

# SCO Must Work Unitedly to Dismantle Terror Ecosystem: PM Modi



Bishkek: The Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) must work unitedly to dismantle the entire ecosystem of terrorism as well as its financing, and there can't be any room for double standards in combating the menace, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said on Tuesday. In his address at the annual SCO summit in this Kyrgyz capital city, the prime minister also said that

all wars and conflicts in the world must be resolved through dialogue and diplomacy as no solution can be found on battlefields. Modi also stressed that connectivity projects must respect the sovereignty and territorial integrity of all countries, remarks seen as an oblique reference to China's Belt and Road Initiative.

The prime minister's comments on the need for dealing with terrorism assumed significance as they came amid New Delhi's relentless efforts to corner Pakistan on cross-border terrorist activities. We must dismantle the entire ecosystem of terrorism as well as its financing, he said. We must speak in one voice that there can be no place for double standards in dealing with terrorism, Modi added. The prime minister also said that there can be no solution to wars and conflicts on battle field and they must be resolved through dialogue and diplomacy. He also said that India supports all efforts that connect markets, facilitate trade, and open new pathways for development. At the same time, Modi added that efforts towards connectivity must respect the sovereignty and territorial integrity of all countries. For India, SCO is a confluence of great civilisation, culture and ideas, he said. Three main pillars of India's vision for SCO are security, connectivity and opportunity, Modi noted.

# Revanth Reddy's Global Knowledge Hub Vision Gains Support from Top World Universities

Hyderabad: Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy expressed happiness that his vision to transform Hyderabad into a Global Knowledge Hub has received support from some of the world's leading educational institutions. "My biggest passion and contribution to youth will be skills, sports and education, making them highly qualified for any global challenge. University of London, UK, and North-Eastern University, Boston, USA, are going to set up offshore campuses in Hyderabad," he said. Harvard University, and some of its schools, are keenly interested in offering select programs and courses in the state. "Our meetings with Oxford University, Cambridge University, SOAS(London), Imperial College, London Business School (LBS), London School of Economics have all yielded positive outcomes," he said. Similarly the meetings with Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), and several other Ivy League and American schools have been positive and the youth in



Telangana will all be able to get education from such global institutions of excellence right here in Hyderabad. "Educational courses, certification programs, shared research, setting up centres of excellence, offering programs for professionals of different walks of life, our pioneering efforts will make Hyderabad a global educational powerhouse," he said.

# Telangana to Showcase Its Water Security Model at National Meet



Hyderabad:Telangana will showcase its unified water-security model at a two-day departmental summit organised by the ministry of jal shakti in New Delhi from Tuesday. The event focuses on four major themes—timely implementation of water-infrastructure projects, Catch the Rain campaign, sustainability of drinking-water sources, and operation and maintenance of rural drinking-water supply systems. In addition to its rivers and major, medium reservoirs, Telangana also has 44,000 minor irrigation sources, of which approximately 28,000 tanks have been mapped, geotagged and restored. These interventions have helped stabilise irrigation across nearly 25.7 lakh acres and recover about 9.7 TMC of storage capacity, according to officials. Telangana, which was recognised as the best state in water conservation in 2024, while 13 districts from the state figured among the country's top 15 water-conserving districts, will also highlight how it increased its water-conservation structures from around 5.61 lakh to 15.88 lakh. Irrigation minister N. Uttam Kumar Reddy who on Monday reviewed Telangana's presentation at the summit, said the state's historic chain-linked tank system will form an important part of the presentation. Instead of treating tanks as isolated assets, the state plans protection of entire cascades, including feeder channels, upstream tanks, surplus courses and downstream water bodies, he added.

# No More Boarding Pass Stamps for International Travellers From September 1



A 10-year-old girl student at a government school in east Delhi's Vinod Nagar died during treatment last week, with her family alleging that she was made to stand in the sun as punishment for not bringing a book to school, police sources said on Monday.According to the sources, the incident occurred at the Sarvodaya Kanya Vidyalaya on August 27. According to the family, the school called the girl's mother, Anjali, after her health deteriorated. Anjali alleged that on reaching the school, she found her daughter standing out in the sun and in poor health. The family alleged that the teacher had punished the girl for not bringing a book. She was subsequently taken to a hospital, where she died during treatment on August 27, the source said. Following the incident, family members and local residents held a protest outside the school, demanding strict action against those responsible. BJP MLA Ravinder Singh Negi also reached the spot and said an inquiry would be conducted and strict action will e taken against any school staff member found guilty. The allegations are being investigated, the police source said.

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# Congress hits out at Uttarakhand govt over FIR against Rahul Gandhi in Haldwani

Congress leaders have strongly criticised the Uttarakhand government after an FIR was filed against Leader of Opposition Rahul Gandhi in Haldwani over his remarks on a “purification ritual” conducted following a rally by party president Mallikarjun Kharge.

New Delhi: Congress leaders on Tuesday hit out at the Uttarakhand government over an FIR registered against Leader of Opposition (LoP) in the Lok Sabha, Rahul Gandhi, alleging that the action was politically motivated and aimed at intimidating the Congress.

An FIR has been registered against Congress MP and LoP Rahul Gandhi at the Kotwali police station in Haldwani, Uttarakhand. The case was filed following his remarks concerning a “purification ritual” conducted at the Ramlila Ground in Haldwani following a rally by Congress party President Mallikarjun Kharge.

LoP Gandhi had called the incident a crime and demanded that the Centre must register an FIR.

Reacting to the development of an FIR being filed against LoP Gandhi in Uttarakhand, Punjab Congress Committee Working President, Raj Kumar Verka, accused the authorities of attempting to intimidate the Congress.

“I think they are trying to intimidate the Congress, but the Congress is not afraid.. It is their agenda to end the Constitution of the country and bring Manusmriti. This is not going to happen. We will not tolerate this...” Verka told IANS.

Karnataka Minister Priyank Kharge said the FIR should instead have been filed against those who carried out the alleged purification exercise.

“It’s all politically motivated. Instead of filing an FIR against the people who carried out the purification exercise and went around the entire town, shouting from the rooftops that they had purified the place because a Dalit leader had spoken there, you are filing a case against a person who called out this illegal act and questioned how the Constitution is being breached,” Kharge said



in Bidar, Karnataka. In Patna, Bihar Minister Kumar Shailendra accused the Opposition of lacking an agenda and said Rahul Gandhi was its “main face”. “We are talking about the entire Opposition, with Rahul Gandhi being the main face of it. They have no agenda and no inclination to work. They have done such things in the past as well. When the House is in session and so much time and resources are invested, they walk out, and when they don’t want the House to function, they demand a special session...” he said. Meanwhile, Haryana Congress MP Karamvir Singh Boudh criticised the FIR, saying the country would be governed by the Constitution and not Manusmriti. “...The country will be governed by the Constitution, not Manusmriti. Today, when a senior leader comes forward to raise his voice for the poor, Dalits, Backward Classes, tribals and women, highlighting the atrocities, discrimination and untouchability they have faced for centuries you file an FIR. You conduct a purification ritual two days after an event in Haldwani following a rally by our respected party president Mallikarjun Kharge at Ramlila Ground. When a senior leader raises the issue of the humiliation of Dalits, you want to stop him by filing an FIR. This is absolutely unacceptable...” Boudh said. Haryana Leader of the Opposition Bhupendra Singh Hooda said neither LoP Gandhi nor Congress leaders were afraid of the FIR. “We are not afraid of such things. Neither Rahul Gandhi nor we are afraid. Rahul Gandhi had demanded that an FIR be filed over what happened in Haldwani, where our National President Kharge ji held a public meeting and some BJP workers carried out a purification ritual. It was a legitimate demand because the Constitution should not be violated. But instead, they filed an FIR against Rahul Gandhi...” Hooda said. The FIR against LoP Gandhi was registered at Haldwani Kotwali over his remarks on the “purification ritual”.

# PM Modi, Chinese President Xi interaction marks SCO opening in Bishkek

Bishkek: Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chinese President Xi Jinping shook hands and interacted while walking together as they arrived to participate in the 26th Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) Summit in Bishkek on Tuesday. The two leaders were seen having a conversation after they posed for a group photograph with other leaders. They then walked side by side and shook hands as both proceeded towards the event venue. PM Modi and President Xi last met on the sidelines of the SCO Summit in Tianjin in August 2025. Earlier, PM Modi arrived at the Summit venue in Bishkek, where he received a arm welcome. The SCO comprises 10 member states – Belarus, India, Iran, Kazakhstan, China, Kyrgyzstan, Pakistan, Russia, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan. It has two observer states – Azerbaijan and Armenia and 15 dialogue partners –History Azerbaijan, Armenia, Egypt, Cambodia, Qatar, Kuwait, Laos, Maldives, Myanmar, Nepal, UAE, Saudi Arabia, Turkey and Sri Lanka. On Monday, PM Modi held a bilateral meeting with Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian, Kyrgyz President Sadyr Zhaparov, Russian President Vladimir Putin and Armenian Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan. PM Modi also attended the opening ceremony of the World Nomad Games in Bishkek on Monday and wished the participating Indian contingent the best. PM Modi arrived in Bishkek on Sunday after concluding his engagements in Uzbekistan. PM Modi received a warm welcome from members of the Indian community in Bishkek. Members of the Indian diaspora welcomed the Prime Minister by chanting “Bharat Mata Ki Jai” and “Vande Mataram”.

# NDA WILL EMERGE UNBEATABLE WHENEVER POLLS ARE HELD IN AP: CHANDRABABU

VIJAYAWADA: Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu has expressed confidence that the three-party alliance government would return to power in future elections any time, citing poll surveys and the welfare and development measures taken by the government over the past two years.

Addressing people after distributing pensions under the NTR Bharosa scheme at Mogaltur in West Godavari district on Tuesday, Naidu said the alliance government, “with the support of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and under my leadership and the guidance of Deputy Chief Minister K. Pawan Kalyan, is committed to its twin goals of welfare and development.”

He criticised the opposition YSRC for being apprehensive about unanimous elections in the upcoming local body polls. He said gram panchayat elections would be held without party symbols so that good candidates could be elected.

Presiding officers such as municipal chairpersons and mayors would be directly elected in the civic polls and they would serve for five years. However, those elected could be removed if they resorted to corrupt practices, he warned.

Naidu also raised the issue of reservation for backward classes, recalling that former chief minister N.T. Rama Rao had introduced 20 per cent reservation, which he later increased to 34 per cent.

He alleged that the YSRC, which had proposed 24 per cent res-



ervation, was creating legal hurdles to stall the process for 34 per cent and wanted that reservation be provided only after completion of the on-going special intensive revision of electoral rolls.

Naidu urged voters not to accept money for votes and said, “If you take money to vote, the one who gives you money will certainly take money from other sources by adopting corrupt practices. I am giving you your own money in the form of welfare schemes. If you take money for a vote, it will be immoral and unethical. I am giving financial assistance of ₹15,000 to a bed-ridden patient and ₹4,000 as a pension per person per month. If you take money for a vote, what can I say!”

He went on: “You all think of this and discuss the issue among yourselves. I urge you to give up such a practice. Let us practice clean politics. The need now is to get rid of the politics of corruption.”

The Chief Minister announced that an ‘AI Teacher’ would be launched in schools on September 5, Teachers’ Day, to help academically weak students improve their performance in examinations.

The Sanjeevini programme, scheduled to be launched across the state on January 1, would provide access to an AI doctor and a physical doctor to global health knowledge and medi-

cal treatment. Similarly, an AI agriculture officer and a physical agriculture officer would assist farmers with crop-related issues, cultivation practices, yield and marketing.

Naidu said, “Your mobile phone is going to become a tool in hand to seek all help as our government is going to facilitate government services online, apart from keeping information on various issues online. We will keep a track of government benefits being provided, income of the people and so on for nearly five crore people in 1.60 crore families, to extend them all requisite help.”

He also announced that air-conditioned e-buses would be launched in the state soon, allowing women, who are eligible for free travel, to use the services.

Naidu recalled that he had assumed office as chief minister of undivided Andhra Pradesh for the first time on September 1, some 31 years ago, and noted that he was now serving as CM for the fourth time.

He advised women to opt for rooftop solar power, saying it was being provided free of cost to SC and ST communities for 2kW capacity and to BC communities for 3kW capacity at a cost of ₹98,000 with subsidy. Households could use the power and supply the surplus to the state.

He explained that solar power could be used for cooking, running air-conditioners, charging electric vehicles and operating agricultural pump sets, besides the financial benefit under Deepam 2.0 every four months.

## Lokesh Aims to Make Mangalagiri First in All Sectors

Vijayawada: Education minister and Mangalagiri MLA Nara Lokesh has said his goal is to make Mangalagiri as the number-one region in all sectors of human development and sought the help of officials to achieve the target.

Lokesh hosted an interaction-cum-dinner for officials of the Mangalagiri Tadepalli municipal corporation and revenue staff and their family members at his residence “in appreciation of their efforts in distributing permanent house-site pattas to poor families” in the constituency.

He thanked the officials on behalf of the people of Mangalagiri and presented them a new set of clothes.

Recalling his political journey from Mangalagiri, Lokesh said he had neither been born nor brought up in the constituency. He made it his own only in 2019. He had entered the constituency 21 days before



the election and lost the polls by 5,300 votes.

“Many leaders told me that I could win if I promised house pattas. But I refused to make a promise without making a study of the subject. If I make a promise, it is my habit to fulfill it,” he said.

Lokesh said he spent the next five years travelling with the people and understanding their problems firsthand. Granting permanent land rights to families living on government land for decades emerged as one of the major demands. “I promised to provide permanent house-site pattas to the needy in the 2024 election, following which people elected me with a 91,000-vote majority,” he noted.

Lokesh said around 6,000 families had benefited from the distribution carried out in two phases after officials completed the enumeration process. He described the exercise as “historic” and attributed its success to teamwork.

Several public representatives had asked him how the pattas were distributed, he said, adding that he had invited them to visit Mangalagiri and see the process for themselves.

The minister said several development works were under way, including parks, Kalyana mandapams, community centres, modernisation of Anganwadi centres and initiatives under PM Surya Ghar. Underground drainage works had commenced and drinking water pipeline works were being taken up. A model Rythu Bazaar had also recently been launched.

“History can be created only through a team effort, not by one individual,” Lokesh said, expressing hope that officials would continue to extend their cooperation.

## 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 covering 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 cautioning 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.

## Pending Land Issues Must Be Resolved on Priority: District Collector Bhavesh Mishra

District Collector Bhavesh Mishra directed officials to resolve all pending land-related issues in the district swiftly and on a priority basis. On Tuesday, he conducted a review meeting with the concerned officials at the Collectorate conference hall on various issues, including Bhu Bharati, land surveys and re-surveys, distribution of new Smart Ration Cards, CMR, and other matters. The Collector sought details from the Tahsildars regarding pending land issues mandal-wise. He instructed officials to regularly examine land disputes under Section 22-A and resolve them at the earliest. He also directed officials to undertake the land survey and re-survey process in a systematic manner. He made it clear that re-survey should be initiated only after conducting Gram Sabhas and that records related to the Gram Sabhas must be properly maintained. To expedite the survey work, the Collector stated that five additional advanced survey instruments would be provided. He instructed officials to record survey details every day and complete the process without leaving room for errors.

The Collector further directed officials to speed up the distribution of new Smart Ration Cards in the district and ensure that every eligible beneficiary receives a card through the respective ration dealers. He also instructed officials to complete the CMR process systematically within the stipulated deadline and conduct regular inspections of rice mills.



## Dalit-Bahujan Organizations Call for “Chalo Khanapur” Protest

Nirmal District : Dalit-Bahujan people's organizations from Nirmal district have called for a “Chalo K h a n a p u r ” programme on Sep-tember 6, protesting the alleged demolition of a Dalit family's house by VDC leaders at Pembi mandal headquarters.

A public meeting will be held at AMK Func-tion Hall in Khanapur as part of the programme. The orga-nizations demanded the immediate arrest of those responsible, sei-zure of the JCB, trac-tors and car allegedly used in the incident, payment of compen-sation to the affected family, and security for



the victims. They also demanded a comprehensive in-quiry into alleged VDC atrocities and stated that they would continue their struggle until justice is delivered to the affected family. Rajesh Rakshak, Ambedkar Sangham Basara Zone In-charge; Kuntolla Venkataswamy, State Vice-President, Ambedkar Youth Associa-tion; Rasamalla Ashok, Nirmal District Vice-President; Kamble Suryakanth, State President, Bhim Army Blue Panthers; Kontham Ganesh, State Vice-President, Mala Mahanadu; Bommena Rakesh, District Secretary, Ambedkar Sangham; and others participated in the programme.

## Strict action if road cleanliness is neglected

GWMC Commissioner Venkanna

Commissioner expresses impatience over sanitation management



Warangal, Bureau : Greater Warangal Municipal Corporation Commissioner T. Venkanna has instructed the officials to ensure that there is no negligence in sani-tation management on the main roads, dividers and main intersections in Greater Warangal city.

On Tuesday morning, the Commis-sioner inspected several main roads, di-viders and intersections in the city at the field level.

Commissioner T. Venkanna expressed extreme impatience over the lack of proper sanitation management on the main roads, dividers and main intersections in the city. He ordered that steps be taken to ensure that garbage, mud, dry leaves and tree branches do not accumulate on the road dividers. It was suggested that special supervision be taken to ensure that dividers and main roads are always clean and pleasant. The Commissioner warned the sanitary inspectors that if there is negli-gence in sanitation management or negli-gence in their duties, strict action will be taken against the concerned staff. He

made it clear that they should visit the areas under their juris-diction every day at the field level and personally in-spect the sanitation condi-tions.

Later, the area of the 5 TPD capacity compressed biomethanization plant sanc-tioned in Lakshmpuram mar-ket was inspected. He asked the officials for details about the fact that the work tender process related to the plant has not yet started even though it has been com-pleted. He instructed the offi-cials to take necessary steps to establish this plant, which will be very useful for the local people and the sanitation management of the city.

The Commissioner stated that in addition to implement-ing sanitation management more effectively in the city, there is a need to use mod-ern technology for the scien-tific management of waste.

The Commissioner was accompanied by CM HO Dr. Raja Reddy, Superintendent Engineer Raj Kumar, Execu-tive Engineer Mahender, MHO Rajesh, DEs, AEs, Sanitary Inspectors and oth-ers.

## Ramagiri RMPs and PMPs' Long-Pending Dream Finally Fulfilled

Peddapalli Correspondent, August 1: The long-cherished dream of RMPs and PMPs of Ramagiri Mandal to have a dedicated building has finally been fulfilled. Funds have been sanctioned for the construction of the building following the initiative of Telangana IT and Industries Minister Duddilla Sridhar Babu and the efforts of Manthani Block Congress President Totla Tirupati Yadav. With the construction works commencing, members of the Ramagiri RMP and PMP Association expressed their happiness. On this occasion, representatives of the RMP and PMP As-sociation met Manthani Block Congress President Totla Tirupati Yadav at the Manthani Block Congress office located at Begumpet X Road in Ramagiri Mandal. They expressed their special gratitude to Minister Duddilla Sridhar Babu and Tirupati Yadav. The association representa-tives thanked Minister Sridhar Babu for taking the initiative to fulfil their long-standing dream and appreciated Tirupati Yadav for extending his support in securing the funds for the construction of the building. Kamanpur Congress President S.S. Anwar, Ramagiri RMP and PMP Association President Boddula Jagadeeshwar, General Secretary Gandhi Paidayya, Treasurer Sandeep, along with members of the Ramagiri Mandal RMP and PMP Association and others, participated in the programme.



# We will expose the failures of Congress's 1000 days of governance

Before the people with concrete action  
Former MLA Nannapaneni Narender

Warangal : On the occasion of the comple-tion of 1000 days of the Congress government in power, it has been decided to organize ex-tensive programs in the Warangal East constitu-ency to bring to the attention of the people the failures of this public government, the delay in implementing the promises made to the people, and the problems faced by the people.

In connection with these programs, a pre-paratory meeting was held with the key leaders of the Warangal East constituency under the chairmanship of the first Mayor of Greater Warangal and former MLA of Warangal East, Nannapaneni Narender, at Rajshri Gardens on Tuesday.

On this occasion, The schedule of programs to be undertaken in various parts of the constituency from Sep-tember 2nd to 8th was discussed with the lead-ers in the meeting.

It was decided to meet people in govern-ment offices, public places, divisions and im-portant areas of the constituency and explain the facts about the tyrannical rule of the Con-gress government.



Later, Nannapuneni Narender said, He accused the Congress government of failing to fully implement the promises made to the people during the elections. He said that the main purpose of these programs is to know the problems faced by the people during the 1000 days of rule at the field level and bring them to the people.

He said that the problems faced by the people, youth, women, stu-dents and the poor in every division of Warangal East constituency will be identified and a strong fight will be waged on behalf of the people on their behalf.

Narender called on the key leaders, division leaders and activists of the constituency to work in coordination to make all the programs to be held from September 2 to 8 a success.

## Practical Education Fosters Creativity 100% Attendance of Students and Teachers Must Be Ensured

Nirmal District : Students Should Start Pre-paring for SSC Exams from Now Collect Comprehensive Details of PACL Land-Affected Farmers: District Collector Bhavesh Mishra

District Collector Bhavesh Mishra said that along with book-based knowledge, providing practical education helps develop creativity and self-confidence among students. On Tuesday, he conducted a surprise inspection of the Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya (KGBV) at Tanur mandal headquarters.

The Collector inspected the classrooms, hostel and school surroundings and enquired about sanitation arrangements on the premises. He directed the staff to remove weeds regularly and maintain a clean, pleasant and hygienic en-vironment.

The Collector instructed the authorities to take measures to ensure 100% attendance of both students and teachers. He reviewed the details of the syllabus completed so far and the remain-ing lessons. He directed teachers to complete the syllabus within the stipulated time and start preparing Class 10 students for the annual SSC examinations in a systematic manner from now itself.

He also instructed the staff to provide stu-dents with quality breakfast and meals as per the prescribed menu. Any difficulties faced by students should be identified immediately and resolved, he said.

The Collector interacted directly with Class 10 students and enquired about the facilities being provided at the school, the quality of food and the difficulties they were facing in their stud-ies. Later, he wrote mathematics problems on the board and assessed the students' abilities. He appreciated the students who gave correct answers and presented them with pens as gifts.

He advised the students not to worry about examinations but to prepare a daily study plan. He encouraged them to immediately clarify their doubts with teachers and said that studying with proper understanding would help them achieve good results.

Collector Meets PACL Land-Affected Farm-ers



Earlier, at the Vitthaleshwara Temple premises in Mogili village of Tanur mandal, the Collector held a meeting with farmers affected by PACL (Pearls Agrotech Corporation Limited) land-related issues. The farmers brought their land problems to his attention.

The Collector directed officials to collect complete details from the affected farmers and prepare a comprehensive report at the village level through Panchayat Secretaries and GPOs. He said that, if necessary, a detailed survey of the concerned lands would be conducted and steps would be taken to resolve the issues.

He further stated that Gram Sabhas would be conducted in villages facing such problems to obtain details directly from the affected people and explore solutions at the earliest. He assured the farmers that there was no need for them to worry.

The Collector also received a petition from villagers regarding the re-pair of roads in Mogili village and assured them that the issue would be examined and necessary action would be taken soon. Later, he performed special prayers at the Vitthaleshwara Temple.

Bhainsa Sub-Collector Ajmeera Sanket Kumar, District Education Officer Bhojanna, Tahsildar Mahender Nath, MPDO Sridhar, AMC Chair-man Shinde Anand Rao Patel, former MLA Vitthal Reddy, Sarpanch Usha, Deputy Sarpanch Nithin, concerned officials and farmers were present.

# Let's make Lok Adalat a success.

Senior Civil Judge R. Ajay Kumar

Metpally, September 1 : Let's make the Lok Adalat program on September 12 a success, said Metpally Senior Civil Judge R. Ajay Kumar. A coordination meeting was held with the police and mediation coordinators under the auspices of Mandal Legal Services on Tuesday. Speaking on the occasion, he asked the police and law-yers to cooperate this time too for the disposal of a large number of cases, just like they coop-erated with the last Lok Adalat. The meeting was attended by Junior Civil Judge Vinukonda Madhavi, Second Class Magistrate Dayya Rajaram, Bar Association President Yeleti Ram Reddy, S.C. Kiran Kumar, Naveen Kumar, Anil



Kumar, Sandeep Rao, Mediation Coordinators Ojjela Srinivas, Bakkuri Ramesh, Pasunuri Srinivas, Lok Adalat Members JD Sudhakar, Retainer Lawyers Puppala Bhanumarthi and Togiti Rajasekhara.

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A TURNING POINT IN SOCIAL MEDIA HISTORY

The Meta's \$18 billion settlement marks a belated recognition that harm can be embedded not merely in how social media is used, but in how it is designed

Safeguarding children from the potential harms of the social media platforms is one of the biggest challenges for parents and nations alike. Driven by algorithms, the addictive content keeps teenagers glued to their gadgets in an endless consumption loop. Those fighting for the cause of child safety and strict social media regulation now have something to celebrate. A landmark settlement has been reached in the United States under which the social media giant Meta will pay \$18 billion to end a lawsuit over claims that its platforms have caused immense harm to children with addictive content. This is a big victory for those demanding accountability from social media companies for the harmful effects that their algorithm-based content is causing to the teenagers. The settlement may well be a major turning point for the internet industry and could bring fundamental changes to the way young people experience social media in future. The trial stemmed from a lawsuit filed in 2023 by 29 US states, including California and New York, in which they claim numerous violations of federal and state privacy laws for children. Not only did the states seek billions of dollars from Meta, they demanded it make changes to Instagram and Facebook, including ending "like" counts and infinite scroll. The case is widely seen as the largest consumer protection lawsuit in American history". Apart from paying the penalties, Meta has agreed to limit how long teenagers can spend on its platforms and to bans on features that stoke mental health issues, striking at the heart of the company's business of engagement for advertising.Exploring Media De-grees

The settlement marks a belated recognition that harm can be embedded not merely in how social media is used, but in how it is designed. Infinite scrolling, personalised recommendations, notifications, likes and other engagement tools are designed to capture attention and keep users returning. The question, therefore, is not simply whether children spend too much time online, but whether platforms are permitted to engineer compulsive engagement in the first place. Meta's proposed safeguards — including daily limits, overnight restrictions and changes to features that encourage constant engagement — are a step forward. But the settlement leaves the company's advertising-driven business model largely intact. India can draw lessons from the settlement. While blanket ban is no solution, there is a need for a digital regulation that will make social media platforms accountable for foreseeable harms arising from product design. Behavioural advertising aimed at minors should face strict restrictions. There is much more to be done in the fight to make technology platforms safe. Modifying recommendation algorithms to focus more on users' long-term interests than their short-term behavior remains a central challenge. As important as the time a child spends on an app is, what they are shown is just as important. Traditionally, social-media platforms' business models have been predicated on maximising users' time and attention.

RS Praveen Kumar questions denial of permission for BRS farmers' rally in Miryalaguda

BRS general secretary RS Praveen Kumar questioned the denial of permission for a farmers' rally led by KT Rama Rao in Miryalaguda on September 3. He demanded lifting of Section 30 and alleged selective police restrictions against Opposition programmes.



Hyderabad: BRS general secretary RS Praveen Kumar questioned the Congress government's decision to deny permission for a proposed farmers' rally led by BRS working president KT Rama Rao in Miryalaguda on September 3. He demanded that Section 30 be lifted and permission be granted for BRS's peaceful protest programmes.

He said the programme announced by Rama Rao did not violate the Constitution and that Article 19 guaranteed citizens the right to peaceful protest. He demanded to know why permission was denied for the Miryalaguda meeting and why Section 30 had been imposed across the State. He said such restrictions were generally associated with situations involving religious processions.

Speaking to mediapersons at Telangana Bhavan on Tuesday, Praveen Kumar said the

government was using police restrictions selectively against the Opposition. He said BRS had always conducted protests with police permission and urged the DGP and other police officials not to act on illegal orders from the government. He recalled that the police gave permission for a recent BRS meeting at Saroonagar only after the party approached the High Court.

The BRS leader stated that an undeclared curfew had been in force in Telangana for nearly 33 months during the Congress rule. He challenged Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy to explain whether similar restrictions were imposed on programmes organised by the ruling Congress.

He criticised the Chief Minister over the frequent house arrests of BRS leaders, including Harish Rao, and alleged that Opposition leaders were being monitored even when attending personal functions.

Praveen Kumar alleged that the government was diverting police force towards cases against BRS leaders, including the phone-tapping case, instead of focusing on law and order. "As a result, Telangana has been witness-ing a surge in crimes," he said. He accused the police of acting under political pressure and warned of stringent action after the BRS returns to power, if such actions continued.

Congress Holds Protest Over FIR on Rahul Gandhi

Hyderabad:The Congress on Tuesday held a demonstration demanding withdrawal of the FIR filed against Rahul Gandhi, Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha, for his comments on 'shuddhikaran' performed at a venue where party president Mallikarjun Kharge had held an event in Uttarakhand. Protesters sat in front of the Ambedkar statue at Tank Bund and raised slogans against the BJP government at the Centre.

Organised by Khairatabad DCC president Motha Rohit, the protest accused the BJP-led Central government of double standards. Congress leaders said that instead of acting against those involved in the 'shuddikaran', the authorities were targeting Rahul Gandhi who had spoken against it . Large numbers of party workers gathered around the statue island to voice their opposition.

Addressing the gathering, min-



ister Ponnamp Prabhakar said the shuddhikaran was an insult to democracy. "This act by those who follow manuvad brings disgrace to the nation's democracy and constitutional values. I strongly condemn the disrespectful treatment of Kharge," he said. He added that such actions perpetuate caste discrimination and untouchability.

The minister alleged that the FIR against Rahul Gandhi was aimed at obstructing his fight for the Constitution, social justice and equality. "They have registered an FIR against Rahul Gandhi simply because he questions the authorities? We strongly condemn the cases filed against him. The Congress party stands firmly behind him," he declared.

Yours Is a Govt of Scams, Ours Is One of Schemes: Kavya



Warangal MP Dr Kadiam Kavya accused the previous BRS government of failures and said the Congress government had prioritised welfare and development during its 1,000 days in office.

Speaking at a press conference at the DCC Bhavan in Hanamkonda on Tuesday, Kavya said the Congress government was implementing its electoral promises and focusing on people's welfare. She alleged that the previous government had ignored public issues and resorted to repression and restrictions.

She also accused the opposition of attempting to mislead people through protests and dharnas.

Wardhannapet MLAK.R. Nagaraju said people had not forgotten the alleged irregularities and failures during the BRS regime. He criticised former

Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao, alleging that he remained confined to his farmhouse while enjoying the facilities available to him as Leader of the Opposition. He said BRS leaders should review their own record before criticising the Congress government.

DCC president Inugala Venkatrama Reddy said welfare schemes under the Congress government were reaching eligible beneficiaries. He alleged that BRS working president K.T. Rama Rao and former minister T. Harish Rao were making baseless allegations against the government and attempting to provoke students and youth.

Reddy said the Congress government would continue in office with public support and that development activities would gain further momentum in the coming days.

HC Division Bench Suspends Single Judge Order Directing HYDRAA Chief Ranganath's Removal

Hyderabad: A division bench of the Telangana High Court suspended the order of a single judge directing the state government to relieve HYDRAA commissioner A.V. Ranganath from the post over alleged repeated wilful disobedience of court orders in connection with a 40-acre land parcel at Lothkunta in Secunderabad. The bench also directed Ranganath and HYDRAA officials to not to enter or interfere with the disputed property until further orders.

The court, however, grilled Ranganath and HYDRAA for entering and acting upon land that was already the subject of litigation, court orders, surveys not being conducted or demarcated and contempt proceedings.

In regarding to the land at Lothkunta, the bench observed that HYDRAA proceeding with fencing of the property without first establishing whether the land in Survey No.s 1 and 2 in Lothkunta was the same as, or distinct from, the land covered by GLR 243 amounted to an approach lacking in the caution expected from officials entrusted with protecting government property.

The division bench comprising Justice P. Sam Koshy and Justice Nandikonda Narsing Rao was hearing an appeal filed by Ranganath challenging the single judge's contempt order passed on a petition by Shanta Sriram Constructions Private Limited in regarding the Lothkunta land.

The bench granted an interim stay on the single judge's direction that Ranganath be relieved from the post, and made it clear that the commissioner and HYDRAA personnel should stay away from the disputed site. It adjourned the matter to November 3 for further hearing.

Senior counsel Rajeev Shakhder, appearing for Ranganath, argued that the commissioner had not deliberately violated any judicial order and had visited the site pursuant to official directions to protect government land. Whether any violation had occurred and, if so, whether it was inadvertent or wilful, required detailed examination, he submitted.

Shakhder contended that Ranganath was not given adequate opportunity before the single judge to explain his position. His request for time to file an additional counter-affidavit was not granted, he said.

Senior counsel questioned the severity of the punishment imposed in the contempt proceedings, arguing that directing the government to relieve the commissioner went beyond the permissible scope of contempt jurisdiction. Citing several Supreme Court judgments, he submitted that a single judge could not impose a punishment outside the parameters prescribed under the law governing contempt.

Counsel appearing for Shanta Sriram Constructions expressed lack of confidence in the state machinery and suggested that, if necessary, the survey of the disputed property be entrusted to an independent agency such as the Survey of India.

During the hearing, the Bench repeatedly questioned the manner in which HYDRAA proceeded with the property despite the existence of litigation and earlier judicial proceedings. "You are the person responsible for protecting government land. At the same time, you are also the first person who must respect court orders," the bench observed, stressing that HYDRAA officials were required to exercise greater caution whenever they were aware of a dispute.

The judges questioned whether it was appropriate for an entire government machinery to be mobilised merely on the request of another department without first verifying the survey number, identity and status of the property. The bench pointed out that before fencing the site, officials ought to have established whether the disputed actually formed part of the government land or constituted a different parcel. They should also have verified whether any litigation was pending over the property, the stage of such proceedings and whether any orders had already been passed by courts.

"Protecting government land is certainly HYDRAA's responsibility, but the government also has a responsibility to protect the rights of private individuals," the bench observed.



# Raja Narasimha Calls for Expansion of IVF Services in Telangana Govt Hospitals



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Health Minister Ch Damodar Raja Narasimha. (File Photo)

Hyderabad: Health Minister Ch Damodar Raja Narasimha asked officials to further expand fertility and IVF services in Telangana’s government hospitals and strengthen implementation of the ART and Surrogacy laws in private fertility centres.

He called for strict action against centres violating regulations, greater transparency in fertility services, and measures to prevent unnecessary financial burden on patients.

The Minister also directed officials to strengthen government IVF centres at Gandhi Hospital and Pellaburj Maternity Hospital and prepare proposals for phased expansion of IVF services to districts

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

Government employees, pensioners and others staged protests across Telangana demanding abolition of the Contributory Pension Scheme and restoration of the Old Pension System. They also sought constitution of the Pay Revision Commission, pending DA instalments and clearance of bills.

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 (TGEJAC), nearly 13 lakh employees, teachers and faculty members participated in the protests at government offices, schools and colleges across Telangana.

TGEJAC 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.

# Telangana BJP chief stopped en route to meet party leader in Nalgonda

Hyderabad: Telangana BJP president N. Ramchander Rao was arrested by police in Hyderabad on Tuesday when he attempted to travel to Nalgonda district to meet local BJP leader Nagam Varshit Reddy, whose residence was allegedly attacked by Congress workers.

The police placed Ramchander Rao under house arrest to stop him from leaving for Nalgonda. Police personnel were deployed outside his house in Tarnaka since morning.

When the BJP leader came out of the house and tried to board a vehicle to leave for Nalgonda, police arrested him and shifted him to Gandhi Nagar Police Station.

Ramchander Rao posted on social media that the Congress party arrested him to stop him from visiting the Nalgonda district BJP president after “Congress goons” ransacked his house. “I wanted to visit him to extend my solidarity. Displaying its utter disregard for democracy and the Constitution, the Congress government has arrested me,” he posted on ‘X’. He earlier claimed that he was kept under house arrest to prevent him from visiting Nalgonda to meet BJP Nalgonda District President Nagam Varshit Reddy, whose house was allegedly vandalised by Congress workers in Nalgonda after a reported clash between both parties.

The BJP alleged that Varshit Reddy’s family members, including his mother, were physically assaulted by Congress workers on Monday evening. Instead of taking strict action against those responsible for the attack, the Congress government has chosen to house-arrest the BJP state President.

Union Minister for Coal and Mines, G. Kishan Reddy, strongly condemned the arrest of Ramchander Rao. The second house arrest in a week is a blatant assault on democracy. The muzzling of opposition voice reflects the anti-emergency, anti-democratic rule of Congress.

Union Minister of State for Home Affairs, Bandi Sanjay Kumar, also condemned Ramchander Rao’s arrest. “Attack BJP? Walk free. Stand with BJP? Get arrested. A BJP leader’s house is attacked. No action. The BJP State office is attacked. No remand. But when state BJP president Ramchander Rao stands by our party workers, he is arrested. What kind of law and order is this?” he asked in a post on ‘X’.



# Telangana CM to Inaugurate 100-Bed Hospital at Nakrekal on September 5

Nalgonda: Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy will inaugurate a 100-bed hospital at Nakrekal in Nalgonda district on September 5.

The Chief Minister will also set foundation stones for the buildings of a Telangana Model School and a tahsildar office at Nakrekal. He will address a public meeting at the mini outdoor stadium in the town.

A trauma care centre will also be established at the 100-bed hospital to provide treatment to road accident victims on National Highway 65. There is no trauma care centre between Choutuppal and Kodad along NH 65, which is creating difficulties in shifting accident victims during the golden hour.

District Collector B. Chandrasekhar and Superinten-



dent of police Sharath Chandra Pawar inspected the mini outdoor stadium at Nakrekal and issued instructions to officials regarding arrangements for the Chief Minister’s visit.

# Ponnam Reviews Arrangements for Peaceful Ganesh Festivities in Hyderabad



Hyderabad: BC Welfare Minister Ponnam Prabhakar on Tuesday convened a meeting with officials to review the arrangements to be made for the smooth conduct of Ganesh festival in Hyderabad from September 14.

As the Ganesh festivities are scheduled to begin from September 14, a preparatory meeting was held with officials of all departments, three municipal commissioners, collectors, police officials, and the Bhagyanagar Ganesh Utsav Samithi (BGUS).

Speaking to media persons, Prabhakar, who is also Hyderabad in-charge Minister, said the meeting was held to ensure that the festivity is celebrated in a peaceful manner.

The administration was making all arrangements to ensure that the festivities are con-

ducted collectively. “We requested the Bhagyanagar Ganesh Utsav Samithi to distribute saplings to devotees and use handloom scarves during the festivities,” he said.

“We are requesting everyone to use clay Ganesha idols to protect the environment,” he said. During Bonalu festivities, prayers were offered at all temples for good rains. The government is suggesting to the Utsav Samithi members that prayers be offered at Ganesh pandals for El Nino to subside to bring good rains.

“We are celebrating the festivities while respecting the courts. People should voluntarily celebrate the festivities without restrictions,” he added.

# SIR: One Third Notices Delivered: CEO



Hyderabad: SIR notices have been delivered to about one-third of the voters whose enumeration forms were noticed to have anomalies. The Election Commission of India (ECI) has issued over 31 lakh notices, against 92.88 lakh voters listed with anomalies. The notices are being generated by ERONET, a centralised web-based application developed by the ECI.

Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) C. Sudarsan Reddy informed on Tuesday that hearings in close to two lakh notices had been completed. Officials have informed that remaining 61 lakhs notices will be delivered in a phased manner.

Hearings on 1,94,737 notices have been held at the level of individual assistant electoral registration officers (AEROs). “The remaining notices will be delivered in a phased manner and will be heard within the period stipulated by the ECI by the 1,973 AEROs and 119 EROs.

By Tuesday, 9,07,292 ‘claims and objections’ had been received. Of these, 3,94,517 were through Form-6 (enrolment as new voter), 6,346 through Form-6A (enrolment as new overseas voter), 48,752 through Form-7 (objections / deletions from draft electoral rolls) and 4,57,677 through Form-8 (corrections in draft rolls).

While the deadline for filing claims and objections by voters will be September 16, the issuance of notices and disposal of claims and objections will continue till October 15.

Poll officials are conducting special campaigns on September 5 and 6 at every polling station and again on September 12 and 13 when booth level officers (BLOs) will be available at the designated locations, as will booth level agents (BLAs) of political parties.

# PhonePe Launches UPI Payments for India's Feature Phone Users

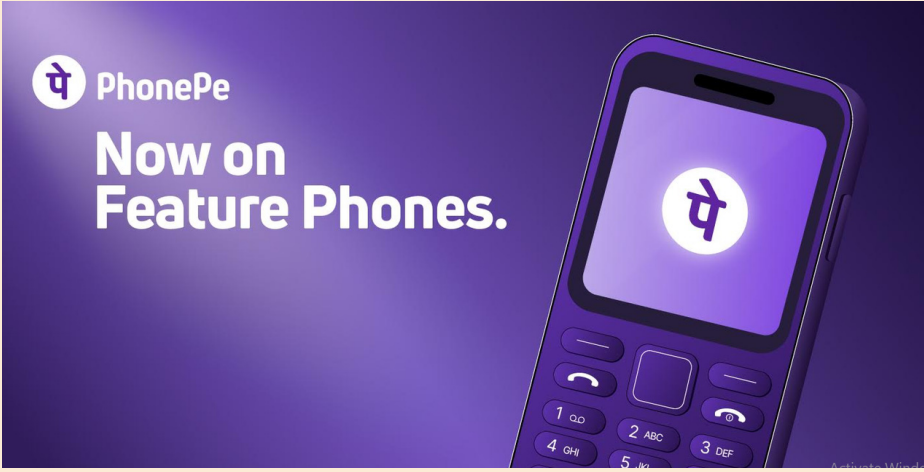
~ Enables instant money transfers and merchant payments without an internet connection

Vizag, Sep1: PhonePe, today announced the launch of PhonePe UPI 123Pay, bringing UPI payment capabilities to feature phone users across India without the need of an internet connection. With this, PhonePe becomes the first major third-party application provider (TPAP) to extend UPI payments to India's 200 million+ feature phone users. This is a significant step toward advancing financial inclusion and bringing underserved communities into the digital payments fold.

The service will come pre-bundled on Nokia, HMD, Lava International and Itel Mobile - Transsion Holdings devices, with other handset manufacturer partnerships to follow in the coming months. The launch builds on our proprietary technology stack built specifically for UPI payments on feature phones.

Designed for reliability, PhonePe UPI 123Pay utilizes a robust SMS-based architecture, ensuring transactions go through even in regions with limited 2G connectivity. The platform enables seamless peer-to-peer (P2P) transfers via mobile numbers or UPI IDs, alongside peer-to-merchant (P2M) payments through UPI IDs and QR code scanning. Beyond payments, feature phone users can manage their accounts, check account balances, and view transaction histories. Upcoming updates will introduce advanced capabilities previously unavailable on feature phones, including bill payments, recharges, and Aadhaar-based onboarding onto UPI.

Additionally, to guide feature phone users through setup



and activation, PhonePe has introduced a voice-first, AI-powered helpline. Moving beyond rigid IVR menus, the conversational voice assistant provides support in English and 12 Indian languages. Powered by advanced speech processing and AI reasoning, the assistant delivers step-by-step activation guidance and answers fundamental UPI queries for a secure, frictionless experience.

Speaking on the launch, Sameer Nigam, Founder and CEO, PhonePe, said, "Over the last decade, UPI has completely transformed how India pays—a journey PhonePe is proud to have built alongside it from day one. As we reflect on how far we have come, the logical next step is expanding the horizon even further and unlocking what's next. Bringing UPI to feature phones through PhonePe UPI 123Pay extends the benefits of digital payments beyond smartphones to every corner of the country. To us, this is what building for India actually means- meeting people where

they are to drive a truly universal wave of financial inclusion that will onboard the next 300 million users into the digital financial fold."

The solution directly addresses last-mile access in rural and semi-urban India, where smartphone penetration and reliable internet connectivity remain inconsistent—reinforcing PhonePe's long-standing commitment to making digital payments accessible to every Indian, regardless of the device they own.

Here's how users can register and use PhonePe UPI 123Pay on their devices:

Registering for PhonePe UPI 123Pay on a feature phone is a simple process without using a smartphone or the internet:

Open the PhonePe app pre-installed on your feature phone.

Read & Accept the Terms & Conditions to complete the automated device registration.

Select your bank from the options list.

Enter the last 6 digits of your debit card and its expiry date.

Set your UPI PIN. Your UPI ID is now active, and you can begin making payments immediately using PhonePe UPI 123Pay.

Making payments on the PhonePe app:

Step1: Users can initiate the PhonePe application on the feature phone, and explore multiple ways to pay- Scan & Pay/ Cont

## Dhruv Sheoran and Vishesh Sharma post 10-under 60 to share the lead at the Telangana Golconda Masters

Hyderabad, September 1, 2026: Dhruv Sheoran and local favourite Vishesh Sharma produced matching course-record scores of 10-under 60 to share the opening-round lead at the INR 1 crore Telangana Golconda Masters 2026.

The pair holds a one-shot advantage after the first round of the tournament's 12th edition at Hyderabad Golf Association.

Thirty-one-year-old Sheoran, who hails from Gurugram, made 11 birdies against a solitary bogey to register the lowest score of his career. A winner on the DP World PGTI in 2024, he entered the week ranked 12th on the 2026 Race to DP World India Championship.

Starting from the par-five 10th, Sheoran made five consecutive birdies through the 14th before dropping his only shot of the day

on the par-four 15th. He recovered immediately and remained bogey-free for the rest of his round.

Hyderabad's 19-year-old Vishesh, competing in his second season on the DP World PGTI, matched Sheoran during the afternoon session. His 60 featured an eagle on the par-five sixth, nine birdies and one bogey.

Noida's Amardeep Malik, a two-time winner on the tour, remained one stroke behind the leaders at solo-third after posting a nine-under 61. The 41-year-old made 10 birdies and one bogey.

Japan's Koichiro Ishika, playing his maiden season on the DP World PGTI, produced a bogey-free seven-under 63 to occupy fourth place.

Sheoran's round began in unlikely fashion when he pulled his opening drive into a bunker on another

hole. With trees blocking his route to the green, he shaped a 40-yard cut from about 260 yards, found the putting surface and nearly holed his first putt from 50 feet before tapping in for birdie.

"I got off to a hot start, although the opening tee shot went left and left me out of position," said Sheoran. "I made good contact with the recovery, found the green and nearly holed the long putt. That gave me a lot of momentum."

He followed with a 20-foot birdie conversion on the 11th, a 10-footer on the 12th and an eight-footer on the 13th. Sheoran then drove the green on the 14th and two-putted to complete five consecutive birdies.

His only setback came on the 15th, where he pushed a pitching-wedge lay-up into the trees and



needed to take a penalty drop.

"The birdies had given me a cushion, and I knew the momentum was still on my side, so the mistake did not unsettle me," he said.

Finding the fairway on the first, a tee shot Sheoran considers particularly challenging, restored his rhythm for the closing stretch.

"Once I hit that tee shot the way I wanted, I felt I could express my game," he said. "From there, I played with controlled aggression and continued executing my tee shots and approaches."

Sheoran moved his base to Japan in mid-June because his wife is Japanese. The relocation disrupted his usual practice routine, and he initially struggled to rediscover his preferred right-to-left ball flight after returning to competition.

"I was quite rusty when I came back and couldn't move the ball the way I wanted," Sheoran said. "I worked with my coach before last week's Telangana Open and started seeing my preferred ball flight again. The top-10 finish there gave me the confidence I needed, and that progress showed today."

Sheoran was unaware that he had

matched the course record until completing his round. Standing over a 20-foot birdie putt on the last, he mistakenly believed he was nine-under and needed to hole it to equal the mark.

"I later realised I was already 10-under," he said. "It would have been nice to make that putt and establish a new course record."

Vishesh also learned only after completing his round that he had matched Manu Gandas' course record from 2022 at his home venue.

"Today's round was very special, particularly because it came at my home course," he said. "Everything seemed to go my way. I putted well, struck some good shots and, despite a slow start, stayed patient and kept returning my focus to the present."

Vishesh converted a 15-foot eagle putt on

the sixth, while another highlight arrived on the par-three 16th, where he struck his tee shot to about three feet and made birdie.

However, the teenager felt his par saves were just as valuable as the eagle and birdies.

"The rough around the greens is quite thick, and the ball tends to sit down," Vishesh said. "Even if you miss a green by only a foot, the recovery can be difficult. Saving par from those positions makes a significant difference by the end of the round."

Matching the course record carried added significance for Vishesh because it came on familiar ground.

"It is a special achievement, especially because it happened at my home course," he said. "Playing here certainly helps. I get to sleep in my own bed, eat

home-cooked food prepared by my mother and compete on a course I know extremely well."

Sri Lanka's N Thangaraja and Delhi's Honey Baisoya shared fifth place at six-under 64.

Defending champion Jamal Hossain of Bangladesh opened with a two-over 72 and was tied 72nd, while current DP World PGTI Rankings leader Saptak Talwar returned an even-par 70 to share 50th place.

The Race to DP World India Championship is a competition to crown the DP World PGTI's number one player, and this competition will also determine the top-24 players from the DP World PGTI Order of Merit who will earn their spots at the season-ending DP World India Championship.

## 'Cheyutha' Extends a Helping Hand to Cancer Patients' Attendants



Hyderabad, September 1: Standing by underprivileged cancer patients and their family members who accompany them to hospitals, the Cheyutha Welfare Society once again demonstrated its commitment to humanitarian service by organising a large-scale free food distribution programme at the

Basavatarakam Indo-American Cancer Hospital in Hyderabad.

The initiative was aimed at extending support to poor patients and their attendants who travel to Hyderabad from distant parts of Telangana and other states for cancer treatment and often struggle to meet even their basic food and ac-

**Massive food donation programme held at Basavatarakam Cancer Hospital**  
**Objective is to provide free meals to poor patients and their attendants**  
**Efforts on to conduct the food distribution programme once a week: K. Sudharani**

commodation expenses.

The programme was conducted under the leadership of Cheyutha Welfare Society President, National Youth Award recipient and senior journalist K. Sudharani, along with Vice-President Middel Shanthy. Society members personally served food to patients and their attendants at the hospital premises, conveying a message of compassion and solidarity. Three Months of Continuous Service

The Cheyutha Welfare Society has been conducting the free food distribution programme continuously for the past

three months. Society representatives said that many economically disadvantaged cancer patients and their family members travel to Hyderabad from various districts of Telangana as well as other parts of the country for treatment.

Apart from the high cost of medical treatment, many of them face difficulties in arranging food and accommodation during their prolonged hospital visits.

Observing the plight of attendants who spend long hours at the hospital while caring for their loved ones, the society decided to launch the free meal distribution ini-

tiative, said K. Sudharani. Providing food to those who are hungry offers them at least some relief during an otherwise difficult period, she added.

'Extend Your Support and We Will Serve Meals Every Week'

Speaking on the occasion, K. Sudharani said the food distribution programme, which has been continuing for the last three months, has received an encouraging response from patients and their attendants.

"The appreciation and affection shown by poor patients and their attendants give us greater motivation to continue our service," she said.

ciety said there could be no greater service than feeding a hungry person.

Providing food to the attendants of poor patients undergoing treatment is an expression of human values and compassion, they said. The society plans to expand such programmes in the future and is also exploring the possibility of organising free food distribution at the Gandhi Hospital and Niloufer Hospital premises.

The society will continue its efforts to provide food and other forms of assistance to people in need, they added.

Patients' Attendants Express Gratitude

Patients' attendants at Basavatarakam Cancer Hospital expressed happiness over the free

food distribution programme. Many said that they had travelled from distant places for medical treatment and were facing financial difficulties, making the provision of free meals a significant relief. Several attendants folded their hands and expressed gratitude to the Cheyutha Welfare Society members for serving them food with warmth and affection. They appreciated the initiative and expressed hope that such service activities would be expanded to reach more needy people.

Providing food to the hungry and standing by those in distress — this spirit of humanity continues to inspire the service initiatives of Cheyutha Welfare Society.

Alcaraz, Sabalenka Open US Open With Wins



NEW YORK: Carlos Alcaraz was nervous. He was excited. Best of all, he was pain-free. Alcaraz beat Roman Safiullin 6-4, 6-4, 6-4 on Monday, showing no problems with the right wrist injury that had sidelined the 23-year-old Spaniard since April. "I don't know how it looked from outside, but from inside, my feeling was that I was hitting normal," Alcaraz said. "I was playing pretty normal,

In that case, don't rule out a run at a repeat. Following fellow two-time U.S. Open champion Aryna Sabalenka onto Arthur Ashe Stadium, the No. 2-seeded Alcaraz appeared more comfortable as the match went on and delivered the all-around game that has made him a fan favorite in New York. He held his hand to his ear to encourage louder cheers and pumped his fist after a pretty volley winner in the final game of the match.

Alcaraz could be an even bigger favorite after Djokovic's loss. Forced to miss the French Open and Wimbledon, Alcaraz decided he was good enough to come back at the U.S. Open, stepping right back into Grand Slam tennis without a warmup event. "I had more nerves than usual, but just happy, because, for me, my goal here is to compete, to enjoy, and let's see how my body's going to react after the matches, after the competition again," Alcaraz said.

"I don't know how far I'm going to go in the tournament. I didn't know if I was going to lose this one, if I'm going to make the second round, final. I don't know how far I'm going to go. But what I just really want to do is enjoy every time that I'm going to walk into the court feeling the energy from the people, feel the competition." No man has won consecutive U.S. Open titles since Roger Federer took five in a row from 2004-08. If Alcaraz stays healthy, the seven-time Grand Slam champion may quickly become a huge favorite with top-ranked Jannik Sinner sidelined by a knee injury and No. 4 Novak Djokovic losing in the U.S. Open's first round for the first time on Sunday.

With the tournament thrown into shock by that result — Djokovic had been 19-0 in the first round at Flushing Meadows, where he won four of his men's-record 24 Grand Slam titles — Sabalenka brought back some normalcy. Sabalenka likes the look of her outfit and her game. Sabalenka beat Camila Osorio 6-4, 6-4 to begin her bid to be the first player to win three straight U.S. Open championships since Serena

Williams from 2012-14. She has been to the last three U.S. Open finals, rebounding from a loss to Coco Gauff in 2023 by winning in 2024 and then topping Amanda Anisimova last year to repeat. "I feel like this is one of my favorite stadiums," Sabalenka told the crowd afterward. "I really experienced the best emotions here in this stadium." Sabalenka changed up her look from last time she played on Ashe. Her orange Nike outfit was covered by orange mesh, rather than the black mesh of last week in her mixed doubles match with Djokovic that drew some criticism on social media. Sabalenka dismissed the comments, saying all that mattered was she loved it, and turns out the reason for the change was simple. "To be honest, I didn't know that I have a day dress," she said. "I thought I have a black dress with orange underneath. I figured (out) when I went to Nike that I actually have day session and night session, which is just like black and orange for the day." She must have certainly been happier with the level of tennis she delivered Monday, after a series of poor events coming into the U.S. Open. She was knocked out in the fourth round in both Toronto and Cincinnati, after being ousted at the same point at Wimbledon. That has left Sabalenka needing help to retain the No. 1 ranking, even if she wins again in New York. No. 2 Elena Rybakina will pass her if she reaches the semi-finals, and won't even need to win any matches if Sabalenka fails to win the title. Wawrinka says goodbye and Tsitsipas signals that he may be back. Other U.S. Open champions in action Monday included Naomi Osaka, Iga Swiatek and 2016 winner Stan Wawrinka, who lost to Matteo Berrettini in the final Grand Slam match before the three-time major champion from Switzerland retires at 41. "I'm going to miss it for sure. I'm going to miss it big time," Wawrinka said. Another top-10 seed followed Djokovic out when No. 10 Arthur Fils, coming off the title in Cincinnati, was ousted by Stefanos Tsitsipas 4-6, 7-6 (3), 6-1, 6-4. Tsitsipas, who is unseeded at the U.S. Open for the first time, was asked if he can regain the form that catapulted the Greek to the No. 3 ranking and two losses to Djokovic in Grand Slam finals. "Why not?" Tsitsipas said. Other winners included No. 6 Linda Noskova, the Wimbledon champion; No. 7 seed Karolina Muchova, who lost to her fellow Czech in the final at the All-England Club, and No. 10 Anisimova. Sara Bejlek, another Czech and the No. 28 seed who stunned Sabalenka in Cincinnati, fell in three sets to Cristina Bucsa. Navarro moves on and Boisson melts down. No. 26 seed Emma Navarro outlasted Lois Boisson 7-6 (6), 6-7 (1), 6-3 in a first-round match that began Sunday but was not completed until Monday because of rain. An ESPN camera captured the thrill of victory and the agony of defeat in one shot. As Navarro pumped her fist toward the crowd, Boisson could be seen behind her smashing her racket repeatedly to the court.

Six Defining Moments of Lionel Messi's Argentina Career

Paris: Lionel Messi announced his retirement from international football on Monday, six weeks on from Argentina's defeat in the World Cup final and after over 200 appearances for his country stretching across more than two decades. AFP Sport looks back at the moments that defined Messi's career with his country. Inauspicious start Messi's international career began as a fresh-faced 18-year-old in 2005. His first cap was unforgettable for the wrong reasons -- ninety seconds after coming on as a substitute in a friendly with Hungary in Budapest, he was sent off for what the referee saw as an elbow.

The following June he made his first World Cup appearance in the 6-0 win over Serbia and Montenegro with which Argentina began the 2006 tournament in Germany. Messi got his team's final goal in Gelsenkirchen -- the first game and goal of what would become a legendary relationship with the World Cup. First World Cup final Messi was 26 when Argentina headed to Brazil in 2014, but was already established as one of the greats thanks to his achievements with Barcelona.

There had been numerous disappointments with Argentina: quarter-final defeats to Germany at the World Cup in 206 and in 2010 in South Africa, the latter with Diego Maradona as coach. There was also a Copa America final loss to Brazil in 2007, and a miserable showing at the 2011 version of that competition on home soil. Messi went to Brazil as captain of Alejandro Sabella's team, and made a flying start by scoring in every group game. The goals then dried up, but he took Argentina to their first World Cup final since the days of Maradona, only for the Albiceleste to fall short against Germany at the Maracana.

2016: His lowest ebb The 2014 heartache was followed by the misery of losing the following year's Copa America final on penalties to Chile. Messi therefore went to the 2016 Copa America Centenario in the



United States on a mission to finally win a major international title. Argentina cruised to the final. Chile stood before Argentina once again at the MetLife Stadium just outside New York, but the outcome was identical -- another defeat on penalties, with Messi this time missing his kick.

Messi, who had already won over 100 caps, was heartbroken. "For me the national team is over," he declared. "I've done all I can, I've been in four finals and it hurts not to be a champion." Six weeks later Messi changed his mind and agreed to come out of his brief international retirement. A winner at last. The second half of Messi's international career could not have contrasted more starkly, with Lionel Scaloni's appointment as coach in 2018 proving a game-changer. In 2021, in the middle of the Covid pandemic, Messi and Argentina went to Brazil for the Copa America and beat the hosts 1-0 in the final thanks to an Angel Di Maria goal to claim their first major title in 28 years. The crowning glory in Qatar Messi could, and perhaps should, have bowed out after the 2022 World Cup in Qatar, when the Barcelona legend -- by now 35 and playing for PSG -- found another level to drag Argentina to victory. He scored seven goals and set up three more in seven games, including a brace in the epic final against France -- when he also converted his penalty in the shoot-out which gave Argentina the trophy for the third time in their history.



India announce 26-member squad for FIFA friendlies

India head coach Khalid Jamil has announced a 26-member squad for the September-October FIFA International Match Window, where the Blue Tigers will face Panama, Brazil, and Uruguay in high-profile friendlies at Bengaluru and Kolkata.

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 September-October FIFA men's international friendlies:

Goalkeepers: Albino Gomes, Gurpreet Singh Sandhu, Prabh Sukhan 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 Shopping For Authentic South Asian Apparel

Four players have been named as reserves — goalkeeper Hritikh 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

Lionel Messi has announced his retirement from international football after 21 years with Argentina. The legendary forward finishes with one World Cup title, six tournament appearances, 21 World Cup goals, 125 international goals and a national-record 207 appearances, second only to Cristiano Ronaldo



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.

US Open 2026: Venus Williams Bows Out With a 1st-Round Loss To Sofia Kenin

New York: Venus Williams bowed out of her 26th U.S. Open singles appearance early Monday morning, falling in straight sets to fellow American wild card Sofia Kenin after not getting on the court until midnight. The 46-year-old lost 6-2, 7-6 (6) in what could be the final singles match at a Grand Slam, if not her illustrious career. It was Williams' 15th consecutive singles defeat dating to her last victory in Washington in July 2025.

Williams has now lost six in a row at the U.S. Open since winning in the first round in 2019. With doubles coming up later this week with sister Serena, Venus was not ready to contemplate her future in tennis. "I don't think I should have to," Williams told a small group of reporters after the match. "My mind is fully focused on that: how I recover from this completely insane evening and get ready for the next one."



Williams and her 27-year-old opponent waited extraordinarily long to take the court at Arthur Ashe Stadium, delayed by Novak Djokovic's 4-hour, 36-minute defeat to Mariano Navone that threatened to move them next door to Louis Armstrong Stadium. The men's action ended just in time to play on Ashe — but not before making some history. At 12:13 a.m., it was the latest start to a match at the U.S. Open, six minutes later than the previous record of Aryna Sabalenka against Ekaterina Alexandrova in the round of 32 in 2024.

"It's not ideal," Williams said. "I would have preferred something else, definitely. It wasn't great for either of us, so I think we both tried our best." Kenin needed just 32 minutes to win the first set, but Williams took advantage of mistakes and made some shots in the second that gave the late-staying crowd reason to cheer, rallying from down 4-2 to force a tiebreak before losing several set points and striking the ball into the net to end it.

## Traditional Beauty Unveiled: Nidhhi Agerwal’s Career Journey

*Nidhhi Agerwal radiates classic beauty in her latest photo, draped in a vibrant yellow silk saree with a rich red border and blouse, adorned with traditional gold jhumka earrings, a bindi, and stacks of maroon-and-yellow bangles.*



Nidhhi Agerwal radiates classic beauty in her latest photo, draped in a vibrant yellow silk saree with a rich red border and blouse, adorned with traditional gold jhumka earrings, a bindi, and stacks of maroon-and-yellow bangles. Posing gracefully against a wooden backdrop with her long wavy hair cascading down, the image captures her timeless South Indian charm and poised presence. Born on 17 August 1993 in Hyderabad and raised in Bengaluru, the Christ University business graduate and trained dancer (ballet, Kathak, belly dance) entered the industry after participating in Miss Diva 2014.

She made her acting debut in the Hindi film Munna Michael (2017) opposite Tiger Shroff as Dolly Sharma, earning the Zee Cine Award for Best Female Debut.

Her Telugu debut came with Savyasachi (2018), followed by notable roles in Mr. Majnu and the successful iSmart Shankar (2019) as Dr. Sarah. She expanded to Tamil cinema with Eeswaran (2021) and Kalaga Thalaivan (2022), alongside Hero (2022). Recent and ongoing projects include the period drama Hari Hara Veera Mallu (2025) as Panchami opposite Pawan Kalyan and the horror-comedy The RajaSaab (2026) as Bessy with Prabhas, plus a new mythological thriller. Agerwal continues to blend glamour with versatile performances across industries.

## Which September release are you most excited to watch?



September is going to be a busy month for Telugu cinema lovers. Many new films are getting ready to hit the theatres, and the month has a mix of comedy, thriller, action and different types of stories. From small films to highly awaited star projects, there is something for every type of audience.

The month starts on September 3 with two interesting releases. Romanchakam, starring Sumanth Prabhas, is being presented by Sandeep Reddy Vanga’s Bhadrakali Pictures. On the same day, ImGame starring Dulquer Salmaan is also scheduled to release. Dulquer has a good following among Telugu audiences, so this film is expected to attract attention.

On September 4, three films are lined up. Ramba Oorvasi Menaka, starring Allari Naresh, is one of the notable releases. Sahaa, starring Kumar Kasaram, and Maa Ramudu Andarivadu, starring Sriram, are also expected to reach theatres on the same day. With three films arriving together, audiences will have several options.

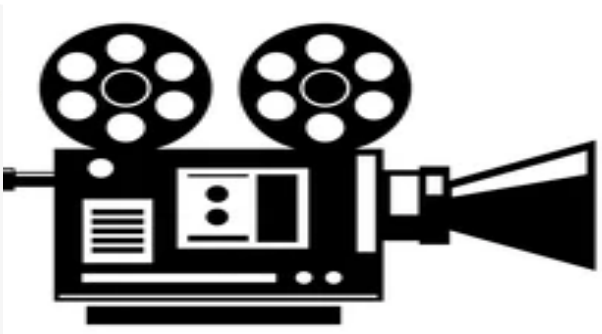
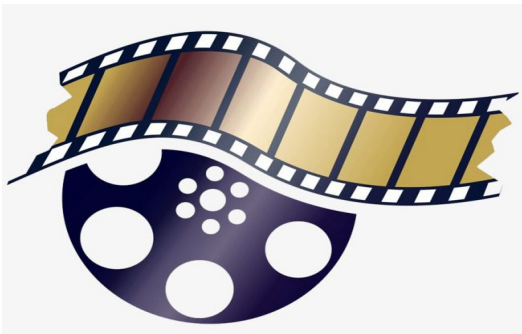
The releases continue on September 10 with Maremma, featuring Madhav Bhupathiraju, and Mandaadi, starring Suhaas. Suhaas has been choosing different stories in recent times, so there is interest in seeing what he brings with this film.

On September 11, Epic, starring Anand Deverakonda, is scheduled to release. Along with it, Mahendragiri Varahi, a thriller featuring Sumanth, is also expected to arrive. The thriller genre could make Mahendragiri Varahi an interesting choice for movie lovers.

The next week has two releases on September 18. Donga Na Koduku, starring Mouli, and Secret Soldier, starring Nihal, are set to compete for the audience.

The biggest attraction of the month is likely to be Nani’s The Paradise, scheduled for September 24. The film is already carrying high expectations, and Nani fans are eagerly waiting for it. Because of its scale and the buzz around the project, it could become one of September’s major releases.

Finally, September 25 will see the release of Rupayanamaha, starring Aravind.



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## 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 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 Shreyaas P Krishna while music is by Jakes Bejoy. International stunt choreographer Andy Long is overseeing the action for this ambitious entertainer.

## Chakkora - Lunar Love Bird: Addamla Cheyana song captivates

Chakkora – Lunar Love Bird has begun its musical promotions with “Addamla Cheyana,” a melodious first single that beautifully showcases the romantic journey of its lead pair, Sravan and Malaika T Vasupal. Following the title motion poster launch by Dashing Director Puri Jagannadh, the makers have now given audiences a glimpse into the film’s love story through this enchanting track.

“Addamla Cheyana” is filled with love moments, with Sravan’s character falling for Malaika in a gradual and charming manner. The song captures the little emotions that accompany the beginning of a relationship, giving the entire track a warm and magical quality. The melody is composed by Prince Henry, who has delivered a soothing romantic number with an appealing flow.

Kasarla Shyam’s lyrics further elevate the track. His writing brings a poetic and emotional touch to the romance. Sai Charan Bhaskaruni’s soulful rendition adds so much. His singing brings softness and feeling to the melody, and he handles the romantic mood beautifully. The vocal performance, composition and lyrics come together seamlessly to create a song that feels genuinely pleasant and heartfelt.

The project marks the directorial debut of Manga Srinivas, who earlier worked as a First Assistant Director



with Puri Jagannadh. Puri launching the title motion poster has given the debutant director’s journey an encouraging start. Produced by Dr. Chintada Hemarao under High Joy Commercials, in association with VIP Vintage Iconic Pictures, the film stars a strong ensemble alongside Sravan and Malaika.

The cast includes Suman, Brahmaji, Indraj, L.B. Sriram, Anushka Luhar, Yamini, Mani Chandana, Nellore Sudarshan, Prabhavathi, Madhavi Prasad and others. With the film targeting an October 8 theatrical release, the success of “Addamla Cheyana” gives Chakkora – Lunar Love Bird a sweet and promising musical start.

## Maadhav’s Maremma Trailer: Intense Rural Saga

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Maadhav, nephew of Mass Maharaja Ravi Teja, is stepping into films with Maremma, directed by Mancherla Nagaraj. Produced by Mayur Reddy Bandaru under Moksha Arts, the film has already attracted attention with its teaser, and the newly released trailer adds considerably more intrigue. Ram Pothineni has unveiled the trailer.

The story unfolds in a village where buffalos mysteriously start dying. As panic spreads, the elders recall a prophecy that speaks of a male buffalo being born before the third full moon. The arrival of Maari, the buffalo cared for by the protagonist, appears to be closely connected to the strange events surrounding the village. What begins as an intriguing belief gradually turns into something far more unsettling as the same incidents re-surfaces years later, pushing the villagers into fear and chaos.

For Maadhav, Maremma marks his first step onto the big screen, and the trailer suggests he has chosen a challenging role. He looks natural in the rural setting and brings a convincing innocence and intensity to the character. Deepa Balu plays his love interest

The trailer’s biggest strength is its atmosphere. Rather than relying only on drama, the film appears to build its impact through



faith, superstition, village traditions, and spiritual elements. Prasanth Anikireddy’s cinematography beautifully captures the earthy landscape and gives the film an authentic visual identity. Prashanth R Vihari’s score adds weight to the suspense.

Overall, Maremma looks like a grounded village story with a strong spiritual and mysterious layer. The trailer succeeds in creating inquisitiveness ahead of its release on the 10th of this month.