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### Mobile phones totally banned inside Puri's Jagannath Temple

The Srimandir Security Sub-Committee on Tuesday announced a total ban on mobile phones inside the 12th-century Shree Jagannath Temple, applying to devotees, servants, and police personnel. Ex-CAG Girish Chandra Murmu said, "No one, including police and servants, will be allowed to carry mobile phones inside." Servitors will use walkie-talkies, and the move aims to protect the shrine's security.

### Friend of Bengal gang-rape survivor who went out with her arrested

West Bengal Police have arrested a friend of a second-year medical student in connection with the alleged gang-rape of the student outside her college campus in Durgapur, ANI reported citing Asansol-Durgapur Police Commissionerate. The survivor stated before a magistrate that he had also "tried to force himself on her", News18 reported. This is the sixth arrest in the case.

### UP govt to run extra buses for Diwali, Bhai Dooj, Chhath

The Uttar Pradesh government announced additional buses for Diwali, Bhai Dooj, and Chhath to manage the festival rush. Transport Minister Dayashankar Singh said the buses will operate on key routes from Delhi to eastern UP. Officials added that an incentive period from October 18-30 has been declared to maximise bus operations, with financial rewards for staff working extended duties.

### Just crackers: CPM as explosives hurled at house of woman renting space to Kerala BJP

CPI(M) downplayed the alleged incident of explosives being hurled at the house of a woman who rented office space to the BJP in Kerala's communist stronghold. The party insists 'only crackers' were burst, denying politics. The attack occurred at the house of 67-year-old M Shyamala in Peralassery, and a police case was filed. Peralassery is the birthplace of CPI(M)'s founding member AK Gopalan.

# PM Modi to lay foundation stone, inaugurate projects worth Rs 13,430 Cr in Kurnool

**Vijayawada:** Prime Minister Narendra Modi will lay the foundation stone, inaugurate and dedicate to the nation multiple development projects worth around Rs 13,430 crore during his Kurnool district visit on October 16.

These projects span across key sectors including industry, power transmission, roads, railways, defence manufacturing, and petroleum and natural gas, reflecting the Government's commitment to enhancing regional infrastructure, accelerating industrialisation, and driving inclusive socio-economic growth in the state.

The Prime Minister will lay the foundation stone for the Transmission System Strengthening at Kurnool-III Pooling Station, at an investment of over Rs 2,880 crore. The project includes the construction of a 765 KV double-circuit Kurnool-III Pooling Station-Chilakaluripeta transmission line, which will increase transformation capacity by 6,000 MVA and enable large-scale transmission of renewable energy to support the nation's growth.

The Prime Minister will also lay the foundation stones for the Orvakal Industrial Area in Kurnool and the Kopparthi

Industrial Area in Kadapa, with a total investment of over Rs 4,920 crore. Developed jointly by National Industrial Corridor Development and Implementation Trust (NICDIT) and Andhra Pradesh Industrial Infrastructure Corporation Ltd (APIIC), these modern, multi-sectoral industrial hubs feature plug-and-play infrastructure and a walk-to-work concept. They are expected to attract Rs. 21,000 crore in investments and generate approximately one lakh jobs, boosting industrial development and global competitiveness in Andhra Pradesh's Rayalaseema region.

To enhance road infrastructure, the Prime Minister will lay the foundation stone for the six-lane Greenfield Highway from Sabbavaram to Sheelanagar of over Rs. 960 crore, aimed at easing congestion in Visakhapatnam and facilitating trade and employment.

In addition, six road projects worth around a total of Rs. 1,140 crore will be inaugurated, including the four-lane of the Pileru-Kalur section, widening from Kadapa/Nellore border to CS Puram, the four-lane Rail over Bridge (ROB) between Gudi-

vada and Nujella Railway Stations on NH-165, the major bridge across Papagni River on NH-716, the Kanigiri Bypass on NH-565, and the improvement of the bypassed section in N. Gundlupalli Town on NH-544DD. These projects will improve safety, reduce travel time, and strengthen regional connectivity across Andhra Pradesh.

The Prime Minister will further lay the foundation stone and dedicate to the nation several key railway projects worth over Rs. 1,200 crore. The projects include the laying of the foundation stone for the Kothavalasa-Vizianagaram Fourth Railway Line and the Rail Flyover between Pendurthi and Simhachalam North, and the dedication to the nation of the doubling of the Kothavalasa-Badavara section and the Shimiliguda-Gorapur section.

These projects will reduce congestion, ensure faster and safer journeys, facilitate smooth movement of passengers and freight, and promote industrial, trade, and tourism growth across the region, while generating employment opportunities for local communities.

In the energy sector, the Prime Minister will dedicate to



the nation, the Srikakulam-Angul Natural Gas Pipeline of GAIL India Limited, built at a total cost of around Rs 1,730 crore, spanning around 124 km in Andhra Pradesh and 298 km in Odisha. He will also inaugurate Indian Oil's 60 TMTPA (Thousand Metric Tonnes per annum) LPG bottling plant at Chittoor, Andhra Pradesh, established at an investment of around Rs.200 crore.

The plant will serve over 7.2 lakh customers through 80 distributors across four districts of Andhra Pradesh, two districts of Tamil Nadu, and one

district of Karnataka. It will play a critical role in ensuring reliable LPG supply for households and businesses in the region. To strengthen defence manufacturing, the Prime Minister will dedicate the Advanced Night Vision Products Factory at Nimmaluru, Krishna district, established by Bharat Electronics Limited at an investment of around Rs.360 crore. The facility will manufacture advanced electro-optical systems for the Indian Defence Forces, reinforcing self-reliance in defence production and promoting skilled employment in the region.

# 'No city in country matches Bengaluru's infra'

Deputy CM Shivakumar to Andhra minister Lokesh

**Bengaluru:** Commenting on Google's AI hub going to Andhra Pradesh, the Congress-led government in Karnataka stated on Wednesday that if the Telugu state offers more concessions, let the companies go there, and they will learn from experience. Millennial media consulting Online movie streaming services

Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar, who is also Bengaluru Development Minister, spoke while replying to media questions at Vidhana Soudha on Wednesday.

He said, "Can we say no to those going to Andhra? If they are going because more concessions are being offered, let them go. They, too, will learn from experience."

"On infrastructure, human resources, innovation, and research, no city in the country matches Bengaluru. Others speak about Bengaluru only to market themselves," Shivakumar retorted to Andhra Pradesh IT Minister Nara Lokesh.

On Nara Lokesh's remarks, the Deputy CM said, "Be it Nara Lokesh or anyone else, I

won't react to their statements. Bengaluru has 25 lakh IT professionals and 2 lakh foreigners working here. Bengaluru's contribution to the nation's growth is immense. About 40 per cent of the Centre's tax revenue comes from here. They talk about Bengaluru only to market themselves. Let them do whatever they want. Even if the Centre helps them, Bengaluru cannot be matched."

"We know how many foreign leaders are contacting us. I am sitting with the IT and Large Industries Ministers and holding discussions. Foreign companies, which were functioning from rented spaces in Bengaluru until now, after developments in the US, are now buying their own land here. They are building their own campuses. This is the strength of Bengaluru," he said.

On reports that Karnataka has lost over Rs 1 lakh crore in investment, Shivakumar replied: "Foreign delegations are meeting me, Ministers Priyank Kharge, and M.B. Patil continuously. On October 12, a Singapore business dele-



gation is visiting Bengaluru. Many private universities and institutions are coming here to set up their campuses. No one will leave Bengaluru. We don't need to advertise by saying we will give big concessions. The facilities available here are attracting investors."

Andhra Pradesh IT Minister Nara Lokesh has stated that "If they're (Karnataka government) inefficient, what can I do? Their own industrialists say infrastructure is bad, and there are power cuts. They should first fix those problems."

Lokesh emphasised Andhra Pradesh's leadership, calling it a "double engine bullet train sarkar" with clear vision and the ability to deliver projects quickly. "When states compete, India wins. I am not here for a Twitter (X) war," he said.

# Harish Rao Warns Telangana Economy in Danger

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Former minister and BRS MLA Harish Rao has sounded the alarm over Telangana's economic condition, warning that the state's economy is heading towards collapse under the Congress government. Speaking to the media, he described the sustained deflation as a symptom of policy paralysis, financial mismanagement, and vindictive governance, which have slowed economic growth, weakened local markets, and created a precarious fiscal environment.

Harish Rao highlighted that while India's retail inflation currently stands at 1.54%, Telangana has witnessed negative inflation for three out of

four consecutive months this year. Specifically, the state recorded deflation of -0.93% in June, -0.44% in July, and -0.15% in September—marking the first time since the state's formation that negative inflation has been observed on multiple occasions. He pointed out that such a trend is unusual, particularly during festive periods like Bathukamma and Dasara, when consumer spending typically surges. "The fact that deflation persists even during festivals underscores the depth of economic mismanagement," he said.

According to Harish Rao, these trends indicate an urgent need for corrective action. He stressed that Telangana, under K. Chandrababbar Rao's leadership,

was once seen as a model of development and fiscal stability. However, he claimed that under Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, alleged corruption and administrative chaos have pushed the state towards financial decline. Local markets, small businesses, and consumer confidence are all reportedly affected by the slowdown, he added.

The BRS leader urged the government to move away from "bull-dozer politics" and vindictive practices, focusing instead on reviving the economy, implementing growth-oriented policies, and ensuring financial stability. "Immediate steps are needed to restore market confidence, stimulate spending, and prevent further economic deterioration," he said.



Economic experts note that prolonged deflation can have far-reaching consequences, including reduced corporate revenues, job losses, and lower investment inflows, which may further exacerbate the state's financial challenges. Harish Rao's remarks come amid growing concerns from industry and business communities over Telangana's slowing economic momentum.

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EDITORIAL

# Education: Rebuilding the three pillars of national progress

## National Education Policy 2020



VIJAY GARG

Education is not merely a system of instruction—it is the architecture of a nation's future. Yet this grand edifice stands fragile when its three foundational pillars — qualified teachers, their effective utilisation, and adequate infrastructure — are fractured. Quality education, the true engine of national progress, cannot be achieved through rhetoric or reform alone. It thrives only when human intellect, systemic efficiency, and structural support align seamlessly. The first and most vital pillar is the teacher. A qualified teacher does far more than complete a syllabus — they spark curiosity, nurture critical thought, and mould young minds. But true qualification extends beyond degrees; it includes emotional intelligence, pedagogical skill, and adaptability in an evolving world. The National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 rightly emphasises continuous professional development, yet many teacher training institutions still function as mere degree factories, offering certificates rather than competence. The 2023 UNESCO Global Education Monitoring Report notes that over 85 per cent of Indian secondary teachers meet qualification norms, but fewer than half can effectively integrate interdisciplinary or digital learning. This gap — qualification without competence — reduces teaching to a mechanical act. The OECD's Education at a Glance 2023 found that nearly one-third of new teachers in the U.S. leave within five years, driven by stress and lack of recognition. The message is clear: no curriculum can succeed without inspired and empowered teachers. Education systems must treat teachers not as executors of policy but as the intellectual architects of national growth. The second pillar — proper utilisation of teachers — is equally critical but often ignored. India's education system reflects a paradox of plenty and poverty: urban

centres overflow with educators while rural and tribal schools face acute shortages. The UDISE+ 2022 report revealed that over 1.2 lakh schools still operate with only one teacher. Even where teachers exist, mismatches persist — postgraduates teaching primary classes while less-qualified staff handle senior grades. Such inefficiencies waste talent and dilute outcomes. Global models offer lessons. Finland recruits teachers from the top 10 per cent of graduates, gives them autonomy, and assigns them roles based on expertise rather than administrative convenience. The result is excellence grounded in trust and respect. India must similarly embrace data-driven deployment, transparent transfers, and decentralised decision-making to ensure teachers serve where they are needed most. The third pillar — robust infrastructure — forms the silent scaffolding of learning.

While policy narratives highlight digital classrooms, realities on the ground remain sobering. The ASER 2023 survey shows that 28 per cent of rural schools lack functional toilets, and nearly 40 per cent face classroom shortages. The pandemic further exposed the digital divide. Infrastructure is not a luxury; it is the great equaliser of opportunity. Yet bricks and bandwidth alone cannot transform education. True quality emerges when trained teachers work in supportive environments that empower innovation.

Classrooms must evolve into laboratories of curiosity where learning is co-created, not dictated. The triad of qualified teachers, equitable utilisation, and strong infrastructure must move from aspiration to action. To build enlightened citizens for a complex world, nurturing this triad is not a choice — it is an obligation. Only when competence, conscience, and context unite in the classroom will education truly become the force of transformation India needs.

# No Indian Scientist has Won a Nobel Prize in 95 Years.

It has been 95 years since any scientist working in India won the Nobel Prize in Physics, Chemistry or Medicine. In 1930, C.V. Raman received the Nobel Prize in Physics, the only honour to be awarded to an Indian scientist to date. Since then, Hargobind Khurana (1968, Medicine), Sumanyam Chandrasekhar (1983, Physics), and Venkataraman Ramakrishnan (2009, Chemistry) have won the award, but they all were living outside India at the time of their work and were not Indian citizens. According to media reports, there are several obstacles to the development of scientific and research capabilities in India. Basic research is not given sufficient attention, government funding is low, and bureaucracy slows down the work. Incentives and opportunities for research in the private sector are limited. Research capacity in universities is weak, and the number of researchers relative to the population is five times lower than the world average. This is why the pool of scientists eligible for the Nobel Prize in India is very small. Many scientists from India have been nominated for the Nobel Prize, but have never received it. Meghnad Saha, Homi Bhabha, and Satyendranath Bose were nominated in

physics, G.N. Ramachandran and T. Seshadri in chemistry, and Upendranath Brahmachari in medicine. Scientists like Jagadish Chandra Bose and K.S. Krishnan were denied the Nobel Prize in physics despite their significant contributions. E.C.G. Sudarshan was denied the Nobel Prize in physics twice, in 1979 and 2005. C.N.R. Rao's contributions to solid-state chemistry were also considered Nobel-worthy, but he has not yet received the honour. The United States and Europe dominate scientific awards. Researchers from only nine countries outside North America and Europe have won Nobel Prizes in science. With 21, Japan has the most awards in Asia. In the US and Europe, strong research infrastructure, financial support, and a better ecosystem have led to scientists there winning Nobel Prizes. The award system is not the only reason why Indian scientists are not getting recognition. Lack of research funding, infrastructure, and government support has prevented scientists from fully developing their work. In the future, winning Nobel Prizes by Indian scientists will depend primarily on their individual talent and ingenuity, not on systemic support.

# Hormone therapy may cut cardiovascular risk in younger menopausal women



Source: theconversation.com

Menopause can have profound effects on heart health, yet many people are unaware of this important connection.

The hormonal shifts occurring during menopause mark the end of a woman's reproductive years and contribute to an increased risk of cardiovascular disease, the most common cause of death among women globally. As estrogen levels drop, changes in cholesterol, blood pressure, inflammation and fat distribution can lead to plaque buildup in blood vessels, which is a major cause of heart disease.

Hormone therapy has long been prescribed to relieve bothersome menopausal symptoms, but research published in 2002 and 2004 raised concerns about its safety, especially regarding cardiovascular health. Those findings led to years of confusion and debate. Although hormone therapy was also previously prescribed to prevent chronic diseases such as cardiovascular disease, medical guidelines today no longer recommend it for this purpose based on this prior research.

As a cardiologist studying the prevention of heart disease in menopausal women, I investigate how hormone changes affect heart health and how treatments can be improved to lower cardiovascular disease risk. As research continues to shed light on menopause and heart health, it is becoming increasingly clear that hormone therapy used to treat menopausal symptoms in younger, healthy women is not only safe for the heart but may even offer some cardiovascular benefits.

### The estrogen-cardiovascular link explained

Menopause, defined as 12 consecutive months without a menstrual period, marks the end of a woman's reproductive years and typically occurs between ages 45 to 55. The transition leading to menopause, known as perimenopause, can last several years and is characterized by fluctuating levels of hormones, including estrogen and progesterone. These hormonal changes often cause symptoms such as hot flashes, night sweats and sleep disturbances.

What's less widely known is that menopause and lack of estrogen also drive changes to the heart and blood vessels. Estrogen has protective ef-

fects on the cardiovascular system, and its decline can lead to increased blood vessel stiffness, resulting in high blood pressure, higher cholesterol levels, more inflammation, and shifts in fat deposition, which lead to a greater risk of heart disease.

One reason for this is that estrogen helps keep blood vessels flexible and supports the production of nitric oxide, a molecule that allows vessels to relax and maintain healthy blood flow. Estrogen also influences how the body processes cholesterol, helping to make changes to cholesterol to reduce plaque buildup in artery walls. When estrogen levels drop during menopause, these protective factors diminish, making arteries more susceptible to stiffening, plaque buildup and inflammation. These biological processes raise the risk of long-term cardiovascular disease.

### Hormone therapy's rocky history

Hormone therapy using estrogen alone or a combination of estrogen and progesterin, a synthetic derivative of progesterone, restores estrogen levels and effectively treats menopausal symptoms. It comes with some risks, though, which depend on factors such as a woman's age, time since menopause began and overall health.

The medical community's view on hormone therapy has shifted dramatically over the years. In the 1970s, hormone therapy was widely promoted as a fountain of youth and was prescribed commonly to prevent age-related chronic diseases such as heart attack and stroke.

Then, in the early 2000s, the Women's Health Initiative, one of the largest clinical trials testing oral hormone therapy in women, found an increased risk of stroke and breast cancer in those who used hormone therapy. Doctors abruptly stopped prescribing it, and medical guidelines shifted their recommendations, saying the treatment had more risks than benefits.

However, additional analyses of data from the Women's Health Initiative along with results from further studies pointed researchers to a theory called the timing hypothesis, which suggests that the risks and benefits of hormone therapy depend on when treatment begins.

According to the timing hypothesis, hormone therapy may lower the risk of heart disease in menopausal women

who start it before age 60 and within 10 years of menopause onset, and who are otherwise in good health. Women who begin hormone therapy much later — after age 60 or more than 10 years after menopause onset — may instead face increased cardiovascular risks.

A personalized approach to treating menopause

My research supports this idea. In a 2019 study, my colleagues and I analyzed data from 31 clinical trials of women who started hormone therapy at different ages, and we found that women under 60 who used hormone therapy tend to live longer and are less likely to die from heart disease. However, our study did find an increased risk in blood clots and stroke with hormone therapy. This risk was present in menopausal women under 60 years old and continuously increased as women got older.

Additionally, research has shown that different methods of taking hormone therapy may affect its impact on cardiovascular health. For example, using estrogen patches worn on the skin may have a lower risk of blood clots compared with hormone therapy taken as a pill.

This is due to a phenomenon called first pass metabolism. Hormone therapy taken by mouth is processed by the liver before entering the bloodstream. The liver produces clotting factors, which raises the risk of blood clots. In contrast, estrogen patches deliver the medication into the bloodstream, bypassing the liver, and do not

increase this risk.

Overall, we found that women who took oral hormone therapy tended to have lower cholesterol levels, and this effect persisted over many years. For healthy younger women who are within 10 years of menopause onset, hormone therapy is safe from a cardiovascular standpoint and may even provide benefit.

However, hormone therapy is still not recommended for women with existing heart disease, history of blood clots, prior stroke, gallbladder disease or certain types of cancers.

Medical experts now recognize that blanket recommendations for or against hormone therapy are not appropriate. Instead, treatment decisions should be individualized, considering factors such as age, time since menopause began and overall health.

If you are considering hormone therapy, discussing risks and benefits with your health care provider is vital.

### Here are questions to consider asking your health care provider:

- Am I a good candidate for hormone therapy based on my health history?
- What are the risks and benefits of starting hormone therapy at my age?
- What type of hormone therapy, such as pills, patches or gel, is safest and most effective for me?
- How long should I stay on hormone therapy?



# The challenges to long-term peace in Gaza despite Trump's proposal

A board governing Gaza, led by Trump, can never be a substitute for the sovereign right of Palestinians to be ruled by people they elect themselves. The world must not lose sight of that reality

**A**mid rare celebrations, the Middle East marked the Gaza peace agreement that could herald an end to one of the most horrific wars humankind has witnessed in recent years. Twenty Israeli hostages held by Hamas and other Palestinian militant groups returned home two years after they were captured, to tears, smiles, dancing and prayers across Israel. Hundreds of Palestinian prisoners — many of them children — held by Israel in its jails, often behind

bars without ever being charged, were also released, though Israel has insisted that several of them be sent into exile. Meanwhile, Donald Trump, the president of the United States of America who pushed the peace plan through, soaked in the gratitude — some genuine, some an act — from a region and a world that for the most part have desperately wanted Israel's war on Gaza to end. Mr Trump addressed Israel's Parliament to rapturous applause from legislators. Then, he was at the centre of a grand ceremony in Egypt attended by over two dozen world

leaders, many of whom personally thanked the US president for a peace agreement that has long evaded the world.

Yet, for the collective sigh of relief that the Middle East has heaved to transform into long-term peace, regional and global powers need to address a series of challenges that could still unravel the agreement signed on Monday. Hamas has agreed to stay out of office in Gaza in the future, but has not yet agreed to disarm, as Mr Trump's 20-point peace plan has demanded. Israel has opposed a future

role for the moderate Palestinian Authority in the governance of Gaza even though that is what Mr Trump's plan envisages. Israel has also not committed to amnesty for Hamas members who agree to give up arms as Mr Trump's plan outlines. And, most crucially, Mr Trump's peace plan is non-committal on a future Palestinian nation-state as part of a two-state solution despite that being the position of most of the world. Without a credible pathway to that Palestinian state, any apparent peace in Gaza will be accompanied by what will effectively be a continued occupation. A board governing Gaza, led by Mr Trump, can never be a substitute for the sovereign right of Palestinians to be ruled by people they elect themselves. Amid this week's celebrations, the world must not lose sight of that reality.



# BRS Launches Innovative Campaign for Jubilee Hills Assembly By-Poll

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The Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) has introduced a creative and community-focused campaign to engage voters ahead of the Jubilee Hills Assembly by-election scheduled for November 11. In a unique outreach effort, former Minister Ch Malla Reddy was

seen performing a haircut for a voter in a local barber shop, surprising and delighting the locals. This gesture was part of the party's innovative campaign to connect with the electorate in a personal and relatable manner.

Additionally, the BRS introduced the 'Baki Card' (Debt Card), a novel initiative aimed at addressing local concerns and fos-

tering a sense of community support. These efforts are designed to resonate with voters and showcase the party's commitment to understanding and addressing their needs.

Maganti Sunitha, the BRS candidate for the by-election, filed her nomination papers at the Shaikpet Tahsildar office, accompanied by party working president KT



Rama Rao and other senior leaders. The BRS is focusing on its track record of development and governance as key themes in its campaign.



The BRS's innovative campaign strategies aim to strengthen its connection with the voters of Jubilee Hills, emphasizing community engagement and development.

The Election Commission has announced that nominations will close on October 21, with polling on November 11 and vote counting on November 14.



## BRS Gains Political Muscle Before Bypoll

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Senior Leaders Join BRS : Hyderabad: The Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) received a major boost on Tuesday as senior Congress leader Ali Masqati and former TDP leader Shakeela Reddy officially joined the party. BRS Working President K. T. Rama Rao welcomed them, saying their entry would strengthen the party ahead of the Jubilee Hills by-election.

Masqati Praises BRS Governance: Ali Masqati lauded the BRS for its inclusive and secular approach. "I decided to join the BRS under KTR's leadership because it is truly a secular party. The present Congress government has failed to uphold minority welfare, while under KCR, minorities witnessed remarkable progress through welfare initiatives," he said.

Shakeela Highlights Development under KCR: Shakeela Reddy echoed similar sentiments, highlighting Telangana's progress during BRS rule. "The current government has failed to introduce new initiatives. People are looking up to KCR's leadership again for development and stability," she added.

Youth Join Party Rank: Joining them was young political aspirant Rohit Sharma, who expressed his intent to contribute to Telangana's development under the guidance of KCR and KTR, signaling the party's strategy to blend experience with youth energy.

Strategic Impact on Jubilee Hills : Political analysts say these joinings are expected to strengthen BRS' urban and minority voter base in Jubilee Hills, giving the party an added advantage as campaigning intensifies ahead of the November 11 by-election.

## VT Markets Partners with Portuguese Football Federation

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VT Markets, a leading global online trading platform, has announced a strategic partnership with the Portuguese Football Federation (FPF) to become its official trading partner in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) region. The collaboration comes after VT Markets Dubai recently secured a Category 5 license from the UAE's Securities and Commodities Authority (SCA).

Branded under the slogan "Invest in Greatness," the partnership seeks to unite the worlds of football and trading. Portuguese football, known for producing legends like Eusébio, Luís Figo, Rui Costa, and today's stars Cristiano Ronaldo, Bruno Fernandes, Bernardo Silva, Vitinha, João Félix, and Rúben Dias, mirrors VT Markets' commitment to excellence, trust, and performance in financial trading. The collaboration will enable VT Markets to engage



with new audiences through themed trading campaigns, interactive fan experiences, and exclusive promotions, while strengthening the connection between football fans and financial markets across MENA.

Dandelyn Koh, Head of Global Marketing at VT Markets, said, "We are thrilled to partner with the Portuguese Football Federation to bring an innovative and exciting trading experience to the MENA region. This partnership reflects our commitment to offering unique opportuni-

ties that unite finance and sport."

João Medeiros Cardoso, FPF Commercial Director, added, "This partnership is an important step in bringing Portuguese football closer to millions of fans in the region. We are confident it will create unique experiences and strengthen the connection between football and new audiences."

Through this alliance, VT Markets aims to expand its presence in MENA while delivering new opportunities for traders and football fans alike.

## DST-FICCI Workshop Highlights Importance of National S&T Survey



Dr. Rabindra Kumar Panigrahy, Scientist-E, NSTMS, Department of Science & Technology (DST), Govt. of India; delivering brief presentation at the Workshop on National Science & Technology Survey 2024-25, hosted by Department of Science & Technology, Govt. of India & FICCI, today at Hyatt Place, Banjara Hills. Also present were (L-R) Mr. Pramod Kumar Arya, Scientist 'C', ICPM (NSTMS), Department of Science & Technology (DST), Govt. of India; Mr. Dhruv Gupta, Member, FICCI Telangana Executive Committee & Partner - Strategy & Innovation, Eternity Advisors; Dr. Arvind Kumar, Advisor & Head, NSTMS, Department of Science & Technology (DST), Govt. of India; Dr. Arabinda Mitra, Former Advisor & Head, DST and Former Scientific Secretary, D/o PSA to the Govt. of India; Dr. Radhakishore Pandrangi, Chair, FICCI Telangana Aerospace & Defence Committee & Director, HC Robotics Pvt Ltd.; Mr. Bala Prasad Peddigeri, Chief Innovation Officer, TCS; & Mr Arun Kumar, Addl General Manager - Strategic Cell, Bharat Dynamics Limited.

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The Department of Science & Technology (DST), Government of India, in collaboration with FICCI, organized an outreach workshop in Hyderabad on the ongoing National Science & Technology Survey 2024-25. The survey collects data on R&D investment, scientific manpower, and India's innovation landscape, providing key insights for policy-making, international reporting, and the Global Innovation Index.

The workshop was attended by Dr. Arvind Kumar, Advisor & Head, NSTMS, DST; Dr. Arabinda Mitra, Former Advisor, DST; Dr. Rabindra Kumar Panigrahy, Scientist-E, DST; Mr. Bala Prasad Peddigeri, Chief Innovation Officer, TCS; Dr. Radhakishore Pandrangi, Director, HC Robotics;

Mr. Arun Kumar, Bharat Dynamics Ltd; and Mr. Dhruv Gupta, Partner - Eternity Advisors.

During the session, speakers highlighted the crucial role of industry participation in the survey. Despite the growing influence of private enterprises and MNCs in India's R&D ecosystem, many firms are unaware of the survey's significance. Data from the survey is shared with central ministries and international agencies, shaping evidence-based policies and global benchmarks.

Dr. Arvind Kumar noted that the survey captures detailed information from about 8,000 R&D organizations across the country, covering public and private sectors, MNCs, universities, SIROs, and NGOs. It provides insights into expenditure on R&D, workforce engagement, and emerging trends in science and

technology. The survey's findings also inform programs like the National Quantum Mission, Semiconductor Mission, and National AI Mission.

Dr. Rabindra Kumar Panigrahy emphasized that the survey has been conducted over the past 15 years, offering a comprehensive view of India's R&D growth, innovation potential, and sectoral performance. Dr. Radhakishore Pandrangi urged greater collaboration between industry and research institutions to bridge gaps, enhance innovation, and strengthen India's position in global technology development. The workshop concluded with a consensus on boosting industry participation and ensuring accurate data collection to guide future policies and innovation strategies, highlighting Hyderabad's role as a key hub for research and development.

## KIMS Fertility & IVF Centre Opens at Banjara Hills

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KIMS Hospitals inaugurated its state-of-the-art Pharmed - KIMS Fertility & IVF Centre at Banjara Hills on Wednesday, October 15. The new facility aims to provide advanced reproductive care and compassionate support to couples seeking parenthood.

The inauguration was attended by Dr. B. Bhaskar Rao, Chairman & Managing Director, KIMS Hospitals; Dr. A.V. Gurava Reddy, Managing Director, KIMS-SUNSHINE Hospitals; Dr. Sudhaker Jadhav, Chief Operating Officer, KIMS-SUNSHINE Hospitals; Dr. Nimma Pooja Reddy, Consultant Fertility Specialist & Laparoscopic Surgeon; and Dr. Sindhura Bandi, Fertility Consultant & Specialist in Reproductive Regenerative Medicine at KIMS Fertility & IVF Centre.

The centre offers a wide range of fertility treatments including ovulation induction, IUI, IVF, embryo transfer, ICSI, and donor programs. Advanced procedures such as



laser-assisted embryo hatching and pre-implantation genetic testing (PGT) are also available. For male infertility, the centre provides diagnostics and therapies including Microfluidics, MACS, TESA, Micro TESA, TESE, and specialized clinics for sexual dysfunction.

The gynaecology department focuses on laparoscopic and hysteroscopic surgeries to treat conditions such as endometriosis, fibroids, tubal blockages, and PCOS/PCOD. Fertility preservation options like oocyte vitrification and cryopreservation are available. Innovative treatments

including PRP (Platelet-Rich Plasma), ovarian stem cell therapy, and immunotherapy for recurrent pregnancy loss reflect the centre's commitment to combining medical innovation with patient care.

Speaking at the inauguration, Dr. B. Bhaskar Rao said, "We are delighted to unveil our advanced Fertility & IVF Centre, bringing premier-grade reproductive care and compassionate support to couples. At KIMS, our goal is to combine medical excellence with trust and empathy, empowering families to achieve their dream of parenthood."

## KTR Calls for Strong Campaign for BRS Candidate in Jubilee Hills

DECCAN NEWS SERVICE  
HYDERABAD

Former minister and BRS State Working Committee President Kalvakuntla Taraka Rama Rao (KTR) urged party members to intensify efforts for the victory of BRS candidate Maganti Sunitha in the Jubilee Hills by-election.

The call came during a review meeting held at Telangana Bhavan, focusing on campaign programs and strategies within the Eragadda division. The meeting was chaired by KTR and BRS leader Harish Rao, with participation from key leaders including Kukatpally MLA Madhavaram Krishna Rao, Janagaon MLA Palla Rajeshwar Reddy, Narsapur MLA Sunitha Lakshma Reddy,



MLCs, and division-level in-charges responsible for colonies, bastis, and booths.

During the meeting, KTR emphasized the importance of door-to-door campaigning at the booth level to ensure direct voter engagement. He also instructed party workers to highlight the Congress party's unfulfilled promises to the local population, encouraging voters to make an informed

choice in favor of the BRS candidate.

The leaders discussed strategies to mobilize support, strengthen outreach, and ensure effective coordination among division-level teams ahead of the by-election. The meeting underscored the party's focus on grassroots-level campaigning to secure a decisive victory in Jubilee Hills.

## Dolby Atmos Music Revolution Hits Hyderabad

DECCAN NEWS SERVICE  
HYDERABAD

Dolby, in collaboration with Aditya Music and Mahindra, showcased the future of immersive audio in Hyderabad on October 15, bringing Dolby Atmos Music to the city's music and entertainment landscape. The technology allows artists to place individual sounds in a three-dimensional space, creating a richer, layered, and emotionally engaging listening experience beyond traditional stereo.

The event featured the track "Jambar Gimbar Lala" from the film Mithra Mandali, composed by R R Dhruvan and mixed in Dolby Atmos. Attendees experienced the track in a cinematic setting and through in-car audio, demonstrating the versatility of the technology from studio to daily life.

Aditya Music, a leading South Indian music label known for global hits like Oo Antava and Srivalli from



Pushpa, has embraced Dolby Atmos to enhance the listener experience and foster a paid ecosystem that benefits artists and labels. Aditya Gupta, Director of Aditya Music, said, "Dolby Atmos allows us to reimagine how our music is heard; every beat, every voice now comes alive in a way that connects more deeply with fans." Mahindra also highlighted its innovation, becoming the first global automaker to integrate Dolby Atmos across all price points. With

the 3XO RevX A, Dolby Atmos playback is now available even on non-branded in-car audio systems, making immersive sound accessible to a wider audience.

Dolby Atmos Music is available on major streaming platforms, including Gaana, and plays seamlessly across Dolby-enabled devices, delivering the sound as the artist intended. The showcase positioned Hyderabad as a key hub for this regional music and audio revolution.

## Sarvagna Students Shine with State-Level Yoga Medals

DECCAN NEWS SERVICE  
KHAMMAM

Students of Sarvagna School, Vidyos Colony, brought pride to the school and district by winning a series of gold and silver medals at the state-level yoga asana competitions held on Sunday, October 12, 2025. Competing in the under-8 category, the young participants impressed judges with their balance, concentration, and coordination.

The competitions were organized by the Adi Yoga Parameshwara Yoga Foundation and held at Bhashyam Blooms School in Manikonda, Hyderabad. Students from across various districts of the state participated, making the achievements of Sarvagna School's team particularly noteworthy.

Commenting on the success, Sarvagna School Chair-



man R.V. Nagendra Kumar said, "These children have shown that yoga is more than just exercise; it is a complete integration of mind, body, and soul. Their discipline, focus, and dedication are reflected not only in the medals they have won but also in the values they are developing at a young age."

School Correspondent Neelima added, "Yoga teaches harmony between mind and

body. We are grateful to the yoga teacher for training the students and to the parents for their constant support. We hope our students continue to achieve medals at national and international levels in the future." The school management, including the chairman and principals, congratulated the students for their remarkable performance and for demonstrating the spirit of excellence in yoga.

## Meru Students Celebrate Diwali with ZPHS Children



DECCAN NEWS SERVICE  
HYDERABAD

In a heartwarming gesture of community and compassion, students from Meru International School - Miyapur and Tellapur visited the nearby Zilla Parishad High School (ZPHS) to celebrate Diwali with 170 students. The event was marked by a series of engaging and joyful activities that brought smiles and excitement to all participants.

The Meru students, or Meruvians, interacted with the ZPHS children through diya painting, fun games, a lively dance performance, and a skit highlighting the true significance of Diwali.

The younger students participated enthusiastically, enjoying the activities while learning about the festival's deeper meaning.

The initiative reflected Meru International School's commitment to extending ed-

ucation beyond academics to include values such as empathy, kindness, and social responsibility. The celebration fostered meaningful connections, as students shared laughter, joy, and creativity with their peers from the local community.

Speaking about the initiative, Meghana Gorukanti Jupally, Founder of Meru International School, said, "At Meru, we believe that learning is not confined to academics but includes nurturing empathy and social responsibility. Festivals like Diwali remind us of the power of giving and togetherness — and it's heartening to see our students carry this light into the community with such genuine warmth."

The Diwali celebration at ZPHS served as a beautiful reminder that the true spirit of the festival lies not just in lighting lamps, but in sharing joy and spreading happiness to others.



# MATTER Unveils 22nd Century Smart Ownership Plans This Diwali

DECCAN NEWS SERVICE  
HYDERABAD

India's electric mobility pioneer, MATTER, has launched its 22nd Century Smart Ownership Plans this Diwali, aiming to make EV ownership simpler, smarter, and more affordable. With its flagship two-wheeler AERA 5000+, the first in India to offer a Lifetime Battery Warranty, MATTER is revolutionizing electric vehicle ownership by separating the cost of the vehicle from battery usage and providing flexible payment options through multiple financial instruments. The Product-as-a-Service (P-a-a-S) plan allows customers to own the AERA 5000+ at an introductory price of ₹1.29 lakh and pay ₹1.16 per km for battery usage, reducing the upfront investment while keeping running costs below those of petrol bikes. Alternatively, the Buy Now, Pay Flexi Later (BNPL) plan enables riders to make a small upfront payment via UPI or cards and spread the balance into flexible monthly instalments, making EV ownership lighter on the pocket. Among the key benefits of the new plans are the Lifetime Battery Warranty, future-proof upgrade assistance for switching to newer AERA models, access to MATTER Charge Hubs, and convenient flexible payment options.



Speaking about the launch, Mohal Lalbhai, Founder and CEO of MATTER Group, said that the initiative makes electric mobility not only environmentally smart but also financially advantageous, allowing riders to separate vehicle and battery costs for greater affordability. He added that the company is redefining both the present and the future of technology ownership, ensuring EVs become a practical and sustainable choice for Indian consumers.



## Division Development Is My Goal, Says Corporator Chamakuri

DECCAN NEWS SERVICE  
KHAMMAM

19th Division Congress Party Corporator Chamakuri Venkatanarayana personally supervised divisional cleaning work on Wednesday, emphasizing his commitment to development and civic upkeep. Under his guidance, side drainages along Bonakal Main Road were cleaned, grass and weeds next to the drainages were trimmed, and piles of soil on the main road were cleared with the assistance of corporation staff. Inspector Shankar, Jawan

Nagaraju, Pasha, Narsi Reddy, Bhaskar, Bala, Shivaram, Shyamala, Raju, Varikoti Bhaskar, Vijayalakshmi, Kanbeyyina Muthaiya, and other officials and volunteers participated in the program. Speaking on the occasion, Corporator Chamakuri said that maintaining cleanliness and improving infrastructure in the division are his top priorities. He urged residents to actively cooperate in keeping the division clean and orderly, reflecting a shared responsibility for community development.



## CBIT Transport Department Holds Safe Driving Workshop with Eicher Motors

DECCAN NEWS SERVICE  
HYDERABAD

The Transport Department of Chaitanya Bharathi Institute of Technology (CBIT) organized a workshop on "Enhancing Safe Driving Skills" in collaboration with Eicher Motors Ltd, aiming to promote road safety and improve driving competence among the institute's drivers. The program was inaugurated by Prof. C. V. Narimhalu, Principal of CBIT, who highlighted the importance of continuous skill enhancement to ensure safe driving practices. Mr. Nagaraju, a professional trainer from Eicher Motors, led an in-

teractive session covering key aspects of secure and responsible driving. Over 50 CBIT drivers participated actively, learning practical techniques to enhance road safety awareness and prevent accidents. The workshop was coordinated by Dr. G. Narsimlu, Mr. V. Balaji Kesava Rao, Dr. Tulasi Ram, Mr. Mohan, Mr. Chandrarai, and Mr. Satish. Through such initiatives, CBIT seeks to foster a culture of responsible driving and road safety among its staff. The institute also expressed gratitude to Eicher Motors Ltd for their collaboration and support in organizing this important program.

## New Committee of Consumer Welfare Association Appointed in Vemulawada

DECCAN NEWS SERVICE  
VEMULAWADA

The new committee of the Consumer Welfare Association in Vemulawada was appointed on Wednesday, marking a fresh initiative to safeguard consumer rights in the constituency. Gudise Praveen was appointed as the President of Vemulawada constituency, with senior advocate Boddu Gangaraju as legal advisor, advocate Mutyam Ramu Goud as Vice-President, Gollapelli Venu as General Secretary, Gunjala Naresh as Treasurer, Doosa Rajender as Joint Secretary, and Gaddepaka Gourishankar as Executive Member. Appointment letters were formally handed over to Praveen and the committee members during the ceremony. Addressing the gathering, President Praveen emphasized that all supermarkets and retail outlets must sell only quality goods and refrain from distributing expired products. He highlighted the need for petrol stations to provide proper facilities and maintain standard fuel quality to prevent consumer deception. Praveen further stressed that business operators should avoid selling counterfeit or substandard goods and assured that the association would report any violations to the relevant authorities and pursue appropriate action. He also warned textile traders against offering unauthorized schemes or discounts without government approval and urged gold sellers to maintain fair pricing during market fluctuations. Telangana State Consumer Welfare Association President Thogari Karunakar, along with State General Secretary Nimmashetti Raju and State Treasurer Nandagiri Chandrasekar, participated in the program, underlining the association's commitment to protecting consumer interests and enforcing quality standards across the region.

Two women held for illegal sale of liquor. Hyderabad: The Prohibition and Excise Department sleuths on Tuesday night caught two women who were found selling liquor illegally at Borabanda and seized 173 bottles from them. Acting on a tip-off, the State Task Force team raided two houses at Borabanda and seized the liquor. The women with the help of some persons

# Centre Blocking BC Reservations, Say CPI(M) Leaders

DECCAN NEWS SERVICE  
RANGAREDDY

CPI(M) State Secretary Pothineni Sudarshan and Khammam District Secretary Nunna Nageswara Rao accused the Central government of obstructing the implementation of 42 percent reservation for Backward Classes (BCs) in Telangana, calling it a politically motivated move by the BJP. Speaking at the district committee meeting held at Sundarayya Bhavan under CPI(M) District Secretary Yarra Srinivasa Rao's chairmanship on Wednesday, the leaders said that the state government had already passed the BC reservation bill in the assembly with support from all parties. They alleged that the bill, now awaiting ap-



proval from the President and Governor, is being stalled by the Centre to weaken non-BJP state governments. They urged the Telangana government to take leaders of all political parties to Delhi to press the Central government for the implementation of BC reservations. Pothineni Sudarshan warned that the CPI(M) would strongly oppose any attempts to block the reservation and would launch movements if the 42 percent quota is not implemented. The leaders also expressed concern over the delay in local body elections, noting that villagers are facing difficulties due to the absence of functioning local governments and the non-release of Central funds. The meeting was attended by party state committee members Ramesh and Y. Vikram, district secretary members Rambabu, Ramesh, Padma, and other district committee members.

# PhD Awarded to Donapati Srikanth for Research on Data Privacy

DECCAN NEWS SERVICE  
MOINABAD

Donapati Srikanth has been conferred the degree of Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in the Department of Computer Science at Chaitanya Deemed to be University, Himayat Nagar, for his research titled "Data Privacy Protection Based on Microaggregation Using Machine Learning Techniques." His research was carried out under the guidance of Dr. G. Madhavi. The degree was formally awarded by Vice Chancellor Prof. G. Shankar Lingam, who emphasized the importance of aligning academic research with societal needs. "Academic research must contribute meaningfully to public welfare and national development," he said, highlighting the broader impact of Srikanth's work in the field of computer science.



University Chancellor and Founder Dr. CH. V. Purushottam Reddy and Director & CAO Dr. CH. Satvika Reddy congratulated the scholar on achieving this academic milestone. The award ceremony was attended by university dignitaries including Prof. Christopher (Dean, Research & Development), Prof. S. Kavitha (Dean, Faculty of Science), Prof. M. Jagadeeshwar (Dean, Faculty of Engineering & Technology), Prof. B. Rajender Reddy (Controller of Examinations), Prof. E. Jagadeesh Kumar (Deputy Controller of Examinations), Prof. A. Ramesh Babu (HOD, Computer Science), Dr. V. Madhukar, and Sri Gade Rambabu Reddy (Assistant Registrar & PRO), among others. The university lauded Srikanth's research for its contribution to data security and privacy, reinforcing the role of computer science research in addressing modern technological challenges.

# GHMC conducts special Diwali drive to ensure hygiene in sweet shops

DECCAN NEWS SERVICE  
HYDERABAD

In view of the upcoming Diwali festival, the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) on Wednesday launched a special inspection drive of sweet shops to ensure quality and hygiene standards are being maintained during the preparation and sale of sweets. The initiative follows regular weekly surprise inspections and is being conducted under the directions of the GHMC Commissioner to safeguard public health. Food Safety Officers of

GHMC have carried out surprise checks in their respective circles, inspecting 27 sweet shops so far, with the drive continuing in other areas. During the inspections, shops found violating the Food Safety & Standards Act, 2006 and the Rules & Regulations, 2011, were issued notices for rectification. In cases of major violations, adjudication proceedings will be initiated before the concerned Adjudication Officers. Shop owners have been advised to maintain strict hygiene standards in food preparation and in keeping kitchen premises clean. Proper

labelling of food items, including date of preparation and shelf life, is mandatory for display counters. Common violations observed during the inspections included lack of pest control, untested water used in food preparation, broken floors in tiffin sections, absence of medical records for workers, flies infestation in display areas, dirty ovens, and food handlers working without proper hygiene measures. GHMC has warned operators to address these issues promptly to ensure safe consumption of sweets during the festive season, an official statement said.

# Legal Awareness Program on POCSO Act Held at Sujatha School

DECCAN NEWS SERVICE  
RANGAREDDY

The Legal Aid Society of ICAFI Law School at IFHE, Hyderabad, organized a legal awareness program on the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act, 2012, at Sujatha School in Moinabad mandal, Rangareddy district, on October 15, 2025. The initiative aimed to educate students about their rights and the legal framework designed to protect them from sexual abuse. Around 350 students from classes 9 to 12 took part in the program. Faculty members of ICAFI Law School explained key provisions of the POCSO Act, focusing on identifying safe and unsafe touch and un-



derstanding the legal consequences for offenders. Representatives from the Legal Aid Society also presented a poster detailing the procedure for reporting incidents of sexual abuse to parents, the police, or the school disciplinary committee. As part of the event, students performed a mime act depicting scenarios of child abuse, em-

phasizing self-protection measures and encouraging the use of the child helpline number (1098), police helpline (100), and the POCSO eBox platform under the National Commission for Protection of Child Rights. Students shared positive feedback, stating that the session enhanced their awareness of the Act and the importance of speaking up against abuse. They learned that remaining silent about such incidents can perpetuate harm, while timely reporting ensures protection and justice. The event was funded by the IFHE Management as part of its ongoing efforts to promote legal literacy and awareness among school students across Telangana.

# Regional Ring Road Construction Must Follow Original Alignment: CPM District Secretary Pagadala Yadagiri

DECCAN NEWS SERVICE  
SHADNAGAR

The Communist Party of India (Marxist) (CPM) Rangareddy district secretary Pagadala Yadagiri demanded that the Triple R Road alignment for the Regional Ring Road be constructed strictly as per the originally proposed alignment. Today, under the chairmanship of CPM division secretary and Varga members Srinivas Naik, a relay hunger strike by the Regional Ring Road land evictees began at the Farooq Nagar MPDOs office premises. As the chief guest at the relay hunger strike, Pagadala Yadagiri addressed the gathering and stated that acquiring lands from poor, small, and marginal farmers under the pretext of the Regional Ring Road to protect hundreds of acres belonging to big landowners is an atrocity. He accused the Revanth Reddy government of deliberately altering the alignment to deprive poor farmers of their lands and urged it to immediately reverse the decision. He claimed the new alignment was pro-



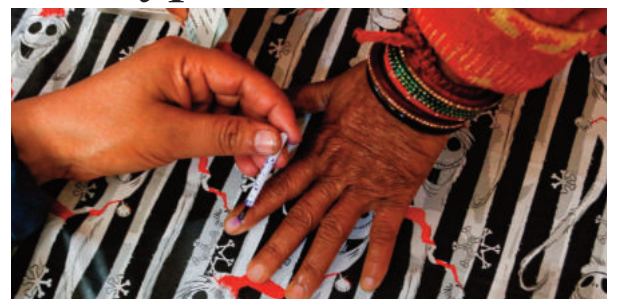
posed to benefit real estate businessmen. Yadagiri called on ruling party leaders to meet the affected farmers, assure them of support, and publicly hold a press meet in their favor. He criticized Chief Minister Revanth Reddy for claiming the Congress government is a farmers' government and one for the poor, while grabbing lands from impoverished farmers, calling it an injustice. Yadagiri announced that large-scale protest programs would be organized with Triple R-affected people across 26 villages in 6 mandals of Rangareddy district. CPM division secretary N. Raju demanded that the Congress government immediately

respond and implement the originally proposed alignment in accordance with the provisions of the 2013 Land Acquisition Act. Otherwise, under CPM leadership, they would unite the land evictees, intensify statewide agitation programs, and warned the government not to expect them to sit idle if injustice is done to farmers. Participants in the program included land evictees and farmers such as former sarpanch of Bhimarām Poojari Lakshmaiah, Ramesh, Chandrakant, Nagesh, Sudarshan Reddy, Shrikant, Mohammad Babu, Kurmaiah, Ishwar Raju, Bojja Naik, Rajesh, Lakshman, Srinivas, and others.

# 12 more candidates file nominations for Jubilee Hills bypoll

DECCAN NEWS SERVICE  
HYDERABAD

Hyderabad: Twelve more candidates filed their nominations on Wednesday for the November 11 by-election to the Jubilee Hills Assembly constituency in Hyderabad. According to Returning Officer P. Sairam, 12 candidates, including nine independents, filed their nominations. With this, the number of nominations filed during the last three days has gone up to 33. Those who filed their nomination papers on Wednesday included Maganti Sunitha of Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS). Praveen Kumar Arrolla of Praja Velugu Party and Buddhaiah Amboju of Alliance of Democratic Reforms Party. The process for the by-election was set in motion with the Returning Officer issuing the notification on Monday. Sunitha is the first key contestant to file the nomination. She is the wife of Maganti Gopinath, whose death in June necessitated the by-election. Gopinath, who scored a hat-trick of victories from Jubilee Hills in 2023, died of cardiac arrest on June 8. In a move to cash in on the perceived sympathy among the electorate, the BRS fielded



Sunitha in the by-election. Accompanied by BRS working president K. T. Rama Rao and other senior leaders of the party, she submitted two sets of nomination papers to Returning Officer P. Sairam at Shaikpet MRO office. In the 2023 polls, Gopinath had defeated former Indian cricket captain and Congress candidate Mohammed Azharuddin by 16,337 votes. This time, Congress has named Naveen Yadav as its candidate while the BJP has decided to once again field Lankala Deepak Reddy, who had finished third in the previous election. Naveen Yadav is likely to file his nomination on Thursday. October 21 is the last day for filing nominations. Scrutiny of nominations will

be held on October 22, and withdrawal of candidature will be allowed until October 24. The polling will be held on November 11, while the counting of votes will be taken up on November 14. Meanwhile, as part of the Systematic Voters' Education and Electoral Participation (SVEEP) initiative, the election authorities installed digital traffic display boards at major junctions in Panjagutta and Khairatabad, displaying the poll date. These vibrant displays serve as constant reminders for citizens to exercise their right to vote, participate actively, and strengthen the spirit of democracy through informed and responsible voting, said Hyderabad District Election Officer R. V. Kannan.

# SBIT Student Ganesh Halaya Wins Gold in State Roller Skating

DECCAN NEWS SERVICE  
■ KHAMMAM

Ganesh Halaya, a first-year student of SBIT College, brought laurels to the institution by winning a gold medal in the state-level roller skating competition held recently in Hyderabad. The college chairman, Gundala Krishna, praised her outstanding performance against athletes from across various districts. With this victory, Halaya has also qualified for the upcoming national-level competition scheduled next month.

To honor her achievement, the college management felicitated Ganesh Halaya in a special ceremony. Speaking on the occasion, Dr. G. Dhatri, Secretary and Correspondent of SBIT, highlighted the college's commitment to nurturing sports alongside academics. He said, "We provide special training and support to students who show talent and passion in sports and cultural activities, ensuring they have the right equipment and guidance from the very first year."



Principal G. Raj Kumar emphasized the importance of balancing education with extracurricular pursuits, stating, "Participation in sports and cultural activities not only boosts students' physical abilities but also contributes to mental well-being. Parents should recognize and encourage their children's hidden talents, which can pave the way for producing national-level athletes in the future."

The felicitation event saw the presence of the college's Academic Directors, Gundala Praveen Kumar, Gandham Srinivasa Rao, Dr. A.V.V. Siva Prasad, and Dr. J. Ravindra Babu, along with other staff members, who congratulated Ganesh Halaya and wished her success in the forthcoming national competition.



## A. Rajesh Files Nomination for Press Club Vice President

DECCAN NEWS SERVICE  
■ HYDERABAD

Senior journalist A. Rajesh has filed his nomination for the post of Vice President of the Hyderabad Press Club. The nomination process, which began on Wednesday morning, is part of the club's ongoing election cycle.

Established to provide journalists with a space for dialogue, mental peace, and professional camaraderie, the Hyderabad Press Club has been actively engaging its members in preparing for the upcoming elections.

role of Vice President. Several senior journalists have expressed their support for Rajesh. Telangana Union of Working Journalists Presidents K. Virhat Ali, R. Ravikanth Reddy, D. Vijayakumar Reddy, V. Ramesh, Vaita Ramesh, Shiga Shankar, Hariprasad, C. Vanaja, Abdul. E. Janardhan Reddy, A. Srikanth, A. Padmavati, M. Ramadevi, and State General Secretary of the Small Newspapers Association Ashok Nayak Balakrishna, among others, participated in endorsing his nomination.

The Hyderabad Press Club elections are closely watched by the local media fraternity, as they shape the leadership that facilitates the club's programs, events, and support for journalists across the city.

A. Rajesh, known for his dedicated service to the club and its development, is seeking to continue contributing to its growth and welfare in the

# Successful Blood Donation Camp at VJIT

DECCAN NEWS SERVICE  
■ HYDERABAD

Vidya Jyothi Institute of Technology (VJIT), in collaboration with the VJIT NSS Unit and the Red Cross Society, Telangana, successfully organized a Blood Donation Camp on 11th October 2025. The camp aimed to support children suffering from Thalassemia, a life-threatening blood disorder.

The event was inaugurated by Principal Dr. A. Srujana, accompanied by Dean Dr. A. Padmaja and Mrs. G. Srilatha. Speaking at the occasion, the Principal highlighted the importance of voluntary blood donation and encouraged students to actively participate in social welfare activities.

Coordinated by NSS Program Officer Ms. Sree Devi Jasti, the camp saw seamless execution thanks to the combined efforts of departmental faculty NSS coordinators and student volunteers. From registration to donor guidance



and adherence to hygiene protocols, the volunteers demonstrated exceptional teamwork and a strong sense of social responsibility.

The camp witnessed overwhelming participation, with around 180 donors coming forward to contribute to the noble cause. The dedication

and commitment of the NSS faculty and student team were widely appreciated.

The event stood as a shining example of youth-driven community service, emphasizing the role of students in creating meaningful social impact and supporting healthcare initiatives.

# Former President Abdul Kalam's Services Praised

DECCAN NEWS SERVICE  
■ KHAMMAM

On the occasion of former President Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam's birth anniversary on Wednesday, Syed Sadiq Ali, Founder and National President of the All India Muslim Minority Organization, paid tribute to the late President's contributions to the nation.

The program was held at the Mustafanagar Center, where participants garlanded the statue of Dr. Abdul Kalam in honor of his legacy. Speaking on the occasion, Syed Sadiq Ali highlighted Kalam's remarkable services in the fields of science and technology,

which greatly benefited the country. He also recalled Kalam's inspirational message to the youth: "Dream and make them come true," urging young people to follow his example.

He further lauded the former President for carrying out his duties with integrity, high values, and dedication, noting that he remains a brave and respected figure in the hearts of all citizens.

The tribute ceremony was attended by RPV Paleru constituency in-charge Dr. Naziruddin, Srinivas Nagar President Ghaus, Tutown in-charge Allah Bakhsh, and several other members of the



organization. The program underscored the enduring influence of Dr. Abdul Kalam on the nation's youth and his lasting contributions to science, technology, and public service.

## Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam Jayanti Celebrated at Kanagal



DECCAN NEWS SERVICE  
■ KANAGAL

Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam Jayanti was celebrated on Wednesday under the auspices of the New Kambala Shivlila Foundation at the mandal center. Floral tributes were offered at the portrait of the former President at the National Award-winning Dr. Shivlila Angadi Wadi School. As part of the celebration,

mats and bananas were distributed to students to ensure comfort during the event. CH Lakshmi Bai and Bala Madhavi contributed to organizing the program, while Potulapati Naga mani, Mamatha, and several others participated in the ceremony.

The event emphasized the importance of remembering Dr. Kalam's legacy in education, innovation, and social service.

# Free Pediatric Cardiac Screening Camp Concludes Successfully

DECCAN NEWS SERVICE  
■ KHAMMAM

A free pediatric cardiac screening camp was successfully conducted at IMA Hall under the auspices of AIG Hospitals, Banjara Hills, Hyderabad, in collaboration with the Indian Association of Pediatrics (IAP) Khammam, organizers said.

The camp aimed to raise awareness among parents about congenital heart conditions, irregular heart rates, heart defects, breathing difficulties, and signs such as bluish skin in children with respiratory problems. Children identified with serious heart issues at birth were provided immediate surgery, while those who had undergone previous procedures received expert advice and follow-up recommendations.

Speaking on the occasion, organizers emphasized the importance of monitoring a child's heart health to ensure normal growth and development. The program saw active participation from senior medical professionals, including HOD & Senior Consultant Pediatric Cardiac Surgeon Dr. Chinna Swamy Reddy, Con-



sultant Pediatric Cardiologist Dr. Dasanna Lingaswamy, IAP President Dr. K. Pradeep Kumar, Secretary Dr. A. Bharat Kumar, and Treasurer Dr. Sai Bhargava.

The event successfully screened numerous children and educated parents on early detection of heart issues, underscoring the importance of preventive pediatric cardiac care.

## New Committee Elected for Mandal Village Administrative Officers



DECCAN NEWS SERVICE  
■ TRIPURARAM

The election for the new committee of the village administrative officers at the mandal center was conducted on Wednesday at the Tahsildar's office.

Vallampatla Poshayya of Durgapalli was unanimously elected as President, Mattapalli Guravayya as General Secretary, Palla Praveen Kumar as Vice President, and

Banoth Ravinder as Treasurer, Tahsildar Gajula Pramila confirmed.

The program was attended by RI Gundaboyina Saidulu, Senior Assistant Kalpana, staff members Avirendra Saidulu, Chirukala Saidulu Yadav, Pagadala Saidulu, Antaati Narasimha Rao, Laxmala Lingamma, and other officials. The committee will oversee administrative duties and community development at the village level.

## 108 Emergency Services Under Review in Miriyalaguda



DECCAN NEWS SERVICE  
■ MIRYALAGUDA

Audit Officer Venkateshwarlu conducted a thorough audit of 108 emergency service vehicles on Wednesday to ensure proper maintenance and operation across the district.

The audit included checking emergency response priority, drug inspection equipment, and overall readiness of the vehicles. Pilot Srinu and EMT Ramya assisted in the inspection. Nalgonda District Program Manager SK Salim and Emergency Executive Madhu were briefed on ensuring that the 24/7 service remains fully operational for public use.

## Huzurnagar Job Fair Arrangements Completed

DECCAN NEWS SERVICE  
■ HUZURNAGAR

Preparations for the upcoming job fair on October 25 have been completed under the guidance of Minister Uttam Kumar Reddy.

CI G. Charamanda Raju inspected the venue, VIP parking, and vehicle parking arrangements for the thousands of unemployed expected to attend. He was accompanied by Congress Party Town Secretary Thanniru Mallikarjun, SI Mohan Babu, Huzurnagar Municipal Commissioner Srinivas



Reddy, Sanitizer Inspector Ashok, and other police personnel. The job fair aims to provide employment opportunities and facilitate direct interaction between job seekers and recruiters.

## Drug peddlers nabbed with 1.3 kg hashish oil in Hyderabad

DECCAN NEWS SERVICE  
■ HYDERABAD

The Hyderabad Commissioner's Task Force (East) team on Wednesday caught five persons who were involved in drug peddling and consumption. The police seized 1,350 grams of hashish oil from them.

Those apprehended are Kethubonia Sanjay Kumar (31) and Abba Naganna (25), both drug peddlers, and three consumers, K Mahesh (31), Shaik Irfan (35) and K Lokesh (19).

According to the police,



Sanjay and Naganna were purchasing drugs from different sources and later selling it to local consumers at Rs 500 for a bottle containing five grams of hashish oil.

On information, they were caught. A case was registered against them at Afzalgunj police station.

# Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam's Legacy Honoured by Corporator Sheikh Maqbul

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■ KHAMMAM

BRS Party Khammam Municipal Corporation Deputy Floor Leader and 23rd Division Corporator Sheikh Maqbul paid tribute to former President and Bharat Ratna Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam on his birth anniversary on Wednesday.

On the occasion, Sheikh

Maqbul garlanded the statue of Dr. Kalam at the Mustafa Nagar Center and recalled his remarkable contributions to the nation. He highlighted Kalam's inspiring message to students:

"Dream and make them come true," urging the younger generation to become the future builders of India.

Several BRS leaders, including Ilyas, Salim, MBC



Sakina, Aju, Lala, Zakir, Karimullah, Bandaru Srinu, Sheikh Aziz Saab, and Sheikh



Umman, participated in the commemorative program, marking the occasion with re-

spect and admiration for the former President's enduring legacy.

# Breast Cancer Awareness Month (October 2025)

- Breast cancer remains the most common cancer among women globally and in India
- 1 in 8 women likely to develop breast cancer during their lifetime
- 60% of Indian patients diagnosed at advanced stages (Stage III & IV) due to late screening
- Experts emphasize awareness, self-examination, and timely screening as key to survival

DECCAN NEWS SERVICE  
■ HYDERABAD

On the occasion of Breast Cancer Awareness Month (October), CARE Hospitals is urging women to prioritize regular breast health check-ups and early screening, as breast cancer continues to be one of the leading causes of

cancer-related deaths among women in India and across the world. Globally, breast cancer accounts for nearly 2.3 million new cases and over 670,000 deaths each year, according to the World Health Organization. In India, it is the most prevalent cancer among women, and alarmingly, its incidence is increasing among younger women under the age of 40 — a trend experts attribute to lifestyle changes, stress, obesity, and delayed childbirth and not willing to breast feed.

"Breast cancer is curable if detected early. Unfortunately, a majority of Indian women are diagnosed when the disease has already advanced, reducing treatment effectiveness. Regular mammograms and self-breast examinations play a critical role in identifying early warning signs," said Dr. Satish Pawar,



Senior Surgical Oncologist, CARE Cancer Institute, CARE Hospitals, Hyderabad.

Dr. Satish added, "Awareness is the first line of defense. Women should not ignore symptoms such as a painless

lump, changes in breast shape, skin dimpling, or nipple discharge. Even a small delay in diagnosis can make a significant difference in treatment outcomes." Early detection through screening



programs—such as mammography, ultrasound, and clinical breast exams—can improve survival rates by up to 90% in early-stage cases. CARE Hospitals offer comprehensive breast cancer screening and treatment services, integrating advanced diagnostic imaging, targeted therapies, breast-conserving surgeries, and reconstructive options to ensure holistic care.

Medical advancements in oncology, coupled with increasing awareness,

**Early Detection Saves Lives: Rising Breast Cancer Cases Highlight the Need for Regular Screening**

have significantly improved survival rates. However, social stigma, fear, and lack of awareness continue to prevent many women from seeking timely care. CARE Hospitals emphasizes that open dialogue within families and workplaces is essential to normalize discussions around breast health and encourage preventive action.

"Breast cancer is not just a women's issue; it affects families and communities. By promoting regular check-ups, early detection, and supportive environments, we can save countless lives," Dr. Satish emphasized.

## Sensex opens over 200 points higher, Nifty above 25,200; NTPC up 1%

New Delhi.(Agency)

Benchmark stock market indices opened higher on Wednesday as IT, auto, PSU bank and FMCG stocks gained in early trade. The S&P BSE Sensex added 322.86 points to 82,352.84, while the NSE Nifty50 gained 105.50 points to 25,250.55 as of 9:35 am.

Dr. VK Vijayakumar, Chief Investment Strategist, Geojit Investments Limited, said that the drift in the market on lack of positive triggers and renewed selling by FIIs pose short-term challenges to the market. "It is important to appreciate the fact that the biggest challenge to the market is the poor earnings growth, and this is the fundamental factor behind FII selling," he added. Early trade data showed that Bajaj Finance led the gainers with a rise of 1.34%, followed by Asian Paints up 1.32%, NTPC gaining 1.10%, Bajaj Finserv also up 1.10%, and Power Grid advancing 1.06%. The positive momentum in these stocks helped the benchmark index start the session on a firm note. However, a few major names dragged the index down in early trade. Tech Mahindra was the biggest loser, slipping 1.41%, followed by Axis Bank, which fell 0.88%. Infosys declined 0.63%, Titan dropped 0.27%, and Kotak Mahindra Bank edged down 0.08%. Despite these early losses, most of the market sentiment remained positive in the opening minutes of trade. "The Q2 results are unlikely to change the sentiments since the postponement of buying following the GST cuts, impacted corporate sales in September. But, post September the story is different. Automobiles and white goods are witnessing brisk sales and in the low-interest regime, with more rate cuts to come, this demand will sustain," said Vijaykumar.

"These positives will be reflected not in the ongoing Q2 results season but in the Q3 results. The market will soon start discounting that, and that is when a healthy market rally will begin and sustain," he added.

## Pakistan, IMF reach preliminary deal to release \$1.2 billion from bailout package

ISLAMABAD.(Agency)

Pakistan and the International Monetary Fund have reached a staff-level agreement for the release of \$1.2 billion from the bailout package approved last year.

The \$7 billion bailout approved by the IMF in July 2024 aimed to keep Pakistan from defaulting on its debt repayments. The agreement following several days of talks in Islamabad was reported by state media Wednesday and the IMF confirmed it in an overnight statement. The IMF said Pakistan's economic program is helping entrench macroeconomic stability and rebuild market confidence. The development comes weeks after Pakistan urged the IMF to consider concessions in light of devastating floods that killed more than 1,000 people and affected some 7 million in recent months. The IMF said the recent floods highlight Pakistan's vulnerability to natural disasters and climate-related risks and stressed the continuing need to build climate resilience. The fund also expressed sympathy for those affected by the disaster.

## IBM, Airtel unveil cloud platform to power India's digital economy

MUMBAI.(Agency)

Bharti Airtel has partnered with IBM to launch a cloud solution designed to meet the country's growing demand for secure, compliant data infrastructure. The partnership marks a major step in India's efforts to localise sensitive data, enhance digital trust, and enable industries to harness AI and hybrid cloud technologies while maintaining regulatory control.

The new platform, to be hosted on Airtel's data centres across India, will use IBM Cloud for Telecommunications and IBM Cloud Satellite technologies to ensure that customer data remains within the country. It will enable government departments, public sector undertakings (PSUs), and regulated industries such as banking, healthcare, and manufacturing to store, process, and manage data in compliance with Indian laws — particularly the Digital Personal Data Protection Act (DPDP) and sectoral data localisation norms.

"Enterprises and governments today need cloud infrastructure that not only delivers scale and innovation, but also meets the highest standards of data privacy and security," said Sandip Patel, Managing Director, IBM India & South Asia. "Our partnership with Airtel brings together IBM's global expertise in hybrid cloud and Airtel's deep network and data centre capabilities to offer a truly trusted digital foundation for India." Sharat Sinha, CEO of Airtel Business, added that the solution is built to serve as a "secure cloud for India's mission-critical workloads." "With data now being the most strategic asset, the cloud platform will help Indian enterprises and the government accelerate digital transformation with full control and transparency," he said.

A growing enterprise shift  
IBM and Airtel's tie-up also reflects a wider trend among Indian enterprises toward hybrid cloud deployments. Many companies are rethinking pure public cloud strategies due to concerns over rising costs, vendor lock-in, and data portability.

This initiative is expected to integrate with IBM's AI and quantum computing capabilities, allowing enterprises to securely deploy next-generation applications, including those requiring high-performance computing or confidential data analytics. "With this, we are not just building cloud infrastructure — we're laying the digital foundation for India's next decade of innovation," said Patel.

# Sugar sector urges government to push ethanol blending beyond 20%: Report

**Ethanol producers have collectively offered 17,760 million litres for the ethanol supply year 2025–26 (ESY), which far exceeds the oil marketing companies' (OMCs) annual requirement of around 10,500 million litres.**

New Delhi.(Agency)

India's sugar industry is now seeking a higher ethanol blending target with petrol, urging the government to set a clear roadmap to increase blending levels to 27% (E27) once the country achieves the 20% (E20) milestone, reported Financial Express (FE). The proposal aims to ensure that the industry's expanding ethanol production capacity does not remain underutilised. Deepak Ballani, Director General of the Indian Sugar and

Bioenergy Manufacturers Association (ISMA), told FE, "With over Rs 40,000 crore invested and an annual production capacity of more than 9,000 million litres from sugarcane, we are fully equipped to support blending beyond E20, up to E27 and even higher." He added that a well-defined national ethanol mobility roadmap would help maintain momentum in India's biofuel programme while ensuring better use of infrastructure, stable income for sugarcane farmers, and stronger support for rural industries. As reported by FE, ethanol producers have collectively offered 17,760 million litres for the ethanol supply year 2025–26 (ESY), which far exceeds the oil marketing companies' (OMCs) annual requirement of around 10,500 million litres. Out of this, sugarcane-based producers account for nearly 4,710 million litres, while 13,040 million litres come from grain-based units. Ballani cautioned that without a roadmap beyond

E20, large capacities could lie idle, leading to wasted investments, lower mill revenues, and slower innovation in the biofuel space.



The FE report further noted that grain-based ethanol producers—who use rice and maize—have also called for an increase in blending targets and a temporary freeze on new investments. "Units operating at 50% of their capacities would become unviable, as we do not produce any other products unlike the sugar industry," said Chandra Kumar Jain, President of the Grain Ethanol Manufacturers

Association, as quoted by FE. Currently, India's ethanol manufacturing capacity stands at around 17,000 million litres. Of the 400 units across the country, roughly 250 are grain-based, while the rest depend on sugarcane. The OMCs currently buy about 11,000–12,000 million litres of ethanol annually. FE also reported that both ISMA and the Indian Federation of Green Energy (IFGE) have recommended rationalising GST on flex-fuel and hybrid vehicles and offering consumer incentives similar to those under the FAME scheme for electric vehicles. The two organisations argue that such incentives would help sustain the momentum of India's ethanol expansion and encourage cleaner mobility options. They have also asked for a time-bound roadmap covering blending targets, vehicle adaptation standards, and diversification into advanced biofuels such as 2G and 3G ethanol, sustainable aviation fuel, and green chemicals.

## Gold nears Rs 1.3 lakh. Is it wise to buy before Dhanteras



New Delhi.(Agency)

Gold prices in India are approaching record levels just as the festive buying season begins. With Dhanteras around the corner, domestic bullion rates have surged in line with the global rally.

Gold prices in India are closing in on the Rs 1.3 lakh mark for 24-carat gold. According to data from Goodreturns, all categories witnessed an increase on Wednesday. As of 15 October 2025, 24K gold is priced at Rs 1,28,360 per 10 grams, 22K is at Rs 1,17,660, and 18K stands at Rs 96,270.

**GLOBAL RALLY FUELS LOCAL SURGE**

Gold and other precious metals have surged between 58% and 80% this

year, placing them among the strongest performers in the commodities market. This sharp rise has been fuelled by sustained central bank buying, increased investments in gold-backed ETFs, and a series of rate cuts by the US Federal Reserve. Safe-haven demand has also strengthened amid persistent uncertainty. Investors are reacting to renewed US-China trade tensions, pressure on the Fed, and the partial shutdown of the US government. Many are also turning to gold as a hedge against ballooning government debt — often referred to as the "debasement trade." Rahul Kalantri, VP Commodities at Mehta Equities Ltd, said market anxiety remains a strong driver.

"Gold and silver extended their bullish streak in a highly volatile session as investors flocked to safe-haven assets. Escalating US-China trade tensions, including threats of retaliation on soybean imports, contributed to the cautious mood," he said. He added that the US situation continues to weigh on sentiment. "The ongoing government shutdown has dampened the economic outlook. Additionally, Fed Chair Jerome Powell flagged risks from slowing hiring, hinting at the possibility of more rate cuts this year. These factors together supported gold's momentum, as markets priced in greater chances of monetary easing in the US."

**SHOULD INVESTORS BUY AHEAD OF DIWALI?**

Addressing whether retail buyers should enter now or wait for a dip, Suvankar Sen, MD and CEO of Senco Gold and Diamonds, said intent matters. "For purchases tied to weddings, Dhanteras, or gifting, cultural and emotional value usually outweighs short-term price concerns. Customers still want to mark special occasions, even when rates are high." For investment buyers, he suggested a staggered approach.

"Some may prefer to buy in phases rather than wait for a dip, especially given the unpredictability of macroeconomic signals. This strategy helps reduce timing risk while still maintaining exposure."

## Diwali Picks 2025: How can you build your portfolio this festive season

New Delhi.(Agency)

As Diwali 2025 approaches, the mood on Dalal Street isn't euphoric, but there is fresh optimism. After months of sharp moves and short-lived rallies, the markets have settled into a sideways rhythm. The Nifty has been hovering near 24,000, pausing after a strong bounce from its summer lows.

The market might look like it's stalling, but what's really happening is a deep breath before the next sprint. Choice Broking's Samvat report calls this phase "a healthy pause in an ongoing uptrend," noting that the Nifty has built a strong floor near 24,000. In other words: the rally isn't over, it's just catching its breath. Choice Broking believes investors should use this phase to build, not wait. "For long-term investors, gradual accumulation now can create a solid foundation for the

next leg," its report notes, pegging Nifty targets of 26,500–28,000 by Diwali 2026.

**BANKS LEAD THE CHARGE**

Bank Nifty has quietly been leading the charge. Currently near 56,500, the index has broken past its earlier resistance of 54,000 and successfully retested it as support, which is a technically strong sign. It's trading above its key 20-, 50- and 200-week moving averages, and the pattern of higher highs and higher lows on the weekly charts suggests that the uptrend is intact. Analysts see strong buying interest emerging between 53,500 and 54,000—the zone to watch for those looking to add exposure to financials.

As long as the index holds above this band, the broader view stays bullish. The medium-term targets? Around 60,000–62,500 by next Diwali.

**DIWALI PICKS FOR INVESTORS**

Among individual stocks, Choice Broking highlights several names that have shown technical strength and are well-positioned for the next leg of the rally.

Federal Bank, trading around Rs 213, has built a firm base and is inching toward a breakout above Rs 220. A move past that could take it to Rs 245–255, while dips toward Rs 207 may offer entry opportunities. Cipla, at Rs 1,545, is forming an ascending triangle pattern—a sign of a potential breakout above Rs 1,580, with upside targets near Rs 1,770–1,850. In the defence space, Bharat Dynamics Ltd (BDL) continues to look strong at around Rs 1,485, supported by robust structure and healthy volume trends. The stock could move toward Rs 1,700–1,785 over the coming months.

## Is Goldman Sachs planning to cut jobs? Check here

New Delhi.(Agency)

Goldman Sachs is preparing for another round of job cuts in 2025 as it reshapes its business around artificial intelligence. The move is part of its new "OneGS 3.0" strategy, which aims to cut costs, boost productivity and shift focus to technology-led operations, according to Bloomberg.

**FRESH LAYOFFS ON THE WAY**

In a memo shared with staff and reported by Bloomberg, the bank said it would carry out a "limited reduction in roles across the firm" and restrict headcount growth for the rest of the year. Employees were told to expect the next phase of cuts in 2025. "We model LG India to report revenue/PAT CAGR of 9.3%/7.9% over FY25–28E. Goldman Sachs had about 48,300 employees at the end of September—around 1,800 more than the same time last year. Despite the new job cuts, the bank still expects to finish the year with a net increase in staff, as hiring continues in select growth areas.

**ONEGS 3.0: AI AT THE CORE**

The company's new strategy, OneGS 3.0, aims to



integrate AI across several parts of the business. Tasks such as client onboarding, lending, regulatory reporting and vendor management are expected to be streamlined using new technology. Chief Executive Officer David Solomon, along with President John Waldron and Chief Financial Officer Denis Coleman, said in the memo that the bank is only at the "early innings" of adopting AI. However, they stressed that the technology will change how the firm operates and how work is balanced between people and machines. They also said that achieving speed and agility will be essential as AI tools become more central to the business.

**PREVIOUS JOB CUTS AND SHIFTING ROLES**

Goldman Sachs has already gone through several rounds of layoffs over the past year. Earlier in 2024, the bank cut around 700 roles as part of its annual workforce review.

# Expecting your entire CTC as salary Here's the reality check

**Many first-time earners walk into their jobs assuming the number on their offer letter will land in their bank account. But when the first payslip arrives, reality hits hard. The gap between CTC and take-**

New Delhi.(Agency)

Many fresh graduates are discovering a harsh financial truth in their first month of employment — the salary they expect is not always the salary they receive. An example, shared by CA Abhishek Walia, highlights just how common this problem is among young professionals.

**THE SALARY SHOCK**

Walia recalled a 24-year-old client who approached him barely a month after starting her first job. She looked puzzled and said, "I thought I'd get Rs 60,000, but only Rs 48,500 came in." Classic CTC confusion," he said. Like many new employees, she assumed that the package mentioned in her offer letter would reflect her actual take-home salary. Her offer letter quoted a Rs 60,000 monthly



package, but she hadn't realised that the figure included deductions like provident fund, gratuity and taxes. The misunderstanding derailed her early financial plans—her rent budget didn't work out, and the SIP she wanted to start was put on hold.

**BREAKING DOWN THE NUMBERS**

To help her understand where things went wrong, Walia broke it down in simple terms. "CTC = Company Cost, not Cash

to Credit. In-hand is roughly 70 to 90% of your CTC after taxes and deductions," he said. This clarity was the first step in fixing the damage caused by a misunderstanding. Once she understood the difference between CTC and take-home salary, her financial planning could begin properly. Walia helped her start a Rs 3,000 SIP, open a PPF account and set a target of building a Rs 10,000 emergency fund. These basic steps gave her a sense of

control and direction, something she had lost after her first payslip arrived.

**WHY SALARY AWARENESS MATTERS**

Walia believes this issue is more common than many realise and can have lasting effects if not addressed early. "It's simple, but eye-opening: you can't manage money you don't understand. Before you invest, learn to read your payslip," he said. Many first-time earners enter the workforce without knowing how deductions work, which leaves them unprepared to manage their income.

**FINANCIAL LITERACY IS NO LONGER OPTIONAL**

With more young professionals entering the job market each year, understanding payslips, tax breaks and salary structures is becoming essential. As Walia pointed out, "Remember, financial literacy isn't optional anymore. It's your first line of defence against regret." His advice serves as a timely reminder: knowing your salary on paper is not the same as knowing what lands in your bank account — and the difference can define your financial stability from day one.

NEWS BOX

## Indian-origin expert Ashley Tellis arrested for unlawful retention of classified US documents: Report

World (Agency)

Ashley Tellis, a leading U.S.-India relations expert who has advised successive U.S. administrations, was arrested over the weekend and charged with unlawful retention of national defense information, including more than a thousand pages marked top secret and secret, news agency Reuters reported, citing court documents. Tellis, 64, who served on the National Security Council under former President George W. Bush and is listed in an FBI affidavit as an unpaid adviser to the State Department and a Pentagon contractor, is also a senior fellow at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, a Washington-based think tank, Reuters added. Tellis was born in India and is now a naturalised US citizen. According to the FBI affidavit seen by Reuters, in September and October this year, Tellis accessed and printed classified documents, including materials on military aircraft capabilities, at Defense and State Department buildings and carried them away in a leather briefcase. A search of his Vienna, Virginia, residence on Saturday reportedly uncovered over a thousand pages of classified material. The affidavit also notes, Reuters reported, that Tellis met Chinese government officials on multiple occasions in recent years, including a dinner in Fairfax, Virginia, on September 15, where he reportedly arrived with a manila envelope that was not present when he left. Tellis held a Top Secret clearance with access to Sensitive Compartmented Information due to his employment with the State Department and Pentagon.

A Justice Department statement cited by Reuters said that if convicted, Tellis could face up to 10 years in prison and a fine of USD 250,000. Lindsey Halligan, U.S. attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia, told Reuters: "We are fully focused on protecting the American people from all threats, foreign and domestic. The charges as alleged in this case represent a grave risk to the safety and security of our citizens." U.S. officials have consistently emphasised the prosecution of individuals who mishandle classified information, Reuters noted.

## Britain Is Ill-Prepared For Extreme Weather, Warn Climate Advisers

London (Agency)

Britain must urgently prepare for global warming of at least 2 degrees Celsius above pre-industrial levels by 2050, its climate advisers said on Wednesday, warning the country is ill-prepared for extreme weather that is already occurring. Britain this year experienced its warmest summer since records began, which impacted health, agriculture and infrastructure with droughts declared in several regions. "It is clear we are not yet adapted for the changes in weather and climate that we are living with today, let alone those that are expected over coming decades," the Climate Change Committee wrote in a letter to the government in response to a request for advice from an environment minister.

READ: Earth May Have Crossed Its First Climate Tipping Point as Coral Reefs Collapse

The CCC outlined six critical areas: public health, food security, infrastructure resilience, protection of cities and towns from extreme weather disruption, maintenance of public services and climate-resilient economic growth. Most governments promised under the 2015 Paris Agreement to try to prevent the average global temperature rise from exceeding 1.5 degrees Celsius above pre-industrial levels. But scientists have been surprised by how quickly changes are unfolding, with average global temperatures already having warmed by 1.3-1.4 degrees Celsius above the pre-industrial average, according to data from UN and EU science agencies.

## India Elected To UN Human Rights Council For 7th Time

New York (Agency)

India has been elected to the United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC) for the 2026-28 term, marking the country's seventh stint on the Geneva-based rights body. Announcing the results of the election held on Tuesday, the UNHRC in a social media post said India's three-year term will begin on January 1, 2026. India's Permanent Representative to the UN, Parvathaneni Harish, in a social media post, thanked all delegations for their overwhelming support. "India was elected to the Human Rights Council for the term 2026-28 for the seventh time today," he said. This election, the diplomat said, reflects India's unwavering commitment to human rights and fundamental freedoms. "We look forward to serve this objective during our tenure," he said.

The UN Human Rights Council consists of 47 member states elected by the UN General Assembly for three-year terms under equitable geographic distribution rules. Council seats are allocated to the five regional groups as follows: African States, 13 seats; Asia-Pacific States, 13 seats; Eastern European States, 6 seats; Latin American and Caribbean States, 8 seats; and Western European and other States, 7 seats. India, which last served on the UNHRC in 2024 following two consecutive terms, took a gap this year before seeking election for the 2026-28 term in compliance with rules that bar a third straight tenure.

India has been a member of the Council continuously since its creation in 2006, except for three mandatory breaks in 2011, 2018, and 2025. In the first Council election in 2006, India was elected with the highest number of votes, securing 173 of 190 votes. Since then, India has had six terms, in 2006-2007, 2008-2010, 2012-2014, 2015-2017, 2019-2021 and 2022-2024.

# Russia makes more precise drones and is using them to attack Ukraine's vital rail network

**Russia has stepped up railway attacks over the past three months, seeking to sow unrest in Ukrainian regions it borders by depriving people there of rail connections.**

KYIV. (Agency)

When Russian drones smashed into the Shostka train station in northeastern Ukraine earlier this month, they killed a 71-year-old man, injured at least eight people and left train cars buckled by fire and riddled with shrapnel holes. It was one of the latest examples of what Ukrainian officials say has been a surge since mid-summer in attacks on railways, a critical artery for commercial and military logistics. They are part of Russia's broader targeting of infrastructure that now is being carried out with greater precision thanks to advances in long-range drone technology that include onboard video feed.

In the attack in Shostka, less than 70

kilometers (43 miles) from the Russian border, two explosives-laden drones struck two commuter trains in quick succession.

Russia has stepped up railway attacks over the past three months, seeking to sow unrest in Ukrainian regions it borders by depriving people there of rail connections, Oleksandr Pertsovskiy, the CEO of the Ukrainian state railway, told The Associated Press. "What happens is not just about the quantity, it's also the approach of enemy forces. Now, as they have very precise Shahed drones, they are targeting individual locomotives," Pertsovskiy said. Attacks have picked up pace

Ukrainian railway managers have prided themselves on speedy repairs and their ability — so far — to keep the trains running despite repeated strikes, but officials and analysts warn that advances in Russian drone capabilities and the growing tempo of attacks pose a serious threat.

Since the start of Russia's full-scale invasion in early 2022, railway officials have publicly reported about roughly one attack on railways per week. Since mid-summer of this year, that rate has more than doubled

to about two or three per week, according to an AP review of public reports.

However, what is publicly reported is only a small fraction of the overall number of attacks on all rail-related infrastructure, which could include damage to power lines,



electrical substation, rail tracks, train stations and other structures. Oleksii Kuleba, a deputy prime minister in charge of restoration and development, said there have been 300 attacks on railway infrastructure since August alone — which would represent about 10 attacks per week. Ukraine's rail network carries more than 63% of the country's freight and 37% of

passenger traffic, according to the State Statistics Service. It is also essential for moving grain and metal industry exports to seaports and borders, and for transporting military aid from allied nations. Russia developing new drone capabilities. Russian forces have added a key upgrade to their drone fleet since the summer, according to Serhii Beskrestnov, a Ukrainian military and drone expert whose team studies intercepted Russian drones. Cameras and radio modems, which send and receive data wirelessly, have been fitted to various types of long-range strike drones. That allows operators to adjust a drone's flight path in real time, sharply increasing precision compared to preprogrammed models. Beskrestnov said locomotives are particularly vulnerable to the new technology, because they are relatively slow and follow predictable routes. "If the Russians keep hitting diesel and electric locomotives, the time will come very soon when the track will still be intact — but we'll have nothing left to run on it," he said. The modified drones can fly up to 200 kilometers.

## Trump threatens to yank World Cup games from Boston though it's up to FIFA to choose sites

WASHINGTON. (Agency)

US President Donald Trump on Tuesday threatened to relocate World Cup matches set to be played next year in suburban Boston, after suggesting that parts of the city had been "taken over" by unrest.

Foxborough, Massachusetts, home to the NFL's New England Patriots and about 30 miles from Boston, is set to stage matches as the US cohosts the 2026 World Cup with Mexico and Canada. Trump was asked about Boston's mayor, Michelle Wu, a Democrat whom he called "intelligent" but "radical left." "We could take them away," Trump said of the World Cup games. "I love the people of Boston and I know the games are sold out. But your mayor is not good." He suggested "they're taking over parts of Boston" without offering details, but added "we could get them back in about two seconds." The Trump administration has already deployed National Guard troops to Washington and Memphis, and efforts to do so in Chicago and Portland,

Oregon, have sparked legal fights. Wu's office did not react directly to Trump's threat, issuing a statement that read, "Boston is honored and excited to host World Cup matches, and we look forward to welcoming fans from around the world to our



beautiful city, the cradle of liberty and city of champions." Trump's comments came during his meeting with Argentina President Javier Milei and it wasn't immediately clear what he was referring to by parts of Boston having been seized. Earlier this month, however, there were multiple arrests in connection with a pro-Palestinian protest that turned violent on Boston

Common. Four police officers were injured. Trump has previously suggested he could declare cities "not safe" for the 104-game soccer tournament and alter a detailed hosting plan that FIFA confirmed in 2022. It includes games at NFL stadiums near New York, Los Angeles and San Francisco. World Cup host sites aren't up to Trump. The 11 US cities — plus three in Mexico and two in Canada — are contracted with FIFA, which would face significant logistical and legal issues to make changes in the eight months before the June 11 kickoff. "It's FIFA's tournament, FIFA's jurisdiction, FIFA makes those decisions," the soccer body's vice president Victor Montagliani said earlier this month at a sports business conference in London.

Trump nonetheless said, "If somebody is doing a bad job, and if I feel there's unsafe conditions, I would call Gianni — the head of FIFA who's phenomenal — and I would say, 'Let's move into another location' and they would do that."

## US Supreme Court to hear key minority voting rights case that could reshape control of Congress

According to voting advocacy groups, a Supreme Court ruling striking down Voting Rights Act protections for minorities could lead to Republicans picking up an additional 19 seats in the House.

WASHINGTON. (Agency)

The US Supreme Court hears a case involving Black voters on Wednesday that could have lasting repercussions on whether Democrats or Republicans control the House of Representatives.

The case touching on the thorny issues of race and politics is a challenge to a congressional map adopted by the Louisiana state legislature creating a second Black majority district. The conservative-dominated top court actually heard the case last term, but in an unusual move it decided not to issue a ruling and scheduled it for re-argument during the current session.

African-Americans tend to overwhelmingly vote Democratic and they make up one-third of the population of Louisiana, which has six congressional districts.

Following the 2020 census, Louisiana created a new congressional map that included only one Black majority district instead of the previous two.

The American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) and others filed suit claiming the new map diluted Black voting power and violated the Voting Rights Act, which was passed during the civil rights movement in 1965 to remedy historic racial discrimination.

The Louisiana legislature released a new map last year with two Black majority districts that was met with the legal challenge from a group of "non African-American" voters. It has now reached the Supreme Court, where conservatives hold a 6-3 majority.

The opponents of the redrawn map argue that using race to design congressional

districts is racial gerrymandering prohibited by the equal protection clause of the 14th Amendment to the US Constitution. "The stakes are incredibly high," said ACLU attorney Sophia Lin Lakin.

"The outcome will not only determine the next steps for Louisiana's congressional map, but may also shape the future of redistricting cases nationwide." Republicans currently hold a slim majority in the House and an increase or decrease in the number of Black majority districts could help tip the balance in the November 2026 midterm elections, when all 435 seats in the chamber will be up for grabs.

'One-party control' According to a report by two voting advocacy groups, Fair Fight Action and Black Voters Matter, a Supreme Court ruling striking down Voting Rights Act protections for minorities could lead to Republicans picking up an additional 19 seats in the House.

## As Israel frees some Gaza medical staff, a prominent hospital chief remains imprisoned

CAIRO. (Agency)

Under Gaza's ceasefire deal, Israel freed dozens of doctors, nurses, paramedics and other medical personnel seized during raids on hospitals. But more than 100 remain in Israeli prisons, including Dr. Hossam Abu Safiyya, a hospital director who became the face of the struggle to keep treating patients under Israeli siege and bombardment.

Despite widespread calls for his release, Abu Safiyya was not among the hundreds of Palestinian detainees and prisoners freed Monday in exchange for 20 hostages held by Hamas. Abu Safiyya, director of Kamal Adwan Hospital in northern Gaza, has been imprisoned without charge by Israel for nearly 10 months.

Health Workers Watch, which documents detentions from Gaza, said 55 medical workers — including 31 doctors and nurses — were on lists of detainees from Gaza being freed Monday, though it could not immediately be confirmed all were released.

The group said at least 115 medical workers remain in custody, as well as the remains of four who died while in Israeli prisons, where rights groups and witnesses have reported frequent abuse. Cheering staff from al-Awda Hospital carried on their shoulders their released director, Ahmed Muhanna, who was held by Israel for about 22 months since being seized in a raid on the facility in northern Gaza in late 2023. "Al-Awda Hospital will be restored, its staff will rebuild it with their own hands. ... I am proud of what we have done and will do," Muhanna told well-wishers, his face visibly gaunter than before his detention, according to video posted on social media. Al-Awda Hospital, damaged during multiple offensives in the largely leveled Jabaliya refugee camp, has been shut down since May, when it was forced to evacuate during Israel's latest offensive. Israel's two-year campaign aiming to destroy Hamas after its Oct. 7, 2023, attack decimated Gaza's health system, forcing most of its hospitals to shut down and heavily damaging many, even as staff struggled to treat waves of wounded from bombardment amid supply shortages.

During the war, Israeli forces raided a number of hospitals and struck others, detaining hundreds of staff. Israel says it targeted hospitals because Hamas was using them for military purposes, a claim Palestinian health officials deny. Abu Safiyyal was not known if Abu Safiyya, 52, might still be released. Israeli officials did not immediately respond to requests for comment. His family said on social media there were "no confirmed details about the date of his release," adding that freed detainees described him as "in good health and strong spirits," working for Hamas. Staff and international aid groups that worked with him deny the claims.

# Pakistan reports new clash with Afghan forces along northwestern border

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Clashes erupted Tuesday between Pakistani and Afghan forces in a remote northwestern border region, with state-run media in Pakistan accusing Afghan troops of opening "unprovoked fire" that was repulsed. Pakistani forces responded, damaging Afghan tanks and military posts, according to Pakistan TV and two security officials, who spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to speak to the media.

Tahir Ahrar, a deputy police spokesperson in Afghanistan's Khost province, confirmed the clashes but provided no further details. This is the second time this week that the two sides have traded fire along their long border. According to Pakistan's state-run



media, Afghan forces and Pakistani Taliban jointly opened fire at a Pakistani post "without provocation," prompting what the media described as a "strong response" from Pakistani troops in

Kurram, a district in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province.

Security officials said Pakistan's military also destroyed a sprawling training facility of the Pakistani Taliban. There was no immediate comment from Pakistan's military, which has been on high alert since Saturday, when both sides traded fire across multiple border regions, resulting in dozens of casualties on each side.

Although the clashes halted on Sunday after appeals from Saudi Arabia and Qatar, all border crossings between Pakistan and Afghanistan have remained closed.

Over the weekend, Kabul said that it targeted several Pakistani military posts and killed 58 Pakistani soldiers in retaliation for what

it called repeated violations of Afghan territory and airspace. Pakistan's military reported lower figures, saying it lost 23 soldiers and killed more than 200 "Taliban and affiliated terrorists" in retaliatory fire along the frontier. Tensions have remained high since last week, when the Taliban government accused Pakistan of carrying out airstrikes in Kabul and in an eastern market. Pakistan has not acknowledged those allegations.

But Pakistan has previously launched strikes inside Afghanistan, saying it targets hideouts of Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan, or TTP, which is separate from but allied to the Afghan Taliban. Pakistan accuses Kabul of harboring the group, which has carried out numerous deadly attacks inside Pakistan. Kabul denies the charge, saying it does not allow its territory to be used against other countries.

# Officials Directed to Ensure Smooth Paddy Procurement in District

DECCAN NEWS SERVICE  
HYDERABAD

State Agriculture and Marketing Minister Tummala Nageswara Rao, along with Irrigation and Civil Supplies Minister Uttam Kumar Reddy, Fisheries and Sports Minister Vakuti Srihari, Chief Secretary Ramakrishna Rao, and senior officials, reviewed preparations for paddy procurement in Telangana on Wednesday through a video conference. District Collector Ashish Sangwan and officials from the Collectorate Video Conference Hall participated in the meeting.



Minister Uttam Kumar Reddy emphasized that paddy consumption in Telangana is high and Kharif procurement across the country is expected to rise. He instructed officials to ensure that grain purchase centers are fully equipped with gunny bags, paddy cleaners, moisture meters, electronic weighing machines, and other essential infrastructure. Farmers should not face any difficulties dur-

ing procurement. Precautions must be taken to avoid transport issues, and higher authorities or ministers should be contacted if problems arise. He also stressed that millers must cooperate and that MSP and bonus payments should be provided promptly. Minister Tummala Nageswara Rao noted that



Telangana is the only state conducting large-scale grain procurement efficiently. He asked officials to open purchase centers in advance, especially in elevated areas, to avoid issues due to untimely rains. Farmers should have adequate water supply for crops, and maize, sorghum, and soybean harvesting

should also be monitored post-Diwali. Following the video conference, Collector Ashish Sangwan held a local meeting, highlighting that around 5.98 lakh metric tons of paddy are expected. He instructed that all PPCs (Paddy Purchase Centers) should be safe, fully equipped with in-

frastructure, and staffed adequately. Payments must be deposited in farmers' bank accounts within 48-72 hours, and crop harvesting, transport, and grain quality must be closely monitored to prevent congestion and losses. Farmers were advised to contact the District Control Room at 08468-220051 or toll-free numbers 1800-4250-0333 and 1800-4250-1967 for assistance. Officials present included Revenue Additional Collector Victor, Training Deputy Collector Ravi Teja, DRDO Surender, Civil Supplies Officers, Agriculture Officer Mohan Reddy, Transport Department Officers, and Marketing Department officials.



## Adilabad Collector Reviews Best Available Schools

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ADILABAD

District Collector Rajarshi Shah held a review meeting with the management of Best Available Schools on Wednesday at the Collectorate Conference Hall, accompanied by Additional Collectors Shyamala Devi, Rajeshwar, and Trainee Collector Saloni. The Collector was briefed that a total of 1,123 SC and ST students are currently studying under the Best Available Scheme in seven educational institutions across the district, including C. Ramreddy Memorial High School (Ravindranaagar), Krishnaveni High School (Mavala), New Pragati Vidyalayam EM (Adilabad), Saraswati Gyan Vidyalayam, Sri Pulaji Baba School (Utnoor), St. Pauls High School (Utnoor), and Pragati School (Ichchoda). Collector Shah directed the school management to im-

mediately admit all eligible students without delaying the academic year, ensuring uninterrupted education. He emphasized that any issues faced by the schools should be promptly communicated to higher authorities so that students and parents are not put to inconvenience. During the meeting, the management of several schools raised concerns over pending dues, which have not been released for the past three years, causing operational difficulties. The Collector assured that the government would release 40 percent of the pending dues soon, with the remainder expected to be cleared by March 2026. A detailed report on the issues and dues will be forwarded to the state government for necessary action. SC/ST Development Officer Sunitha, Ambaji, MEOs, school owners, and other officials were present at the meeting.

## SC Classification a Political Conspiracy, Say Mala Leaders



DECCAN NEWS SERVICE  
HYDERABAD

Dr. R.S. Ratnakar, National President of Mala Mahanadu, described the recent Scheduled Caste classification move by the Modi government and BJP as "the biggest political conspiracy in history aimed at undermining the unity of Dalits across the country." Speaking at a gathering attended by prominent Mala leaders including Ballem Lakshman, Common Prabhakar Rao, Miriyala Balashouri, Bojja Sarath, Koppula Prem Babu, Nelli Suribabu, and Kama Prabhakar Kanikella Nani, Dr. Ratnakar questioned the approach of political leaders in the Telugu states. He criticized Telangana Chief Minister KCR for not addressing the classification issue during his decade-long rule and highlighted perceived injustices against the Mala community by leaders in both Telangana and Andhra Pradesh. Dr. Ratnakar alleged that while some leaders work for the welfare of specific SC sub-

groups like the Malas, others remain silent, resulting in jealousy, discrimination, and neglect. He warned that the current political maneuvering risks trampling the rights and unity of the Mala community. He emphasized that in a democracy, people have the right to demand the withdrawal of unfair laws and urged Mala representatives and the community to awaken from political complacency. "Those leaders accustomed to a spoon-fed system are loyal to political parties, not to the nation or community. Mala employees who have benefited from reservations are now neglecting the broader interests of the community," he said. Dr. Ratnakar called for a peaceful struggle to address the injustices and restore the presence and dignity of the Mala community in the Telugu states, urging all Mala members to actively support the movement. The program concluded with a call for unity and awareness, highlighting the urgent need to safeguard the rights of the community amidst the ongoing SC classification debate.

## Nagarkurnool Collector Felicitates Young Volleyball Stars



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NAGARKURNOOL

District Collector Badawat Santosh emphasized the importance of promoting sports alongside academics and urged schools to unearth the hidden athletic talent of rural students. Speaking at a felicitation program on Wednesday at the Collectorate office, he said, "Sports develop discipline, team spirit, leadership qualities, and overall physical and mental strength.

Not only achieving success in sports, but also practicing sports values should inspire students throughout life." The Collector honored students of Nagarkurnool district who had excelled in the joint district under-17 volleyball tournament held recently at Jacharla Baderpally. The boys' and girls' teams secured second place in the competition and have qualified for the 69th SGF state-level volleyball tournament to be held in San-



gareddy starting tomorrow. The selected players — Varaprasad, Nithin, Raghuvver, Srilekha, Maithri, and Priyanka — were felicitated with shawls and mementos. These students are from Zilla Parishad, MJP, and Gurukul educational institutions. District Collector Badawat Santosh urged PE teachers to actively identify and nurture talent at the school level, organize regular sports programs, and ensure deserving students reach state and na-

tional competitions. He also assured that the government is committed to providing necessary sports facilities, equipment, and incentives to support young athletes. District Education Officer A. Ramesh Kumar, SGF District Secretary Pandu, Gymnasium Teachers' Association President Niranjan Yadav, District Textbooks In-charge Narsimhulu, and several teachers participated in the felicitation program.

## Nagarkurnool Collector Warns Revenue Staff Against Negligence

DECCAN NEWS SERVICE  
NAGARKURNOOL

District Collector Badawat Santosh conducted a surprise inspection of the RDO office on Wednesday evening, emphasizing the need for efficiency and accountability in government services. During the inspection, Col-

lector Santosh reviewed employee attendance, punctuality, and the implementation of the biometric attendance system. He instructed all staff to register attendance through the biometric system and warned that manual or careless entries would not be tolerated. Employees were reminded of their responsibility to provide timely, impartial services to

the public. The Collector made it clear that strict action would be taken against officials who neglected duties, delayed work, or failed to serve citizens effectively. The inspection also covered office management, file systems, security of revenue records, and registers. Collector Santosh examined records related to public petitions, applications, and land disputes, advising officials to ensure accuracy and timely resolution. Government land records across the Nagarkurnool Revenue Division were reviewed, including data in Bhu Bharati and information on land title holders. The Collector directed officials to update records digitally without errors and expedite the resolution of land-related petitions to prevent inconvenience to citizens. Specific attention was given to government lands in Bijinapalli, Tadur, Thimmajipeta,



## Free Mega Homeo Camp Promotes Health Awareness in Adilabad

DECCAN NEWS SERVICE  
ADILABAD

As part of the Telangana Government's AYUSH initiative, the Government Homeo Dispensary RIMS (HQ), Adilabad, organized a Flexible Age-Friendly Free Mega Homeo Medical Camp and Health Awareness Conference on Wednesday, October 15, 2025, at Mahatma Jyotiba Phule Residential Junior College and School, Adilabad.



During the camp, free homeopathic medicines were distributed to 296 patients for various ailments. Health awareness sessions were conducted for 300 participants, focusing on personal hygiene, environmental cleanliness, and preventive healthcare measures. Adding a practical dimension to the program, yoga instructors guided par-

ticipants through beneficial yoga asanas, explaining their significance for physical and mental well-being. Speaking at the event, District Program Manager Dr. Preetil highlighted the importance of homeopathy in preventive healthcare. The program saw active participation from homeopaths Dr. Kastala Chandrasekar, Dr. Mounika, Dr. Sharada, Dr. David Manohar, PG doctors, interns, MJPTBS College Principal Kirti, teaching staff, RIMS AYUSH staff, and yoga instructors. The initiative was praised for combining medical care with health education and yoga, creating a holistic approach to wellness for people of all ages in the district.

A 34-year-old married woman allegedly committed suicide on Wednesday in Alipur after failing to recover money she had loaned to an acquaintance. The deceased, Golla Swapna of Sherinagar Colony, Zaheerabad, reportedly lent Rs 4 lakh to a man named Shankar from Gurjuwada, Kohir mandal, without informing her husband. According to Zaheerabad SI Vinay Kumar, the money was originally provided to Swapna by her husband, Chintal Gattu Raju, to repay a bank loan against pledged gold. Instead, Swapna gave the money to Shankar. Despite repeated requests, Shankar refused to return the amount. On Wednesday, when Swapna asked him again for the money, he reportedly told her he would not return it. Fearing her husband would discover the incident, Swapna allegedly took her own life by hanging herself from a fan at her home. A case has been registered, and police have launched an investigation following a complaint lodged by Swapna's husband.

## Zaheerabad Woman Commits Suicide Over Unreturned Loan



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ZAHEERABAD

## Children Advised to Take Precautions While Using Phones



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NAGARKURNOOL

An awareness seminar was organized on 15th October 2025 at ZP High School, Sain Pally, under the auspices of the Legal Services Unit for Children, Nagarkurnool District, to educate students about the Child-Friendly Legal Services for Children Scheme. Shri Sriram Arya, Deputy Chief Legal Aid Defense Council, presided as chief guest and spoke on the rights and safety of children. He advised students to attend school regularly, remain vigilant while using mobile phones, and avoid forwarding or reply-

ing to suspicious messages or videos. He emphasized staying away from drugs and respecting parents and teachers. In view of increasing sexual harassment cases against minors, he highlighted the importance of the FOCSO Act and urged girls to report any incidents to She Team or the Child Helpline at 1098. He also informed students about the toll-free number 15100 for free legal assistance. The seminar saw active participation from the school principal Lakshman Goud, teachers, and students, aiming to create awareness about legal rights, personal safety, and responsible behavior among children.

## Infrastructure Development Steps in Akankshita Block: Collector Venkatesh



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ASIFABAD

District Collector Venkatesh Dhotre said that significant steps are being taken to develop infrastructure in the district's Akankshita Block. The review was conducted on Wednesday through a video conference with NITI Aayog CEO O. Rajat Kumar Saini from New Delhi. The Collector attended from the Integrated District Collectorate building complex in Asifabad. Speaking during the review, the Collector highlighted the development initiatives under the Aspiring District program, focusing on Akankshita block. "We are prioritizing infrastructure, skill development, and agricultural support in tribal villages. Funds sanctioned through the NITI

Aayog scheme will be used to improve health, nutrition, and education facilities, grant loans to self-help groups, and provide an ambulance with full medical services for tribal communities," he said. He also detailed the ongoing work, including construction of mini Anganwadi centers, school buildings, farmers' forums, women's federation buildings, provision of computers in schools, and other infrastructure development projects. Employment opportunities for tribals, establishing a library, and providing minimum essential facilities are also part of the plan for Akankshita block. Trainee Deputy Collector Justin Zol, Deputy Census Officer Venkateswarlu, and other officials participated in the program.



# Success for Girls Comes Through Talent, Not Sympathy: Collector



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KARIMNAGAR

On the occasion of International Girl Child Day, District Collector Pamela Satpathi urged girls to achieve success through perseverance, talent, and skill, rather than sympathy, at a program held at the Collectorate Auditorium on Wednesday.

Speaking at the event organized by the Women Development and Child Welfare Department, the Collector said that education is the key to success and girls should master skills in various fields, compete on equal footing with men, and take bold steps forward. "The beauty of girls lies in their skills, intelligence, and courage," she added.

As part of the celebrations, innovative "Miss Karimnagar" competitions were held for girls from Zilla Parishad, KGBV,

Model Schools, Gurukul, and Government Junior Colleges. Winners and runners-up were awarded certificates and mementos by the Collector, while all participants were recognized for their efforts.

Suda Chairman Komatreddy Narendar Reddy lauded the district administration for organizing creative programs across schools and praised the Collector's continuous monitoring of the education sector. Additional Collector Ashwini Tanaji Wakade encouraged girls to pursue education and achieve financial and personal empowerment.

The event also featured the unveiling of a video song, "O Chinni Pichuka... Chinnari Pichuka", sung by District Collector Pamela Satpathi herself. District Welfare Officer Saraswathi, Nehru Yuva Kendra Coordinator Rambabu, CWC Chairperson Dhanalakshmi, DCPO Parveen and other officials participated in the program.



# Tribals Urged to Develop in All Fields

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ADILABAD

District Superintendent of Police Akhil Mahajan IPS called on tribals to focus on education, health, and overall development while preserving their rich culture and traditions during the Dandari celebrations in Gubidi and Bhagwanpur villages of Bhimpur mandal.

Participating as the chief guest, the District SP was welcomed with traditional Gussadi dances and drum performances. After joining the tribals in the festive dances, he participated in a collective meal program, symbolizing unity and community spirit.

Speaking at the event, SP Mahajan emphasized the importance of education for tribal youth and urged parents to encourage children to pursue higher studies. He advised villagers to seek medical treatment from government and private doctors and warned



against relying on mantras, tantris, or self-styled Babas for health issues.

Highlighting the role of tribal festivals, he said, "Celebrations like Dandari convey

our culture and traditions to future generations. Tribals should aim for development in all fields—education, employment, agriculture—and scale new heights while preserving

their heritage." The District SP also assured full police support and government assistance to address local issues. He called for active collaboration between the community and authorities to fight bad habits, including drug abuse, and stressed that the police would remain available 24/7 in emergencies.

Adilabad DSP L. Jeevan Reddy, Jainath CI G. Shraavan, Bhimpur SI Vikram, and other officials participated in the program, reinforcing the message of community development and safety alongside the celebration of tribal culture.

# Alphores Chairman Dr. V. Narendar Reddy Receives Best Teacher Award

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HYDERABAD

Dr. V. Narendar Reddy, Chairman of Alphores Educational Institutions, was honoured with the Best Teacher Award by Telangana Governor Jishnu Dev Varma in recognition of his distinguished services in the education sector of the state.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Reddy said that providing high-quality education equips students for a bright future and enables them to achieve success in diverse fields. He highlighted that since 1991, Alphores Educational Institutions have been committed to offering world-class education and training students under the guidance of expert teachers from the primary level onwards.

He expressed pride in re-

ceiving the award and dedicated it to the legacy of Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam, acknowledging the tireless support of parents, teachers, and students who contribute to the growth of the institutions. Dr. Reddy emphasized that this recognition increases their responsibility to continue improving education standards and integrating technology effectively in learning.

The award has been widely appreciated across Telangana, with political leaders, parents, educational institution owners, student and cultural associations, youth organizations, and well-wishers congratulating Dr. Reddy. Many lauded the achievement as an inspiration for the education sector and a motivation to win further accolades in the future.



# International Girl Child Day Celebrated at KGBV School



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ZAHEERABAD

In a vibrant celebration of International Girl Child Day, Jharasangam KGBV School hosted an event organized by the District Women and Child Welfare Department in collaboration with the District Women Empowerment Center. The program was conducted under the Beti Bachao-Beti Padhao initiative, aligning with this year's theme, "Invest in Girls' Rights: Our Leadership, Our Well-being."

Addressing the students as chief guest, District Legal Services Authority Secretary Smt. Soujanya highlighted the significance of child protection laws, including the Juvenile Justice Act and the POCSO Act. She urged the students to set clear career goals and pursue them with discipline, emphasizing the importance of girls excelling in all fields while being aware of their rights.

District Women and Child



Welfare Officer Smt. K. Lalitha Kumari encouraged the students to recognize their inner strength and move forward boldly. She said that empowered girls are a force for societal progress and stressed that education equips girls not just to succeed individually, but to illuminate their families and communities.

The program featured sapling planting to symbolize the importance of nurturing the girl child, release of awareness posters under the "Nasha Mukta Bharat Abhiyan", and presentation of awards to talented students. CDPO Smt. Anjamma, Jharasangam SI Sri Kranthi Kumar, KGBV Special Officer Smt. Nirmala, District Women Empowerment Center Coordinator Pallavi, ICDS supervisors, and school staff participated in the event.

# Employees Advised to Resume Duties for Students' Future

DECCAN NEWS SERVICE  
ASIFABAD

Utnur Comprehensive Tribal Development Organization Project Officer Khashboo Gupta has urged employees on strike to resume their duties, keeping in mind the welfare and future of the students.

He said that 220 part-time and daily wage employees working in tribal welfare hostels have had their three months' wages deposited into their accounts. Despite this, some employees have continued their strike without prior permission or informing their superiors,



even after schools reopened on October 4 following Dussehra holidays.

In response, temporary staff have been employed to cook, clean, and ensure the welfare of the students. Khashboo Gupta clarified that no employees have been removed from duty but were only instructed not to report without prior permission. He emphasized that since staff in Adilabad, Mancherial, and Nirmal districts are attending duties, those on strike should follow suit and prioritize the students' future while performing their responsibilities.

# Malla Reddy Group Launches India's Largest Digital Campus on Google Cloud

DECCAN NEWS SERVICE  
HYDERABAD

In a landmark initiative, the Malla Reddy Group of Institutions (MRGI) has partnered with global software giant Google to launch the Digital Campus on Google Cloud, the largest collaboration of its kind in India. The historic event is scheduled for October 15, 2025, at the MRGI campus in Hyderabad and will be graced by Telangana Governor Shri Jishnu Dev Varma.



marked by the symbolic release of 50,000 balloons bearing the Google logo.

The initiative aims to empower 50,000 students with future-ready skills, AI-driven learning tools, and globally recognized certifications. Over 50,000 students and faculty members are expected to participate in the event,

Through this collaboration, MRGI and Google will introduce joint B Tech degree programs, 200+ cloud-based learning modules, 100+ skill badges, 700+ hands-on labs, and specialized hackathons,

workshops, boot camps, and faculty development programs. Career fairs and placement drives will also provide national and global employment opportunities.

Speaking about the initiative, Dr. Ch. Bhadra Reddy, Chairman of Malla Reddy Vishwavidyapeeth, said,

"This partnership is not just about technology integration; it's about transforming the entire learning ecosystem. Our vision is to make every Malla Reddy student globally employable." Dr. Ch. Preeti Reddy, Vice-Chairman of MRV, added, "With Google's technology and our

academic strength, we aim to redefine digital learning, ensuring students across disciplines benefit from this platform."

Founded in 2002 by Shri Ch. Malla Reddy, the MRGI comprises three universities, four teaching hospitals, nine international schools, and residential facilities for 15,000 students, offering education across engineering, medical, healthcare, agriculture, management, and digital health. The group also runs major hospitals providing free healthcare and community outreach programs.

This collaboration underscores MRGI's commitment to blending academic excellence with digital innovation, preparing students for the evolving global workforce.

# Wall Painting Competitions Raise Awareness on Drug Abuse

DECCAN NEWS SERVICE  
KARIMNAGAR

As part of the five-year celebration of the Nasha Mukta Bharat Abhiyan (NMBA), the Women, Children, Disabled & Elderly Department organized awareness programs across the district.

Under this initiative, wall painting competitions were held to educate junior college students about the harmful effects of drugs. The students



conveyed the problems caused by intoxicants through creative paintings on the walls of the Karimnagar Police Commissioner's Office compound.



A total of 17 students from various colleges participated in the competitions, showcasing their talent and spreading awareness about drug abuse. The event was supervised by



District Welfare Officer Mrs. Saraswathi, along with NMBA Committee Members Mr. Pendyala Kesava Reddy, Mr. Marri Rajender, and junior college staff.



The program aimed to encourage youth participation in promoting a drug-free society and to highlight the role of education and creativity in shaping healthy communities.

# Loans Should Be Properly Utilized: Cooperative Bank CEO

DECCAN NEWS SERVICE  
ASIFABAD

Farmers and businessmen are encouraged to make full use of the loans provided by the Cooperative Bank, said Surya Prakash, Joint District CEO of the Cooperative Bank. Speaking at a review meeting with cooperative bank managers and field officers on Wednesday, he emphasized the importance of utilizing loans efficiently and repaying them on time.

During the meeting held at the district Cooperative Bank



office, officials were asked to report on the total loans disbursed so far and the amounts recovered. Prakash stressed that pending loans should be collected promptly to maintain the financial health of the in-

stitution. He highlighted that the bank provides loans for a variety of purposes, including crop cultivation, agricultural equipment, mortgages, business, housing, and education. He urged eligible farmers and entrepreneurs to take advantage of these opportunities. Additionally, he mentioned that timely repayment of loans could make them eligible for additional financial benefits.

The review meeting was attended by all cooperative bank managers and field officers from across the district.

# 14-Day Remand for YouTuber Over Offensive Social Media Post

DECCAN NEWS SERVICE  
ASIFABAD

The Asifabad court on Wednesday remanded YouTuber Venkatesh, a resident of Mangi Pathaguda in Tiryani mandal, to 14 days' judicial custody for posting content on social media that insulted a social group.

According to Tiryani SI Venkatesh, the YouTuber had uploaded the offensive post three days ago, which quickly went viral. Following the post, leaders of the affected commu-

nity lodged a complaint at the Tiryani police station. Acting on the complaint, Tiryani police, under the supervision of Rebbena CI Sanjay and SI Venkatesh, arrested the YouTuber and produced him before the Asifabad court, which ordered the 14-day remand.

SI Venkatesh warned that social media should be used responsibly and for the benefit of society. "Strict action will be taken against those who post content that spreads social discord or violates the law," he said.



# Boranchu Srikanth Reddy Applies for DCC President Post

DECCAN NEWS SERVICE  
ADILABAD

Boranchu Srikanth Reddy submitted his application for the post of District Congress Committee (DCC) President to the AICC observers overseeing the appointment process.

A farmer's son with firsthand experience of grassroots challenges, Srikanth Reddy has been actively working for the Congress party since 2001, following the footsteps of the late minister Swargiya Ramachandra Reddy. Known for his loyalty, he has supported every candidate endorsed by the party over the years.

Speaking on the occasion, he said that if appointed as DCC President, he would strengthen the Congress party in the district and ensure the public benefits from government welfare programs reach the people effectively. He also emphasized his commitment to working alongside leaders irrespective of their seniority to secure victories in upcoming local body elections, as well as assembly and parliamentary constituencies, and to bring the Congress Party to power at both the state and central levels.

The application was submitted politely in the presence of Karnataka State Jewargi MLA Shri Ajay Singh, who received the candidate during the opinion poll process conducted by the AICC.

# SIET Unveils Brochure for ICNGISTM'26 International Conference

DECCAN NEWS SERVICE  
HYDERABAD

Sri Indu Institute of Engineering and Technology (SIET), Sheriguda, Ibrahimpatnam, Hyderabad, has officially released the brochure for its upcoming Two-Day International Conference on "Next-Gen Innovations, Science, Technology and Management (ICNGISTM'26)", scheduled for 20th and 21st February 2026. The event is organized by the institute's Research and Development Cell.



The conference aims to bring together academicians, researchers, industry professionals, and students from across the globe to share knowledge and foster innovation in multidisciplinary fields including Artificial Intelligence, Data Science, Renewable Energy, Blockchain, IoT, Quantum Computing, Cyber-Physical Systems, and Sustainable Development.

The brochure was formally released by Sri R. Venkat Rao, Chairman, SIET, Dr. A. Ramakrishna Rao, Dean (Academics & Evaluation), and Sri R. Anup Chakravarthy, Secretary & Correspondent, SIET. The conference will be convened by Dr. K. S. Sadasiva Rao, Principal, SIET, with Dr. Perigistty Vedavalli, Dr. B. Ratnakanth, and Dr. S. V. Pavankumar as Co-Convenors. The Organizing Committee includes Heads of Departments and senior faculty members of SIET.

The event will feature keynote sessions, paper presentations, and expert talks by distinguished scholars and professionals from reputed national and international institutions. Accepted papers will be published in International Conference Proceedings (ISBN: 978-93-343-1346-8), and selected papers may be considered for publication in UGC-CARE listed journals.

The National Advisory Panel includes Dr. B. Kamakshi Prasad, Dr. K. Santhi Sree, Dr. A. Kavitha, Dr. Lakshmi Srinivasa Reddy, and Dr. G. N. R. Prasad, while the International Advisory Panel comprises researchers from the USA, Canada, Taiwan, Egypt, Jordan, Malaysia, and Bhutan.

The R&D Cell of SIET aims to make this conference a platform for interdisciplinary collaboration, transformative ideas, and advancements in science, technology, and management for a sustainable future. For paper submissions and registration, participants can visit [www.siet.ac.in](http://www.siet.ac.in) or email [icngistm2026@gmail.com](mailto:icngistm2026@gmail.com)



# 83rd EME Corps Day Celebrated at MCEME, Secunderabad

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SECUNDERABAD

The 83rd EME Corps Day was observed with solemnity and pride at the Military College of Electronics and Mechanical Engineering (MCEME), Secunderabad, on 15 October 2025.

Lt Gen Neeraj Varshney, VSM, Commandant of MCEME and Colonel Commandant of the Corps of EME, paid tribute to the brave soldiers who made the supreme sacrifice for the nation by laying a wreath at the EME War Memorial.

In his address during the Special Sainik Sammelan, he lauded the commitment and professionalism of all ranks and civilian employees for nurturing technically proficient and operationally ready soldiers. Highlighting the critical role of EME technicians, he cited their exemplary contributions during Operation Sindoor, showcasing skill, dedication, and indomitable spirit under challenging conditions. Outstanding performers were felicitated, and faculties were awarded Training, Administration, and Sports trophies, with the Faculty of Electronics (FEL) receiving the Commandant's Annual Championship Banner.

The occasion also witnessed the commissioning of advanced training facilities: 'Dronalaya', dedicated to drone technologies, and 'Yantralaya', for unmanned systems and robotics at FEL, MCEME. These state-of-the-art facilities will strengthen operational readiness, enhance technical proficiency, and bolster the Indian Army's capabilities in emerging technologies.

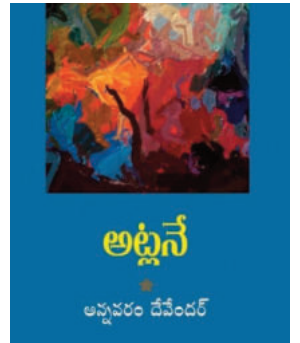


# Annaram Devender's Poetry Collection 'Atlane' to Launch in Hyderabad

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HYDERABAD

Poet Annaram Devender will launch his new poetry collection 'Atlane' on 17th October at 3 PM at the 'Chavadi' venue of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar University.

The launch will be presided over by Vice-Chancellor Acharya Ghanta Chakrapani



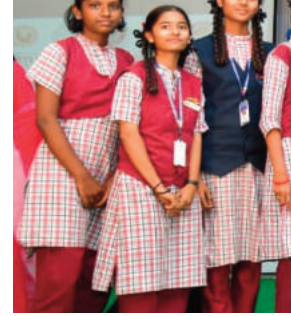
as the chief guest. Allam Narayana, former President of the Telangana Press Academy, will receive the dedication of the collection. Eminent editor K. Srinivas will attend as special guest, and Rajani Nellutla, President of the university's Telugu Department, will chair the event.

The conference is being organized by the friends of the daily newspaper 'Jivagadda', which was established in 1985 under B. Vijayakumar's leadership.

This marks the 13th poetry collection by Dasaradhi Krishnamacharya Award-winning poet Annaram Devender, who has also published three English poetry collections and four essay books. Literary enthusiasts have been invited to attend the event and celebrate the new release.

# Karimnagar Collector Pamela Satpathi Launches Girl Child Day Video Song

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As part of the International Girl Child Day celebrations, Karimnagar District Collector Pamela Satpathi launched a video song titled "O Chinni Pichuka.. Chinnari Pichuka" at the Collectorate Auditorium

in a program organized by the Women Development and Child Welfare Department. The original song, written and sung in Hindi by Swanand Kirkire, was translated into Telugu by writer and teacher Nandi Srinivas. Collector Pamela Satpathi herself sang the Telugu version of the song during the launch.

Suda Chairman Komatreddy Narendar Reddy and Additional Collector Ashwini Tanaji Wakade participated in the event, which highlighted the empowerment of girls and the importance of education, skills, and confidence for young girls.

The video song launch was part of a wider program that included competitions and activities under the district administration's initiatives to promote gender equality and inspire girls to pursue education and personal development.

# Adilabad Urban Tahsildar Clarifies Land Dispute in Bhuktapur Village

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ADILABAD

The Tahsildar of Adilabad Urban Mandal has issued a clarification regarding allegations of illegal land registrations and area discrepancies in Survey No. 65, Bhuktapur village.

According to official records, the land area was 15.24 acres as per the "Teensala Pahanli," but the current Bhubharati portal shows 21.33 acres, an increase of 6.08 acres. Historical records show the area as 16.27 acres in 2002-03.

The disputed land had been recovered from M/s G.S. Oils Limited under Debt Recovery Tribunal RC No. 314/2020 and was placed under the custody of the Bankruptcy Trustee as per Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code Section 154(1). Despite directives under the SARFAESI Act, 2002, the land was not transferred to the State Bank of India and was not registered in the Prohibited Order Book

(POB). Meanwhile, portions of the land were illegally registered in 2013 and 2014 to Poonam Vyas and Anupama Vyas, and later in 2023, a slot was booked and registered in the name of Ramesh Sharma, despite the ED attachment. The current Tahsildar, who assumed office on August 4, 2023, registered the slot unaware of the ED case. Subsequent attempts to convert the land to NALA were stopped after the ED case came to light. A preliminary inquiry was conducted, and proposals were sent to the District Collector, who has ordered the cancellation of the illegal registrations and supplementary setwar. Steps are being taken to implement these orders. The Tahsildar has appealed to government officials, private individuals, and institutions to verify records, titles, encumbrances, and court cases before purchasing or registering any land in Adilabad Urban Mandal to prevent disputes.

# Satavahana University Signs MoU with NASSCOM for Future Skills

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KARIMNAGAR

Satavahana University has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the NASSCOM IT Sector Skill Council to enhance the employability and technical skills of its students.

Praveen Kumar, a representative of NASSCOM, said the initiative, prepared in collaboration with the Union Min-

istry of Electronics, will enable students from all colleges under the university to register for the "Future Skills Prime" program. The program focuses on reskilling and upskilling in Information Technology and emerging technologies, helping students acquire industry-relevant knowledge and hands-on experience through online learning.

The MoU aims to promote

continuous self-learning, professional skills development, and project-based experiential learning. Innovative approaches like Skills Passport, Skills Wallet, and digital Badges will track progress and reward achievements. The program also includes online courses, offline experiential projects, and specialized modules on Embedded Software Development and Testing.

Vice Chancellor Acharya Umesh Kumar stated that the agreement, valid for three years, will provide students better opportunities to enhance quality education, gain skills aligned with industry demands, and secure employment in leading companies. Satavahana University Registrar Acharya Ravi Kumar Jasti and Officer on Special Duty Dr. D. Harikant were present during the signing.



# Everyone Should Know CPR: District Collector Pamela Satpathi



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KARIMNAGAR

District Collector Pamela Satpathi emphasized the importance of Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) awareness, urging everyone to be prepared to act immediately during a heart attack.

Speaking at a CPR Awareness Week program at the Government General Hospital, she highlighted that the first few golden seconds are crucial for saving lives. "Heart attacks are occurring across all age groups these days. If CPR is administered correctly during these critical moments, the chances of survival increase significantly," the Collector said. She stressed that every household member should

know CPR and be ready to perform it when needed.

As part of the program, medical experts demonstrated the dos and don'ts of CPR to hospital staff, ensuring proper technique and preparedness.

Officials present at the event included Karimnagar Government Medical College Additional DME Takyuddin Khan, District Medical Officer Venkataramana, Superintendent Veera Reddy, RMO Naveen, Program Officer Sana, and Dr. Naresh.

The Collector encouraged the community to prioritize life-saving training and make CPR knowledge a part of routine awareness, emphasizing that quick action can make the difference between life and death.

# Police Martyrs' Memorial Week from Oct 20 to 31 in Karimnagar

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KARIMNAGAR

Karimnagar Police Commissioner Shri Goush Alam IPS announced that Police Martyrs' Memorial Week will be observed from October 20 to 31, 2025, to honor the sacrifices of police personnel who laid down their lives in the line of duty.

The Commissioner highlighted that the sacrifices of past officers ensure today's peaceful atmosphere and



urged citizens to participate in the commemorative events across the Police Headquarters and all police stations in the Karimnagar Commissionerate.

## Scheduled Programs:

- Oct 20: Display of posters of martyrs in public spaces
- Oct 28: Public awareness, online conclusion of competitions
- Oct 29: Blood donation camp at Police HQ
- Oct 30: Prize distribution for essay, short film, and photography contests
- Oct 31: Candlelight vigil in memory of martyrs
- Oct 21: Martyrs' Day parade, felicitation of families, prize distribution
- Oct 22: Essay writing for officers, online competitions for students/public
- Oct 23 & 27: Open House for students - weapons display, She Team awareness, traffic & drug awareness
- Oct 24: Anti-drug rally
- Oct 25: Cycle rally with public participation

Oct 26: Meeting families of martyrs, homage at statues  
Oct 28: Public awareness, online conclusion of competitions  
Oct 29: Blood donation camp at Police HQ  
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Oct 31: Candlelight vigil in memory of martyrs  
The Commissioner encouraged all residents to pay tribute to the martyrs and support the week-long programs.

# Spryple Launches Middle East Operations at GITEX 2025, Dubai

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KARIMNAGAR

Spryple, a global leader in AI-driven business management solutions, officially launched its operations in the Middle East at GITEX 2025, Dubai, marking a key milestone in its international expansion.

The company introduced an Arabic language interface, enabling local businesses to access its integrated HR and CRM platform with ease. Spryple's AI-powered system is designed to simplify work-



force management, enhance productivity, and improve customer experiences for small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs). A company spokesperson highlighted, "Our strong part-

nerships and experience with business leaders in the Middle East have paved the way for us to become a trusted technology partner in this region." They added that Spryple aims to help regional businesses

overcome operational challenges through intelligent, user-friendly solutions. The launch was inaugurated by Mr. Zakir Hussain, who extended his best wishes to the Spryple team. The company expressed gratitude for his support and presence at the event.

With this entry, Spryple plans to set new benchmarks in digital workforce and customer management, strengthening its position as a reliable partner for business transformation across the Middle East.

# Temple Development Prioritized in Station Ghanpur



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JANGAON

Station Ghanpur MLA Kadiyam Srihari, along with District Collector Rizwan Basha Sheikh, Endowment Joint Commissioner Rama Krishna Rao, Devasthanam Chairpersons, and revenue and engineering officials, conducted a comprehensive review of the main temples in the Station Ghanpur area.

MLA Srihari emphasized the need for special action to develop all six major temples in his constituency, including Judicial Ramachandra Swamy Temple, Chilpur Bugulu Venkateswara Swamy Temple, Station Ghanpur Tirumalanath Swamy Temple, Nawabpet Kodanda Ramaswamy Temple, Chinnapendyala Lakshmi Narasimha Swamy Temple, and Jafargad Lakshmi Narasimha Swamy Temple. He instructed officials to make appropriate arrangements for the upcoming Lakshmi Narasimha Swamy Kalyana on November 10, including road laying, land leveling, jungle clearance,

planting, fencing, and establishment of Sulabh complexes. Facilities for devotees, such as rooms for stay, electricity, and better amenities, should be provided. Special measures were also recommended to prevent monkeys from roaming in Kodanda Ramaswamy Temple.

MLA Srihari also stressed the importance of protecting temple lands, conducting a complete survey of all temple properties, maintaining accurate records, and setting clear boundaries. District Collector Rizwan Basha Sheikh assured full administrative support, stating that temple land surveys will be expedited, and Tahsildars will coordinate closely with endowment officials to safeguard temple properties and ensure swift implementation of development measures. Jangaon and Station Ghanpur RDOs, Tahsildars from Station Ghanpur, Chilpur, Lingalghampur, Zafargad, and Raghunathpally, along with Devasthanam Committee Chairpersons and EOs, participated in the review meeting.

# Mental Health Coverage Essential in Modern Life: Bhaskar Nerurkar

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PUNE



Mental health is as crucial as physical health, and growing awareness, fueled by celebrities openly discussing their struggles, has brought the issue to the forefront, says Bhaskar Nerurkar, Head of the Health Administration Team at Bajaj General Insurance Limited. He explained that today's fast-paced lifestyle, with work pressure, financial worries, and societal expectations, contributes to daily stress, which can trigger conditions such as anxiety and depression. While technology keeps people connected, it can also increase loneliness and stress, affecting mental well-being. According to Nerurkar, timely intervention can significantly improve health outcomes.

The Mental Healthcare Act, 2017, has played a key role in facilitating treatment access. Following this, the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) issued guidelines effective from October 31, 2022, making it

mandatory for all health insurance companies to cover mental illnesses on the same basis as physical illnesses, ensuring claim acceptance. This allows individuals to access treatment without financial worry.

Nerurkar highlighted several key benefits of comprehensive mental health coverage. First, it encourages early intervention, preventing conditions from worsening and accelerating recovery. Health insurance provides the confidence to seek timely treatment without fear of medical expenses. Second, it reduces the financial burden, as therapy sessions, medications, and hospitalisation can be costly. Insurance coverage al-

lows patients to focus on recovery rather than costs.

Third, many plans include OPD coverage, enabling therapy or counselling without hospital admission, making continuous support more accessible and affordable. Nerurkar noted that mental health recovery often requires long-term care, including ongoing therapy, medication, and psychiatric visits, which insurance helps sustain. In addition, special mental health plans are available for conditions like autism, Parkinson's disease, and intellectual disabilities, often covering AYUSH treatments such as Ayurveda, Yoga, Unani, Siddha, and Homeopathy, and sometimes certain pre-existing conditions.

He emphasized that mental well-being impacts thinking, emotions, and social interaction across all ages. Recognizing mental health as equally important as physical health and seeking timely support is not a sign of weakness but a proactive step toward healing, growth, and stronger, healthier lives.



## HAL High School 1991 Batch Reunion Celebrated in Hyderabad

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HYDERABAD

The 1991 batch of HAL High School came together for a heartwarming reunion on Sunday at The Plaza Hotel, Paryatak Bhavan, Greenlands, Bagumpet, Hyderabad, organized by proud alumni Pallavi Tumular, R.V. Subrahmanian,

Srinivas Reddy, Gopala Krishna, VVN Kumar, Prashobhi, Ravi G, Ravi Matam, Santosh M, Shashank, and Krishna Mohan. The event brought together teachers and former students to relive cherished school memories in a blend of nostalgia, gratitude, and celebration.

The day began with the tra-

ditional school prayer song, creating an emotional ambience that transported everyone back to their classroom days. This was followed by a classical dance performance by M.S. Akshara, whose graceful movements added cultural splendour to the reunion.

Amid laughter and conver-

sations, teachers and alumni shared fond memories and anecdotes, reflecting on the strong bonds forged during school years. Teachers were felicitated by the alumni as a mark of appreciation for their invaluable guidance and inspiration.

The reunion concluded with a delightful lunch, where former

classmates and mentors enjoyed food, laughter, and rekindled friendships, creating new memories to treasure. The event was compered by Pallavi Tumular, R.V. Subrahmanian, Gopala Krishna, and V. Srinivas Reddy, making it a truly memorable celebration of friendship, gratitude, and enduring school spirit.

## PR 24x7 Honors Golden Pillars as Company Eyes Pan-India Expansion



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INDORE

PR 24x7, one of India's leading public relations agencies, celebrated a historic milestone by honoring its Golden Pillars – the senior team leaders who have dedicated over a decade to the organization. The ceremony marked the launch of PR 24x7 2.0, a new phase in the company's journey aimed at strengthening digital and influencer marketing while expanding its services to a pan-India level. Among the honored Golden Pillars were Neha Gaur,

Ujjain Singh Chauhan, Vikas Rajora, Parinita Nagarkar Khele, Sanskruti Mishra, Deepak Chadda, Meena Bisen, and Vineet Bhatt, who were recognized not only for their years of loyal service but also entrusted with new responsibilities to guide the company into its next growth phase.

Founder Dr. Atul Malikram said the Golden Pillars are the foundation of PR 24x7, whose dedication and expertise have earned the agency its reputation as India's most trusted regional PR organization. He emphasized that these leaders are not merely employees but part of a family that has supported the company through every challenge over the past decade, and their cohesion and experience will be vital for achieving the goals of PR 24x7 2.0. The agency, head-

quartered in Indore, has long been recognized for supporting startups with free PR services during the COVID pandemic, managing crises in industries such as metal, mining, and consumer sectors, and giving voice to India's Tier-2 and Tier-3 cities in the mainstream media. With a strong presence across more than 68 cities, over 500 regional media connections, 24x7 media monitoring, and a 75+ member team, PR 24x7 continues to provide strategic communication, digital media solutions, brand building, and crisis management for over 200 clients.



This recognition of its Golden Pillars underlines the company's commitment to regional expertise as it embarks on a nationwide expansion.

## KG Reddy College of Engineering & Technology Holds MBA Orientation 2025-26

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HYDERABAD

The Department of MBA at KG Reddy College of Engineering & Technology (Autonomous) organized a grand Orientation Programme for the new batch of MBA students for the Academic Year 2025-26 on Wednesday at the college campus. The event welcomed students and familiarized them with the department's objectives, academic structure, and facilities designed to foster holistic management education. HOD Mrs. Chandana ex-



tended a warm welcome, outlining the department's vision, academic framework, and key activities aimed at enhancing managerial competencies among students.

Director Dr. Rohit Kandakarla delivered an inspiring talk on entrepreneurship, inno-

vation, and self-driven learning. Emphasizing the importance of creating value, he encouraged students to develop an entrepreneurial mindset and explore opportunities offered through the college's Innovation & Entrepreneurship Cell. "Success in management is not only about

securing a job, but about creating value — for yourself and for others," he said.

Principal Dr. Sai Satya Narayana Reddy addressed the students, highlighting the institution's mission to nurture competent, ethical, and innovative leaders. He remarked, "KGR CET is not merely an academic institution; it is a platform to transform potential into performance."

The programme concluded with a Vote of Thanks, expressing gratitude to all dignitaries, faculty members, students, and parents for their participation.

## Bunnyhug Opens First Exclusive Showroom in Bikaner

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BIKANER

Bunnyhug, a company specializing in natural and herbal detergents, has launched its first exclusive showroom chain, starting with Bikaner. The showroom was formally inaugurated by the company's Managing Director, Shah Hussain Mirza, with India Head Priyaranjan also present at the event. Priyaranjan high-



lighted that Bunnyhug Natural Enzyme Based Laundry Liquid Detergent is made entirely from plant-derived ingredients, is completely vegan, and free from toxic chemicals, making it suitable for both

top-load and front-load washing machines. Shah Hussain emphasized that, unlike traditional detergent powders, the liquid detergent offers deep cleaning while preserving the color and shine of clothes. The

product's Quadruple Enzyme technology effectively removes tough stains such as oil, mud, ink, and starch, while its Green Apple fragrance ensures long-lasting freshness and aroma. He added that Bunnyhug's mission extends beyond cleaning, focusing on environmental and health protection, with all products being biodegradable, toxin-free, and cruelty-free. Bikaner distributor.

## BSNL Network Vital for Rural Awareness, Says Collector Patil



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BHADRADRI KOTHAGUDEM

Bhadradri Kothagudem District Collector, Jitesh V Patil, emphasized the importance of expanding BSNL network coverage to every village to provide quick and reliable information to students, residents, and villagers. He suggested that enhanced connectivity would help people access government schemes and stay updated on current affairs without having to travel, thus creating new opportunities



for youth employment.

The Collector made these observations during a meeting on Wednesday with a team led by Deputy Director General of Indian Telecom Service, D. Bhaskara Rao, at the Collectorate. Collector Patil proposed selecting a

Panchayat as a pilot project to make the network more accessible to villagers and facilitate easy access to information and government services.

He highlighted that youth with mobile network access could stay informed about

nationwide developments, competitive exams, and private and government job opportunities. He stressed that proper network coverage across panchayats would ensure that government schemes reach the grassroots effectively.

The program began with the felicitation of Collector Patil with a shawl. ITS Director M. Aravind, ITS Assistant Director G. Ganesh Kumar, ATM G. Subhash, SDE Sakru, and MRDV Shivanji were among the officials who participated in the event.

## GITAM Observes World Mental Health Week

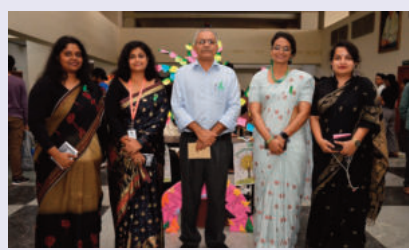
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The Department of Applied Psychology at GITAM School of Social Sciences has been observing World Mental Health Week from 10-16 October 2025, with the objective of promoting mental health education, raising awareness, and combating social stigma. Emphasizing that "there is no health without mental health," the observance highlights the importance of supporting psychological well-being, particularly during crises, to save lives, foster resilience, and strengthen individuals and communities.

Throughout the week, psychology students organized a series of interactive sessions and creative engagements, including an Art Therapy Workshop focused on stress, the ideal versus real self, and understanding anxiety. The Mind Quest ac-



tivity offered psychological testing across domains such as career aptitude, health, intelligence, personality, and relationships, encouraging self-awareness and personal growth. Other highlights included a skit, open mic session, Resolution & Gratitude Tree, Emotions Booth, Bio-model Presentation, and a "Letters to Your Future Self" exercise, each designed to foster introspection, empathy, and emotional intelligence. Faculty mentors guided and motivated students, underlining the signif-



icance of self-care, emotional balance, and daily psychological well-being.

A key event during the week was an invited talk by Dr. Daljeet Kaur, Consultant Psychiatrist and Founder of Dawn Healthy Minds, on 15 October 2025. In her session titled "Unpacking Stigma, Culture and Mind," Dr. Kaur examined the complex relationship between culture, stigma, and mental health. She highlighted cultural coping styles, ethical perspectives, and the impact of societal

discrimination, emphasizing that culture can serve as a resource for mental well-being. Drawing on examples such as England's Time to Change campaign, she noted that anti-stigma initiatives have increased public openness to discussing mental health and encouraged help-seeking behaviour. Dr. Kaur also stressed the importance of self-stories and language reform to challenge societal biases that equate mental illness with weakness, and explained that cognitive therapy can reduce negative perceptions without reinforcing internalized stigma, offering effective support to young people at risk of psychosis.

The week-long observance at GITAM thus combined education, creativity, and expert guidance to empower students and the community with knowledge, awareness, and tools to promote mental health and resilience.



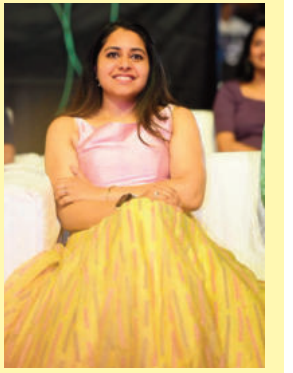


# Shriya's Bold Charm Turns Heads

Shriya Saran amazed Telugu audiences this year with her diverse roles, one in a spicy special song in Suriya's *Retro*, and another as a powerful mother in *Mirai*. No doubt, she nailed both looks with ease. Recently, she shared new pictures on social media in a pink halter-neck bralette and matching skirt. Her poses give the impression of a character, a statue, or a carefully crafted showpiece. Simple earrings and a high ponytail complete the look perfectly. As for her upcoming projects, there are rumors that she is signing a couple of OTT projects, keeping her fans eager for more.

## Krithi Prasad Shines at 'Telusu Kada' Pre-release Event

The grand pre-release event of *Telusu Kada* turned into a star-studded celebration, with producer Krithi Prasad stealing the spotlight. The event saw the cast and crew share their excitement ahead of the film's release on October 17. Starring Siddhu Jonnalagadda, Raashii Khanna, and Srinidhi Shetty, *Telusu Kada* is directed by Neeraja Kona and produced by People Media Factory. The film promises to deliver a refreshing mix of romance, music, and emotion. The evening was filled with energy as fans gathered to catch glimpses of their favorite stars. With music by Thaman S, cinematography by Gnanasekar VS, and ed-



iting by Navin Nooli, the film's creative team aims to bring a vibrant, youthful story to life. Audiences can tune in to the live stream of the event on YouTube and gear up for *Telusu Kada*'s theatrical release this Friday.

## Women Seek Ban on 'Prabhutva Saraidukanam'

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HYDERABAD

National Award winner Narasimha Nandi's new film *Prabhutva Saraidukanam* — written and directed by him and produced by Devi Naresh Gowda and Parigi Sravanthi Mallik under SVS Productions Srinidhi Cinemas — has come under fire after its teaser drew criticism for allegedly obscene dialogues and a derogatory use of the Telangana accent. Members of several women's groups today met Telugu Film Chamber General Secretary Damodar Prasad and lodged a formal complaint, demanding the film be stopped. Mahila Samajikya spokesperson Deepa



Devi said the teaser demeans Telangana women and betrays local culture, adding that such language misleads youth and cannot be justified even by cinematic freedom. Another representative, Neeraj, accused the makers of insulting the dialect for commercial gain and warned of protests if the film proceeds. Dhanamma said the dialogues insult women who uphold regional traditions and called for immediate action. Representatives — Deepa Devi, Padma, Neeraj, Dhanamma, Chandramma and Naseema — submitted a petition to the Film Chamber seeking a halt to the film's release and insisted on swift intervention by the Chamber and the censor authorities.

## Priyadarshi Confident of 'Mithra Mandali' Success

"When I heard the script of *Mithra Mandali*, I completely enjoyed it. Our film will entertain everyone," says actor Priyadarshi, ahead of the film's grand release on October 16.



Presented by Bunny Vas under the BV Works banner and produced by Kalyan Manthena, Bhanu Pratap, and Dr. Vijender Reddy Teegala under Saptas Ashwa Media Works, the film is directed by Vijeyender and stars Priyadarshi and Niharika NM in the lead roles. Priyadarshi said *Mithra Mandali* is a celebration of friendship and humor. "It's a collaboration of friends — from the director and producers to the actors and technicians. Vijeyender's writing is sharp, fresh, and filled with satire on social norms and caste without being preachy," he explained.

Addressing social media negativity, he said, "Everyone has the right to criticize, but spreading hate from fake accounts is pointless. We just chose to respond with humor." Dismissing comparisons to Jathi Ratnalu, he said, "This film is different. I don't like repeating genres, and *Mithra Mandali* has its own unique flavor." He praised Niharika NM for her effortless performance, calling her "an instant fit" for the role. On the film's overseas buzz, he noted, "Telugu audiences abroad have shown great excitement — their love for Telugu cinema is heartening."

Confident about the film's success, Priyadarshi concluded, "I said, 'If you don't like *Mithra Mandali*, don't watch my next films,' out of pure faith in our work. It's a fun, clean entertainer meant for everyone."

## 'Mithra Mandali' Promises Laughter and Heart

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HYDERABAD

The team of *Mithra Mandali*, starring Priyadarshi and Niharika NM, expressed confidence and joy ahead of the film's release. Directed by Vijeyender and produced by Kalyan Manthena, Bhanu Pratap, and Dr. Vijender Reddy Teegala under Saptas Ashwa Media Works, the film is presented by Bunny Vas under BV Works. It hits theatres on October 16, with paid premieres on October 15.

Bunny Vas said the film guarantees wholesome entertainment. "The demand for premieres is huge, and we're adding more screens. Diwali might be on the 21st, but the laughter festival begins tonight. Bring your families — you'll leave smiling," he said, thanking his team and the media for their support. Priyadarshi called *Mithra Mandali* a "complete laugh



riot" and praised Bunny Vas as the film's "real hero." Niharika NM, making her Telugu debut, said she's eagerly awaiting the audience's response and hoped for success for the entire team. Director Vijeyender shared that handling a large cast in his debut film was challenging but rewarding, with full support from Bunny Vas. Responding to rumors of a negative campaign, Bunny Vas said, "Trying to suppress

another film is wrong — in cinema, everyone should win. We've worked hard and believe good content speaks for itself." He also raised concerns over "unreliable" online ratings, calling for more transparency in ticketing platforms. *Mithra Mandali* promises two hours of pure laughter with a strong ensemble including Brahmanandam, Venela Kishore, Satya, Vishnu Oi, Ragh Mayur, Prasad Behara, and VTV Ganesh.

## Bring Back Hyderabad Children's Film Festival

Continue Children's Film Festival – Legacy of Jawaharlal Nehru

For over two decades, November 14th in Hyderabad wasn't merely a date on the calendar — it was a grand celebration of childhood, creativity, and cinema. The International Children's Film Festival, fondly known as The Golden Elephant, became synonymous with the spirit of Jawaharlal Nehru, the first Prime Minister of India and a lifelong advocate for children's welfare and imagination. Since its inception in 1995, the festival turned Hyderabad into the "World Capital of Children's Film Industry," hosting filmmakers, educators, and young audiences from across the globe. The week-long carnival of art and ideas allowed children to see stories from different cultures and inspired many towards creative professions. Even after the formation of Telangana State, the BJP-led government at the Centre continued the legacy, conducting the festival in Hyderabad in 2015 and again in 2017. How-

ever, due to what many insiders call "misguided bureaucratic advice," the 2019 edition was abruptly cancelled — a decision that broke a cherished tradition of 25 years. At that time, the Telangana State Film Development Corporation had taken the initiative, and the Chief Secretary of Telangana had formally written to the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting (I&B), offering full state support to host the festival. Yet, it is believed that the I&B Ministry was preoccupied with the International Film Festival of India (IFFI) in Goa, and the request went unattended. It must be remembered that the foundation of the Children's Film Society India (CFSI) was laid by Pandit Nehru himself — envisioning cinema as a medium of learning and joy for every child in the nation. Continuing that vision is not merely an administrative responsibility but a cultural commitment. While children may not be a "vote bank," their influence within families is undeniable. A daughter guides her father's choices; a son often sways his mother's opinions. The moral and emotional compass of the household often begins with the child. Therefore, under the leadership of Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, it is both fitting and timely that Telangana revives this celebrated festival — as a tribute to Nehru's ideals and the dreams of Telangana's children. If logistical constraints prevent calling for open entries this year, the State Government can still organize an "In-



itation Festival" in 2025, featuring select films from past editions and international showcases. A full-scale global festival can then be planned for 2026.

November 14th is not just the birthday of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru — for every child in Telangana, it is their day, their festival. The children of Hyderabad hope that their Chief Minister will hear their unspoken call and restore the magic of cinema that once made the city the pride of the world's young dreamers.



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## 'Sambarala Yeti Gattu' Glimpse Unveiled with Electrifying Energy



The *Sambarala Yeti Gattu* team set the stage ablaze with the massive *Asura* Aagamana Glimpse launch event, leaving fans thrilled and eager for more. The event was packed with excitement as Mega Supreme Hero Sai Dharam Tej joined the celebration, marking a special moment for both the cast and crew. Directed by Rohith KP and produced by Niran Reddy and Chaitanya Niran under Primeshow Entertainment and RKD Studios, the film prom-

ises a powerful cinematic experience filled with intense action and emotion. Actress Aishwarya Lekshmi plays a pivotal role alongside Sai Dharam Tej, while the team teased fans with stunning visuals and gripping music in the newly released glimpse — now trending online. The makers describe *Sambarala Yeti Gattu* as "epic, electrifying, and unforgettable," setting the tone for what could be one of the most talked-about releases of the year.

## 'Salaar: Cease Fire' Returns to Theatres on October 23

Fans of Rebel Star Prabhas are in for a treat as *Salaar: Cease Fire* is set for a grand worldwide re-release on October 23, marking the superstar's birthday celebration. Directed by Prashanth Neel and produced by Vijay Kirangandur under Hombale Films, the high-octane action saga features Prabhas, Prithviraj Sukumaran, and Shruti Haasan in pivotal roles. The re-release aims to recreate the original theatrical magic that made *Salaar* a global blockbuster. With stunning visuals, intense performances, and Prabhas's powerful screen presence, the film promises to ignite theatres once again. Fans worldwide are gearing up for massive celebrations, special screenings, and fan events to honor their favorite star. *Salaar: Cease Fire* — One man. One rage. One more time.



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## World TV Premiere of Kishkindhapuri This Weekend

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Zee Telugu and Zee5 are set to air the World Television Premiere of the much-anticipated film *Kishkindhapuri* this weekend. Following a successful theatrical run, the film will make its television debut on Zee5 at 6 PM on Friday, October 17th, and on Zee Telugu at 6 PM on Sunday, October 19th.

Directed by Koushik Pegallapati and produced by Sahu Garapati, *Kishkindhapuri* is a gripping adventure that blends mystery, suspense, and drama. The story revolves around Raghav (Bellamkonda Sai Sreenivas) and Mythili (Anupama Parameswaran), a couple working for a

company that conducts ghost-walking tours in the enigmatic town of Kishkindhapuri. During one such tour, they guide visitors to an abandoned radio station, Suvarnamaya, inadvertently stepping into a deadly web of danger. Visitors entering Suvarnamaya start dying under mysterious circumstances, leaving Raghav and Mythili to unravel the truth before it's too late. The suspenseful storyline keeps audiences engaged until the very last frame. The film also features strong performances by Tanikella Bharani, Srikanth Iyengar, Hyper Aadi, Makrand Deshpande, and Sudarshan, adding depth and intrigue to the cinematic experience. Zee Telugu and Zee5 encourage audi-



ences to catch this thrilling film's World Television Premiere and experience the adventure, mystery, and suspense of *Kishkindhapuri* from the comfort of their homes this weekend.

## 'Gopi Galla Goa Trip' Trailer Promises a Wild, Fun Ride

The trailer of the upcoming youth entertainer *Gopi Galla Goa Trip* has created a buzz for its quirky story and Hollywood-style presentation. Produced by Sai Kumar, Seeta Ramaraju, and Ramana Reddy under Raasta Films, Aurelis Arts, Awwal Number Productions, and Avanti Cinema, the film is directed by Rohit and Sasi. Starring Ajith Mohan, Raju Shivaratri, Camp Sasi, Sai Kumar, Pawan Ramesh, and Monika Busam, the film follows two friends, Gopi and Gopi, who set out from their village to Goa seeking excitement but encounter a series of unexpected twists. The trailer highlights vibrant visuals, free-writing, and a youthful, free-spirited tone that res-



onates with today's audience. At the trailer launch, directors Sai Rajesh, Venkatesh Maha, and Rupak attended as chief guests. Sai Rajesh praised the directors' creativity, saying, "Rohit and Sasi are talented filmmakers — their style amazed me." Venkatesh Maha said the film "feels internationally crafted," recall-

ing his early interactions with the duo in Goa. Director Rohit described the film as "a magical hangout story," while producer Sai Kumar called it "a refreshing cinematic trip that feels like being in Goa." Director Sasi thanked supporters and said the film was made without compromises, inspired by

movies like *C/O Kancharapalem* and *Pareshaan*. Music director Ravi added that the music was composed on the go to match the film's spontaneity and energy. *Gopi Galla Goa Trip* promises to be a vibrant, youthful entertainer that blends emotion, humor, and adventure in equal measure.