

Chandrababu Naidu, Pawan Kalyan and AP leaders greet people on Krishna Janmashtami

Amaravati: Andhra Pradesh Governor S. Abdul Nazeer and Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu have greeted people on the occasion of Krishna Janmashtami. “I extend my warm greetings and best wishes to the people of Andhra Pradesh on the auspicious occasion of Sri Krishnashtami. The festival of Sri Krishnashtami is celebrated with joy and devotion,” Andhra Governor said in his message. “The day reminds us of the eternal message of Lord Sri Krishna, delivered through Bhagavad Gita, affirming the foundation for building a harmonious society. I wish this



auspicious occasion to be a harbinger of peace, progress and prosperity and further strengthen the bonds of brotherhood, amity and harmony among all the people of the State,” Governor Abul Nazeer

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Vijayawada Airport to adopt hub-and-spoke model with new terminal

Amaravati: Vijayawada Airport can implement a hub and spoke model, which can enable security and baggage check-in for international passengers within the airport, once the new terminal is operational, its director M Lakshmi Reddy said on Friday. The Airports Authority of India (AAI), which runs the airport, has engaged a new contractor to complete the terminal, which is expected to be completed by October, he said. “AAI gave the contract to a new contractor in June and the terminal is expected to be completed by October. The hub and spoke model can be



implemented once the new terminal is operational,” Reddy said in a release issued by the Andhra Pradesh Chambers of Commerce & Industry Federation (AP Chambers). During an interaction session at AP Chambers in Vijayawada, the airport director noted that the new ter-

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275 Indians remain missing after Nepal flash floods; 169 rescued: MEA

New Delhi: Two hundred seventy-five Indians remained missing while 169 others were rescued following the devastating flash floods along the Nepal-Tibet border, the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) said on Friday. The latest rescues from the Trishuli Bazaar area in Nepal’s Nuwakot district since Friday include three Indian nationals: Abhijit Suresh Pawar, Dipika Abhijit Pawar, and five-year-old Samarth Abhijit Pawar, MEA spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said, adding that the Indian embassy in Kathmandu is facilitating their return flight home. The spokesperson said 1,907 Indian nationals have safely crossed over to Nepal from China. Jaiswal also said India supplied around 95 tonnes of relief material to Nepal since the flash floods hit the country on August 26. The death toll from the floods has risen to at least 1,295 after rescue work-



ers recovered more bodies from affected areas, according to Nepalese authorities. While emergency teams have rescued more than 12,000 people, roughly 5,000 remain missing as search and rescue operations continue. “As per our information, 275 Indian nationals remain missing. We continue to be in

held at the university. He said the experiences and guidance of teachers played a crucial role in shaping Radhakrishnan’s outlook and achievements, underlining the significance of the teaching profession. The cer-

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Teachers’ lasting influence highlighted

Amaravati: SRM University-AP Vice-Chancellor Prof Ch Satish Kumar emphasised the enduring influence of teachers on students and society while recalling the life and academic journey of Dr S Radhakrishnan at the Teachers’ Day celebrations

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Minister Kondapalli Srinivas inaugurates plant at Gajuwaka in Vizag

Visakhapatnam: September 4: State Minister for Micro, Small,

Medium Enterprises, Rural Poverty Eradication and Pravasandhra Empowerment Relations Kondapalli Srinivas said alkaline ionized water is good for health. Minister Kondapalli Srinivas inaugurated

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Pawan Kalyan orders action against Andhra Paper Mills over pollution



Amaravati: Andhra Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan on Friday held Andhra Paper Mills Private Limited responsible for half of the pollu-

tion in the Godavari River at Rajahmundry and directed officials to issue summons to the company. Pawan Kalyan, who is also the Environment Minister, asked officials to take appropriate action in accordance with the regulations. He also instructed the Advocate General, Additional Advocate General, government

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Justice behind closed doors: Judiciary must confront its own dirty secret

Senior Advocate Indira Jaising’s recent remarks — delivered at the 29th D.S. Borker Memorial Lecture on “My Vision of India: 2047 A.D.”, and reported by LiveLaw on September 1 — deserve to be read not as passing commentary but as an institutional indictment that India’s higher judiciary can no longer wave away. Jaising is not a fringe voice given to sensationalism. She is the country’s first woman Additional Solicitor General, the first woman Senior Advocate at the Bombay High Court, and a lawyer who says she has represented “a lot of women judges” who came to her with complaints of sexual harassment by male colleagues — testimony, she said, that led her to write in her own book that sexual harassment is “the dirty secret of the judiciary of India. No one wants to talk about it.” One account she recounted at the lecture is particularly damning. She described a woman judge she had represented telling her that when a High Court judge retires, women district judges are made to line up in sarees of the same colour and throw flowers as the male judges walk past into the dining room — a practice, Jaising said, of “the higher judiciary” itself.

That same judge, she said, was separately asked by a High Court judge to attend his twenty-fifth wedding anniversary party and “dance on an item number”. She resisted, and lost her job as a result. Whether this is the same case as the widely reported 2014 Madhya Pradesh matter — in which an Additional District and Sessions Judge in Gwalior resigned after alleging harassment by her administrative judge — is not established on the public record. The details echo each other closely enough that, at minimum, they point to a recurring institutional pattern rather than an isolated incident. Senior Advocate Dr S. Muralidhar, who addressed the same lecture, lent independent weight to the concern, speaking of “growing instances” of women judges facing sexual innuendo and harassment from senior male colleagues. The uncomfortable truth is that this is not a new revelation. Versions of this warning have surfaced from Jaising and others across more than a decade. In 2014, she was among a group of lawyers and activists publicly demanding the impeachment of a High Court judge after an Additional District and Sessions Judge resigned, alleging that his advances had led to her transfer. Rajya Sabha-appointed inquiry committee cleared the judge in December 2017 — even as litigation over the judicial officer’s own reinstatement continued for years afterward on separate grounds. In 2019, Jaising faced an FCRA-linked notice after publicly questioning the process by which the Supreme Court’s own in-house committee had cleared a sitting Chief Justice of India of a former employee’s harassment complaint. In 2023, she wrote to the then Chief Justice flagging sexist conduct faced by women lawyers. And now, in 2026, she has returned to the same theme at a memorial lecture. Some of these individual allegations have been contested, and at least one was formally not upheld a fact any fair account must state plainly. But taken together, what these episodes show is not the guilt or innocence of any one individual. It is that the judiciary still has no dedicated, independent mechanism through which a judicial officer can report harassment by a colleague, a decade after the gap was first flagged.

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The officials also seized documents relating to a house plot purchased at Padiredu Aranyam village in Tirupati district and another plot in Srinivasa Nagar residential area of Tirupati Urban registered in the name of his son. Four fixed deposits in the names of Lokanatham and his son were also found during the searches, it said. Further searches at the houses of Lokanatham’s brothers-in-law led to the seizure of a joint property document in the name of the officer’s wife and others, valued at Rs 31.9 lakh. The ACB also found 2 kg of gold, Rs 12.5 lakh in cash and 6.5 kg of silver, it said. Meanwhile, the case was registered under Section 13(2) read with Section 13(1)(b) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988, as amended in 2018.

The ACB said the action followed intelligence shared by the CBI regarding disproportionate assets of some employees of the TTD during its investigation into the alleged adulteration of Tirumala laddu. The CBI has completed its investigation into the alleged laddu adulteration case and filed a charge sheet, said the release. As a follow-up action, the ACB’s Visakhapatnam office had earlier registered a disproportionate assets case against K Chinna Appanna, Personal Assistant to then TTD Chairman YV Subba Reddy on April 22. The ACB said Lokanatham joined TTD as a Junior Assistant on compassionate grounds on February 1, 1989. He was subsequently promoted as Senior Assistant, Superintendent, Assistant Executive Officer and Deputy Executive Officer, and is currently working as Dy EO at TTD, Tirumala, it added.

Alkaline ionized water is good for health

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Alkaline Ionized Drinking Water Plant at Autonagar in town on Friday. Speaking on this occasion, Minister Kondapalli Srinivas said alkaline ionized water is very essential in changing times and it is a matter of pride that Amruta Aqua Naturals Pvt. Ltd. has been established at Gajuwaka Autonagar with Vizag as centre in both Telugu states. Minister Kondapalli said health can be protected from dreaded disease like cancer by drinking this water. He said it is fortune of people that Amruta Aqua Naturals is bringing healthy alkaline ionized drinking water purified with Japanese technology at very low cost into market at low price. He said youth should utilize subsidies being provided through MSME by coalition government. He said coalition government is taking steps to end culture of youth going to neighbouring states for employment opportunities. He said for youth who want to set up new industries, it is most profitable in manufacturing and packaging industry. He said seven subsidies already approved by Central Government in Parliament for establishment of industries are delightful. He said MSME will facilitate youth to set up industries in single window concept. Janasena leaders MSME Chairman Sivasankar, company management participated in this programme.

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minal, equipped with multi-level operations, six aerobridges, escalators, state-of-the-art technology and ambience, will be inaugurated within a few days of its completion. According to Reddy, the airport, located at Gannavaram, about 15 km away from Vijayawada city, currently handles 22 flights and around 2,000 passengers a day. He said the airport has flights to many major domestic destinations and international connectivity to Singapore and Sharjah three times a week. Further, Reddy said Fly91 is going to launch morning flights to Tirupati, which will be useful for devotees and observed that direct connectivity is required to Dubai for travellers going to Europe and America. On cargo facilities at the airport, he said that the long-term proposal is to have an exclusive integrated cargo terminal. Reddy underscored that the current terminal can be converted into a cargo terminal till a dedicated one is constructed. Meanwhile, AP Chambers president P Bhaskar Rao said passengers from Vijayawada Airport need direct connectivity to Dubai and hub and spoke connectivity to major international destinations. He also requested convenient flight timings between Vijayawada and other cities in Andhra Pradesh. Moreover, Rao suggested having a dedicated cold storage cargo facility for perishable products.

Pawan Kalyan orders action against Andhra Paper Mills over pollution

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pleaders, and standing counsels to take the necessary steps to ensure the speedy disposal of cases related to violations of rules by the company. In a statement on Friday, he also criticised the company for avoiding tax payments for 10 years. According to him, the company owes Rs 21.34 crore to local bodies and has not paid taxes since 2016. “Official statistics indicate that Andhra Paper Limited is responsible for half of the pollution in Rajahmahan dravaram (Rajahmundry) city. While the city generates a total of approximately 70 million litres of liquid waste, your facility alone produces 35 million litres,” he said. According to the Deputy Chief Minister, it has also been confirmed that the waste Andhra Paper Mills discharge contains pollutants exceeding permissible limits. “Tests conducted on samples collected near your waste discharge lagoons revealed a Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD) of 36 milligrams per litre— 20 per cent above prescribed standards. Phosphate levels stood at 5.3 milligrams, exceeding limits by 6 per cent. Sulphide levels were 3.4 milligrams, which is 70 per cent higher than the standards set by the Central Pollution Control Board.” Pawan Kalyan told the company that the pollution it discharges depletes oxygen levels in the water, endangering aquatic life, and damaging the Godavari River’s natural ecosystem. It emits foul odours, degrades water quality, harms public health, and jeopardises the future survival of humanity. He recalled that during his field visit, he had advised the company to take appropriate measures to prevent groundwater contamination, but it failed to implement them. “Strict action could be taken against you for these violations in accordance with Pollution Control Board regulations — ranging from halting industrial operations and imposing penalties to seizing the company or even revoking its license. However, with the intention of not causing undue hardship to industries, the coalition government issued show-cause notices as a preliminary warning, offering you an opportunity to rectify the errors,” he said.

The Deputy CM noted that over the past three months, the Pollution Control Board officials have held multiple discussions with company representatives and suggested remedial measures; yet, there has been a complete lack of response from their end. “Consequently, I am directing the Pollution Control Board officials to immediately issue summons to Andhra Papers Limited and take appropriate action in accordance with the regulations,” he added. “We seek the support of environmentalists and civil society for the government’s initiatives to protect the Godavari River from pollution, under the theme of ‘Clean Godavari – Sacred Pushkaralu’ .I wish to state that the coalition government is prioritising public interest and environmental protection above all else,” he added.

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emony was attended by Chief Guest Prof GP Raja Sekhar, Vice-Chancellor of Andhra University, Prof VS Rao, and senior leadership of SRM University-AP, including Deans and Directors. Prof GP Raja Sekhar, in his address, reflected on Dr Radhakrishnan’s concept of Abhedha and connected his philosophical ideas with contemporary higher education reforms. He discussed the alignment between the National Education Policy and Radhakrishnan’s vision, while highlighting the role of the National Credit Framework in shaping the future of higher education. Nine faculty members were presented with the University Outstanding Faculty Awards 2026 for their contributions to teaching, research and institutional development. The awardees were Dr VM Manikandan, Dr Ayesha Parveen Haroon, Dr Manjesh Kumar, Dr Elakkiya E, Dr Priyanka, Dr Siddhartha Ghosh, Dr Debajyoti Kundu, Dr Anuj Deshpande and Dr Ramanjaneya Reddy.

MP emphasises vital role of grassroots awareness, civic participation

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Parliament M Sriharat addressed delegates on Thursday during the inauguration of the Young Indians Parliament Regional Round. The event, hosted by the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) Young Indians (Yi) Visakhapatnam chapter, brought together student leaders from across South India. Highlighting pathways for meaningful societal contribution, Sriharat noted that addressing social challenges at their core requires active engagement within governance structures, including public service, the judiciary and legislative domains. He encouraged the younger generation to step forward and participate in shaping institutional frameworks for sustainable national development. Addressing contemporary technological challenges, the Member of Parliament described technology as a transformative tool that simultaneously enhances livelihoods and shifts societal behavior.

Job Mela on 11.09.2026 at Thiruvuru

Unemployed youth should utilize opportunity : District Employment and Skill Development Officer Challa Madhu Bhushana Rao

Vijayawada: September 4: As per orders of Hon'ble Chief Minister Sri Nara Chandrababu Naidu, under auspices of Andhra Pradesh State Skill Development Corporation (APSSDC), a "Job Mela" will be conducted at 09:00 AM on Friday, 11.09.2026 at Sri Vahini Institute of Science and Technology, Thiruvuru for providing employment opportunities to unemployed youth in district, District Employment and Skill Development Officer Sri Challa Madhu Bhushana Rao informed.He said about 15 prominent companies are attending this Job Mela. Youth, both men and women, in age group of 18 to 35 years who have completed 10th Class, Intermediate, ITI, Polytechnic, Degree, B.Tech and Post Graduation are eligible for jobs in these companies and selected candidates will have job opportunities with salary ranging from Rs. 12,000/- to Rs. 50,000/- per month along with other facilities.He said interested and eligible candidates should compulsorily register with their complete details in advance at <https://naipunyam.ap.gov.in/user-registration> link and should come to Job Mela with Resume or Bio Data Form along with Aadhaar, Aadhaar-linked phone number, PAN Card copy and Xerox copies of certificates and for more details

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Villagers pay tearful tributes to Army Havildar who died untimely death..



Bhimadolu, Eluru District: September 4: Villagers bid tearful adieu to Lokanti Gopalakrishna of Bhimadolu village, who was serving as Havildar in Army for protection of country and died untimely death. Village was engulfed in gloom as mortal remains of Gopal reached his native village on Friday from Udhampur, Jammu and Kashmir.Large number of villagers reached ambulance carrying Gopal's mortal remains at village outskirts and paid tributes. Following ambulance and raising slogans of Johars, they accompanied Gopal's mortal remains up to his house. Village reverberated with slogans of "Gopal Amar Rahe".On this occasion, soldiers under leadership of JCO Subedar Vinod belonging to Eluru NCC 19 Andhra Battalion offered military honours along with Wreath Parade. Local public representatives, friends, relatives, village elders, representatives of humanitarian organiza-



tions paid tributes to Gopal's mortal remains.Gopal is survived by mother, wife along with two daughters. Wailing of family members on losing Gopal brought tears to everyone.

Sri Pawan Kalyan's Sravana Masa Kanuka for Pithapuram Adapaduchulu



Pithapuram: September 4: Sarees, turmeric, kumkum distributed to 10,000 women - Grand Samuhika Varalakshmi Vratams in Sannidhi of Sri Puruhutika Ammavaru - Varalakshmi Vrata Mahotsavam commenced with offering of Pattu Vastrams to Ammavaru - Fool-proof arrangements for convenience of devotees - Constituency women participated in Varalakshmi Vratam with devotionState Deputy Chief Minister Sri Pawan Kalyan has once again demonstrated his affection for people of Pithapuram, especially Adapaduchulu of constituency. On occasion of last Friday of Sravana Masam, he provided sarees, turmeric, kumkum as Sravana Masa Kanuka to nearly 10,000 Adapaduchulu in constituency. Samuhika Varalakshmi Vratams were grandly conducted for Adapaduchulu in premises of famous Shakti Peetham Sri Puruhutika Ammavari Temple in Pithapuram. Along with providing free Puja materials required for Vratam, Puja programmes were conducted traditionally under aegis of Vedic scholars. Thousands of women participated in this Samuhika Varalakshmi Vratam with devotion and worshipped Ammavaru.Varalakshmi Vrata observed with devotionOn occasion of Sravana Fri-

day, Varalakshmi Vratams were conducted grandly in divine Kshetra of Sri Kukkuteswara Swamy, Sri Puruhutika Ammavaru. From early morning, women in large numbers reached temple and participated in Vrata Pujas with devotion. Amid chanting of mantras by Vedic scholars, Varalakshmi Devi was installed and Puja programmes were started. First, Party Kakinada District President Sri Tummala Ramaswamy (Babu), Party Programmes Management Committee Chairman Sri Kalyanam Siva Srinivasa Rao, former MLA Sri Pendem Dorababu offered Pattu Vastrams to Ammavaru. Later, Ganapati Puja, Kalasa Puja along with Ashtottara Shatanamavali for Ammavaru, Varalakshmi Stotras, Shodashopachara Pujas were performed as per scriptures. On this occasion, Vedic scholars explained greatness of Varalakshmi Vratam and narrated Vrata story to devotees. Thousands of women from various parts of constituency participated in Samuhika Varalakshmi Vrata Pujas conducted in four phases. Considering rush of devotees, Police, Temple and Municipal staff, Jana Sena Party volunteers made arrangements in coordination to avoid any inconvenience. Special medical camp was also made available in temple premises to provide medical services in emergency times.Women observed Varalakshmi Vratam in five phasesAs thousands of women devotees thronged to observe Varalakshmi Vratam, Vedic scholars made special arrangements. Considering rush of devotees, women were made to observe Varalakshmi Vratam in five phases. First phase Vrata programme was conducted from 6 AM to 7 AM. Later, second phase was conducted from 7 AM to 8 AM. In third phase from 8 AM to 9 AM, in fourth phase from 9 AM to 10 AM, and fifth phase from 10 AM to 11 AM, Vedic scholars made women observe Varalakshmi Vratams with devotion. As per annual tradition, respecting custom, Sri Pawan Kalyan sent turmeric, kumkum, sarees as Kanuka to Adapaduchulu who observed Samuhika Varalakshmi Vratams.These Kanukas were supervised by Kakinada Rural MLA Sri Pantham Nanaji, Party Kakinada District President Sri Tummala Ramaswamy, Party Programmes Management Committee Chairman Sri Kalyanam Siva Srinivasa Rao, former MLA Sri Pendem Dorababu, public representatives and leaders.

Lord Sri Krishna figure with Tulsi leaves



Jangareddygudem, Eluru District: September 4: On occasion of Krishnashtami, Vennela, Kavya, Reshmi, Geetika, Manga tayar, 8th class students of Zilla Parishad High School, Srinivasapuram in mandal, prepared Lord Krishna figure with Tulsi leaves under aegis of Eluru District Scouts Training Commissioner Sri B Nageswara Rao and conveyed Krishnas htami greetings to all. Headmistress Smt. I Gangadevi and teachers have congratulated them for sample figures made by them.

District Collector Vetri Selvi conducts surprise inspection of hostel



Eluru: September 4: District Collector K. Vetriselvi directed wardens of hostels to take special care for providing minimum facilities to students in welfare hostels. District Collector conducted surprise inspection of Scheduled Castes, Backward Classes and Integrated hostels at local Ameenapet on Thursday evening and inspected facilities being provided to students and food menu. Speaking on this occasion, Collector Vetriselvi said care should be taken to see that students do not face any inconvenience in welfare hostels and food menu should be as prescribed. She said toilets and surroundings should be kept clean and see that mosquitoes do not breed. She said mosquito nets have been provided to hostels and care should be taken to see that students do not fall prey to fevers. She said teach-

ing should be done in hostels to increase educational standards of students and steps should be taken to increase pass percentage in present year than last year. On this occasion, Collector explained adverse effects due to consumption of drugs, road safety rules, girls safety and other aspects. She created awareness among girl students on aspects of calling toll free number 1972 in emergency time and getting protection. Collector told girl students to study hard and strive to achieve high position. Later, Collector inspected cleanliness in kitchen and One Day food materials. JD of Social Welfare Department Y. Viswa Mohan Reddy, ASWO R.V. Srinivasu, hostel welfare officers, staff and students participated in programme.

Coaches, players who secured second position for Eluru district in Amaravati Championship are commendable

Rs. 4 lakh prize money, 38 players winning 38 medals is matter of great pride for district - District Collector K. Vetriselvi participated in Atmiya Vindu for winning coaches, players and instilled more sports spirit in them



Eluru: September 4: Atmiya Vindu meeting was organized on Thursday night at District Collector Camp Office for coaches and players who secured second position for Eluru district in Amaravati Championship. 38 medals for 38 players, Rs. 4 lakh prize money and trophies were presented and congratulated. On this occasion, coaches and players shared their experiences. District Collector had Sahabanti Bhojanam with them. Along with District Collector, District Joint Collector M.J. Abhishek Gowda, Assistant Collector C.H. Sravan Kumar Reddy, Nuzvid Sub-Collector Bollipalli Vinuthna participated. Cultural programmes presented earlier attracted guests very much. Speaking on this occasion, District Collector K. Vetriselvi praised that players who showed excellent talent in state-level Amaravati Championship and collectively secured second position for Eluru district and coaches who guided them behind are very commendable. She said she is very happy and satisfied that Eluru district has been made an example of sports spirit. She said though there was intense competition from various districts across state, it is matter of pride for district that district players excelled with

dedication and secured second position. She said behind victories of players, hard work of coaches, proper training is very important and this feat was possible due to their guidance. She said district administration is always ready to encourage sports, district administration will stand continuously as support to bring out sports talent in rural and urban areas. District Collector clarified that more facilities will be provided so that district talent shines at national and international level in future. She called upon youth to achieve mental cheerfulness and physical strength by excelling in some sport along with studies. District Collector suggested players to practice with aim of first position for Eluru district in future competitions. District Sports Development Officer Syed Abdul Aziz, SETWEL CEO K.S. Prabhakara Rao, District Education Officer M. Venkatalakshamma, Olympic Association Secretary Badeti Ventramayya, PET Association Secretary, Basket Ball Team Coach Vaka Nagaraju, Basket Ball Women Coach K. Murali Krishna, other coaches, District Sports Development Organization staff, players and their family members and others participated in this programme.

Welfare schemes to all eligible MLA Badeti Chanti



Eluru: September 4: District Telugu Desam Party President and Eluru MLA Badeti Chanti revealed that it is aim of coalition government to extend welfare schemes to all eligible. He said they are completing necessary exercise for it and assured that justice will be done to all eligible in all respects. Public Darbar programme was conducted as usual this Friday also at MLA Camp Office in Powerpet, Eluru. On this occasion, people from various areas of constituency thronged. MLA Badeti Chanti affectionately greeted those who came to meet him and received petitions from them. He also personally enquired about their pros and cons. He gave courage saying "I am there". He assured that he will stand by them. In this process, most of them requested to sanction social security pensions to them. MLA Badeti Chanti who received their petitions affectionately assured that he will strive without sparing efforts to sanction pensions to all eligible

in coming days. Speaking on this occasion, MLA Badeti Chanti said after coalition government came to power, not just confining to words, they are showing development on one side and welfare on other side in deeds. He commented that thereby state is moving on path of progress. He said as part of it, they are moving forward with main firm determination to do hundred percent justice to all eligible. On other hand, he revealed that they are providing peaceful atmosphere in state, staying very close to people and implementing transparent policies. MLA Badeti Chanti clarified on this occasion that coalition government has prepared huge plans to sanction social security pensions to all eligible by October 2nd. EDA Chairman Peddiboyina Siva Prasad, District Telugu Desam Party General Secretary Jaggavarapu Mutha Reddy, leaders Nerusu Gangaraju, Lankapalli Manikyala Rao, Arnepalli Tirupati and others participated in programme.

Sale of intoxicant injections in Jangareddygudem

Jangareddygudem, Eluru District: September 4: Illegal sale of intoxicant injections in Jangareddygudem area, gateway to Agency, is creating sensation. Officials busted racket gang of intoxicant injections which came to light on Thursday. People of area are all at once worried as thousands of intoxicant injections were found during inspections of officials on Thursday and Friday. Recently, drug control officials seized thousands of injections kept for sale in a plywood workshop on Bypass Road. Drug control officials and police have registered cases on two medical shops and agencies in town and have taken up full-scale investigation. As thousands of intoxicant injections were found in Agency area, investigation is being intensified in angle of how this harmful intoxicant drug is being used for people. What is loss caused to people due to this. Also whether private hospitals locally have used these intoxicant injections. Drug in-



spection officials and police are now engaged in work of ascertaining who are kingpins behind this intoxicant injections racket.

Honorable Sessions Judge & Chairperson DLSA smt K Sai Ramadevi Coordination Meeting Held for National & special Lok Adalat



KING DAILY NEWS PAPER,,Crime Beuro chief Ameer Hussain: A coordination meeting was held today at the Nampally Criminal Courts complex in Hyderabad, presided over by the Honorable Sessions Judge and Chairperson of the District Legal Services Authority (DLSA), Smt. K. Sai Ramadevi, with all judicial officers of the Hyderabad-Nampally unit. for National lok Adalat on 12/9/26. & Special lok Adalat on 21/11/26""During the meeting, the Honorable

Sessions Judge reviewed various aspects—such as the functioning of the courts within the unit, the disposal of pending cases, the expediting of trials, and the implementation of legal aid programs—and provided necessary instructions and guidelines to the judicial officers.""She advised the officers to work in coordination with one another to ensure the judicial process is conducted more efficiently and to take measures that facilitate the speedy delivery of justice to the public.

Sourav Ganguly returns to TV after 10 years to host Bigg Boss Bangla

Mumbai: Indian cricket stalwart Sourav Ganguly is set to return to television hosting after a decade. This time, he would be seen taking charge of the Bengali edition of the popular reality show Bigg Boss Bangla. Ganguly, who has hosted many television shows during his



after ten years is a wonderful new experience,” Sourav Ganguly said. The former cricketer has previously been associated with television as a host and presenter, but Bigg Boss Bangla marks his entry into the Bigg Boss franchise. Meanwhile, the Hindi edition of Bigg Boss is also

gearing up for its landmark 20th season, with superstar Salman Khan continuing as the host. The new season is set to premiere from September 5, bringing back the franchise’s signature mix of contestants, tasks, confrontations and unexpected twists. The 20th season is being positioned as a special milestone for the franchise, with the makers introducing new elements inside the Bigg Boss house. Among the additions is a two XL room, along with a few more fun elements.

Jackie Shroff remembers Rishi Kapoor on his 74th birth anniversary



Mumbai: Bollywood star Jackie Shroff remembered late Bollywood star Rishi Kapoor on his 74th birth anniversary on September 4. Sharing a collage that celebrates the veteran actor’s enduring legacy, Jackie took to his social media account to remember the Bollywood icon. The collage features a classic still of Rishi Kapoor from his iconic 1980 film Karz, along with a more recent picture of Jackie Shroff and Rishi Kapoor posing together. Jackie Shroff wrote, “Remembering Rishi ji on his birth anniversary! Always in our hearts”, accompanied by a folded-hands emoticons. The actor used Mohammed Rafi’s evergreen track “Dard-E-Dil Dard-E-Jigar” as its background music. The song, composed by Laxmikant-Pyarelal with lyrics by Anand Bakshi, featured Rishi Kapoor in Karz and remains one of the memorable melodies associated with the actor. Talking about Rishi Kapoor and Jackie Shroff, the two actors appeared in the same films, including Azaad Desh Ke Gulam in 1990, Aurangzeb in 2013 and Chalk n Duster in 2016, but they never actually got the opportunity to properly share the frame in scenes together.

Rishi Kapoor, who was born on September 4, 1952, would have turned

74 this year. Born to legendary actor-filmmaker Raj Kapoor and Krishna Kapoor, Rishi Kapoor belonged to one of Hindi cinema’s most influential film families. His first major appearance came as a child actor in his father’s Mera Naam Joker in 1970, in which he played the younger version of Raj Kapoor’s character. His full-fledged debut as a leading hero came with Bobby in 1973 opposite Dimple Kapadia. Over the decades, Rishi went on to star in films including Khel Khel Mein, Rafoo Chakkar, Amar Akbar Anthony, Kabhi Kabhie, Karz, Naseeb, Prem Rog, Chandni, Saagar, Agneepath, Do Dooni Chaar, Kapoor & Sons and Mulk, among many others. The actor passed away on April 30, 2020, aged 67, after a battle with leukaemia.

On the personal front, Rishi Kapoor was married to actress Neetu Kapoor, whom he met while working in films. The couple married on January 22, 1980, and became one of Hindi cinema’s most celebrated on-screen and off-screen couples. They appeared together in films such as Khel Khel Mein, Rafoo Chakkar, Kabhi Kabhie, Amar Akbar Anthony and Besharam. They are parents to daughter Riddhima Kapoor Sahni and son Ranbir Kapoor, who is a Bollywood actor.

Krystle D’Souza, Rida Tharana win The Traitors Season 2



Mumbai: Actress Krystle D’Souza, who, along with Rida Tharana, outplayed the Innocents and emerged as the winner of “The Traitors Season 2”, said she knew over-explaining or getting defensive would give her away. Krystle said: “Being a Traitor sounds glamorous until you actually have to lie every day to people you genuinely like. Since I was a Traitor from the very beginning, I knew over-explaining or getting defensive would give me away.” She added: “So I learnt kab bolna hai, kab chup rehna hai, and when to just smile and sit back. I survived suspicion, accusations, and being thrown under the bus. I even told Karan, ‘Boo ke baad main hi yahaan ki billi hoon,’ and somehow, I kept landing on my feet.” Twenty-one players walked into the palace when the show began. Weeks of murders, betrayals, wrong theories, and brutal ‘Circles of Shaq’ later, two Traitors, Krystle and Rida, walked away with the win. By the finale, Mallika Sherawat, Sahil Salathia, Dalip Tahil, Shalini Passi, Krystle D’Souza, and Rida

Tharana were the last ones still standing, each believing they had survived the palace’s biggest deceptions. Krystle and Rida revealed themselves as Traitors, bringing one of the season’s most unexpected partnerships full circle and proving that while everyone else was busy hunting for deception. Rida added: “If someone had told me on Day One that I would end this game as a Traitor, I would have laughed. I walked in wanting to be an Innocent because I knew I couldn’t lie, but being blackmailed changed everything.” “As a Traitor, I had a clear roadmap to the finale, but the hardest part was dealing with the guilt of playing against people I genuinely cared about. I gave my best as an Innocent, gave my best as a Traitor, and left the finale to the universe.” He added: “I walked into the palace as an Innocent, became a Traitor, and walked out a winner. I couldn’t have imagined a more unexpected ending.” Hosted by Karan Johar, The Traitors Season 2 is now streaming exclusively on Prime Video.

Niharika Chouksey calls for safe Dahi Handi celebrations



Actress Niharika Chouksey, who plays the role of Anu in the television show ‘Tumm Se Tumm Tak’, has spoken up on Janmashtami celebrations ahead of the festival. The actress spoke about the Dahi Handi celebrations, and called for responsible and safe celebrations to avoid any injury. Janmashtami is set to be celebrated on September 4. She told, “Janmashtami is one of the most special festivals for me because it brings together everything I enjoy about a festival, family, tradition, food, celebrations and, most importantly, a sense of togetherness. We usually celebrate it at home with my family with a small puja, and I really enjoy spending that time with my parents. There is something very infectious about the energy and excitement around Dahi Handi, making it one of the most exciting parts of the cel-

ebration. At the same time, I feel we should not lose sight of why we celebrate Dahi Handi in the first place. It comes from the playful and mischievous side of Krishna, who would often try to steal ‘Makhan’, which is why he is lovingly known as ‘Makhan Chor’. The tradition of Dahi Handi celebrates that playful side of Krishna, with people coming together to recreate the joy and excitement of those stories”. She also spoke about a special Dahi Handi sequence in the new track of the show, which she has been filming. Talking about the same, she said, “Interestingly, we are also shooting a Dahi Handi sequence for Tumm Se Tumm Tak, and I am really excited about it. I have been practicing a lot for the stunt myself.

Sheetal Devi headlines India’s challenge at first international para archery event in Ahmedabad



Ahmedabad: Trailblazer Sheetal Devi will be the centre of attention when India’s finest para archers take aim in the country’s first international para archery event, beginning here on Saturday. The third stage of the 2026 Hyundai World Archery Para Series, which will conclude on Wednesday, brings 109 archers from 19 countries to India for a competition that also serves as an important build-up to the Aichi-Nagoya 2026 Asian Para Games. At the forefront of the home challenge is Sheetal, the world No. 1 in compound women and the reigning world champion, who will be competing in front of a home crowd in India for the first time in an international event. The 19-year-old has already established herself as one of the sport’s biggest names despite her young age. Born without arms, Sheetal uses her right foot and shoulder to draw the bow and a specialised release aid held in her mouth to shoot. Her rise to the top has been remarkable. At the Gwangju 2025 World Archery Para Championships, she became the first woman without arms to win a para archery world title, defeating defending champion and Paralympic champion Oznur Cure Girdi of Turkiye 146-143 in the compound women’s final. That world title added to a glittering record that already included a mixed team bronze at the Paris 2024 Paralympics alongside Rakesh Kumar — making her India’s youngest Paralympic medallist at 17 — and two gold medals at the Hangzhou Asian Para Games. Sheetal has also shown that her ambitions extend beyond para archery. In 2025, she became the first Indian para archer to be selected for the country’s able-bodied national squad after finishing third in selection trials for the Asian Cup in Jeddah.

She arrives in Ahmedabad in strong

Kai Havertz opens up on tough Chelsea start, says struggles shaped him

London: Arsenal forward Kai Havertz has opened up about his difficult start to life in the Premier League with Chelsea and said the challenges he faced during his six years in England have shaped him into the player and person he is today. Havertz joined Chelsea from Bayer Leverkusen in 2020 as a highly rated young attacking midfielder but admitted that his first few months in England were far more difficult than he had expected. The German international made the move during the Covid-19 pandemic, with matches being played without fans, but said the intensity and physicality of the Premier League still came as a major shock. “When I first arrived in the Premier League after signing for Chelsea in 2020, I didn’t overthink it. I was young and wanted a new experience. I wanted to leave Germany, test myself, and grow as a player,” Havertz said in an interaction with JioHotstar. “I



thought it might be easier than it turned out to be, but then in my first few games, I realised how intense the league really is. It was during Covid, so without fans, the atmosphere was different, but the pace and physicality were still a shock,” he added. Havertz admitted that he even questioned his decision to move to England during the early stages of his Chelsea career. “For the first few weeks, I questioned if I had made the right choice. I struggled to make an impact and doubted myself. The first four or five months were really tough,” he said.

Johanna Konta defends Aryna Sabalenka after reporter questions US Open activities



New Delhi: Former British player Johanna Konta has defended Aryna Sabalenka after the world No. 1 clapped back at a reporter, who asked her questions about her pre-tournament activities. After her second-round win, Sabalenka was disgruntled by a line of questioning about her activities of the week leading up to the US Open. “How are you finding like your mood once now that the tournament has started? Obviously, last week it’s lots of parties and fun and stuff like that,” the journalist asked. Sabalenka lambasted the reporter, saying “what kind of question did he ask?” “You guys are like a joke. Parties? Fun? Why would you even say that? Why would you even think about that? Like, what kind of question is that? Just because I posted some activities with brands and you think that I’ve been partying?” she said in the press conference. Sabalenka’s comments made headlines around the world and former British No. 1 Konta has leapt to the defence of the two-time US Open winner. “I think this is the perfect example of don’t always believe what you see on social media,” Konta told Eurosport. “I think Aryna will have obligations to the brand that she works with. There is no

doubt that an athlete, and a successful athlete like Aryna Sabalenka, is putting the necessary work in to be as successful as she is.” “And, to be fair, from her point of view, I do think the question was slightly antagonistic in a way, but I think it’s because the press feel like they can get a reaction out of her.” Sabalenka, who is aiming to win her third straight US Open singles title, had little trouble eliminating Iatcenko. The Belarusian struck 24 winners and converted six of her eight break-point opportunities in the 54-minute match. With a win, Sabalenka runs her US Open winning streak to 15 matches, and she has won 22 straight second-round matches in Grand Slam events. Konta said that Sabalenka had good reason to speak out. “I don’t think there’s anything wrong with her explaining herself, or even her standing up for herself in that way, but yes, it definitely does get everyone talking,” Konta added. “I have no doubt that Aryna Sabalenka’s priorities are in check, because that’s what professional athletes do. There are commitments off court, but those commitments off court wouldn’t exist without her on-court results.”

A lesson beyond the game: India stars exchange jerseys and insights with Hong Kong China cricketers

Dubai: The Indian women’s cricket team spent time sharing tactical insights, signing memorabilia, and exchanging playing jerseys with their Hong Kong China counterparts at the conclusion of their 2026 Women’s Asia Cup encounter, which offered a rare glimpse of international camaraderie beyond the competitive arena. Following the match, which India won by 137 runs to enter the semi-finals and was highlighted by a stunning 124 from vice-captain Smriti Mandhana, who now holds records for most runs and centuries in women’s international cricket. After the game was over, members of the Hong Kong China team were invited into the Indian dressing room to interact with the Asian heavyweights. “A memorable post-match catch-up in the dressing room with a lot of smiles, learnings and pictures,” wrote the BCCI on its social media accounts on Friday, while sharing a video glimpse of the meeting. The post-match interaction allowed players from the associate cricketing nation to seek technical advice and guidance from the Indian team. After Smriti addressed all of them in a light-hearted huddle outside the dressing room, off-spin bowling all-rounder Deepti Sharma was seen signing playing jerseys while dis-



cussing bowling variations and practice strategies with the opposition spinners. Elsewhere in the room, wicketkeeper-batter Richa Ghosh, along with Bharti Fulmali, Nandni Sharma, Pratika Rawal, Sree Charani, Prema Rawat, Renuka Singh Thakur, and Shafali Verma, engaged in extended discussions regarding preparation routines and international competition demands. The session also saw several personal exchanges between the captains of both sides, Harmanpreet Kaur and Natasha Miles. Harmanpreet even autographed match balls and signed a match shirt for Hong Kong’s Maryam Bibi before engaging in a traditional jersey swap with Natasha. Both squads subsequently gathered for a joint group photograph to mark the occasion before wrapping up the post-game gathering. India will next take on arch-rivals Pakistan on Saturday, while Hong Kong China will meet the Fatima Sana-led side on Monday.

India need not worry about FCNR (B) repayment: World Bank’s Neelkanth Mishra



Mumbai: India need not worry about repayment of foreign currency non-resident (bank) FCNR (B) deposits when they mature in five years, World Bank Executive Director for India, Neelkanth Mishra, as the instrument is a relatively cheap source of capital that can be rolled over if global financing conditions remain unfavourable. In an interview with NDTV Profit, Mishra said India is getting it at 6.5–7 per cent interest which is, “reasonably cheap capital,” adding that if conditions remain tight when the deposits mature, the country can issue another FCNR(B). “There’s no reason why this should not work again,” the report cited Mishra as saying.India’s special USD-INR forex swap facility drew \$136.4 billion in foreign-currency inflows (as of August 31, 2026), with FCNR(B) deposits accounting for 93 per cent of that amount. FCNR(B) holdings stood at \$127.2 billion, while overseas foreign-cur-

rency borrowings contributed \$5.26 billion and external commercial borrowings \$3.89 billion, Mishra noted. “Every single dollar flow is a liability,” irrespective of source of inflow such as FDI, portfolio investment or other channels, he said. India’s current account deficit must be viewed as a savings-investment gap, rather than as an indication of the country’s economic weakness, he added. “When you have a current account deficit, you are taking on liability. So you are either selling as sets... or you are taking on debt,” he said. The debt could be foreign portfolio investments, private equity investments, external commercial borrowings and foreign investors buying Indian bonds. In terms of external debt position or external debt to GDP perspective, India is a very healthy economy which is growing fast, he said. He mentioned the country’s biggest concern is the ways in which foreign capital is put to use, Mishra noted.

Adani Ports launches dedicated empty container yard at Mundra



Ahmedabad: Adani Ports and Special Economic Zone Ltd (APSEZ) on Friday said it is launching a dedicated Empty Container Yard (ECY) with integrated warehousing at Mundra, offering end-to-end services across the empty container lifecycle, including storage, maintenance, inspection, and seamless movement to exporters and CFSs (container freight stations).As part of its ‘Ambition 2031’ roadmap, APSEZ is making significant investments to expand capacity across its network, with Mundra at the forefront of this growth.India’s largest integrated transport operator plans to add more than 6 million TEUs of container handling capacity over the next five years, said the Adani Group company. “The dedicated Empty Container Yard at Mundra, to be operated by APSEZ and/or partners (including CFS and shipping lines), will enhance efficiency across the container ecosystem by enabling faster turnaround times, reducing unnecessary container movements, and optimising logistics costs,” said Ashwani Gupta, Whole-time Director and Chief Executive Officer, APSEZ.Strengthening trade-enabling in-

frastructure remains central to APSEZ’s commitment towards supporting India’s growth and the vision of Viksit Bharat, Gupta added.Adani Ports commands a 45.5 per cent share of India’s container market as of FY26. Within this, Mundra Port alone handles nearly 35 per cent of the country’s container trade, making it India’s largest container-handling port. The volume of empty containers handled at Mundra is estimated at around 1.6 million TEUs annually, underscoring its critical role in supporting India’s import-export supply chains, said the company. Moreover, the initiative aligns with the government’s focus on developing efficient, technology-enabled logistics systems and improving ease of doing business.Adani Ports operates a comprehensive ecosystem of 16 strategically located ports and terminals with a diversified marine fleet of 136 vessels and integrated logistics capabilities. With a current cargo handling capacity of 653 million tonnes per annum, APSEZ commands approximately 27 per cent of India’s total port volumes, targeting 1 billion tonnes throughput by 2030.

India data centres to add 0.13% to GDP by 2030: Report



New Delhi: The surge in data-centre investment in India is likely to make a modest direct contribution to gross domestic product (GDP), adding 0.13 per cent to it, a new report has said. The report from Moody’s Ratings estimated that data-centre capital expenditure will add nearly 0.10 percentage point to nominal GDP during the construction phase in 2025, with additional investment in power generation contributing roughly 0.03 percentage point.Once facilities are fully operational, the agency projected the sector’s contribution to stabilise at around 0.13 per cent of GDP by 2030, the report added. “India’s planned investment and construction employment are substantial in absolute terms but small relative to the size of the economy,” Moody’s said. The investments are strategically and locally important, however, “not yet large enough to materially change the national growth profile”.The longer-term economic payoff will depend on hinge on the investment triggering supplier localisation, wider cloud adoption, growth in digital-services

exports and development of the broader ecosystem, the ratings agency said.As data centres are highly capital-intensive, construction-related employment from them is likely to be nearly 0.01 per cent of 2025 industry employment, rising to 0.02 per cent once the facilities become fully operational.Long-term employment is likely to remain concentrated in specialised roles. Power availability is unlikely to be a national constraint, the report said, projecting data centres to account for less than 5 per cent of India’s electricity demand by 2030.The estimation suggested that the country is better placed than smaller regional markets to absorb the additional load. The report stressed that timely transmission and distribution links to major data centre clusters remains crucial.India has attracted significant investment in data centre capacity, with domestic conglomerates, global technology companies and smaller independent firms together announcing over \$250 billion in investments.

Rupee gains 5 paise to 94.46 against US dollar in early trade



Mumbai: The rupee gained 5 paise to 94.46 against the US dollar in early trade on Friday, supported by optimism over rising foreign inflows and a rise in risk appetite. Forex traders said the rupee is poised to gain strength, supported by strong underlying inflows and aggressive RBI intervention. However, higher crude oil prices and potential US-Iran tensions could limit further gains.At the interbank foreign exchange market, the rupee opened at 94.53 against the US dollar, then gained ground to touch 94.46, registering a gain of 5 paise from its previous close.On Thursday, the rupee extended its gaining momentum for the fifth straight session appreciating 22 paise to close at 94.51 against the US dollar.India mobilised a record USD 127.23 billion through foreign-currency deposits under a special central-bank programme aimed at bolstering the country’s foreign-exchange liquidity.Including overseas foreign-currency borrowings (OFCB) and external commercial borrowings (ECB), total inflows under the measures reached USD 136.377 billion, according to RBI

data.“Overall, the FCNR story has given the rupee a strong shot in the arm, but the underlying fundamentals still carry their share of risk. 94.00•“94.20 remains a strong support zone. Any negative surprise, especially from the oil front, could pull USDINR back up towards 95.00, 95.50 and eventually 96.00,” CR Forex Advisors MD – Amit Pabari said. Meanwhile, the dollar index, which gauges the greenback’s strength against a basket of six currencies, was trading at 99.05, higher by 0.15 per cent on safe-haven demand amid renewed US-Iran tensions.Brent crude, the global oil benchmark, was trading higher by 0.40 per cent at USD 95.90 per barrel in futures trade, on escalating US-Iran tensions and fears of disruption to oil flows through the Strait of Hormuz.On the domestic equities market front, Sensex jumped 468.64 points to 76,621.50 in early trade, while the Nifty was trading up 42.10 points at 23,915.55.Foreign institutional investors offloaded equities worth Rs 2,345.87 crore on a net basis on Thursday, according to exchange data.

ISRO eyes first uncrewed Gaganyaan mission launch in 2026: V Narayanan

Sriharikota (Andhra Pradesh): ISRO chief V Narayanan on Friday said that “vigorous, systematic work” is underway for the launch of the first uncrewed Gaganyaan mission during this calendar year. The launch of the Earth observation satellite (GSLV-F17/EOS-05) is the first success for ISRO during this financial year, Narayanan said, adding, “The reward for hard work is more work.” Accordingly, the ISRO team, along with industries and other organisations, is working on the first uncrewed Gaganyaan mission. In his address following the successful launch of EOS-05, he said that activities were underway “very vigorously and systematically” for the launch of the uncrewed mission during this calendar



year. Praising Prime Minister Narendra Modi for his leadership, Narayanan said that six more launches, including the navigation satellite NVS-03, are targeted for this financial year. Later, addressing a press conference, the ISRO chief said the Earth observation satellite’s operational lifetime is nine years and dismissed speculation that it was a “spy satellite”.

AP, Telangana to receive rains amid cyclonic circulation in Bay of Bengal



The Meteorological Department has given good news for the people of Andhra Pradesh and Telangana. According to it, cyclonic circulation over Tamil Nadu coast and adjoining southwest Bay of Bengal persists up to a height of 7.6 km above mean sea level. Additionally, trough extends from South Interior Karnataka across Tamil Nadu to Gulf of Mannar at 0.9 km above mean sea level. Under this, southwesterly and northwesterly winds will blow in the lower troposphere over the Andhra Pradesh and Yanam and rainfall in several places in the state. The Meteorological Department said that due to cyclonic circulation, light to moderate rains or thunderstorms are expected at one or two places in North

Coastal Andhra Pradesh and Yanam. It also said that there is a chance of strong winds blowing at speeds of 40–50 kmph in some areas. The same kind of weather is expected in South Coastal Andhra Pradesh and Rayalaseema. Weather in Telangana The department said that a trough persists from South Interior Karnataka across Tamil Nadu to Gulf of Mannar at an altitude of 0.9 km above mean sea level. Under the influence of this, light to moderate rainfall is expected at isolated places in some districts of Telangana today. It also said that light to moderate rainfall is expected at isolated places on Saturday and Sunday as well. Officials say this will relieve the farmers who are waiting for rains.

Officials told to expedite identification of polling stations

Visakhapatnam: Greater Visakhapatnam Municipal Corporation Commissioner Ketan Garg directed officials that no laxity will be tolerated in sanitation management and that continuous field-level monitoring should be undertaken to ensure better sanitation services to the public. He instructed officials to expedite the identification of polling stations and provision of necessary basic amenities in view of the upcoming local body elections. As part of his field inspection conducted on Thursday, the Commissioner, along with north zone zonal commissioner B. Ramu, visited various areas in wards 45 and 48, including Shadikhana, NGOs Colony, Kendriya Vidyalaya and Sonia Gandhi Colony. The Commissioner reviewed door-to-door waste collection, cleanliness of roads and drains,



streetlighting, drinking water supply and other civic amenities. He interacted with local residents and enquired about sanitation and drinking water supply. Later, the Commissioner inspected the attendance register of sanitation workers and found that one permanent sanitation worker and four outsourcing personnel were absent from duties for a prolonged period. He directed zonal commissioners to identify outsourcing sanitation personnel who have remained absent from

Govt reinstates suspended IPS officers

Amaravati: The state government has revoked the suspension of IPS officers Vishal Gunni and Kanthi Rana Tata and reinstated them into service with immediate effect, while clarifying that the ongoing disciplinary and criminal proceedings against them will continue. The government issued separate orders under the All India Services (Discipline and Appeal) Rules, 1969, revoking the suspension of Vishal Gunni and Kanthi Rana Tata. Both officers were suspended in 2024 in connection with the Mumbai based model Kadambari Jethwani case, and their suspensions had been periodically reviewed and extended. The latest extension was valid until September 4, 2026. The decision followed representations submitted by the two officers to the government on August 24 seeking revocation of their suspension. Based on the circumstances reported by director general of police Harish Kumar Gupta, the government decided to reinstate them. The orders, however, make it clear that the reinstatement is without prejudice to the ongoing disciplinary and criminal proceedings. The action against



the officers stems from allegations relating to the arrest and alleged illegal detention of film actress Kadambari Jethwani. The case originated from a complaint lodged by YSRCP leader Kukkala Vidyasagar on February 2, 2024, following which the Ibrahimpatnam police registered FIR. Jethwani was subsequently arrested in Mumbai on February 3. After the NDA government led by Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu assumed office, Jethwani lodged a complaint alleging illegal detention by police personnel. Based on her complaint, the Ibrahimpatnam police registered FIR in October 2024, leading to action against several police officers. The CID investigation into the allegations is continuing, and a charge sheet is yet to be filed.

Naidu puts alliance on poll alert as local body elections near

Amaravati: Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu has said to have set an October or November deadline for completing the local body election process in state, directing ministers to take responsibility for ensuring the victory of NDA alliance candidates. The issue figured prominently in the political discussions surrounding Thursday’s Cabinet meeting chaired by Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu, with ministers-in-charge being asked to focus on the elections and work towards securing victories for alliance candidates. The proposed sequence is to hold municipal elections first, followed by MPTC and ZPTC polls and then gram panchayat elections. The government is keen to complete the process within this year, rather than allow any local body elections to spill over into 2027. The immediate challenge is clearing legal and administrative hurdles, particularly cases related to SIR and BC reservations. Efforts are expected to be made to resolve the litigation and remove other impediments to enable the polls to proceed. Also Read Six-decade canal bund housing crisis resolved Advertisement The political importance attached to the municipal elections is particularly significant for the ruling alliance. With the urban polls likely to be among the first tests of the government’s performance after two years in office, the results could



provide an early indication of public sentiment towards the NDA administration. Against this backdrop, minister for IT and HRD Nara Lokesh held a breakfast meeting with ministers before the Cabinet meeting. Election preparedness, particularly in urban areas, was among the key issues discussed. The ruling party leadership is also seeking to make government delivery a political advantage. Lokesh indicated that new pensions for eligible beneficiaries would be distributed in phases from October, while ministers were asked to focus on how government decisions and welfare measures are being received in urban constituencies. The TDP leadership is simultaneously preparing to counter the YSRCP’s political narrative on social media. Ministers have been asked to respond quickly to what the government considers misleading or malicious campaigns, particularly on education, welfare and BC, SC and ST-related issues. Also Read Cabinet nod for ‘4,054-cr rural water push in state Chandrababu has also sought greater involvement of district in-charge ministers in resolving local problems. They have been asked to identify complicated issues and coordinate with the concerned departments rather than allowing them to remain unresolved. Land-related grievances are another area of focus. The government is looking at issuing pattas for land already in people’s possession but without formal documentation. The ruling alliance is also increasingly conscious of the political influence of younger voters. The leadership has stressed the need to communicate directly with Gen Z, particularly through facts about government programmes and development, amid growing political competition on social media. The election preparations come as the government expects Central funds to be linked to the completion of the local body election process.