



Minister kondapalli srinivas welcomes chief minister chandrababu

Srungavarapukota, August 22: State micro, small, medium enterprises, rural poverty eradication, pravasandhra empowerment relations minister kondapalli srinivas met and welcomed chief minister nara chandrababu naidu who visited local mla kolla lalitha kumari's own house at helipad. He presented bouquet to chief minister chandrababu. He went to mla lalitha kumari's house along with chief minister chandrababu naidu. He chatted with her family members and gave blessings.

As student among students... as teacher among teachers...!



Visakha/vizianagaram, August 22: Innovative attempt by education minister nara lokesh towards knowing real problems. Generally anywhere in country if education minister is coming to any school from district officer to remote teacher become high alert. Officials get tensed thinking real problems may be known. But education, IT departments minister nara lokesh route is separate. Lokesh who is working sincerely for AP model of education... is keeping his designation aside to know real problems in system and mingling with them. He is turning as student among students, as teacher among teachers and knowing their inner feelings. Minister lokesh inaugurated zilla parishad high school

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Grand welcome to young minister nara lokesh

*Y junction turned into sea of people
Affection not reduced even in drizzle
Lokesh shook hands with everyone
Welcomed by minister kondapalli srinivas, incharge minister vangalapudi anitha, MLA aditi vijayalakshmi, MP kaliseti appala naidu, party president kimidi nagarjuna, uttarandhra incharge arumilli radhakrishna*

Vizianagaram, August 22: IT, education and human resources minister nara lokesh who came to district for first time was given huge welcome at local Y junction by minister kondapalli srinivas, incharge minister vangalapudi anitha, MLA aditi vijayalakshmi, MP kaliseti appala naidu, party president kimidi nagarjuna, uttarandhra incharge arumilli radhakrishna along with other leaders and fans. As part of welcome arrangements, minister nara lokesh

was welcomed with kolatam, teenmar, kerala dappu instruments along with puli vesha performers. Y junction was jam packed with sea of people with huge fans gathering. Women, youth competed to shake hands with lokesh and take selfies. Youth shouting slogans as CM CM created surprise. Though it was drizzling every worker did not let minister nara lokesh convoy move forward with joy. Lokesh moved forward with much patience greeting everyone



and shaking hands. Rally continued under aegis of huge fans and workers at highest level. District telugu desam party leaders, fans, workers participated in large scale in this programme.

BRICS delegation visits Thotlakonda Buddhist site as Visakhapatnam hosts ministerial meetings



Vishakhapatnam: Visakhapatnam is hosting the BRICS Youth Ministers' Meeting and the BRICS South Ministers' Meeting on August 22 and 23 under India's BRICS Chairship for 2026. The high-level engagements bring together ministers and heads of delegation from all 11 BRICS member countries — Brazil, China, Egypt, Ethiopia, **See 2nd page**

Naidu says misinformation on data centres ignores benefits, promises AI growth for Andhra Pradesh

Anakapalli (Andhra Pradesh): Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu on Saturday said that some people are unnecessarily propagating misinformation against data centre projects, observing that they are unaware of their benefits. Addressing a public meeting at Alamandakoduru village here during the Swarna Andhra-Swach Andhra (golden & clean Andhra) programme, the chief minister noted that data centre construction is yet to begin, but some people are complaining that water levels are depleting. "Some people are indulging in unnecessary misinformation against data centres. They do not know about the benefits that will flow from data centres," Naidu said. One data centre project led to five in total, he said, adding that lakhs of AI professionals will emerge if 5 GW capacity worth data centres arrive in the southern state. According to the CM, all data centres put together will require only 3.5 TMC water. He **See 2nd page**



TDP slams 11 YSRCP MLAs for skipping Assembly

Amaravati: Government chief whip and Vinukonda MLA G V Anjaneyulu strongly criticised 11 YSRCP MLAs for staying away from the Assembly sessions, alleging that they lacked the courage to face the House. Questioning why elected representatives did not attend the Assembly to discuss public issues, Anjaneyulu said it was unfair for MLAs to draw salaries while neglecting their responsibilities towards the people. He alleged that the YSRCP MLAs had "run away" from the Assembly because they were afraid to face the government. Speaking to the media at party headquarters in Mangalagiri, he criticised them for failing to come to the Assembly, which he described as a temple of democracy, and speak on behalf of the people. He said the four-day Assembly session witnessed meaningful discussions and continued for 25 hours and 15 minutes. A total of **See 2nd page**





Beginning of the end for archaic political psychosis

Predictable are the ways that a dispensation under siege reacts to a backlash over its incapacities, improprieties, incapacities and insouciance. The Indian government - read as ruling political establishment at the Centre - has expectedly unleashed its proxy propaganda and vindictive blitzkrieg to transform the narrative related to Cockroach Janta Party (CJP) initiated upsurge against NEET scandal. Not unexpectedly, the fabrication division of the establishment is working overtime to manufacture disinformation against the non-violent and innovative agitation by the proactive youth of the country. After succumbing to the demand of the youth and beating a hasty and clumsy retreat - consequent to the failure of suppressing the agitation through coercion and intimidation- the ruling political establishment- the National Democratic Alliance, specifically the BJP - is now in a retaliation mode. The latest reports indicate investigations into the antecedents of youth leaders and their linkages to political parties. Inevitably, the target and objective of the propaganda machinery of the establishment, and its machinations, is to create a narrative against political parties that are inimical to its own agendas. To obfuscate the truth, stories are being planted to create the impression that the agitation was pre-planned and contrived and not a spontaneous response of anger and frustration. Such interpretations and claims are convenient for the government, since the touted reason that it is politically sponsored - is more convenient than the latter cause and effect - that it is spontaneous and simultaneous outburst by the youth of the country. It is not difficult to fathom the psychology of archaic mindset and dogmatic politicians holding the country's reins. It is not in tune with the needs, aspirations and ambitions of the youth in the country. It also reveals an irrational mindset, which views youth as malcontents and attempts to decimate dissent and discontent. While the ruling party is on a denial mode - see no truth, hear no truth, avoid inconvenient truth -- underestimating and undermining the undercurrents could prove to be counterproductive.

Threats by the government to investigate 'money trails', and imputation of political funding, will eventually prove to be ridiculous and superfluous, since there is nothing illegal in providing monetary support to an apolitical outfit for its' fight against the NEET deception. In the aftermath of the agitation that shook and activated the conscience of the nation - specifically the youth - there were also reports pointing to devious means to muzzle and muffle the heightening clamour through pressure tactics. Despite successive defeats and depletion of its arsenal to subdue and stifle the agitation, the truth seems to be too bitter and unpalatable for the ruling party. According to reports, those who had displayed banners displaying critical and satirical slogans against the government are being targetted and singled out for special treatment. Such vindictive actions are reflective of an incorrigible psychosis, impenetrable to reform. The perpetrators are perhaps nursing delusions that the uprising by the youth can be uprooted and ended through coercive tactics. On the contrary, this could be the beginning of the end for oppressive and suppressive regimes.



EPFO urges establishments to enrol eligible workers under EEC 2026

New Delhi: The Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) on Saturday urged establishments to use the Employees' Enrolment Campaign, 2026 (EEC 2026) campaign, to enrol eligible employees who remain outside the EPF coverage. The EPFO campaign was notified from June 29, 2026, and will remain open up to October 31 this year. It is aimed at facilitating voluntary compliance by employers and extending the benefits of provident fund, pension and insurance to eligible workers. It provides a special one-time opportunity to enrol eligible employees who remained outside EPF coverage during the period April 1, 2009 to March 31, 2026. Eligible employers can declare and enrol employees who were left out of EPF coverage during the prescribed period and are alive and continuing in employment with the establishment on the date of declaration, said Labour Ministry in a statement. It provides specified relaxations to facilitate regularisation of past compliance, including waiver of the employee's share where it was not deducted earlier, subject to the conditions of the campaign. "Employers are required to complete the enrolment and remittance process through the prescribed online mechanism. A Face Authentication-based UAN is to be generated through the UMANG App for each declared employee, and contributions are to be remitted through the Electronic Challancum-Return (ECR)," said the ministry in a statement. According to the ministry, the campaign is intended to benefit establishments and workers by providing a structured mechanism for bringing eligible employees within the statutory social security framework. Employers are encouraged to review their employment and wage records and identify eligible employees who may have remained outside EPF coverage during the prescribed period. "Employers are encouraged to make use of this one-time opportunity and complete the enrolment of eligible employees before the Campaign closes on 31 October 2026," said the ministry.

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India, Indonesia, Iran, Russia, Saudi Arabia, South Africa and the United Arab Emirates. Ahead of the formal sessions, the BRICS delegation visited the ancient Buddhist heritage site at Thotlakonda on Saturday morning. The scenic site, overlooking the Bay of Bengal, offered the visiting dignitaries a glimpse into Andhra Pradesh's rich cultural and historical legacy. A sapling plantation drive was also organised at the location as part of the programme. Union Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports, Dr Mansukh Mandaviya is chairing both meetings. Minister of State for Youth Affairs and Sports, Raksha Khadse, is participating in the proceedings. Senior ministry officials, including Secretary (Youth Affairs), Sunil Paliwal and Secretary (Sports), Hari Ranjan Rao, are closely associated with the engagements. India's BRICS Chairship 2026 is guided by the theme 'Building for Resilience, Innovation, Cooperation and Sustainability,' reflecting a people-centric and humanity-first approach. The Youth Ministers' Meeting today focusses on strengthening cooperation in youth development and empowerment. Discussions cover education, skill development, entrepreneurship, well-being and sustainable development. The meeting will consider recommendations from the earlier BRICS Youth Council Meeting and BRICS Youth Summit held in Gandhinagar and is expected to adopt the BRICS Youth Ministerial Joint Declaration along with the BRICS Youth Cooperation Framework. The BRICS Sports Ministers' Meeting on August 23 will reaffirm commitment to cooperation in sports. Key focus areas include traditional and indigenous sports, sports technology, sports manufacturing and innovation. The session will feature country

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buildings modernized under aegis of divis at chandrampalem in bheemili constituency, visakha district. On this occasion in meeting arranged, different from routine speeches he gave mike to know mind of students and tried to know their thoughts. Turning like small child he answered joyfully to funny questions they asked. When he came to this school earlier ground there was submerged in knee depth. At that time lokesh who knew inner feelings of students convinced divis organization and provided ultra modern infrastructure. Presently advanced classrooms, labs, mineral water plant, advanced playground that surpass corporate school are available here. Presently minister lokesh was delighted seeing joy in eyes of children with facilities there. Meanwhile lokesh who attended school cluster complex meeting at dasanna peta girls high school in vizianagaram... when chemistry revision classes were going on there, without causing any disturbance he sat together with teachers and listened attentively. He tried to know their problems mingling with teachers. He personally spoke with higher officials on problems that came to his notice. Teachers are expressing happiness over practical thinking approach of minister lokesh.

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103 members participated in the proceedings. Had the 11 YSRCP MLAs attended, they too would have had an opportunity to raise public issues, he said. Anjaneyulu also took a dig at the YSRCP leadership over the DSC recruitment issue. He said Minister Nara Lokesh's presentation of facts in the Assembly had left YSRCP leaders embarrassed. He described it as ironic that a person who could not distinguish between the APPSC and DSC had served as Chief Minister for five years. He alleged that YSRCP leaders were staying away to avoid answering questions over alleged irregularities in the APPSC during the previous government. He also accused them of creating disruptions in the Legislative Council. Anjaneyulu urged YSRCP MLAs to attend the House and participate in constructive debates on public issues, stressing that elected representatives have a responsibility to present their views before the Assembly.

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highlighted that water from Polvaram Project will be supplied up to Anakapalli to fill all the ponds. In the first week of September, Naidu said Godavari River water will be brought to Anakapalli. Noting that it was heartening to see children talk about AI and data centres, the TDP supremo said it is a matter of pride that the "first" quantum computer in the country came to the southern state. Naidu said there used to be a feeling that Anakapalli was lagging behind in investments but underscored that now it is attracting larger investments than Visakhapatnam, citing ArcelorMittal Nippon Steel plant project and others. He stressed that Anakapalli district is transforming into a hub for all companies to emerge as a knowledge economy. Over the past few years, Andhra Pradesh has attracted major data centres projects, which also includes the Rs 1.35 lakh-crore Google data centre project near Visakhapatnam. Lashing out at the previous YSRCP government, Naidu said it had failed to lay roads thinking that it was extending welfare.

However, he said that the coalition government has transformed roads. Reflecting on the influence of money in politics, he said people should take the responsibility of negating its impact so that politicians will refrain from committing mistakes. He accused the previous government of "banking on destruction, crime and atrocities," and claimed that 30,000 people died of ill-health due to spurious liquor, and several other alleged irregularities. On teacher recruitment, the CM said though the government overcame 300 alleged petitions against the 'Mega District Selection Committee' to give jobs, he accused the YSRCP of making allegations after giving the jobs. "Not even one per cent of corruption has occurred in DSC and we will not let it happen. Massive irregularities had happened in Group-I (2018) examination evaluation," Naidu said. He claimed that plumbers, domestic workers, attenders and electricians had evaluated Group-I examination answer scripts during the previous YSRCP government. Now when these "truths" are emerging, they are talking ill about DSC recruitment, Naidu said. Underscoring that sports should also be encouraged along with education, the chief minister said jobs under the sports quota were raised from two per cent to three. He lambasted the opposition party for questioning sports quota jobs and said that they were given as per Central government policies.

Teacher digital diary app launched.. manyam district education officer p brahmaji



Parvatipuram manyam district, August 22: Parvatipuram manyam district education officer p brahmaji rao launched 'teacher digital diary' app designed for teachers to easily record their daily lesson plan, teaching details at district education officer office on thursday. The app was developed by m v gourisankara rao who is working as SGT at jigiram mp school of salur mandal with help of his son who is studying engineering.Speaking on this occasion DEO said this app will be very useful for teachers to save every aspect taught in classroom digitally without use of paper. He said recorded details will be safely stored in phone itself and can be checked anytime when needed. He said teachers need to be prepared in accordance with changing technology. However he clarified using this app is not compulsory and teachers can use it as per their interest and convenience.Senior teacher nalla balakrishna rao speaking said

app design is very simple and teaching details can be easily recorded immediately after class completion.App developer gourisankara rao speaking said there is opportunity to create profile with details like teacher name, designation, school, village, mandal, treasury id, phone number. He said class selection from 1st to 12th class, taught lesson, lesson concept, activities conducted, teaching learning material (TLM), special notes can be recorded.He said based on recorded details there is facility to create daily, weekly, monthly reports and download in PDF, excel formats. He said previously recorded details can be searched based on class, subject, lesson name. He said details like total working days, completed lessons, number of periods recorded can be known through dashboard. Gourisankara rao said this app which makes maintenance of teaching records easier will be very beneficial for teachers.

Krishnamma seva samithi members angry over false news



Adoni, August 22: Gudise krishnamma seva samithi members expressed severe anger over false news published against kurnool district telugu desam party president smt gudise adi krishnamma.They said coordinating mlas and constituency in-charges in district they are taking welfare and development programmes being implemented by alliance government to people. They said knowing problems of people from time to time, along with party leaders and workers they are continuously available to people.Krishnamma seva samithi members criticized that ysrep leaders fearing defeat seeing increasing admiration for alliance among people day by day are launching false propagandas. "However many false news they write, however many conspiracies they do unable to bear increasing admiration for al-

liance among people, they cannot stop victory of alliance. Victory of alliance in local body elections is sure. Blessings of people will be for alliance candidates" they expressed confidence.Krishnamma seva samithi members advised to publish news after fully knowing facts and to stop propagating baseless news for political benefits.They clarified that with false propagandas they cannot stop public service of gudise adi krishnamma and people are observing services she is doing for people. They said krishnamma seva samithi members and workers will stand by gudise adi krishnamma who is working continuously for people.Members kapati madhava, kallubavi mallikarjuna, mahadeva, muniswamy, venkatesh, abdullah and members participated in this programme.

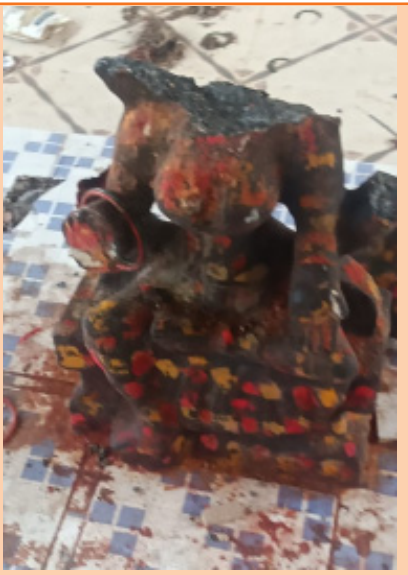
Rainbow school correspondent md shafi bain abdul khadir as vnet narayanapet district convener

Marikal, August 22:Organization adviser, convener dr murali manohar released a statement appointing marikal rainbow school correspondent md shafi bain abdul khadir (shafi sir) as narayanapet district convener of narayanapet district vidyarthi nestham educational trust.Many congratulated shafi sir who was appointed as narayanapet district convener in marikal town.On this occasion shafi sir speaking said vidyarthi nestham educational trust is a charitable trust recognized by government of india. He said it works with objective of "empowerment of youth for viksit bharat". He said main purpose of this organization is to become partners in building viksit bharat 2047 and lead youth towards empowerment.He said in narayanapet district along with strengthening organization he will work his part in taking forward programmes like education, employment, skill development, leadership development, youth empowerment.He expressed thanks and gratitude to organization which handed over responsibilities with trust on him for his appointment.



Miscreants vandalize jammulamma idol

Narva, August 22: Unidentified miscreants vandalized jamulamma idol situated on tank bund in patarached village under mandal jurisdiction.Local people and people of various villages are requesting police to punish strictly the miscreants who vandalized jamulamma idol in temple. Villagers are expressing anger that such incident took place in jammulamma temple which is worshipped as most revered deity in village in a manner hurting hindu sentiments.



One day open chess tournament for school children TODAY

Vijayawada, August 22: Rotary club of greater amaravati with cooperation of NTR district administration will conduct one day open chess tournament for school level boys and girls. This chess tournament will be held on sunday 23.08.2026 from 9.00 am to 3.00 pm at sri pingali venkaiah conference hall in NTR district collectorate.District collector dr g lakshmisha will attend as chief guest for this programme.Boys and girls who wish to participate in this tournament can come directly before 9.00 am and do walk-in registration. Or they can contact rotary greater amaravati representative dr ram - 9393573414 and do advance registration.Charter president dr kodali valli requested that students of all schools and chess players should utilize this opportunity



nity and participate in large numbers and make tournament successful.Collector lakshmisha unveiled poster related to these competitions at collectorate on saturday. Club, rotary greater amaravati founder dr ch ramchand, chess coach k suresh and others participated in this programme.

Invitation

OPEN
CHESS

TOURNAMENT 2026.

Rotary Club Of Greater AMARAVATI and NTR District Conducting

School level Open Chess Tournament for boys and girls

on Sunday 23rd August'2026

from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm.

Venue : NTR District Collectorate

CHIEF GUEST

Hon'ble Shri.

Dr.G.Lakshmisha IAS

Dist Collector-NTR Dist.

Prizes distribution from

3:30 pm to 4:00 pm.

NOTE :

All players directly walkin and register their names at the venue from 8:00 am to 8:30 am (23-08-26)

PROGRAM :

Fellowship : 8:30 - 9:00 am

Followed by inauguration.

Do not panic over sir notices



Vijayawada, August 22: Do not panic over notices.. Solution with most transparent inquiry Comprehensive process for protection of voting right Everyone should become partners in preparation of error-free voters list District collector dr g lakshmisha in meeting of political parties representatives District collector dr g lakshmisha said there is no need for anyone to worry over notices being issued as part of special intensive revision (SIR) process of voters list and they are taking steps to examine and inquire details related to every notice fully and ensure every eligible voter remains in list. Collector lakshmisha conducted meeting with representatives of recognized political parties on SIR process at collectorate sri avs reddy hall on saturday. He clarified their doubts. Collector lakshmisha speaking in meeting said receiving notice does not mean voting right is removed.. those who received notice can submit evidences and concerned documents available with them within stipulated time and express their objections. He said every case will be examined impartially and action will be taken

as per rules. He said meetings will be conducted with political parties representatives at ERO level also and doubts will be clarified. He requested everyone to become partners in process which is being done aiming to prepare voters list error-free and accurately. He said so far distribution of 1,85,718 notices has been done.. out of them inquiry has been conducted for 32,996 persons. He said inquiry schedule deadline expired for 69,717 persons and they need to be re-scheduled for inquiry. He said along with 22nd of this month, 23, 29, 30 dates will be conducted as special campaign days. He revealed that BLOs are available at field level for help if anyone has any doubt. He said along with form-6 facilitating new vote registration, form-7, form-8 are also available with them. He said utilize them.. collector lakshmisha suggested that everyone eligible should apply for new vote registration. DRO m lakshmi narasimha along with y ramaiah (TDP), p govinda (BJP), t harikrishna (AAP), b muralikrishna (INC), dv krishna (CPM) and others participated in meeting.

Anti-reservation protest erupts at Jantar Mantar, Delhi police detain several protesters

New Delhi: The Delhi Police on Friday detained several protesters who gathered at Jantar Mantar for an anti-reservation demonstration, with security tightened in and around the protest site amid a heavy turnout, a senior officer said. Visuals showed police personnel detaining protesters — a majority of whom were men — as a large number of people gathered at the site carrying banners, posters and saffron flags, and raising slogans against caste-based reservation. The protesters were mobilised through social media for the demonstration, demanding that economic criteria be given precedence over caste in determining eligibility for government support and reservation. Police deployed personnel and paramilitary forces at key points in the area ahead of the protest and put up barricades to regulate the movement of people towards Jantar Mantar. The Delhi Police said no permission had been granted for any protest, procession, demonstration or assembly at Jantar Mantar. However, a no-objection certificate (NOC) was issued for a peaceful protest under the banner of “Reservation Hatao Andolan” at a different venue — Ramlila Ground — on Friday, according to an official communication by the office of the Central District DCP. The NOC allowed a maximum of 500 people to gather at the Ramlila Ground until 4 pm, with police stating that it had “no objection” to a protest at Ramlila Maidan from a law and order point of view. The protest campaign was spearheaded by “Reservation Hatao Andolan”, an Instagram-based page that subsequently appealed to people to join a physical demonstration at Jantar Mantar on August 21. The page has 5.6 million followers on Instagram. The protesters demanded that economic condition be



considered while deciding who should receive government support, including assistance for education, coaching and other needs. “Our demand is that economic condition should be considered while deciding who needs government support. A poor person, irrespective of caste, should be provided assistance for education, coaching and other needs,” a protester associated with the Akhil Bharatiya Kshatriya Mahasabha said. Another participant sought a review of the existing reservation system, saying its benefits did not always reach the most disadvantaged sections. “We have been raising this issue for several years. Our contention is that the government should examine whether the present system is achieving its intended purpose and whether benefits are reaching people at the grassroots level,” he said. Some protesters also called for the introduction of a creamy-layer criterion in reservation and sought changes in policies relating to Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Other Backward Classes. “We are not saying that economically weaker people should be left without support. We are saying that assistance should be targeted at those who need it, including through scholarships, fee support and coaching,” another protester said. The protesters also raised issues relating to the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act and higher education policies.

Every step towards cleanliness.. step forward towards healthy andhra



G konduru, August 22: Collective participation is strong foundation for swachhandhra Everyone should stay away from single use plastic Only with clean surroundings our healthy future District collector dr g lakshmisha in swarnandhra-swachhandhra programme District collector dr g lakshmisha said they are conducting swarnandhra-swachhandhra programmes in every village in district extensively with public participation.. they are giving good results and every step we take towards cleanliness is a step forward towards healthy andhra. District collector dr g lakshmisha participated in swarnandhra-swachhandhra programme held under aegis of district panchayat office at community hall in g konduru on saturday. He inspected stalls set up by district women and child welfare department, agriculture department, medical health department, panchayati raj departments. He created awareness on supreme court of india orders - solid waste management is our responsibility and our duty. Later collector lakshmisha speaking in programme said cleanliness is not just government programme, permanent change is possible only when every citizen feels it as responsibility and implements in practice. He said good habits related to cleanliness should continue from us, from our family, from our village. He gave call that everyone should extend their cooperation for environmental protection staying away from single use plastic usage. He said in background of plastic

waste causing land, water, air pollution, staying away from plastic usage should be recognized as social responsibility of everyone. He said clean surroundings is foundation for healthy life.. small precautions we take today will give healthy, environment friendly future to future generations. He said wealth from waste creation centres are also running successfully.. He said without waiting for change.. let us start change from ourselves, if our house is clean family will be healthy.. if our village is clean society will be healthy.. if our district is clean goal of healthy andhra will be fulfilled. Collector lakshmisha gave call that with inspiration of mahatma gandhi that cleanliness is replica of godliness, everyone should give importance to surroundings cleanliness along with personal cleanliness. As part of programme collector lakshmisha administered pledge saying I.. will allocate some time daily for cleanliness of my surroundings.. will try to create awareness on cleanliness to my fellow people also.. will do my part to shape my state as swarnandhra-swachhandhra. Recalling services of green ambassadors in village he felicitated them. Similarly women who are standing as ideal to all by segregating wet waste and dry waste and giving were also felicitated. DPO t seetha mahalakshmi, g konduru mandal parishad president vemulakonda lakshmi tirupatamma, g konduru MPDO b srinivasa rao, g konduru tahsildar d ribka rani and others participated in programme.

Artistic self employment..



Ibrahimpattanam, August 22: Encouragement to women with training for creativity Utilize opportunities in eco crafts, fine arts District collector dr g lakshmisha District collector dr g lakshmisha suggested to self help groups women that women should develop skills within them and grab self employment opportunities. Workshop on eco crafts, fine arts was held for self help groups women under aegis of DRDA at rise centre, guntupalli, ibrahimpattanam on saturday. Nari vastra organization founder sushma gave training to 70 women. District collector dr g lakshmisha who inspected this programme speaking said such training programmes help a lot to bring out creativity and skills among women. He said by getting training in aspects like manufacturing of environment friendly products, designing artistic products employment opportunities can be created at

home itself. He said self help groups women should put into practice skills learnt through training and lay ways for self employment. He said income can be increased by providing better marketing to manufactured products, by designing products as per market needs and public tastes. He said by achieving financial self reliance women can play key role in development of society along with family financial conditions. On this occasion collector lakshmisha suggested women should utilize training, incentives, self employment opportunities being provided through government departments.

Rajinikanth’s Jailer 2 drops first single ‘Ala Bolelo’

Chennai: The makers of director Nelson Dilipkumar’s eagerly awaited action entertainer ‘Jailer 2’, featuring Superstar Rajinikanth in the lead, on Friday released the first single from the film ‘Ala Bolelo’, much to the delight of fans and film buffs. Sun Pictures, which is producing the film, took to its social media timelines to share the link the lyrical video of the first single. It wrote, “Ala bolelo, Jilla bolelo, Jithala bolelo, Jinthakka bolelo!?? #AlaBolelo fever begins, Lyric Video is out now! #Jailer2.” The song is a foot tapping number that has been set to tune by music director Anirudh. Interestingly, Anirudh himself delivers the song, the lyrics of which have been penned by director Arunraja Kamaraj. But more than the music or the lyrics, it is the outstanding choreography of Jani Master which garners attention and takes centre stage. The graceful dance performance of actress Shamna Kasim, whose moves seem to be in perfect synchronisation with the moves of the accompanying dancers, is a treat to watch. The dance performance accompanying the song is likely to win as much appreciation as the song itself. It



may be recalled that only a day ago, actress Shamna Kasim had said that she was overwhelmed with happiness and gratitude at having been a part of director Nelson Dilipkumar’s ‘Jailer 2’. Taking to her Instagram page to pen a post of gratitude, the actress had said, “I am truly overwhelmed with happiness and gratitude to be a part of the prestigious film Jailer 2!” She went on to add, “My heartfelt thanks to Superstar Rajinikanth Sir, Nelson Dilipkumar Sir, Anirudh Ravichander Sir, Jani Master, and the entire Jailer 2 team for giving me this incredible opportunity. I thank God for turning this unforgettable dream into reality. Feeling truly honoured, grateful, and blessed! #Jailer2 #SuperstarRajinikanth #NelsonDilipkumar #Anirudh #sunpictures.”

Pawan Kalyan calls Chiranjeevi his hero in heartfelt birthday note

Hyderabad: Actor and Andhra Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan, who is also the younger brother of Megastar Chiranjeevi, on Saturday penned a heartfelt note about their childhood together and said that his elder brother had always been a hero for him, even before he became a hero in films. On the occasion of Chiranjeevi’s birthday on Saturday, Telugu star and Andhra Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan took to his Instagram page to pen a heartfelt note. He wrote, “A thought about Annaya @chiranjeevikonidela is always a source of joy. While I walk along the memory lane on this special day, these are few memories I have (s)tumbled upon. “In our childhood, he went away from home to pursue his college education in Narsapur. And his homecoming for summer holidays was a festive season. A big pain and disappointment used to follow when he used to go back for his college. We all used to miss his absence and feel the vacuum. Home was never vibrant till he was back,” Pawan Kalyan said. “In my school days, just walking beside him was a proud moment. I used to feel like I am walking with the world’s most important person; by then, he was just in college. When he used to ride my father’s bike (Bullet – 350 cc) with his curly long hair, fit NCC Cadet body with bell bottoms and glasses – oh! it was an absolutely fanboy and hero-worshipping moment,” Pawan Kalyan disclosed and added, “My Annaya was always a Hero for me even before he became a Hero.” The Andhra Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister further said, “In the early days of his film career, he brought a big blue bag from his first Singapore trip. In that blue bag I found my first tiny Lego helicopter, few remote cars, racing track, some comics, music tapes, tape recorder, scented Yardley Co. powders, soaps, few perfumes and other small gifts to others. He always brought joy and smiles into our small home.” Stating that when Chiranjeevi got married, he was worried that he would be away from them, Pawan Kalyan said that the thought made him cry. “...I was crying silently in a room. Then he brought my Vadina (sister-in-law) and said, ‘Come, I will introduce you to a big man (Pedda Manishi) today’. They both were laughing when they found the reason for my tears.” Pawan Kalyan said that he didn’t have enough words to describe the love and care his brother and his sister-in-law showered on him in the following years when he was taken to Chennai (then Ma-



dras) to stay with them. “I had seen his struggle, hard work and injuries in shoots. Everyday he used to reach home in the middle of the night after 18 hours shift of laborious work in his sweat-drenched costumes and shoes in Chennai’s heat and humidity; with hardly any strength to stand... I used to feel guilty for living off on his hard work and sacrifice. But he never even uttered a word about my academic failures and lack of direction in my life,” he wrote. “The way he lighted up our family and relatives with his generosity and he extended the same spirit to his friends, producers, film fraternity and everyone he touched. He is one of the primary and key persons who acted as a cultural bridge between the South and Hindi film industry. He always believed in Indian cinema,” Pawan Kalyan pointed out. Disclosing that Chiranjeevi was a tech-savvy person, Pawan Kalyan said that he also had astounding medical knowledge. Pointing out that despite his phenomenal achievements Chiranjeevi never rested, Pawan Kalyan said, “After a major spinal operation recently, he bounces back within no time with his strength training and goes back to work. Like a city never sleeps, he’s a man who never rests. He’s born with an unstoppable motor within. That’s why he’s become our beloved ‘Mega Star’ and my only Hero.” The Deputy Chief Minister concluded the post saying, “Let ‘Mother Nature’ provide you my dear Annaya abundant health, super strength and astounding victories on your life path. Wishing my Annaya on his birthday is not a formality but a gentle reminder to many like me; how his life has impacted, influenced and transformed millions like me to build a better future and to lay a stronger foundation for the land of Bharath – we all adore and worship. Jai Hind!! #HBDMegastarChiranjeevi.”

Mahaveer Karna: Ramesh Varma’s epic to hit screens worldwide on December 4



Hyderabad: The makers of director Ramesh Varma’s eagerly awaited epic hybrid live-action film on Saturday announced its title as ‘Mahaveer Karna’ and said that the film would hit screens worldwide on December 4 this year. Well known production houses Pen Movies and Sri Neeladri Productions, in association with RV Studios are presenting this pan-Indian film. The film is being presented by well known producer Jayantilal Gada. Taking to its social media timelines to share the title teaser of the film, production house Pen Movies wrote, “For the first time in Indian cinema, an Epic Hybrid Live-Action Film. The prestigious #PenMovies & @Neella driprod, in association with @RVfil mhouse, proudly presents #Mahaveer Karna. @DirRameshVarma comes the greatest story ever told, brought to the big screen as a spectacular cinematic experience. WW Grand Release on Dec 4th, 2026. @jayantilalgada @Gyaani_Official @ShreeLyricist #RamjiDott.” For the unaware, director Ramesh Varma, who is helming this project, is best known for commercially successful and genre-driven films such as ‘Rakshasudu’ and ‘Khiladi’. Having explored action, thriller and commercial cinema, Ramesh Varma has now ventured into an entirely new space with the timeless story of Karna from the Mahabharata. Sources say that with ‘Mahaveer Karna’, the filmmaker is experimenting with a hybrid live-action format that brings together the emotional power of live performance and the limitless possibilities of advanced visual effects.

What makes this experiment particularly exciting is the choice of Karna as its emotional centre. Sources say Karna’s story was not simply that of a warrior seeking glory but was the story of a man for whom his word stood above everything else. Born to Kunti but raised away from royal recognition, Karna spent his life confronting rejection, identity and fate, yet remaining fiercely loyal to the people and principles he chose. Karna’s commitment to his promises and his legendary generosity made him one of the most fascinating and tragic figures in the Mahabharata. Sources claim that it is this powerful dimension of Karna that will give the film, ‘Mahaveer Karna’, its emotional foundation.

The teaser released makes this defining quality of Karna immediately felt. Beyond the grandeur of warriors, kingdoms, weapons and spectacular imagery, what stays with the viewer is the presence of a man who stands firmly by his promise. The visual treatment suggests that the makers are not approaching Karna merely as a mythological spectacle, but as a deeply human epic about honour, loyalty, friendship, betrayal, destiny and the price of keeping one’s word. The hybrid live-action approach further amplifies this vision, giving Ramesh Varma the opportunity to experiment with scale, imagery and cinematic world-building in a manner rarely attempted in Indian cinema. The creative and technical team includes Hybrid Creator Ramji Dott as DOP, Prawin Pudi as editor, lyricist Shreemani as dialogue writer and Gyaani as music director.

Chiranjeevi’s next film ‘Kaaka’ gets Sankranti 2027 release date

Hyderabad: The makers of director Bobby Kolli’s eagerly awaited action entertainer featuring Telugu star Chiranjeevi in the lead on Saturday announced the title of the film as ‘Kaaka’, much to the delight of fans and film buffs. The announcement was made as part of the birthday celebrations of the actor, who celebrates his birthday on Saturday. KVN Productions, which is producing the film, announced the title through a title teaser and revealed that the film would hit screens on January 13 next year. Taking to its social media timelines to share the title teaser, the production house wrote, “Meet Supervisor Satyam, C/O Ammaji Aqua Industries, Ravulapalem. Team #KAAGA wishes the one and only Megastar @Kchirutweets garu a very HAPPY BIRTHDAY. Title glimpse out now. January 13, 2027 – Sankranti release.” The title teaser shows Chiranjeevi working in a shrimp farm called Ammaji Aqua Industries. His name in the film is Satyam and he works as a Supervisor in the facility that has people from all regions of the country working in it. The title teaser shows an employee who attempts to return a key to Chiranjeevi but ends up dropping it in a pool full of



shrimps. Chiranjeevi is then seen retrieving the key using a giant electromagnet. Along with the key, a lot of weapons too come up. The key has a keychain that reads, ‘I love dad’. The film has triggered huge interest among fans and film buffs and the title teaser has only added to the excitement.

FIH Hockey World Cup 2026: India women lose 0-2 to defending champions Netherlands



Amstelveen: Indian women’s team’s hopes of progressing to the semi-finals of the FIH Hockey World Cup 2026 suffered a setback as defending champions Netherlands secured a 2-0 victory in their opening second-stage match at the Wagener Stadium in Amstelveen on Friday. The result leaves India on one point in Pool E, carried forward from their draw against China in the first stage of the tournament, while the Netherlands moved to six points after adding three to the three they had carried forward. China, who drew with Australia earlier in the day, are on two points, while Australia are level with India on one. For the winners, Yibbi Jansen (2’) and Frederique Matla (38’) were the goal-scorers. The Netherlands needed only 81 seconds to break the deadlock. Applying a full press from the outset, the Dutch quickly won a penalty corner, and Jansen made no mistake, firing past goalkeeper Bichu Devi to her left. The hosts continued to threaten, with Bichu producing an excellent left-foot save from another penalty corner in the fifth minute before denying Freeke Moes moments later. India gradually found their footing and made their first circle entry in the ninth minute, while Salima Tete had India’s first shot three minutes later, although her effort lobbed over the post. The Netherlands nearly doubled their advantage in the 13th minute when the shot on another penalty corner struck the post, leaving India relieved to remain only one goal behind at the end of the opening quarter. Savita took over in goal at the start of the second quarter and was immediately called upon to keep India in the contest. India earned their first penalty corner in the 19th minute, but Deepika’s flick was

blocked when it struck the rusher’s foot; the subsequent retake was stopped by a Dutch stick. Navneet Kaur came close in the 22nd minute when she got on the end of a pass inside the circle, but her effort flew just over the crossbar. At the other end, Savita made a series of important interventions, denying Felice Albers and then standing tall during a goalmouth scramble to ensure the Netherlands did not extend their lead before half-time. The third quarter saw the Dutch intensify the pressure. A penalty corner in the 33rd minute was superbly blocked by a rushing Salima, while India almost fashioned an equaliser on the counter, but Sunelita’s push from inside the circle lacked power to trouble the Dutch goalkeeper. The Netherlands finally found their second goal in the 38th minute. After earning another penalty corner, Frederique Matla’s effort found its way past the Indian defence and the player stationed on the post to make it 2-0. India entered the final quarter needing an early goal, but the Netherlands continued to dictate the tempo. Freeke Moes struck the post in the 54th minute, while Savita remained alert to deny another Dutch attack two minutes later. India pressed forward in the closing stages and Navneet came closest in the 59th minute, only for goalkeeper Anne Veenendaal to make a brave save, taking a blow to her helmet in the process. The Netherlands earned one final penalty corner in the dying seconds, but Ishika made the save on the post. The defending champions saw out the final moments comfortably to seal a 2-0 win and confirm their place in the semi-finals, while India will now need a win over Australia in their last Pool E match and also want Netherlands to beat China in order to enter the semi-finals.

India vs Sri Lanka: Gill-led side eye clean sweep, WTC boost in second Test

Colombo: Substantial knocks from skipper Shubman Gill and opener Yashasvi Jaiswal will fill the remaining gaps as India push for their first overseas Test series victory in three years during the second and final match against Sri Lanka, starting here on Sunday. India’s last Test series win abroad came against the West Indies in July 2023. Since then, India have lost to Australia and shared series against South Africa and England away from home. During this period, defeats at home against New Zealand and South Africa also dimmed the aura around this Indian Test outfit. However, Gill’s side regained some ground with a 165-run victory in the first Test at Galle, where Sri Lankan spinners often spun a web around the visiting batters. Despite the inexperience in the Sri Lankan ranks, the result would have come as a relief for the team and head coach Gautam Gambhir after two disappointing home defeats against New Zealand and South Africa. The Galle win has certainly eased the pressure around the team. Possible change in WTC



points table
India vs Sri Lanka: Gill-led side eye clean sweep, WTC boost in second Test (Photo:ICC)
If India complete a 2-0 clean sweep, they will have a chance to move up to fourth place in the World Test Championship (WTC) standings with 57.58 percentage points. South Asians & Diaspora
There is a strong possibility that Bangladesh, currently fourth in the WTC table with 66.67 percentage points after their Darwin victory, could lose the second Test against Australia at Mackay and slip to fifth place with 55.56 percentage points.

Mitchell Starc becomes leading World Test Championship wicket-taker after six-wicket haul against Bangladesh

New Delhi: Mitchell Starc etched his name in the history books as the Australia pacer became the leading wicket-taker in World Test Championship (WTC) history, producing a sensational spell against Bangladesh in the second Test in Mackay on Saturday. Starc tore



through Bangladesh’s batting line-up and finished with great figures of 6-12 as Australia bowled the visitors out for just 64 after winning the toss and opting to field first. The veteran pacer’s stunning spell saw him overtake Australia teammate Pat Cummins to become the highest wicket-taker in WTC history. He now has 230 wickets in 56 matches, moving ahead of Cummins and Nathan Lyon, who have 225 wickets each. India’s Ravichandran Ashwin and Jasprit Bumrah complete the top five with 195 and 185 wickets respectively. Starc’s six-wicket haul also took him to the top of the wicket-takers’ list in the ongoing WTC 2025-27 cycle. He now has 54 wickets from 10 Tests, moving ahead of England’s Josh Tongue, who has 53. The left-arm pacer needed only one delivery to make an impact, removing Shadman Islam with the opening ball of the Test. Shadman’s leading edge flew to Cameron Green at gully, giving

Starc his fourth Test wicket on the first ball of the match. Starc struck again in the third over, dismissing Tanzid Hasan before trapping Bangladesh captain Najmul Hossain Shanto lbw with the very next delivery. He then removed Mominul Haque, caught by Green, as Bangladesh quickly slipped into deep trouble. Litton Das became Starc’s fifth victim after being trapped lbw, completing a remarkable five-wicket haul in just 22 deliveries. The spell also saw Starc surpass South African great Dale Steyn on the all-time Test wicket-takers list. With his 440th Test wicket, Starc moved outright into 10th place overall and became the fifth-highest wicket-taking fast bowler in Test history. Starc’s record-breaking performance came at a crucial stage for Australia, who arrived in Mackay trailing 1-0 after Bangladesh stunned them by nine wickets in the opening Test in Darwin.

Rahul Dravid urges patience with Vaibhav Sooryavanshi, backs all-format future

New Delhi: Former India captain Rahul Dravid believes the game needs players like Vaibhav Sooryavanshi to develop into all-format cricketers, while stressing the importance of giving the 15-year-old enough time and exposure to red-ball cricket. Sooryavanshi, who has already made an impact in white-ball cricket, is set to feature for East Zone in the Duleep Trophy as he looks to gain more experience in the longer format. Dravid, who coached Sooryavanshi at Rajasthan Royals in IPL 2025, said the youngster’s development needs to be carefully managed, with a balance between white-ball opportunities and red-ball cricket. “I think you always have to find that balance. And I think it’s a great thing that Vaibhav is getting the experience of playing some white-ball cricket through the IPL in India, but he’s also having the time to go back and play red-ball cricket in the Indian domestic system and grow his red-ball career,” Dravid told Cricinfo at an event in Dublin to unveil the European T20 Premier League (ETPL). “All of us also want to see Test cricket survive, all of us want to see Test cricket grow, and we need players like him to be able to hopefully play all formats of the game,” he added. Sooryavanshi has played only eight first-class matches so far, averaging 17.25, and Dravid believes the youngster needs a consistent run in the format to develop his red-ball skills. “The good thing is he’s going to take some time, he’s going to need some experience, he’s going to get an opportunity to play a lot of red-ball cricket. He’s not played as much red-ball cricket as probably white-ball cricket,” Dravid said. “He’s only 15, and I think you’ve got to just give him some time and you’ve got to be patient with him.



He’s obviously been such a success straightaway, but he’s going to go through his ups and downs, and I think people are going to have to be patient with him,” he added. The Duleep Trophy could provide Sooryavanshi with at least two consecutive first-class matches, while a third could come if East Zone reach the final. He may also get further red-ball opportunities when India A host Australia A in two unofficial Tests in September. Dravid also believes Sooryavanshi’s decision to continue playing domestic red-ball cricket rather than chasing T20 opportunities around the world will benefit his long-term development. “I think he’s going to have some success, but he also might have periods where it probably doesn’t work out well for him. But let’s all remember he’s only 15 and he has a long way to go,” he said. “So Vaibhav Sooryavanshi, by not playing in T20 competitions all over the world, is actually playing in the red-ball Indian domestic competition. He’s growing, he’s getting better at red-ball skills.” Dravid hoped Sooryavanshi can eventually make the transition into red-ball cricket at the highest level and become an all-format player for India. “Hopefully, someday if he does well and performs well as he has in white-ball cricket, he might become a red-ball player for India. And how exciting that would be for the world game as well,” he said.

Viveka murder probe: ED adds money-laundering angle

Amaravati: The Enforcement Directorate (ED) has widened and intensified its investigation into the murder of former minister YS Vivekananda Reddy, conducting searches at six locations in Hyderabad and Kadapa districts, as part of a separate probe into alleged money laundering linked to the case. The ED action assumes political significance as one of the searches was conducted at the residence of YSRCP MP YS Avinash Reddy in Pulivendula and Hyderabad. Officials reportedly seized documents from the premises. The ED registered a separate case based on findings emerging from the investigation by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) into the murder, including information that Rs 4 crore allegedly changed hands before the murder. The agency is examining the source of the money, the recipients, and the persons allegedly behind the transaction. Five ED teams reportedly carried out the searches simultaneously. When officials reached Avinash Reddy's Pulivendula residence in the morning, they found the house locked. They waited before summoning his uncle, Manohar Reddy, who opened the premises.



Manohar Reddy said the officials examined documents relating to various assets. The ED officials seized Rs 24 lakh unaccounted money from the premises of Avinash Reddy and seized keys of two bank lockers. Searches were conducted also at the residences of Sunil Yadav and Devireddy Siva Shankar Reddy, both accused in the Vivekananda Reddy murder case. Another search was carried out at the residence of Erra Gangi Reddy at T. Thummalapalli in Thondur mandal. The ED also questioned Dr Chaitanya Reddy, son of Siva Shankar Reddy. He was reportedly summoned from Kadapa and questioned over allegations surrounding his visit to Kadapa Jail, where he allegedly intimidated approver Dastagiri, then lodged there as a remand prisoner, under the pretext of conducting a medical camp.

Industries leaving Andhra Pradesh over extortion fears, alleges YSRCP

Tadepalli (Andhra Pradesh): YSRCP spokesperson Putta Sivasankar Reddy on Saturday alleged that industries are being driven out of Andhra Pradesh due to harassment and extortion demands by coalition leaders. Addressing a press conference at the YSRCP Central Office in Tadepalli, he said the industrial sector has plunged into crisis after the coalition government assumed power, with even existing investors choosing to leave the State. Sivashankar cited specific examples of major projects that shifted elsewhere. The Rs 6,675-crore Tata Power project proposed in Nellore moved to Odisha, while the Rs 3,538-crore Websol project planned at Naidupeta relocated to West Bengal. He demanded that the government explain the reasons behind these exits and challenged its claims of attracting Rs 24 lakh crore in investments and creating 20 lakh jobs. He urged the administration to place complete details of the projects and beneficiaries in the public domain. If full disclosure of 20 lakh jobs is not possible, the government should at least provide details of 10 per cent of them, he said. The spokesperson further alleged that the government had taken back land allotted during YS Jagan Mohan Reddy's tenure to Coca-Cola in Anakapalli and Azad Mobility in Sri Sathya Sai district. Land linked to the GINFRA and Jupiter projects was also cancelled, adversely



affecting employment opportunities, he claimed. Sivashankar said cement and thermal industries across Rayalaseema are facing intense pressure from coalition leaders seeking transport, ash and other contracts. Companies such as UltraTech, Dalmia, Vicat, Srichakra and Bharathi Cements are being subjected to repeated interference and intimidation, he alleged. The YSRCP leader pointed out that Andhra Pradesh, which ranked No 1 in Ease of Doing Business during YS Jagan's tenure, even through the Covid period, has now slipped to the eighth position. Sivashankar also criticised the government for celebrating an ASSOCHAM award given to APMDC after raising Rs 9,000 crore by leveraging the State's mineral wealth, describing it as corporate lobbying rather than a genuine achievement. Sivashankar maintained that the current atmosphere of fear and interference is forcing industries to look for more stable destinations outside Andhra Pradesh.

Police arrest a woman in fraud case

Visakhapatnam: Police arrested Musunuri Sowjanya, managing director of Flying Borders Consultancy, in connection with the case registered at Dwaraka Police Station. During the investigation, it was revealed that the accused allegedly induced unemployed persons by promising overseas employment in countries such as the Netherlands, Luxembourg and Finland. The consultancy collected substantial amounts from people as deposits for employment but failed to provide the promised services or repay the collected amounts. Dwaraka police informed that they recorded statements from several victims and collected relevant receipts,

agreements and financial transaction details to crack the case. During a search conducted at the accused's residential premises in Penamaluru, Krishna district, police seized several documents, bank records, electronic devices, cash, gold, silver articles and other material objects relevant to the investigation. The investigation is continuing to identify additional victims, verify the complete financial transactions and money trail, ascertain the total amount involved and establish the role of other persons connected with the consultancy. The arrested accused was produced before the court and sent to judicial remand.

Rs 221.67 cr health infra projects on anvil in AP



Amaravati: The state government has initiated the tender process for 12 infrastructure projects worth an estimated Rs 221.67 crore to strengthen healthcare services, AYUSH facilities and medical education across the state. Health, medical and family welfare minister Y Satya Kumar Yadav said in a statement here on Friday that the projects include the construction of six integrated AYUSH multi-specialty hospitals, two medical colleges and additional facilities at existing institutions and infrastructure development at government hospitals. Of the 12 works, 10 are related to the AYUSH sector, while two projects pertain to allopathic medical services, the Minister said. Under the National AYUSH Mission (NAM), six 50-bed integrated AYUSH hospitals will be established at Tekkal in Srikakulam district at a cost of Rs 9.98 crore, Rampachodavaram in Polavaram district for Rs 10.57 crore, Nandigama in NTR district for ?10.52 crore, Tenali in Guntur district for Rs 10.50 crore, Giddalur in Markapuram district for ?10.58 crore and Tirupati district for Rs 9.99 crore.

The government will also construct a Government Unani Medical College at Proddatur in Kadapa district at an estimated cost of Rs 49 crore. Another Gov-

ernment Ayurvedic Medical College at Dharmavaram in Sri Sathya Sai district will be established with an investment of Rs 49 crore. At the Visakhapatnam Institute of Medical Sciences (VIMS), a first floor will be constructed above the existing ground floor of the Government Naturopathy and Yoga College at a cost of Rs 9.37 crore. An additional floor and facilities for the clinical department will also be developed at the 50-bed Integrated AYUSH Hospital in the same campus at a cost of Rs 3.04 crore. In the allopathic healthcare sector, the 50-bed Community Health Centre at Chinturu will be upgraded into a 100-bed Area Hospital at an estimated cost of Rs 21.99 crore. A new Out-Patient Department (OPD) block will also be constructed at the Government General Hospital, Kakinada, at a cost of Rs 27.13 crore. The Andhra Pradesh Medical Services and Infrastructure Development Corporation (APMSIDC) has initiated the tender process through e-procurement for the proposed works. Satya Kumar Yadav said the projects reflect the coalition government's commitment to strengthening medical infrastructure and expanding access to quality healthcare and medical education across Andhra Pradesh.

Mandal-level leadership to strengthen safe drinking water access

Amaravati: While India has made significant investments in drinking water infrastructure, ensuring that safe water systems continue to function effectively requires more than infrastructure alone. Strong local ownership, coordination among departments and frontline workers, and effective accountability mechanisms are essential for translating policy into sustainable access to safe drinking water. In Andhra Pradesh, the mandal or block level is increasingly emerging as a crucial link between district administrations and Gram Panchayats. It is at this level that policies are translated into action, implementation challenges are identified, and locally relevant solutions can be developed. Through the India Safe Water Programme, Evidence Action (EAI Advisors), in partnership with the Rural Water Supply and Sanitation (RWS&S) Department and the Panchayat Raj and Rural Development Department, has been facilitating mandal-level workshops across 10 districts including Krishna, NTR, Kadapa, Annamayya, Vizianagram, Bapatla, Parvathipuram, Eluru Palnadu and Bapatla of Andhra Pradesh. Also Read AP government's AI-powered GST model draws wide attention Advertisement Discover more News Geographic Reference Education Career Resources Unlike conventional training programmes, these workshops bring together government officials, water supply engineers, Panchayat representatives, ASHAs,



Anganwadi Workers, ANMs and other frontline personnel. The objective is to collectively identify challenges affecting safe drinking water delivery and develop practical solutions suited to local conditions. The initiative highlights the importance of integrating water quality monitoring into regular mandal and Gram Panchayat review meetings rather than creating parallel systems. It also focuses on strengthening accountability for the operation and maintenance of In-Line Chlorination (ILC) devices, which play an important role in ensuring the safety of drinking water. Frontline health and community workers, including ASHAs, Anganwadi Workers and ANMs, along with Panchayat representatives, have an equally important role in addressing misconceptions surrounding chlorinated water and building public confidence in safe water systems. "These mandal-level workshops reflect the Andhra Pradesh government's commitment to strengthening water quality governance right down to the last mile.

Awareness programme on duchenne disease!

Vijayawada, August 22:To be conducted on september 7 on occasion of world duchenne awareness dayAim is to create awareness among people on rare diseasesAmaravati rare diseases organization founder, executive director shobharani sunkara requested district collector dr g lakshmisha to provide help and cooperation to conduct special awareness programme on september 7 on occasion of world duchenne awareness day to create wide awareness among people on duchenne muscular dystrophy (DMD) rare genetic disease. In this regard petition was submitted at collectorate on saturday.Collector lakshmisha responded positively on this occasion saying coordination and cooperation of concerned departments required for programme will be provided. Collector said on this occasion that we are working to achieve goals with collective efforts aiming for healthy andhra and working together with partner sides to provide assurance to health of people.Shobharani sunkara said on this occasion that DMD is rare genetic dis-



ease and main objective of programme is to create awareness among parents, caregivers, people, medical experts on timely disease diagnosis, genetic tests, medical treatment, rehabilitation, social support services.She said programme will highlight need for timely medical, rehabilitation, education, social support services to be made available to children and families suffering from DMD as well as other rare diseases in line with 2026 year theme of access changes lives.

Humanity day celebrated at tadikalapudi

Eluru district, August 22:Under aegis of tadikalapudi branch of tadikalapudi manavatha seva organization of kamavarapukota mandal of eluru district programmes were conducted on occasion of manavatha formation day like peace rally, seva programmes, felicitation programmes for government employees who provided best services, financial assistance programmes of thousand rupees each to disabled persons.Firstly in munduru village under aegis of manavatha organization tadikalapudi branch peace rally for world peace was started by pedavegi sub inspector harigopal.In veerisetty gudem village in memory of devarapalli satyanarayana sesharatnam their sons devarapalli rammohan rao, parameswara rao, srinivasa rao handed over mortuary freezer to manavatha organization.Manavatha seva organization felicitated and honoured tadikalapudi sub inspector s valli padma, homeo ayush department vangapandu srinivasa rao, rto department b nagendra sai who provided best services and received award in 80th independence day celebrations.In

tadikalapudi village in memory of late alive lumanga kumari with financial help of husband and sudhakar financial support of rs 1000 each was provided to 25 disabled persons.On occasion of manavatha organization formation day completing 22 years on august 22nd all district manavatha murthis participated in this programme.Manavatha district president vasu boina chandraiah, central committee chairman kondipu suryanarayana, peace rally chairman gamini rambabu, auditorium chairman ravisetty gangadhara rao, development committee chairman sa ge raju janakiramaraju, manavatha tadikalapudi branch president miriyala chandrasekhar, chairman karuturi gangadhara prasad, development committee chairman nekkalapudi suresh babu, pavuluru gandhi, merugu sundararao, vadapalli shiva, mullapudi bobby, toota balaji kumar, konala sivamani, manavatha members and villagers participated in large numbers and conducted this programme grandly.

Alliance leaders perform bhoomi pooja for dr b r ambedkar statue installation in badinehal village



Kouthalam, August 22: Alliance leaders and villagers participated in bhoomi pooja for ambedkar statue installation on saturday in badinehal village of kouthalam mandal.In this programme kouthalam mandal bjp sc morcha mandal president s pedda ramesh and janasena mandal leaders s chinna, alam, anji, yesu, mekala eranna and tdp badinehal in-charge b narasimhulu and y eranna, veeresh, vali and village elders devendrappa, chinna useni, ayyappa, rangaswamy, useni, somu, mahadeva, ravi and others participated and made programme successful.

Megastar chiranjeevi's 71st birthday celebrations grandly in kouthalam.. fans planted saplings at pratibha high school



Kouthalam, August 22:Megastar chiranjeevi's 71st birthday celebrations were held grandly on saturday at kouthalam mandal centre. As part of environment protection, plantation programme was held at pratibha high school with attendance of mega fans.Megastar chiranjeevi's 71st birthday celebrations are being held grandly across state. At pratibha high school in kouthala mandal centre mega fans showed their affection by planting saplings as part of environment protection.Chiranjeevi who rose with self effort as megastar, padma shri, padma vibhushan, achieved guinness book of world record is not only great in cinema



but also in service. Chiranjeevi blood bank, eye bank, oxygen banks during corona time stood as saviour for thousands.With that inspiration fans in kouthalam took up plantation programme. In this programme mantralayam constituency all india chiranjeevi yuvatha president and janasena party mandal leader s ramanjaneyulu, chiranjeevi senior fans dood basha, srinivasulu, chandar raju, narasimhulu, younis basha, janasena mandal leader mahadeva, pawan kalyan fan mainuddin and other leaders participated.

Awareness on drugs under aegis of aisf.. ci venkatarao guidance to students



Parvatipuram, August 22: Under aegis of all india students federation (AISF) awareness programme was conducted for students at sri renuka wisdom vocational college in parvatipuram. Programme was conducted aiming to inculcate social responsibility, discipline, personal safety, awareness on future among students.Parvatipuram ci venkatarao attended as chief guest for this programme and spoke addressing students. He said stay away from drugs and usage of narcotics has severe impact on family, society, future. He suggested to move forward with resolve of "let us drive away drugs.. let us protect future". He said understand hardships

of parents and focus on studies. He said wearing helmet, following traffic rules, respecting women is responsibility of everyone. He suggested to be alert in cellphone, social media usage and be careful about cyber frauds.AISF district secretary b ravi kumar speaking said from student stage itself qualities like discipline, punctuality, responsibility, good thoughts, service attitude should be inculcated. He suggested to increase awareness on developments happening in society.B ravi kumar presided over programme while college correspondent renuka, AO surya vardhan, principal sai karthik, staff, students participated.

Rangayyagari narasimha naidu as bjp obc morcha wanaparthi district general secretary

Pebberu, August 22:Rangayyagari narasimha naidu belonging to pebberu has been appointed as bharatiya janata party wanaparthi district obc morcha district general secretary. In this regard obc morcha district president kommu srinivasulu handed over appointment letter.In appointment letter he suggested to work with ethics, honesty, commitment in accordance with bjp principles and ideals and work for strengthening party and take up movements on public issues.On this occasion narasimha naidu speaking said he will shoulder responsibility placed on him and as per party orders he will bring bc communities onto one platform and work day and night for development of party.He expressed special thanks to wanaparthi district president d narayana, state council member gouni vemareddy, district vice president raghavendar goud, district general secretary srinivas goud, town presi-



dent kavali kranthi kumar naidu, district council member suragouni rangaswamy goud, district official spokesperson kancham anjaneyulu, senior leader chinthala ramakrishna who cooperated for his appointment.