (ROUND OF 32): 7-Tejaswi Manneni bt Samradnyee Dalvi 5-7, 7-5, 6-4; 2-Karthika Padmakumar bt Swasti Singh 3-0 (Retired); Zoha Qureshi bt Krishika Gautam 6-3, 6-0; Anjhalle Meka bt Sanidhya Karantho 6-3, 5-7, 6-2; 4-Shreeniti Chowdhury bt Aniha Reddy Gavinolla 6-2, 6-0; 6-Vasundra Balajee bt Avipsha Dehury 6-0, 2-0 (retired);



Epic’s Sabko: Peppy Vibe in London streets



“Sabko,” the latest peppy number from EPIC – First Semester, arrives as a burst of youthful energy. Shot across the vibrant streets of London, the song presents Anand Deverakonda and Vaishnavi Chaitanya in a lively yet emotionally layered setting. Happiness, pain, romance and youthful excitement come together as the lead pair take audiences through different shades of their relationship. The energetic beats make the track an instant mood-lifter. Sanjith Hegde and Sithara Krishna Kumar lend their voices to “Sabko,” bringing a breezy and energetic quality to the composition. The Hindi-mixed lyrical flavour makes the song sound particularly fresh, while Hesham Abdul Wahab’s music keeps the rhythm engaging from start to finish. The combination of catchy beats, expressive vocals and the London backdrop gives the song a distinct identity within the film’s soundtrack. EPIC – First Semester is directed by Aditya Haasan and features Anand Deverakonda and Vaishnavi Chaitanya as the protagonists. Their reunion after Baby has been one of the film’s biggest talking points. The film is produced by Suryadevara Naga Vamsi and Sai Soujanya under Sithara Entertainments and Fortune Four Cinemas, with Srikara Studios presenting the project. EPIC – First Semester is scheduled for a worldwide theatrical release on September 11, 2026.

Vaishnavi’s Viral Wedding Choice

Vaishnavi Chaitanya needs no special introduction. After beginning her career with YouTube videos and short films, she shot to overnight fame with the blockbuster “Baby”. She is now gearing up for the release of “Epic”, in which she shares the screen with Anand Deverakonda. During a promotional rapid-fire session for “Epic”, Vaishnavi’s playful answers to a series of questions caught everyone’s attention and quickly went viral on social media.

Vaishnavi’s Viral Rapid-Fire Choices As part of the promotions, the anchor posed an interesting question to Vaishnavi, asking her to choose between Siddu Jonnalagadda, Viraj and Anand Deverakonda for love, marriage and a breakup.

Without any hesitation, Vaishnavi said she would break up with Viraj, choose Siddu Jonnalagadda for love and marry Anand Deverakonda. Her humorous response left everyone surprised and became a talking point online.

Fun Questions, Interesting Answers

Vaishnavi also opened up in a light-hearted manner during the rapid-fire round. When asked about day or night, she said she likes both. She revealed that she prefers being without makeup rather than wearing makeup and said she enjoys both vegetarian and non-vegetarian food. When asked whether she would choose a love marriage or an arranged marriage, Vaishnavi made it clear that she would definitely prefer a love marriage.

Baby* Over *Arjun Reddy The actress was also asked to choose between two iconic films, “Baby” and “Arjun Reddy”. Unsurprisingly, Vaishnavi picked “Baby”, the film that transformed her career and made her a household name.

Another quirky question was “Bedroom or balcony?” Vaishnavi instantly chose “balcony” with a laugh, entertaining the audience with her spontaneous answer. “Epic” Set for September 11 Release

“Epic”, starring Anand Deverakonda and Vaishnavi Chaitanya, is scheduled to hit theatres on September 11. Following the success of “Baby”, the reunion of the lead pair has created considerable expectations around the film.

The promotional material released so far has generated positive buzz, and the makers are confident about the film’s prospects. Vaishnavi’s candid and humorous promotional interactions have further connected with the youth. It remains to be seen whether “Epic” can recreate the magic of “Baby” at the box office.

Kurmaavatar Teaser: Shivanna’s Epic Avatar



The teaser of Kannada superstar Shiva Rajkumar’s upcoming devotional entertainer Kurmaavatar is out, presenting an intriguing blend of mythology, spirituality and epic action. Directed by Harsha Vardhan Kadiyaala, the film is produced by Poojitha K and K Sevitha under the banners of Panchavakra Pictures and Rukvina Studios. Beginning on a spiritual note, the teaser, featuring Sai Kumar’s voice-over, highlights the significance of God, devotion and Dharma across different eras. The narrative gradually takes a different turn as evil forces rise with extraordinary powers, threatening to disrupt the cosmic balance. The protagonist then makes a powerful entry as a divine warrior to protect Dharma. Director Harsha Vardhan

Kadiyaala impresses with his distinctive approach to storytelling. The devotional atmosphere, compelling narration and striking visuals make the teaser an engaging watch. Jagadeesh Cheekati’s cinematography gives the film a grand visual appeal, while B Ajaneesh Loknath’s impactful background score amplifies the spiritual intensity. The production design and overall scale also look impressive. Shiva Rajkumar’s epic avatar and his commanding screen presence as a divine warrior emerge as the biggest highlights. Raj Tharun surprises in a mysterious role, while Sai Kumar, Athira Raj and Shivaji add strength to the supporting cast. Kurmaavatar has certainly made a strong statement with its teaser, leaving audiences curious about this ambitious mythological entertainer.

Madonna’s Rise Beyond Premam

Madonna Sebastian, born on May 19, 1992, in Kerala, is a talented Indian actress and playback singer known for her work primarily in Malayalam and Tamil films, with appearances in Telugu and Kannada cinema. She made her acting debut in the 2015 Malayalam romantic comedy Premam, directed by Alphonse Puthren, portraying Celine George opposite Nivin Pauly. The film’s massive success launched her career and earned her nominations for Best Female Debut. Sebastian quickly expanded her horizons with her Tamil debut in Kadhalum Kadandhu Pogum (2016) opposite Vijay Sethupathi, followed by the Telugu remake of Premam and her Kannada entry with Kotigobba 3 (2021). She has delivered versatile performances in films like King Liar, Kavan, Virus (2019), Shyam Singha Roy (2021), Padmini (2023), and Leo (2023), where she played Vijay’s twin sister Elisa Das. Recent and ongoing projects include Jolly O Gymkhana (2024), the Telugu film Drive (2025), and upcoming releases such as Heartin and Sathi Leelavathi (both 2026), along with Adhirshitasali.



Jonita Gandhi Owns Black

Jonita Gandhi once again proved she knows how to make heads turn, this time at the Yeshanagula song launch event in Dallas for Nani’s much-awaited film The Paradise. Performing live alongside music composer Anirudh Ravichander, Jonita brought her signature energy to the stage, and her striking all-black look added to the buzz around the event. She wore a sheer, off-shoulder top with intricate rose embroidery paired with flowy black trousers, holding a matching hat in hand. Her sleek center-parted hair and minimal jewelry gave the outfit an effortlessly chic, edgy touch, perfectly balancing romantic and sophisticated elements. The live performance, part of the promotions for The Paradise’s second single “Yeshanagula,” saw massive fan turnout, with Anirudh and Jonita’s chemistry on stage becoming an instant highlight. Clips from the event have gone viral online, with fans praising both her vocals and her fashion sense. Jonita continues to strengthen her presence as one of the most versatile voices and style icons in the industry.

