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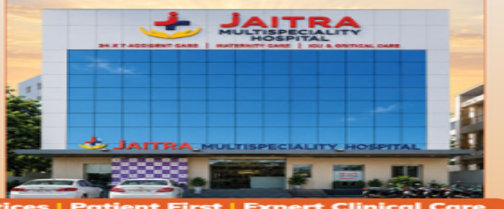
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CM to Perform Jala Harathi at Payakaraopet Today

Vijayawada:Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu will formally release Godavari water into North Andhra through the Polavaram Left Main Canal at Payakaraopet in Anakapalli district on Wednesday. Naidu will arrive at Payakaraopet at 2.20 pm and perform a ‘Jala Harathi’ before switching on the regulator constructed on the canal and releasing water towards North Andhra. He will later address a public meeting. The release ful-



fills Naidu’s promise to bring Godavari water to Anakapalli within this year. The project is expected to provide irrigation to 2.87 lakh acres across four districts and drinking water to

around 5.23 lakh people. The Godavari water will traverse the Eastern Ghats after crossing the Pampa, Tandava, Varaha and Sarada rivers and passing through the Yeleru canal system. The water resources department has constructed siphons and aqueducts at different points to facilitate the movement of water through the river systems. A siphon has been constructed below the bed level of the

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Irrigation Board To Prioritise Drinking Water Due to Short Supply in Reservoirs



Anantapur: The Irrigation Advisory Board (IAB) has decided to allocate 8 TMC feet of water for irrigated dry (ID) crops cov-

ering 40,000 acres under the Tungabhadra High Level Main Canal (HLMC) in Anantapur district. The board has advised

farmers not to cultivate paddy and chilli this year due to water scarcity. AP finance and planning minister Payyavula Keshav, who attended the IAB meeting at the Anantapur collectorate on Tuesday, declared that drinking water requirements will be given top priority, with adequate reserves maintained in the state’s reservoirs for supplying drinking water until July 31, 2027. Keshav underlined that the state government had been caution-

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Three Stranded In Kalanuthala Stream Rescued After Overnight Ordeal



NELLORE: Three men who were stranded atop a tree after their four-wheeler vehicle was swept away by the swollen Kalanuthala stream in Peddaraveedu mandal were rescued by police and fire personnel. The incident occurred after

Krishna waters were released at Gantavanipalli on Monday, causing the stream to run in full spate. The vehicle carrying the three men was swept into the overflowing waters while they were attempting to cross the road. The

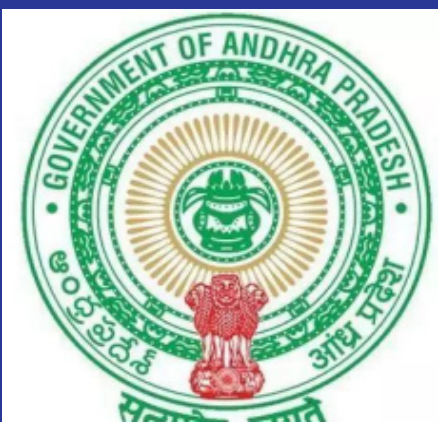
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Annamayya Collector Nishanth Kumar reviews HNSS water arrangements

Madanapalle: Annamayya district Collector Nishanth Kumar has directed officials to make effective use of Handri-Neeva Sujala Sravanthi (HNSS) water to provide a permanent solution to the drinking water problem in the Madanapalle region. The Collector held a review meeting on Monday with officials from HNSS, Velugallu, Irrigation and Jaladhara departments. He said HNSS water was likely to reach



the Madanapalle region between September 12 and 15 and directed officials to complete all advance arrangements to fill drinking water tanks immediately after the water entered the district.



AP JAC-Amaravati Launches Protest Over Pending Dues

The AP JAC-Amaravati on Tuesday launched the first phase of its agitation seeking settlement of pending dues and other long-pending demands of government employees, teachers and pensioners, with employees wearing black badges while attending duty across the

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2047 goals possible only with strengthening of MSMEs

- Government aim is to link local industries with international markets
Favourable atmosphere for MSMEs in AP Minister Kondapalli Srinivas in SICCI 116th Annual Meeting



Amaravati, September 1: State Minister for Micro, Small, Medium Enterprises, Rural Poverty Alleviation, Pravasandhra Empowerment Relations Kondapalli Srinivas said 2047 goals are possible only with strengthening of MSMEs.116th Annual General Body Meeting (AGM) of Southern India Chamber of Commerce and Industry (SICCI) was held grandly

at Hotel Leela Palace in Chennai on Tuesday. Prominent industrialists, investors held discussions in this meeting in direction of strengthening business, economic system in South India.Speaking as chief guest in meeting, Minister Kondapalli said comprehensive economic development is possible only by encouraging industrialists,

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Kotamreddy Alleges Rivalry Between Sajjala and Vijayasai



Nellore Rural MLA Kotamreddy Sridhar Reddy alleged on Tuesday that an internal rivalry between former YSRC leaders Sajjala Rama krishna Reddy and V. Vijayasai Reddy had surfaced

during the previous government, and claimed that Sajjala assaulted Vijayasai during the YSRC plenary at Mangalagiri in 2022. Addressing a press conference

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Two tribal children die after suspected adverse reaction to malaria preventive tablets in Andhra Pradesh

Bhadrachalam : Two tribal children have reportedly died and several others fallen seriously ill after allegedly being administered malaria prophylaxis tablets as part of preventive measures at Gollaguppa village in Yetpaka mandal of Polavaram district Andhra Pradesh state , triggering concern among residents and tribal organisations. According to information reaching local sources, a seven-

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Ancient stones, modern neglect - Heritage at risk

Royalaseema region is a treasure trove of history, culture, archaeology and traditional art. From prehistoric rock paintings created by early humans thousands of years ago to Ashokan rock edicts, ancient temples, forts, sculptures and megalithic burial monuments, the region possesses an extraordinary wealth of heritage. However, the failure of government agencies, archaeological authorities and local bodies to adequately protect this invaluable historical legacy is a matter of serious concern. Many prehistoric rock paintings and inscriptions are being damaged not only by natural deterioration but also by human negligence and acts of vandalism. Visitors have scribbled names and other writings over ancient paintings using charcoal, paint and sharp objects, and in some places, they have even scratched rock surfaces. It is unfortunate that even basic security and conservation measures are lacking at sites that preserve thousands of years of human history. Where is the protection for Ketavaram rock paintings?

The caves in the Ketavaram area of Orvakal Mandal in Kurnool district are important repositories of prehistoric rock art. The paintings, believed to date approximately between 10,000 and 6,000 BCE, depict deer, bulls, foxes, rabbits, turtles, reptiles, other animals and human figures. They provide valuable insights into the lifestyle of early humans, their hunting practices and their relationship with nature. Research has brought greater attention to Ketavaram's prehistoric rock art. Yet the authorities have failed to give the site the tourism and archaeological importance it deserves. Proper roads, transportation facilities, information boards, visitor interpretation centres and adequate security are still lacking. Ketavaram has also not received the prominence it deserves in district-level tourism promotion. Proposals to provide roads and other basic infrastructure to the caves should not remain confined to official files. Any development around the rock-art sites must be undertaken only with the guidance of archaeological experts. The priority should be the preservation of the original historical remains, rather than superficial beautification. The Ashokan inscriptions found in the Erragudi region of Royalaseema date back to the 3rd century BCE. Written in Prakrit language and Brahmi script, these inscriptions are invaluable sources for understanding India's early history. Some of these inscriptions, carved on naturally formed rock surfaces, remain relatively clear, while others are gradually deteriorating due to natural weathering. Such historical sites should not merely be treated as archaeological monuments; they should be developed as centres for research, education and heritage tourism.

Budagavi rock art remains neglected: The Budagavi area near Uravakonda in Anantapur district also contains valuable evidence of prehistoric human habitation. The granite hills and rock shelters reveal traces associated with the Mesolithic and Neolithic periods. The paintings found in the rock shelters include human figures, deer, bulls, handprints and geometric designs. Such sites are important not only for archaeological research but also for understanding the lifestyle and cultural expressions of prehistoric communities.

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youth and called upon Government, industrial community to move forward with coordination for that. Minister said favourable atmosphere is being created for MSMEs in AP with industrial parks, common facilities, financial assistance. Minister clarified that main aim of Government is to link local industries with international markets with India-EU Free Trade Agreement (FTA), cooperation of NRI community.SICCI President Arun Alagappan said India's Vikas goals by 2047 depend on progress of small scale industries (MSME) and said small industries will play key role in achievement of Trillion Dollar economy that Tamil Nadu wants to achieve and 'Swarna Andhra @2047' goals set by Andhra Pradesh. Later, Minister presented medals, appreciation certificates to students of Madras University, Annamalai University, Loyola Institute, Thyagaraja College, Bharathidasan University who showed outstanding talent in education sector.Programme concluded with vote of thanks by SICCI Senior Vice President VN Shiva Shankar.

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Yeleru river to carry the Godavari water, while an aqueduct has been built across the Pampa river. Its foundation has 312 piles sunk up to 30 metres deep. Across the Tandava river, a 447-metre-long aqueduct with six vents has been constructed to handle a discharge capacity of 10,634 cusecs. The state government has spent Rs 4,192 crore on construction of the Left Main Canal. The present release is expected to benefit 1.50 lakh acres of ayacut in Anakapalli district. The department plans to use the water released from the Payakaraopet aqueduct to fill the Yeleru canal and 110 tanks in the district. The Godavari water will help stabilise 1.48 lakh acres under the Pushkara ayacut, 80,000 acres under Yeleru, 12,000 acres under Pampa and 46,620 acres under the Tandava, Varaha and Mamidi Gedda ayacuts. The government has constructed the 213-km Polavaram Left Main Canal to utilise 23.44tmc of Godavari water for irrigation, drinking water and industrial requirements in Visakhapatnam and Anakapalli districts. The next major goal is to extend the water supply to Visakhapatnam next year and subsequently link the system with the Uttaran dhra Sujala Sravanthi project. The planned integration will facilitate the supply of Godavari water to the upper regions of Anakapalli, Visakhapatnam, Vizianagaram, Parvathipuram Manyam and Srikakulam districts. The government expects the integrated system to ultimately help stabilise irrigation over nearly eight lakh acres across north Andhra while meeting the region's drinking water requirements.

Kotamreddy Alleges Rivalry Between Sajjala and Vijayasai

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at his office, Sridhar Reddy alleged that the two leaders quarrelled over who should be allowed to speak from the plenary stage. He claimed that when Vijayasai suggested some names from North Andhra, Ramakrishna Reddy caught him by the collar and beat him in a restroom. Also Read - YSRC's Anil Kumar Seeks Probe Into Chinese Involvement in Nellore Quartz Trade Advertisement Sridhar Reddy further claimed that about a week later, Ramakrishna Reddy called him to Amaravati and spoke disparagingly about Vijayasai while questioning his decision to meet farmers from Amaravati who were stranded in rain in Nellore. The MLA said he had met the farmers as a humanitarian gesture after finding them stranded and offered to help them with accommodation and other needs until they crossed the Rural constituency. He alleged that Ramakrishna Reddy later called him and twice described his action as a "costliest mistake". Also Read - HC Questions AP on Local Body Polls Amid SIR of Electoral Rolls On the YSRC's defeat in the 2024 elections, Sridhar Reddy said the party should introspect instead of trying to create unrest, threatening investors or fomenting divisions along caste and religious lines. He also criticised the YSRC's recent claims over development projects, sarcastically saying that the party's "credit theft" arguments could soon make it appear that even the country's Independence was secured by Jagan Mohan Reddy. He urged the opposition to stop "dramas" and cooperate with the government in the development of the state.

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occupants managed to climb onto a nearby tree and raised an alarm for help. Also Read - YSRC's Anil Kumar Seeks Probe Into Chinese Involvement in Nellore Quartz Trade Advertisement On receiving the information, police and fire teams rushed to the spot and launched a rescue operation. Using a proclaim vehicle, the personnel reached the stranded men and brought them to safety around 4.30 am.

Irrigation Board To Prioritise Drinking Water Due to Short Supply in Reservoirs

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farmers for the past two months against cultivating water-intensive crops. He directed irrigation officials to prepare and implement an 80-day water utilisation plan and ensure that Tungabhadra Dam water is available until November 10. If necessary, efforts would be made to prevail upon the Karnataka government to extend the release of water by another 10 to 15 days, he stated. The minister said state government has decided to stop power generation from Srisailem and utilise the available water only for drinking purposes. He pointed out that all 33 gates of the Tungabhadra Dam have been replaced in a single season, making it an "All-India record". He pointed out that eight bridges on the HLC have been reconstructed at a cost of ₹30-35 crore to facilitate smooth water flow. Keshav directed irrigation officials to conduct field-level awareness campaigns and hold weekly press briefings on the water situation. He maintained that farmers should be persuaded through awareness rather than coercive measures. Speaking on the occasion, collector O. Anand said an estimated 10.32 TMC feet of water is currently available. Of this, 6.3 TMC feet has been proposed for drinking water and 4.02 TMC feet for irrigation. The drinking water allocation includes 3 TMC feet for PABR, 2.4 TMC feet for MPR (Mid Pennar Dam), 0.4 TMC for HLMC, and 0.5 TMC for Guntakal Branch Canal. The collector pointed out that July and August recorded rainfall deficits of 55 per cent and 70 per cent respectively, leaving local water sources largely un-replenished. Around 800 villages in neighboring Sri Sathya Sai district also depend on PABR and related schemes for drinking water, he pointed out. Government whip in assembly Kalava Srinivasulu said the state's share from HLMC is around 16 TMC feet from the Tungabhadra reservoir. Of this, nearly 2 TMC has already been utilised. Srinivasulu asked officials to clearly communicate the water position to farmers and prevent losses from cultivation of water-intensive crops.

Two tribal children die after suspected adverse reaction to malaria preventive tablets in Andhra Pradesh

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year-old boy, Mudivi Jamuna, died on Tuesday after reportedly developing severe health complications. Another girl, Paddam Roja, had died last Friday following a similar illness, the reports said. At least two more children reportedly lost consciousness and were in a critical condition. They were shifted to the Area Government Hospital at Bhadrachalam for treatment. Around 75 children in the village were reported to have developed serious health problems after being administered the tablets. Local residents alleged that the children were given chloroquine tablets as a preventive measure against malaria. Also Read SIR process deadline extended in Andhra Pradesh Advertisement Discover more Geographic Reference Career Advice Platform Lifestyle News Portal The incident has caused panic in the predominantly tribal village, with families rushing to seek medical assistance for the affected children. Residents reportedly alleged that the Lakshmipuram Primary Health Centre lacked adequate doctors and beds to handle the sudden influx of patients. In the absence of sufficient transport and medical facilities, villagers were seen using tractors to shift some of the affected children towards Bhadrachalam for emergency treatment. The deaths and illness among children have cast a pall of gloom over Gollaguppa, with tribal organisations demanding immediate intervention by the district administration. The tribal groups have urged the Polavaram district administration to initiate an immediate medical investigation, ascertain the exact cause of the deaths and illness, and ensure specialised treatment for all affected children. The reported deaths and their alleged link to the malaria-prevention tablets could not be independently verified immediately. A medical and administrative inquiry is expected to establish the precise cause of the illnesses.

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state. As part of the protest, employees also displayed the slogan "CM Sir... Give us our money" as their WhatsApp profile pictures and status messages. Also Read - Fitness Key to Effective Policing: DGP Harish Kumar Gupta Advertisement The black-badge protest will continue from September 1 to 5 at village secretariats, government schools, tahsildar and municipal offices, RTC depots, veterinary and other departmental offices, RDO offices and district Collectorates. JAC-Amaravati chairman Bopparaju Venkateswarlu and secretary-general Palishetti Damodara Rao said the organisation would conduct a "Join Hands" campaign from September 2 to 8 by visiting district and divisional offices and explaining the reasons for the agitation to employees. Near Nandigama Lunch-hour demonstrations will be held at district and divisional offices on September 3 and 5.

NTR Bharosa

A support for self-respect of poor

Government welfare benefits directly to doorsteps of eligible
Rs 97.16 crore to 2,24,235 beneficiaries in district
District Collector Dr G Lakshmisha in pensions distribution



Vijayawada, September 01, 2026 : District Collector Dr G Lakshmisha said welfare schemes being implemented by Government by providing social security to poor are greatly helping them to live with self-respect. He said strong measures are being taken to ensure Government welfare benefits reach fully to every eligible beneficiary. Collector Lakshmisha along with officials participated in pensions distribution programme at Bawajipet in 27th Ward under Vijayawada Urban limits on Tuesday. He spoke affectionately with beneficiaries and enquired about their well-being. Speaking on occasion, Collector said Rs 97.16 crore is being distributed to 2,24,235 beneficiaries in district as part of NTR Bharosa pension distribution.



He said Government is providing assurance of social security by directly delivering pensions at doorsteps to old age persons, widows, differently abled and other eligible beneficiaries. He suggested that every eligible person should make best use of benefits of welfare schemes being implemented by Government for social security and economic stability of poor and weaker sections. Collector Lakshmisha said beneficiaries should utilize them so that objective with which Government is implementing welfare schemes is fulfilled. DRDA PD ANV Nanchar Rao, Vijayawada Municipal Corporation Additional Commissioner Dr D Chandrasekhar and others participated in programme.

ECI extends schedule for Special Intensive Revision of electoral rolls



Vijayawada, Date 01: Election Commission of India (ECI) has issued revised schedule for Special Intensive Revision process of electoral rolls as per request of political parties. As per this schedule, last date for receipt of claims and objections which was announced earlier has been extended till 10th of this month. In this process, final date for disposal of claims and objections received and process of notices which was announced as 28.09.2026 in earlier schedule has now been extended to 05.10.2026 as per revised schedule. Similarly, final publication of electoral rolls which was earlier announced as 03.10.2026 has now been

changed to 09.10.2026 as per present schedule. Therefore, District Collector and District Election Officer Dr G Lakshmisha requested eligible persons to make best use of this schedule announced by Election Commission and submit applications of claims and objections till 10.09.2026 to BLOs at nearby polling stations or at Assistant Electoral Registration Officers offices or at Electoral Registration Officers offices, upon which enquiry will be conducted and they will be included in final electoral rolls to be published on 09.10.2026 as per rules, and requested eligible persons to make best use of this opportunity.

Party rules should be followed: Senior leader Kondapalli Kondalarao

Vizianagaram, September 1: Telugu Desam Party senior leader Kondapalli Kondalarao suggested that those who newly joined Telugu Desam Party should follow party rules. On Tuesday at Minister's camp office in Vizianagaram, YSRCP leaders, former ward members Ravada Appanna, Vagala Devudu and 20 families belonging to Pollanki village of Gantyada mandal of Gajapathinagaram constituency joined Telugu Desam Party from YSRCP. Kondalarao invited them into party by draping TDP kanduvas. Speaking on occasion, Kondalarao suggested that those who joined disciplined Telugu Desam Party should move forward with coordination of senior leaders and should follow party rules. Gantyada



Telugu Desam Party President Kondapalli Bhaskar Naidu, Cluster Incharges Allu Vijayakumar, Randi China Ramanaidu, Boodi Appalanaidu, Thatipudi Project Chairman Kallempudi Jagannatham, Randi Ramu Naidu, Devudu Babu Suribabu and others participated in this programme.

Telangana employees stage protests demanding scrapping of CPS and restoration of OPS

Hyderabad: Government employees, pensioners and others staged protests at the Secretariat and various places across the State on Tuesday, demanding that the Congress government abolish the Contributory Pension Scheme (CPS) and reintroduce the Old Pension System (OPS). Sporting black badges and holding placards, the employees raised slogans against the government during their lunch break and observed the day as "Pension Betrayal Day". Their other key demands included constitution of the Pay Revision Commission (PRC), payment of six pending Dearness Allowance (DA) instalments and clearance of Rs 10,000 crore in pending bills. The employees questioned why CPS was being imposed on government employees when MLAs, MPs and Ministers were not covered by the scheme. The Congress, in its election manifesto, had promised to abolish CPS and reintroduce OPS. It had also assured government employees that a new Pay Revision Committee would be constituted and its recommendations implemented within six months of coming to power. Responding to a call by the Telangana Employees, Officers, Teachers and Pensioners Joint Action Committee (TG EJAC), nearly 13 lakh employees, teachers and faculty members participated in the protests at government offices, schools and colleges across Telangana. TGE JAC Chairman Maram Jagadeeshwar said it had been over 32 months since the Congress government came to power, but the promises had not been fulfilled. He was



speaking at a protest organised by the Commercial Taxes Department Gazetted Officers' Forum at Gagan Vihar. TGEJAC Secretary General Eluri Srinivasa Rao questioned the fairness of imposing CPS on government employees who serve the public for over 30 years while allowing MLAs, MPs and Ministers, who serve as public representatives for five years, to retain the Old Pension System. The employees also stressed that payment of salaries on the first day of every month was the government's responsibility and should not be treated as an act of benevolence. TGOs State General Secretary B Shyam demanded that Ministers and senior officials take immediate steps to ensure that the new Employees' Health Scheme (EHS) becomes fully operational in all hospitals. "Employees are an integral part of the public and are not asking for freebies. Accumulated GPF and TGLI funds should be released immediately upon application," he said. He called upon employees to make the "Chalo Hyderabad" programme on September 10 a success if their issues were not resolved by September 9. Similar protests were held in front of the District Collector's Office in Nalgonda and at other places across the State.

Two-wheeler set ablaze by unidentified miscreants in Sadasivapet

Sangareddy: Unidentified miscreants set a parked bike on fire during the intervening night of Monday and Tuesday at Guru Nagar Colony in Sadasivapet town. A retired employee, Kota Srisailam, had parked his two-wheeler at his house. The family members rushed out of the house on noticing the bike being engulfed in fire on Tuesday morning. The bike was completely gutted before they could douse the fire. The incident created a flutter in the colony as three thefts were also reported in the colony recently. Colony



residents urged the police to step up patrolling in the colony in the wake of a series of incidents.

Delhi-bound IndiGo flight makes emergency return to Goa over technical issue

New Delhi: An IndiGo flight from Goa to Delhi made an emergency return to Goa on Tuesday after it faced a "technical issue". Flight number '6E 2102' departed North Goa at 9:16 am but soon turned back after the crew reported a technical issue. Air Traffic Control declared a full emergency at nearly 9:30 am as the aircraft headed back to Goa's Manohar International Airport. The plane landed safely and all passengers were disembarked safely with no injuries, and were accommodated in the boarding area. "A technical issue was detected, shortly after take-off, on IndiGo flight 6E 2102 operating from North Goa to Delhi. Following the standard operating procedure, the relevant authorities were informed, and the pilots turned back and landed the aircraft safely at Manohar International Airport," a statement from the airline said. The aircraft is currently undergoing maintenance checks and will resume operations after securing all necessary clearances, it added. "We regret the inconvenience caused to our customers and made every



effort to minimise it, including offering refreshments and timely updates," IndiGo Spokesperson said. The airline said that it has made alternative arrangements for customers to reach their destination.

"The safety of our customers, crew, and aircraft remains our top priority at IndiGo," it noted. Earlier, IndiGo's website faced technical disruptions last month, leaving several passengers unable to book flights, complete web check-ins or access certain online services. Some users also reported difficulties logging into the airline's mobile application. The airline acknowledged the issue through a service advisory, stating that it was experiencing intermittent problems with its core reservation platform.

Telangana HC clears way for appeal against stay on Kalyana Lakshmi, Shaadi Mubarak

Hyderabad: Chief Justice Aparesh Kumar Singh and Justice G M Mohiuddin of the Telangana High Court on Monday overruled objections raised by the High Court Registry to the State government's appeal against a single judge's interim orders staying the implementation of the Kalyana Lakshmi and Shaadi Mubarak welfare schemes, and directed that a regular number be assigned to the appeal, clearing the way for it to be heard on Tuesday. The two schemes, introduced in 2014 through a series of Government Orders to provide financial assistance to unmarried women from the SC, ST and minority communities and later extended to the BC and EBC categories, came under challenge in a petition filed by advocate Vijay Gopal as a party in person, questioning the legal and legislative basis of eight of the GOs. On August 12, a single judge had granted an interim stay on the implementation of the schemes after the State government failed to file its counter-affidavit. The government subsequently filed its counter, and while the matter remained pending before the single judge, who was not inclined to immediately vacate the stay, the State chose to appeal against the interim orders before a Division



Bench. The Registry, however, declined to number the appeal, raising certain objections, which brought the matter before the Chief Justice's Bench on Monday. Advocate General A Sudarshan Reddy, appearing for the government, contended that the petition itself was not maintainable before a single judge, as the petitioner had neither suffered any prejudice nor shown any violation of his rights on account of the schemes' implementation. He argued that the challenge was, in substance, to government policy, and that questions concerning the validity of welfare schemes and policy decisions fell within the jurisdiction of a Division Bench rather than a single judge. He urged the Bench to take up the appeal against the interim orders. Accepting these submissions, the Division Bench directed the Registry to assign a number to the appeal and listed it for hearing on Tuesday.

Putlibowli potholes fixed, residents demand permanent solution

Hyderabad: Following a novel protest by a man over the poor condition of a road at Putlibowli, civic authorities swiftly took up repair work on Tuesday. However, local residents are unhappy with the patchwork and have demanded that the authorities lay a cement concrete (CC) road to provide a permanent solution. The protest by Feroz was highlighted in 'Telangana Today' on Monday and Tuesday. Upset over potholes on the road, Feroz had squatted in the middle of the road on Sunday night to draw the authorities' attention to the issue. A video of his protest was also widely shared on social media. Though the authorities subsequently repaired the damaged stretch, residents said the temporary works may not withstand the movement of heavy



vehicles and the rains. They fear that potholes could reappear after a couple of spells of rain. Bharath, a local shopkeeper, said the authorities should lay a CC road instead of repeatedly carrying out patchwork repairs. "Heavy vehicles regularly ply on this road, and the potholes are likely to return. A CC road is needed to permanently address the problem," he said.

University of London, Northeastern University to set up offshore campuses in Hyderabad

Hyderabad: The University of London, UK, and Northeastern University, Boston, are set to establish offshore campuses in Hyderabad, Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy announced here on Tuesday. Taking to X, the Chief Minister said the development marks a significant step towards the state's vision of transforming Hyderabad into a global knowledge hub. He also revealed that



Harvard University and some of its constituent schools have shown keen interest in offering select academic programmes and courses in Telangana. He also revealed that Harvard University and some of its schools are keen to offer select programmes and courses in Telangana. He exuded confidence that, with educational courses, certification programs, shared research, setting up centres of excellence, and offering programs for professionals of different walks of life, the state government's pioneering efforts will make Hyderabad a global educational powerhouse. "I wish to share my sense of pride and happiness with the people of Telangana, especially youth, that our vision to create a Global Knowledge Hub in Hyderabad has been endorsed, supported and will be partnered with the world's greatest educational institutions," the Chief Minister said. He stated that his biggest passion and contribution to youth will be skills, sports and education, making them highly qualified for any global challenge. "Our meetings with Oxford University, Cambridge University, SOAS (London), Imperial College, London Business School (LBS), London School of Economics have all yielded positive outcomes," said the Chief Minister, who led a delegation to the UK last month. "Similarly, our meetings with Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) and several other Ivy League and American schools have been positive, and our youth will all be able to get education from such global institutions of excellence right here in Hyderabad," he said. CM Revanth Reddy returned from the UK on August 24 after the Centre denied him permission to visit the United States. However, the delegation which accompanied him went ahead with the visit to the United States. He claimed that his state visit to both the UK and the US was aimed at seeking collaboration with top universities and sports academies and inviting investments. He stated that the visit was also to invite investors to the Invest Telangana Summit scheduled to be held in Hyderabad on December 7, 8 and 9.

BITS Hyderabad professor elected as TAS Fellow

Hyderabad: Prof Pradyumn Kumar Sahoo from the Department of Mathematics at BITS Pilani, Hyderabad Campus, has been elected as a Fellow of the Telangana Academy of Sciences (TAS) under the Physical and Mathematical Sciences section. The TAS confers this honour on distinguished scientists, academics, and researchers in recognition of their outstanding contributions and sustained leadership in scientific research and higher education. Prof Sahoo, an

eminent researcher in the fields of modified gravity, general relativity, and theoretical cosmology, has contributed to mathematical physics and cosmological modeling. In addition to his research contributions, he serves as a Council Member of the Indian Mathematical Society (IMS) and the BRICS Association of Gravity, Astrophysics, and Cosmology (BRICS-AGAC). He was also recently awarded the prestigious President's International Fellowship Initiative (PIFI)

Visiting Scientist Fellowship by the Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS). The BITS Pilani, Hyderabad Campus, administration, faculty and students congratulated Prof Sahoo on the State-level academic honour.

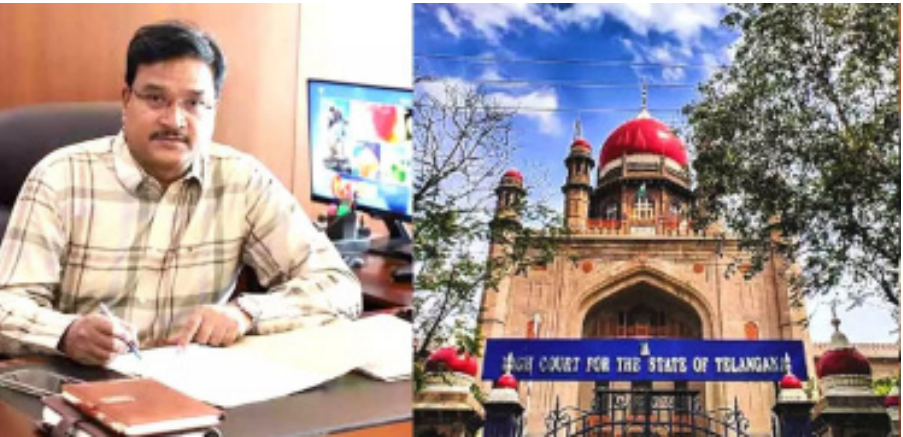


Telangana tightens fertility clinic checks, 50 flagged

Hyderabad: Following a wave of regulatory violations, State health authorities have decided to strictly enforce Assisted Reproductive Technology (ART) and surrogacy laws. As a part of these efforts, out of 379 private fertility clinics inspected across the State, officials uncovered major deviations in 50 establishments. Consequently, authorities have completely canceled the registrations of 2 centers, temporarily suspended permissions for 9 others, and issued show-cause notices to the rest. The deviations included unregistered addresses, missing grievance cells, unmaintained records, and unauthorised staff changes. Health Minister Damodar Rajanarashima said that commercial exploitation of patients under the guise of fertility care will not be tolerated. The Minister directed the health department to rigorously audit medical inventory, including drug manufacturers and maximum retail prices. So far, the State-run IVF and fertility centers operating at Gandhi Hospital and Petlaburj Hospital have successfully served 39,802 patients so far, completing 545 IVF cycles and 521 intrauterine insemination (IUI) procedures. The health department has ramped up scrutiny under the Pre-Conception and Pre-Natal Diagnostic Techniques (PC-PNDT) Act. Between April and July, teams conducted 2,600 inspections at hospitals and scanning units, issuing show-cause notices to 52 facilities for 37 identified discrepancies. Authorities are maintaining round-the-clock surveillance to curb illegal sex-determination practices statewide, a press release said.



HYDRA commissioner Ranganath gets relief as High Court division bench stays single bench verdict



HYDRA Commissioner AV Ranganath has received significant relief from the Telangana High Court. A Division Bench of the High Court has stayed the earlier order issued by a Single Bench directing his immediate removal from the post of Commissioner. Petitions had previously been filed before the High Court's Single Bench regarding the actions taken by HYDRA to demolish illegal constructions on lakes, government lands, and within buffer zones in the Hyderabad city limits. During the hearing, the Single Judge issued a crucial order directing that Ranganath be immediately relieved of his duties as HYDRA Commissioner, citing repeated violations of regulations. Upon an appeal filed against this order, the High Court's Division Bench issued an interim order suspending the Single Bench's directive for his removal.

Char Dham helicopter services to resume from September 15

Dehradun: The second phase of helicopter services for the Himalayan Char Dham Yatra will commence on September 15, the Uttarakhand Civil Aviation Development Authority (UCADA) an-

nounced on Tuesday. UCADA CEO Prateek Jain said the decision to launch the second phase of helicopter services from September 15 was taken following instructions from Chief Minister Pushkar



Singh Dhami. He said that, based on inputs from the Meteorological Department, the monsoon is expected to begin weakening and retreating by September 15. Consequently, weather conditions are expected to be relatively favourable and safe for helicopter operations. Jain said UCADA is coordinating with the Ministry of Civil Aviation.

Shraddha Srinath cycles across Kyrgyzstan; says she shed tears of joy and pride while completing expedition!



The actress pointed out how during every moment of her day, she was deeply grateful for having the privilege to see such incredible sights and for simply being alive. Shraddha, who wanted to put across the point that the locals were friendly and warm, said that everyone they passed – villagers in their rattling Soviet Union era trucks or fellow cyclists gasping away – flashed their widest smiles and waved and nodded at them, sometimes with words of encouragement. She also spoke about how one night, when they had camped by Issyk Kul, Tashtan attas sang old Kyrgyz songs for them in his 70-year-old throaty voice. The actress described the effort as being “right out of a dream”. Stating that ‘Jashoo Keremet’ was the Kyrgyz way of saying “life is beautiful”, the actress said she shed tears of pride and joy when the expedition was over — 341 kilometres over eight days. Shraddha said that she had endless stories about her journey, just like the stars in the night sky when they had camped before Shilbili Pass but wondered from where she should begin to narrate them. It may be recalled that actress, had only in May this year, completed 10 years in the film industry.

Bangalore: Actress Shraddha Srinath, who was recently on a holiday to Kyrgyzstan, has now shared details of what she witnessed while cycling across the beautiful country and how she shed tears of joy and pride while completing the expedition that required her to cover a distance of 341 km over a period of eight days. Taking to her Instagram page to share pictures of herself in Kyrgyzstan, Shraddha Srinath wrote, “I cycled across Kyrgyzstan and I have so much to say about it but I’m not sure where to begin. Should I talk about how every time I saw a beautiful sight I muttered “freaking hell” and @broken.brain corrected me gently saying, “freaking heaven”. He wasn’t wrong. Or about how I rode across mountainous, gravelly roads, through gorges and up mountain passes, down steep valleys, by streams of water and across the endless Asian steppes and on the very hallowed ground that is better known today as the Silk Route?” The actress wondered if she should tell about Emir, a three-year-old kid, who could barely talk but who kept pointing at every piece of horse dung his tiny eyes could find, announcing each one with an emphatic “beh.” The actress asked if she should tell about how she saw young teenage boys riding horses and herding their sheep back into their homes before the sun set. Stating that she believed that she had witnessed one of the most stunning parts of the world, the actress said, “Maybe I’ll tell you about the time that I raced a small bird that was flying low, to which I lost, gracefully. Or how years after childhood, I learnt how to balance and ride the cycle without holding the handlebars and I felt so euphoric I could explode.”

Rashmika Mandanna’s ‘Mysaa’ to hit screens on November 27 this year!



Chennai: The makers of director Rawindra Pulle’s eagerly awaited action thriller ‘Mysaa’, featuring actress Rashmika Mandanna in the lead, on Tuesday announced that the film would hit screens worldwide on November 27 this year. Unformula Films, the production house producing the film, took to its social media timelines to make the announcement. It wrote, “Resilient by nature. Fearless by choice. Unbreakable by spirit. Get ready to experience the world of #MYSAA with #RashmikaMandanna like never before. IN CINEMAS WORLDWIDE ON 27.11.26.” It may be recalled that the film was recently in the news when its unit completed shooting a crucial underwater sequence featuring Rashmika. Taking to his Instagram stories section, producer Ajay Saipureddy had said, “It’s a wrap for the exciting underwater sequence with Rashmika Mandanna.” The film has generated excitement among fans ever since it was first announced. In fact, in May this year, the film was in the news when actress Rashmika Mandanna disclosed that the unit had successfully wrapped up a long schedule in Kerala. Taking to her Instagram page to share pictures of the unit that worked in Kerala, Rashmika wrote, “Guys, a little update is that we successfully wrapped up a long schedule for #Mysaa in Kerala!!” She went on to say, “And these were some of the darlings who worked so hard and made it all possible. Thank you guys and I’ll see you soon again on set.” Sources close to the unit had told IANS earlier that stunt master Kecha Khampakdi had choreographed some high voltage action sequences for this film which were shot in

this schedule. Rashmika is believed to have performed some high intensity action sequences during this schedule along with key actors in the film. The actress had been training hard at an intensive stunt and combat bootcamp in Bangkok, Thailand to perform in the sequences that were to be filmed during this action schedule. Sources in the unit had disclosed that the actress had trained for over eight hours everyday for ‘Mysaa’ in Bangkok. For the unaware, Rashmika plays a tribal Gond girl- a character that demands emotional vulnerability as much as physical ferocity — in the film. The film, apart from Rashmika, also features Eshwari Rao, Guru Somasundaram, and Rao Ramesh in pivotal roles. On the technical front, cinematography for the film is by Shreyas P Krishna while music is by Jakes Bejoy. International stunt choreographer Andy Long is overseeing the action for this ambitious entertainer.

Anshuman Jha on ‘Hari-Om’ becoming ‘Om Ka Hari’: ‘We didn’t get the title rights’



Mumbai: Actor Anshuman Jha has opened up about the title change of his upcoming father-son drama comedy, which was originally titled “Hari-Om” and is now called “Om Ka Hari.” The film, starring Jha alongside veteran actor Raghubir Yadav and Soni Razdan, underwent the change after the makers could not secure the rights to the original title. Explaining the decision, Anshuman said, “We didn’t get the title rights,” adding that Om Ka Hari eventually became the most appropriate title for the story. The film’s makers, First Ray Films, initially hoped to retain the title Hari-Om. However, the title rights were with Tips, which had used the name for a film more than two decades ago and did not agree to relinquish it. Speaking about the same, Anshuman Jha said, “Yes, the film was originally going to be called Hari-Om but because we didn’t get the title rights, we did the

next best thing. Om & Hari are deeply spiritual words, culturally resonant with our great nation & Harish Vyas wanted to express the Father Vs Son Dynamic through the names of the characters which is Om & Hari.” “Om Ka Hari-the tie is a testament that a son eventually does become the father & the father becomes the son in a deeper sense and that life itself is circular. And therefore “Om Ka Hari” is the most appropriate title for this picture.” The title change also reflects the central theme of the film, which explores the complex and evolving relationship between a father and his son. With Raghubir Yadav playing Hari and Anshuman Jha portraying Om, Om Ka Hari brings the two characters to the forefront through its new title. The film also features Soni Razdan, Ayesha Kapur, and Samta Sudiksha in key roles. “Om Ka Hari” is slated to release in September.

Anakapalle MP CM Ramesh Releases ‘Addamla Cheyana’ Song from “Chakkora – Lunar Love Bird”

The Film is Set for a Grand Theatrical Release on October 8

Hyderabad cinema: Starring Sravan and Malaika T Vasupal in the lead roles, “Chakkora – Lunar Love Bird” is being produced by Dr. Chintada Hemarao under the High Joy Commercials banner, in association with VIP Vintage Iconic Pictures. Manga Srinivas, who worked as a First Assistant Director with renowned filmmaker Puri Jagannadh, is making his directorial debut with this film. ““Chakkora – Lunar Love Bird” is gearing up for a grand theatrical release on October 8. The musical promotions for the film have commenced. Anakapalli MP C. M. Ramesh unveiled the song ‘Addamla Cheyana.’ and extended his best wishes to the entire team. ““The song has been composed beautifully by Prince Henry, with catchy lyrics penned by Kasarla Shyam. Sai Charan Bhaskaruni has lent his melodious voice to the track. ‘Addamla Cheyana’ beautifully captures the emotions of a lover, expressing heartfelt feelings of love and affection. The song strikes a romantic chord with its soulful composition, beautiful lyrics, and soothing vocals. Cast: “Sravan, Malaika T Vasupal, Anushka Luhar, Yamini, LB Sriram, Suman, Brahmaji, Indraj, Mani Chandana, Nellore Sudarshan, Prabhavathi, Madhavi Prasad, Janardhan, Akella Gopala Krishna, Vangapandu, Vamsi, Sumanth, Bhanu, Surya Makireddy, and others.



Technicians:
Locations & Promotional Officer: Sanapala Chinnababu “Cashier: Harish
Line Producer: Kapardhi
Executive Producer: Lalam Kannaji “SFX: Raghunadh Kemishetti
VFX: Chandu Adi
DTS Sound Engineer: Radhakrishna
Lyrics: Ramajogayya Sastry, Kasarla Shyam
Action Choreography: Ram Kishan “PRO: Suresh (SK Media)
Production Designer: Ram Charan Teja Labhani
DOP: Rupp G Krsna
Editor: Marthand K. Venkatesh
Music Director: Prince Henry
Producer: Dr. Chintada Hemarao
Written & Directed by: Manga Srinivas

India announce 26-member squad for FIFA friendlies



Hyderabad: Indian men’s national team head coach Khalid Jamil named his 26-player squad for the September-October FIFA International Match Window on Monday, August 31, 2026. The Blue Tigers will play three international friendlies against higher-ranked opposition, facing Panama on September 26 in Bengaluru before taking on five-time world champions Brazil on October 3 and two-time world champions Uruguay on October 6, both in Kolkata. The three matches will provide India with valuable opportunities to test themselves against World Cup opposition, with all three nations having featured at the FIFA World Cup held earlier this year. Jamil said, “This is a very important window for us, with three challenging matches against teams that have played at the World Cup. Playing Brazil and Uruguay in Kolkata, after facing Panama in Bengaluru, will give the players valuable experience at the international level. We will use the camp in Bengaluru to prepare well and approach each match with the right attitude and intensity.” Jamil’s side will begin their preparatory camp on September 14 in Bengaluru. After the match against Panama, the Blue Tigers will travel to Kolkata on September 28 for their remaining two fixtures. India’s 26-player squad for the Septem-

ber-October FIFA men’s international friendlies: Studying World History
Goalkeepers: Albino Gomes, Gurpreet Singh Sandhu, Prabhsukhan Singh Gill, Som Kumar.
Defenders: Abhishek Singh Tekcham, Akash Mishra, Anwar Ali, Bijoy Varghese, Hmingthanmawia Ralte, Jay Gupta, Pramveer, Ricky Meetei Haobam.
Midfielders: Anirudh Thapa, Ashique Kuruniyan, Farukh Choudhary, Lalengmawia Ralte, Macarton Nickson, Mohammed Sanan, Ricky Shabong, Sahal Abdul Samad.
Forwards: Edmund Lalrindika, Irfan Yadwad, Manvir Singh, Rahim Ali, Ryan Williams, Vikram Partap Singh.
Head coach: Khalid Jamil
Four players have been named as reserves — goalkeeper Hrithik Tiwari, defenders Chinglensana Singh Konsham and Roshan Singh Naorem, and midfielder Suresh Singh Wangjam — and may be called up to the squad if required.
Indian men’s national team’s schedule:
September 26: India vs Panama (Sree Kanteerava Stadium, Bengaluru)
October 3: India vs Brazil (Vivekananda Yuba Bharati Krirangan, Kolkata)
October 6: India vs Uruguay (Vivekananda Yuba Bharati Krirangan, Kolkata).

By the numbers: A look at Lionel Messi’s 21 years with Argentina



Buenos Aires: Lionel Messi has graced a soccer field with Argentina for the last time. Arguably the greatest player of all time, Messi announced his retirement from the international game on Monday to bring an end to 21 years of service for his country. Here’s a by-the-numbers look at his time at the Albiceleste: 1: Messi won the World Cup once, in Qatar in 2022. He also reached the final two other times — in 2014 and 2026 when losing to Germany and Spain, respectively. 6: The number of World Cups in which Messi played (2006, 2010, 2014, 2018, 2022 and 2026), which is tied for the most with long-time rival Cristiano Ronaldo. 21: Messi scored 21 goals across those six World Cups. That is second only to France’s Kylian Mbappé, who has 22 and has played in just three tournaments. 39: Messi was aged

39 when he announced his international retirement — 21 years after making his debut for Argentina in a friendly against Hungary in August 2005. He barely lasted a minute of that game before getting sent off for elbowing an opponent. 125: Messi scored 125 international goals and that’s more than double the amount netted by any other Argentina player. The previous record was held by Gabriel Batistuta, who scored 54 in 78 appearances from 1991-2002. It is, though, second to Cristiano Ronaldo (146 goals) in the all-time scoring list in men’s international soccer. 207: The total number of international appearances by Messi, which also is a national record but not an all-time record in men’s football. Once again, he’s No. 2 in the list behind Cristiano Ronaldo, who has played 233 games for Portugal.

Wimbledon champion Linda Noskova returns to Grand Slam action at US Open

New York: Linda Noskova’s life changed earlier this summer in ways she could not possibly have imagined. The 21-year-old from the Czech Republic won Wimbledon, the youngest champion there in a decade and a half, for her first Grand Slam title. She met Czech President Petr Pavel and was celebrated by thousands in her hometown of Vsetín. “A lot of congratulations from people that weren’t really expected,” she said. Back at a major for the first time at the US Open, Noskova understands the gravity of what she has accomplished but insists it has not changed how she approaches tennis, with her eyes on more prizes ahead. “It has always been very important to focus on each match like nothing ever happened before: no success or no failure,” Noskova said. “Whatever happened happened, and this is a brand-new tournament. I just have to start all over.” It’s not totally starting over. She will always have that Wimbledon run on her resume, and she has improved from 12th to a career-best sixth in the WTA world rankings. Still, Noskova called not getting ahead of herself the most important thing, which she believes is easy. That means starting with her opening match Monday against 78th-



ranked American opponent Katie Volynets on Court 11, far from the spotlight. “I really want to stay the same — not really change many things around me,” Noskova said. “Whenever there is something new or something I’m not used to, I just kind of always want to stick with the things that I know how to do, and whatever is new, I just kind of get used to it.” Knowing it’s about “What have you done for me lately?” Noskova acknowledges the media attention will not last forever. Going all the way at the All-England Club did give her confidence that she can hang with the best women’s players on the planet, which helps at a US Open that looks wide open. “I have learned mainly the fact that it’s possible for me to do it: for me to make it till the very end and just lift (a) Grand Slam trophy,” Noskova said.

Trap shooter Manisha Keer’s journey: A tale of grit, sacrifice and international success

Hyderabad: For Manisha Keer, shooting was never part of the plan. Growing up in a modest family from a village near Bhopal, the Indian trap shooter did not even know the sport existed until her sister introduced her to it. What began as an unexpected opportunity would go on to become a journey that took her from the Madhya Pradesh State Shooting Academy to the international stage. “I didn’t even know what shooting was. I only knew cricket, volleyball and football. I didn’t even know about shooting and I didn’t even think about it,” Manisha recalls. Her elder sister Sona, who was herself a sportsperson, played an important role in bringing her into the sport. But discovering shooting was only the beginning. Coming from a family with limited means, Manisha soon found that pursuing the sport would demand sacrifices from both her and her family. “My family was not that financially capable to support me. They couldn’t give me everything that I wanted. It was very difficult for me,” she says. Shooting is an expensive sport, and those challenges became particularly difficult when Manisha began travelling for competitions. At just 18, she often had to make difficult choices to stay on the path she had chosen. “When I used to go out for competitions, I had to face a lot of challenges. I couldn’t eat what I wanted to eat. I had to save some money,” she recalls. Even at the academy, the early years were far from easy. There was no regular coach, and Manisha had to learn with the people and resources around her. Her sister became an important source of guidance as she slowly found her feet in a sport she had once known nothing about. “In the academy, whatever was there was enough for us. I mean, you have to do what you have,” Manisha says. That mindset of making the most of what she had rather than dwelling on what she lacked became one of the defining qualities of her journey. Over the years, Manisha went on to make her mark at the international level, including winning a junior World Championship silver medal in trap in 2018 and an Asian Games silver medal as part of India’s women’s trap team. For Manisha, however, the journey has been about more than medals. The difficulties she faced early on also taught



her an important lesson about independence and resilience. “No one can be together all the time. We have to take care of ourselves too. That was also a learning point,” she reflects. It is a lesson that continues to shape her as she prepares for the challenges ahead. From a young girl who had never heard of shooting to an athlete representing India, Manisha’s story is ultimately about finding an opportunity, making the most of it and continuing to move forward — regardless of how difficult the road may be. “I learned from whatever I had, and that’s how I grew up,” she says. The support system around her also gradually grew as Manisha established herself in the sport. The National Rifle Association of India (NRAI) has played an important role in providing her a pathway to compete at the national and international level, with her performances earning her a place in India’s shooting squads over the years. The NRAI’s official records also trace her presence in national competitions from her junior days. “Of course, the support from the NRAI has been very important for me. When you come from a background where you don’t have everything, having an organisation that gives you the opportunity to compete, train and represent the country means a lot. I am very grateful for that support and for the opportunities I have received,” Manisha concluded.

India achieves 7.8% GDP growth despite conflicts: PM Modi

New Delhi: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday commended the people for the 7.8 per cent GDP growth rate, noting that the feat was accomplished despite wars, instability, and supply chain disruptions. In a video message on Instagram, the prime minister said that if people continue to stress on Swadeshi and self-reliance, the country's youth will be presented with a developed India in the 100th year of Independence. He also asked people not to go for foreign holidays, host weddings abroad, or buy gold unless necessary. "I want to congratulate the people of the country for 7.8 per cent GDP growth. It has been possible due to their collective resolve and efforts. India has achieved this milestone despite conflicts, wars and instability everywhere," Modi said. The prime minister said that since the 2020 COVID Pandemic, there has been no stability anywhere, but India progressed well. He said certain people in India have been trying to spread negativity and falsehood, but the country grew all the same. "We have to maintain the speed of our growth. We have to grow.



And for that we must become self-reliant. The youth's dreams need our hard work to be realised. Let's not be lacking in efforts," he said. Modi said his government's policies are good, its intention clear, and that is why the country is reaching new heights of progress. India's economy grew at a faster-than-expected 7.8 per cent in the April-June quarter, showing resilience against concerns of an economic downturn over the war in West Asia. Gross domestic product (GDP) growth in the first quarter of the 2026-27 fiscal year slowed from a barnstorming 8.6 per cent in the previous quarter, but remained well above expectations when the conflict erupted and disrupted energy markets.

John Ternus succeeds Tim Cook as Apple CEO

New Delhi: US-based technology giant Apple on Tuesday formally ushered in a new leadership era as John Ternus took over as chief executive officer (CEO), succeeding Tim Cook — who led the world's most valuable technology company for 15 years. Ternus becomes Apple's CEO effective September 1, marking the end of Cook's tenure that began in August 2011 following the departure of co-founder Steve Jobs. Cook has moved to the newly created role of executive chairman, where he will focus on engaging with global policymakers and assisting with select company matters. In addition, Ternus has also joined Apple's board of directors. Ternus joined Apple's product design team in 2001 and became senior vice president of hardware engineering in 2021. He has overseen hardware engineering across Apple's product portfolio and played a key role in the development of the iPad, AirPods and multiple generations of the iPhone and Mac. Moreover, his team most recently launched the ultrathin iPhone Air and the new MacBook Neo. "It has been the greatest privilege of my life to be the CEO of Apple," Cook had said while announcing the transition earlier in April, describing Ternus as having the mind of an engineer, the soul of an innovator and the heart to lead with integrity. "Moreover, the



company's market capitalisation has risen from roughly \$350 billion when he took over to around \$4 trillion, while its annual revenue has grown from about \$108 billion in 2011 to more than \$400 billion. Apart from that, Apple's services business has also emerged as a major growth engine under Cook and generated more than \$100 billion annually through offerings including the App Store, Apple Music and Apple Pay. The transition to Ternus comes at a critical juncture for Apple, with artificial intelligence emerging as the biggest strategic challenge for the company. Ternus will therefore inherit the challenge of accelerating Apple's AI strategy while maintaining the company's ecosystem-driven business model and its enormous installed customer base. S

Maruti Suzuki India shares fall 4 pc as August sales decline 10 pc sequentially



New Delhi: Shares of Maruti Suzuki India fell more than 4 per cent on Tuesday after the automaker reported a 10 per cent sequential decline in total sales to 219,220 units in August, making the stock the top loser on the Nifty. During noon trade, Maruti Suzuki India shares were trading 4 per cent lower at Rs 13,010 apiece. The decline came after the company reported record total sales of 241,421 units in July 2026. The Nifty Auto index was also trading 0.6 per cent lower, with Maruti Suzuki leading the losses, followed by Sona Comstar and Bosch. Despite the sequential decline, Maruti Suzuki's domestic passenger vehicle sales showed strong year-on-year growth. Domestic passenger vehicle sales, excluding light commercial vehicles and OEM sales, increased to 176,971 units in August from 131,278 units in the same month last year. Utility vehicles remained the biggest contributor to the passenger vehicle segment, with sales rising to 79,045 units in August from 54,043 units in August 2025. The category includes models such as Brezza, Ertiga, e Vitara, Fronx, Grand Vitara, Invicto,

Jimny, Victoris and XL6. Passenger car sales across the Mini and Compact plus Mid-Size categories stood at a combined 85,965 units in August, compared with 66,450 units a year earlier. Within the Mini segment, Alto and S-Presso sales increased to 8,799 units from 6,853 units in August 2025. The Compact plus Mid-Size segment, comprising Baleno, Celerio, Ciaz, Dzire, Ignis, Swift and WagonR, recorded sales of 77,166 units, up from 59,597 units a year earlier. Sales of the Eeco van also increased to 11,961 units in August from 10,785 units in the corresponding month last year. Meanwhile, Mahindra & Mahindra reported a sharp 42 per cent year-on-year increase in total automobile sales, selling 107,648 vehicles to dealerships in India and overseas during August. The company continued to see strong demand for its sports utility vehicles, with domestic SUV sales rising 50 per cent year on year to 59,257 units. Its domestic commercial vehicle despatches also increased 22 per cent to 27,415 units.

Hyundai Motor's global sales fall 14 pc in August; Renault Korea Motors sees 34 pc drop

Seoul: Hyundai Motor, South Korea's biggest carmaker, said on Tuesday its sales fell 14 per cent in August from a year earlier, hurt by partial strikes and fewer working days. Hyundai sold 288,574 vehicles last month, down from 336,141 units a year earlier, the company said in a press release. Domestic sales plunged 41 per cent to 34,333 units from 58,330, while overseas sales declined 8.5 percent to 254,241 from 277,811, reports Yonhap news agency. To boost sales, the com-



pany said it plans to promote new models, including the New Grandeur sedan and the all-new Avante compact. The new models are expected to increase the carmaker's market share for the rest of the year. From January to August, cumulative sales fell 6 percent to 2,575,360 autos from 2,738,615 in the same period last year. Domestic sales dropped 15 percent to 399,159 units from 469,457, while overseas sales declined 4.1 percent to 2,176,201 from 2,269,158. Meanwhile, Kia said on Tuesday its global sales rose 5 per cent from a year earlier in August, driven by strong demand for its sport utility vehicle (SUV) lineup. Also Read Hyundai Motor to expand global production capacity, launch over 100 models by 2030 Advertisement Discover more News Exploring Guided Local City Tours Shopping For Authentic South Asian Apparel The South Korean automaker sold 296,675 vehicles worldwide last month, up 5 percent from a year earlier. The Sportage remained Kia's bestselling model with 46,239 units sold, followed by the Seltos with 35,689 units. Overseas sales also rose a solid 7.4 percent on-year to 225,413 units in August, while domestic sales fell 7.6 percent on-year to 40,213 units.

Sensex, Nifty edge lower in early trade amid crude price rise, global concerns

Mumbai: Equity benchmarks traded subdued in early trade on Tuesday tracking weak global cues as Asian markets remained under pressure amid rising geopolitical concerns and higher US bond yields. In early deals, Sensex hit an intraday low of 76,835, down 121 points or 0.15 per cent, while Nifty was at 24,027.80, lower by 52.60 points or 0.21 per cent from the previous close. Sectorally, FMCG, metal, media and auto stocks were among top gainers, while realty, financial services, healthcare and pharma stocks came under pressure. Nifty FMCG index rose 0.76 per cent, followed by Nifty Metal at 0.63 per cent, Nifty Media at 0.61 per cent and Nifty Auto at 0.28 per cent. Meanwhile, Nifty IT gained 0.24 per cent. On the other hand, Nifty Realty fell 1.67 per cent, while Nifty MidSmall Financial Services, Nifty



Healthcare and Nifty Pharma declined 1.40 per cent, 1.34 per cent, 1.32 per cent and 1.20 per cent, respectively. Nifty Private Banks also traded lower. Market experts said India's strong economic fundamentals could keep equities resilient despite near-term global headwinds. They added that the 7.8 per cent Q1 GDP growth print is reassuring and indicates that the economy is on track to achieve around 7 per cent growth in FY27, they said, noting that services and secondary sectors

grew 10 per cent and 8.5 per cent, respectively. However, elevated crude prices and high US bond yields remain key risks. The US 10-year Treasury yield at 4.77 per cent and 30-year yield at 5.24 per cent could encourage a flight of capital towards safer US assets. In addition, foreign institutional investors sold equities worth Rs 13,025 crore in the cash market over the last two sessions which added to pressure on domestic markets. Moreover, experts expect Nifty to remain in the 23,000-25,000 range in the near term with domestic fundamentals providing support despite global volatility. Technically, Tuesday's market direction will hinge on the Nifty's ability to reclaim the 24,150-24,215 zone. A failure to sustain above the 24,000-24,060 region could open the way towards 23,575, analysts said. Additionally, crude oil prices rose amid renewed US-Iran tensions, raising concerns over potential supply disruptions in the Middle East, while losses in US Treasuries and Asian bonds added to risk-off sentiment.

YSRCP leaders held during tribal school protest in Visakhapatnam

Visakhapatnam: Former Andhra Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister Pushpa Sreevani and former minister Balaraju of the YSR Congress Party (YSRCP) were detained by police on Tuesday while on their way to meet parents protesting the relocation of 480 tribal students from the Marikavalasa Tribal Welfare Residential School. According to the YSRCP, the two leaders were stopped and taken into custody to prevent them from reaching the protest site at the Marikavalasa Tribal Gurukulam. Following an argument with police personnel, they were escorted away in a police vehicle.

The dispute began after the Marikavalasa AP Tribal Welfare Residential Boys' English Medium School was selected for conversion into a Centre of Excellence (CoE) offering specialised NEET and IIT coaching. The school, functioning since 2004, had 480 students, including Class 10 pupils. The students were shifted midway through the academic year to residential institutions at Sabbavaram, Srikrishnapuram, Devara palli, Parvathipuram and other places. Parents opposed the relocation and

sought continuation of the school at Marikavalasa. A resolution to this effect was reportedly adopted by the Parents Committee and communicated to the authorities. Despite the objections, officials went ahead with the relocation under police presence. Around 70 students had reportedly obtained Transfer Certificates amid uncertainty over the school's future. Students and parents subsequently staged protests, including at the ITDA office in Paderu, while talks with officials failed to resolve the issue.

Marikavalasa is among four Gurukulams being converted into CoEs involving private institutions. The others are at MegPhadrigedda in Visakhapatnam, Tadikonda in Guntur and Kota in Nellore, together affecting nearly 2,000 students. The YSRCP strongly condemned the TDP-led coalition government for displacing tribal students in the middle of the academic year and using police against those standing with their parents. The party said improving education cannot mean uprooting children from functioning Gurukulams against the wishes of their families.



It demanded that the government immediately reconsider the decision, allow the affected students to continue their education without disruption and disclose the terms under which the Gurukulams are being converted into CoEs involving private institutions. Meanwhile, YSRCP spokesperson Konda Rajeev said that under the leadership of YS Jagan Mohan Reddy, YSRCP stands firmly with the tribal students of Marikavalasa and will continue fighting for their rights and education. He strongly condemned the manner in which police handled former Deputy Chief Minister and former Tribal Welfare Minister Pushpa Sreevani while she was supporting the agitating students

and parents. "Using the police machinery to suppress those questioning the government has become a disturbing pattern under the coalition government. The treatment meted out to Pushpa Sreevani is disgraceful and condemnable," Rajeev said. He demanded that the 20-year-old Marikavalasa Tribal Welfare Residential School, serving students from Class 5 to Intermediate, be continued at its existing location. "If the government wants a new Centre of Excellence, it should construct one on alternative land instead of displacing tribal students from an established institution," he said. YSRCP will continue its fight until justice is delivered to the tribal students and their families, Rajeev asserted.

AI, Quantum technologies will transform future



Amaravati: Technology is advancing at a rapid pace, threatening jobs rather than people, and the future could see a world where work becomes optional, said Pradyumna PS, Secretary to the Chief Minister, while calling on students and researchers to embrace technological change and innovation. Addressing the Quantum & AI Innovation Centre (QAIC) workshop held at SRM University-AP's Amaravati campus on Monday, Pradyumna said Andhra Pradesh was committed to building a strong ecosystem for research and development and global trade under the Make in India initiative. He emphasised that Artificial Intelligence and humanity should not be viewed as adversaries. The workshop was organised by Amaravati Quantum Valley and the Government of Andhra Pradesh and hosted by SRM University-AP.

Pradyumna highlighted the State government's commitment to advancing emerging technologies and strengthening the ecosystem required to translate research into practical applications. Prof GP Raja Sekhar, Vice-Chancellor of Andhra University, delivered the inaugural keynote and said technology should be used to redefine the future and create opportunities for young people not merely to participate but to innovate. He urged students to focus on identifying problems that need to be solved rather than limiting themselves to choosing a particular job or career. Prof Ch Satish Kumar, Vice-Chancellor of SRM University-AP, outlined the university's plans to expand its quantum technology initiatives. CV Sridhar, Mission Director of the AP State Quantum Mission, appreciated SRM University-AP for hosting the workshop.

Bamboo cultivation to boost income of women farmers



Rampachodavaram: Polavaram district collector K Dinesh Kumar said steps were being taken to promote bamboo cultivation among members of women self-help groups and help them improve their household incomes. He was speaking at a bamboo sapling distribution programme held at the Mandal Mahila Samakhya office in Rampachodavaram on Monday. Rampachodavaram MLA Miriyala Sirisha Devi, joint collector S Prashanth Kumar and State ST Commission member Gorle Sunitha attended the programme. The collector said bamboo cultivation could give women farmers an additional source

of income while also helping protect the environment. He urged tribal women farmers having agricultural land to make use of the opportunities available through bamboo cultivation. He said Polavaram district had one of the largest bamboo resources in the country, but the available resource was not being utilised to its full potential. Plans were being prepared to make better use of locally grown bamboo and develop products such as incense sticks and bamboo furniture.

Processing units would also be established to manufacture various products from bamboo, he said. He said that if 60 bamboo saplings were planted on 37 cents of land and properly maintained for the first four years, farmers could earn around Rs 35,000 initially, with the income expected to increase annually for up to 40 years. He said 7,484 tribal women farmers had so far registered for bamboo cultivation in the district. Against a target of 10,000 farmers across 12 mandals, measures were being taken to cover 2,769.08 acres. Farmers would be given training on planting, maintenance and cultivation practices. Miriyala Sirisha Devi said the State government was encouraging women to become economically self-reliant through self-help groups. She urged members of women groups to repay their loans on time and make use of further credit facilities.

Emergency care at SVIMS to get greater focus: Director Dr Jagadeesh

Tirupati: Sri Venkateswara Institute of Medical Sciences (SVIMS) Director cum Vice-Chancellor Dr Guduru Jagadeesh has directed officials to take special measures to make emergency medical services faster, more efficient and patient-centred. He visited the hospital at 6 am on Monday and conducted surprise inspections at Respiratory Intensive Care Unit (RICU), Casualty and Extension Casualty, among other emergency departments. The Director reviewed the functioning of emergency units, availability of doctors and staff, treatment being provided to patients, infrastructure and readiness of emergency medical equipment.

He said not even a moment should be wasted while treating patients arriving at the hospital in critical conditions. Every minute is important in emergency care and that patients suffering from serious illness, accidents or life-threatening conditions should receive a quick medical response from the moment they arrive. He directed officials to ensure that necessary tests, specialist consultations and life-saving treatment are started without unnecessary delay. Saving the patient's life should remain the primary objective of the emergency medical system, he said. Dr Jagadeesh also stressed the need for quick coordination among various super-spe-



ciality departments in cases of cardiac emergencies, stroke, respiratory emergencies, severe infections, polytrauma, poisoning and other critical conditions. It should be ensured that ventilators, monitors, defibrillators, oxygen facilities, suction units, emergency medicines and other life-saving equipment in the casualty and intensive care units remain functional and readily available at all times.