

Making decades-old bridge dream true, foundation laid for construction

Foundation stone laid amid cheers of Marrivalasa people
Happiness over fulfilling election promise
Bridge construction with Rs. 6 crore 50 lakhs
Panchayat building constructed with Rs. 10 lakhs inaugurated - Minister Kondapalli Srinivas



Gajapathinagaram: September 6: Minister for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises, Rural Poverty Alleviation and Pravas andhra Empowerment Relations Kondapalli Srinivas said he is happy to lay foundation for construction making decades-old bridge dream of Marrivalasa people in mandal true. On Sunday amid cheers of Marrivalasa people, Minister Kondapalli Srinivas laid foundation stone for road and bridge construction to be taken up with funds

of Rs. 6 crore 50 lakhs from Andhra R&B Road to Marri valasa. Minister Kondapalli Srinivas inaugurated Marri valasa Gram Panchayat building constructed with Rs. 10 lakhs. On this occasion villagers gave grand welcome to Minister Kondapalli Srinivas. Speaking on this occasion, Minister Kondapalli Srinivas said he is happy to lay foundation stone for bridge construction works which is long-cherished desire

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AP JAC welcomes CM's concessions, pressures govt for IR

Amaravati: AP JAC Amaravati welcomed Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu's decisions regarding Pay Revision Commission (PRC) and Dearness Allowance (DA), but, AP JAC Amaravati State chairman Bopparaju Venkateswarlu and secretary general Paliseti Damodara Rao expressed disappointment over the omission of Interim Relief (IR). In a press release on Saturday, the leaders said that following urgent discussions, the leadership acknowledged several positive measures, including appointing a 12th PRC Commissioner, releasing pending DA instalments from October 1, 2026, and clearing 2022

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Naidu for faster SC/ST atrocities case trials



Amaravati: Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu on Saturday directed officials to expedite the investigation of SC/ST (Prevention of Atrocities) Act cases to ensure punishment to

the guilty at the earliest. The Chief Minister made it clear that the system should function in a manner that prevents misuse of law while ensuring that those

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YSRCP accuses Andhra government of blocking social media accounts over DSC recruitment allegations

Amaravati: The YSR Congress Party on Sunday slammed Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu for what it called a dictatorial attitude in blocking all the social media accounts that were exposing the DSC scam, affirming that the move confirms the irregularities. Addressing the media at the YSRCP's central office at Tadepalli, official spokesperson Putta Siva Shankar said that the more Chandrababu Naidu tries to suppress the rising tide of public opinion against DSC, the more will be the resolve to expose it further. He condemned the move of blocking the social media handles of YSRCP and



its supporters. The exposure of a person getting the job without writing the mandatory TET exam and giving a go-ahead to the reservation policy, besides the sports quota sham, has scared the government, and its fear has prompted the blocking of social media posts in the country, he alleged. With the ir-

regularities in DSC gaining steam and moulding public opinion against the government, the state has used the Cyber Crime Wing to complain to the Meta Company to block the Facebook, Insta, and other social media platforms from Sakshi media group to that of the party and its sympathisers, he said, adding that the move only confirms that there were irregularities in DSC right from notification to conduct of exams and recruitment, more so in the sports quota. Such meek steps would not deter the YSRCP from exposing the irregularities in other platforms and also will tell the Meta Com-

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Favourable market conditions give relief to tobacco farmers

Amaravati: Agriculture Minister K Atchannaidu has said that the market conditions for the 2025-26 FCV tobacco auctions across the state are gradually improving, with a decline in "no-bid" lots and increased competition among buyers pushing up prices. In a statement on Sunday, the Minister said that the government had been continuously monitoring the auction process on the directions of Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu to ensure better market access and remunerative prices for tobacco farmers. He said he was regu-



larly reviewing the auctions and coordinating with officials to address farmers' concerns. As of September 4, about 86.59 million kg of FCV tobacco had been sold over 132 auction days. Against the permitted

crop size of 142 million kg for the season, production was estimated at around 236 million kg. The average price so far stood at Rs 209.83 per kg, compared with the final average of Rs 248.86 per kg last year. Atchannaidu said the substantial increase in production had created a surplus and exerted pressure on the market. However, buyer response and competition had improved significantly in recent auctions. "No-bid" lots had declined to around 11-12 per cent on average, while at some auction plat-

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MBBS admissions: Injustice to meritorious reserved students alleged

Amaravati: The YSRCP Doctors Wing has alleged that meritorious reserved-category students were denied consideration for Open Category seats in the 2026-27 MBBS admissions conducted by Dr NTR University of Health Sciences and demanded immediate corrective action. YSRCP Doctors Wing president Dr Ambati Naga Radhakrishna Yadav and state secretary Dr Prabhu Das claimed that in the AU region, where the Open Category cut-off rank was 71,547, 43 reserved-category candidates with better ranks were allotted reserved seats instead of being considered under the Open Category. Similarly, in the SVU region, where the Open Category

cut-off was 94,966, they alleged that 27 higher-ranked reserved-category candidates were denied Open Category consideration. Yadav said reservation was intended to ensure representation and should not pre-

vent a reserved-category candidate who qualifies on merit from being considered under the Open Category. He said such a practice would be contrary to Supreme Court principles.

AP Govt orders probe into Kurnool SGT teacher appointment

Amaravati: The school education department on Saturday ordered an official inquiry into allegations surrounding the appointment of Ediga Prabhakar as an SGT (Telugu) under the sports quota in the Mega DSC-2025 recruitment in Kurnool district. The department



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Kshaya Masa
and its pro-
found relevance

The traditional Indian system of time-keeping (Kala Gana) is far more than a secular table of dates and months. It is a precise, scientific bridge that connects the cosmic paths of the Sun and Moon, the seasonal rhythms of nature, and the daily dharmic life of human beings. The mathematics of the Indian almanac (Panchanga) plays a pivotal role in translating complex astronomical occurrences into structural guidelines for our daily and seasonal prayers. While most of us are familiar with the ‘Adhika Masa (extra month)’ added to synchronize our lunar calendars, there exists an even rarer, highly intricate calendar adjustment known as the ‘Kshaya Masa’ (Dropped or skipped month). Based on contemporary research and classical astronomical texts, leading astrologers confirm that an exceptionally rare ‘Pushya Kshaya Masa’ is manifesting in the upcoming lunar Keelaka (2028-2029) year. Tracing the Vedic Seeds, physical causes, and everyday religious rules surrounding this dropped month is quite interesting. The primary baseline for this comprehensive study is drawn from the research papers presented and discussed threadbare by premier calendar architects at the ‘Telangana Vidwat Sabha Conclave’ held recently in Hyderabad, under the leadership of Telangana Vidwat Sabha Secretary Divya Jnana Siddhaanti and Treasurer Darshanam Marumamula Venkatarama Sarma. The panchanga relies on a combined Luni-Solar model. According to the foundational ‘Surya Siddhanta,’ a standard solar year spans 365.258756 days, while a standard twelve-month lunar year totals only 354.367055 days. This creates an annual deficit of roughly 10.891701 days between the sun and the moon. When this difference accumulates to equal about a full month (roughly every three years), a lunar month without a solar transit (Sankranti) is created and labelled an ‘Adhika Masa’ to reset the seasonal clock. Conversely, when the sun moves so swiftly that it crosses two distinct zodiac boundaries within the span of a single lunar month (from one new moon to the next), it creates a Kshaya Masa or ‘Dvi-Sankranti Masa’ (Dual-Transit Month). Therefore, it is vital to know that a dropped month does not mean thirty days are physically wiped out from existence. It simply means that a particular lunar month name (in this case, Pushya) is denied its own exclusive, independent new-moon-to-new-moon slot, causing it to merge into the surrounding months.

The concept of a dropped month is not a modern astrological invention. The ancient scriptures say that honouring a thirteenth conditional month and its rightful place in sacred rituals is a routine matter. According to commentarial traditions, a special year that hosts a dropped month produces three unique monthly characteristics to balance the cosmos. They are classified as: Samsarpa, Amhaspati, and Adhika Masa. The transit-less month that arrives before the Kshaya Masa, because it glides along the normal calendar track without causing disruption, is called Samsarpa (the glider). The dual-transit Kshaya Masa itself, given the sacred Vedic title of ‘Amhaspati.’

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of Marrivalasa people as per promise given in election campaign. He said under Telugu Desam Government, under leadership of then MLA Dr. K.A. Naidu, foundation was laid for construction of bridges for movement of villages Konisa, Patruvada, Marrivalasa where Champavati flows. As part of it, young leader Nara Lokesh completed Konisa, Patruvada bridges and inaugurated them. He said when Chief Minister Chandrababu came for Datti tour in constituency, he requested to sanction funds for Sarvagadda Reservoir for constituency and bridge construction in Marrivalasa and Jami mandal and Chief Minister immediately announced largesse. He said for pending Marrivalasa bridge construction, Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu and Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan with special focus with cooperation of Central Government sanctioned SASKI project funds. Minister Kondapalli Srinivas said taking his grandfather Paiditali Naidu as ideal, he is moving forward with aim of developing constituency. He said even though YSR wave blew across then united Andhra State in 2004 elections, people of constituency are main reason for grandfather Paiditali Naidu winning as MP. He suggested people should also notice that welfare and development programmes required for all sections of people are being provided in Alliance Government. He also said Gram Panchayat building was also constructed for convenience of village people. He said Primary Health Centre in Gajapathinagaram will be completed within year and good doctors will be arranged and better treatment will be provided. Minister called upon to mandatorily educate all children in village, good future can be obtained only through education and family lifestyle will change through education. He said young leader Nara Lokesh is bringing many companies to State for creation of jobs. He said Mentada, Gajapathinagaram, Puritipenta road construction is being taken up. Also, as villagers brought to notice of Minister Kondapalli that Anganwadi and school building in village reached dilapidated condition, he promised to take up building constructions by next year. Minister said orders will be issued to RTC officials to make bus stop at Marrivalasa stage for students. Minister Kondapalli called upon to make Alliance leaders who are doing good for people win in upcoming local elections and only then development is possible. TDP Polit Bureau member Gantyada Sridevi speaking said laying foundation stone for this bridge construction is proof that Minister Kondapalli Srinivas does not speak words, he does deeds and shows. AMC Chairman PVV Gopala Raju speaking said previous YCP Government ignored development and pushed State to downfall and Alliance Government works for people. BJP leader Reddy Pavani speaking said credit of realizing decades-old dream goes to Minister Kondapalli Srinivas. She said Minister with great foresight made children cut ribbon for bridge construction and it is happy to lay foundation for future generations' future. Makkuva Sridhar speaking said laying foundation stone for long-awaited bridge construction shows sincerity of Telugu Desam Party. PACS Director Kumar speaking said steps should be taken to take up repairs of Andra Reservoir for crops of farmers. Many villagers speaking said they do not know whether it is dream or reality, they thought bridge construction for Marrivalasa village movement convenience will remain as dream, with bridge construction future of our children will change along with transport facility for education and medical will be fast, they said with tears of joy. They praised Minister Kondapalli as equal to God who fulfilled wish of devotees for people of our village. Alliance leaders, officials, public representatives and villagers participated.

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surrendered leave values by Sankranti. Additional benefits include extra surrendered leave for police personnel by Dussehra and the restoration of pension increments for retirees aged 70 and above starting January 2027. Furthermore, the Employees' Health Scheme (EHS) will be streamlined via monthly payments to the NTR Vaidya Seva Trust, totaling an annual state expenditure of Rs 2,880 crore.

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pany about the mischief being played by the coalition and will try to restore the accounts, he asserted. We will also help all the sympathisers and influencers in every possible manner to restore their respective accounts and provide the needed legal aid, he added. Meanwhile, reiterating the demand for a CBI inquiry into the irregularities in the DSC 2025 and the resignation of Education Minister Nara Lokesh, the YSRCP has said that the coalition is fearing exposure and is shunning the probe. Addressing the media at Rajahmundry on Sunday, YSRCP Youth Wing President Jakkampudi Raja said that strong proofs have emerged exposing the irregularities in DSC and there are no answers to the pointed questions of party chief Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy, which vouch for the fact that the irregularities are open to public glare. The manner in which sports quota was used to sell teacher posts which was obvious with audio leaks that had fixed the price, the manner in which jobs were given to candidates who did not qualify for the mandatory TET exam, denying jobs to national level players and giving jobs to persons who came up with just participation certificates of not so popular games shows how shoddy the conduct and recruitment was done, he said. Raja said that Jagan Mohan Reddy, as the Chief Minister, had recruited lakhs of candidates in Village and Ward Secretariats in a single go, and not a single fault was found, which shows how transparent the process was.

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forms they were below 1-2 per cent. Around 10 million kg of tobacco was currently being marketed every week, with rising competition among buyers supporting better price realisation. The highest price recorded was Rs 329 per kg in the NLS region, while SLS and SBS recorded maximum bids of Rs 255 and Rs 252 respectively. The Minister said the Tobacco Board was closely monitoring the marketing process in coordination with farmers, manufacturers, exporters, and traders. Monitoring committees comprising farmer and trade representatives had also been formed, while senior officials were visiting auction platforms to resolve field-level issues. Highlighting lessons from the current season, Atchannaidu said the permitted FCV tobacco crop size for Andhra Pradesh for 2026-27 had been sharply reduced from 142 million kg to 81 million kg. The move aims to align production with market demand and prevent an excessive marketable surplus. He said awareness would be created among farmers to restrict cultivation to the permitted quantity. The government, he added, would continue monitoring the auctions until completion and take all steps required to safeguard the interests of tobacco farmers.

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who commit offences are duly punished, said an official press release. “Expedite the investigation of SC/ST (Prevention of Atrocities) Act cases to ensure punishment to the guilty at the earliest,” it said, quoting the CM. A state-level high-power committee on the implementation of the SC/ST (Prevention of Atrocities) Act and the welfare of these communities was held at the Chief Minister’s camp office. Naidu called for a special study into the relatively high number of atrocity cases against SCs and STs reported in Guntur, Anantapur, East Godavari and Prakasam districts. He directed officials to examine not only the number of cases but also their nature, the reasons behind them and the time taken for their disposal. The CM expressed dissatisfaction over 131 district-level meetings that are still pending. He directed officials to understand the problems faced by SCs and STs at the grassroots level and take appropriate measures for their resolution. As two and a half decades have passed since the Justice Punneya Commission submitted its report, the Chief Minister ordered a comprehensive study of the conditions prevailing at that time and the changes that have taken place since then. He stressed that all departments should work in coordination to ensure not only the economic empowerment of SCs and STs but also to build their confidence. The CM called for efforts to achieve inclusive growth with the participation of all sections of the society. Naidu stressed the need to give special attention to the education of students from SC and ST communities and prepare them to compete for admissions in prestigious institutions such as IITs and IIMs. The Chief Minister criticised certain political parties for allegedly creating controversies over positive initiatives, claiming that they were doing so with the intention of preventing SC and ST students from pursuing education and progressing in life.

Public Grievances Redressal Platform on 7th of this month

District Collector Dr. G. Lakshmisha

District Collector Dr. G. Lakshmisha said District administration is taking special steps to provide speedy and transparent solution to problems of people of district. As part of it, he revealed that 'Public Grievances Redressal Platform' will be organized at Sri Pingali Venkaiah Meeting Hall in Collectorate. Collector said Public Grievances Redressal Platform will be organized on Monday, September 7 from 10 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. He said officials belonging to various departments at district level will participate in this programme and directly receive petitions from people. He said this platform will be useful for people to bring their problems to notice of officials and take necessary steps for their solution. Collector suggested that people should clearly mention name, full address, mobile number along with comprehensive details related to problem while submitting petitions related to their problems. He said supporting documents related to problem and other relevant documents should be attached along with petition. He suggested those who have already complained on same problem in past should bring their old petition receipt/complaint receipt with them. He said this will give opportunity to examine details of old complaint and take further steps quickly. District Collector said Government has made SMS services available so that people can easily know status of their petitions. He said steps are being taken to make information related to complaint redressal process available from time to time. Collector said people who cannot attend Collectorate personally and submit petition can also utilize 1100 toll-free call centre services being provided by Government to bring their problems to



notice of officials. Similarly, he said there is opportunity to register their complaints online also through meekosam.ap.gov.in website. District Collector said there is opportunity to receive petitions from people also in Division, Mandal offices and Municipal offices to provide services more closely to people for receiving petitions. He suggested people can approach concerned offices near their area and register problems. District Collector Dr. G. Lakshmisha appealed to people to make proper use of this opportunity being provided by Government for solution of public problems. He said by submitting petitions with complete details related to problems and supporting documents, it will be possible to examine them quickly and solve as per rules. Collector directed district level officials that every petition received from people should be examined by concerned officials and necessary steps should be taken for problem solution. He said main aim of District administration is to provide transparent and accountable services to people.

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said it had taken suo motu cognizance of media reports published over the past week alleging irregularities in Prabhakar's selection and posting at MPPS (New), Vallur, in Kowthalam mandal. Following the allegations, the district educational officer (DEO), Kurnool, initiated an official inquiry and called for all relevant recruitment records and verification files for detailed scrutiny. The school education department said that once the inquiry find-

ings are received, the competent authority will take appropriate action strictly in accordance with the applicable recruitment and service rules. The clarification assumes significance amid the political controversy over alleged irregularities in the Mega DSC-2025 recruitment process, particularly regarding appointments made under the sports quota. The department, however, said it remains committed to absolute transparency, merit-based selection and uncompromising integrity in the Mega DSC-2025 recruitment process.

India-France partnership reaches new heights, says PM Modi

New Delhi: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday said India-France relations have reached new heights and this strategic partnership is particularly special because it rests on the solid foundation of long-standing cultural and political ties. Addressing virtually the inauguration of the Swaminarayan temple in Paris, PM Modi hoped that the grand temple in Paris will stand for centuries as a symbol of cooperation and opportunity between both the nations. "In recent years, relations between India and France have reached new heights. Together with my friend, President (Emmanuel) Macron, both nations are building a Special Global Strategic Partnership," he said. The prime minister said that from technology, AI, and defence to space and climate action, India and France are moving forward together with new momentum and energy. "We are also celebrating 2026 as the India-France Year of Innovation. This strategic partnership is particularly special because it rests on the solid foundation of our long-standing cultural and political ties," he said. PM Modi said history bears witness that the sacrifice of Indian soldiers in France remains alive in the hearts of people to this day. "Language enthusiasts also know the pivotal role French scholars played in popularising Sanskrit. Romain Rolland's writings on Ramakrishna Paramahansa and Swami Vivekananda brought our societies closer," he said. Furthermore, the prime minister said, the spiritual journey of 'The Mother' from Paris to the Sri Aurobindo Ashram in Puducherry has inspired countless Indian and French seekers. He said decades ago, Srila Prabhupada Swami also visited France, opening a new chapter in spiritual connections through ISKCON.

'Naturelinq' as platform for nature-based products

Naturelinq store launched under auspices of Musafibr



Vijayawada: September 6: With aim of providing eco-friendly and environment-friendly products to people and providing employment opportunities to rural women, 'Naturelinq – Your Natural Lifestyle Destination' store set up under auspices of Musafibr was grandly launched in Vijayawada. For this inauguration programme, AP Horticulture Assistant Director Sri M. Venkateswarlu, AP Tourism Assistant Director Smt. Naidu and District Tourism Officer Dr. Kolleti Ramesh attended as chief guests and inaugurated Naturelinq store. Also, Sri Sridhar Babu and Sri Venkat Reddy belonging to Health Department and Krishna Horticulture Assistant Director Smt. Jyothi participated in programme and conveyed their best wishes to Naturelinq. Speaking on this occasion, AP Horticulture Assistant Director Sri M. Venkateswarlu said it is appreciable that Musafibr and Naturelinq founders Sri P. Srinivasulu and Smt. Chi. Anandakumari are encouraging nature-based products and providing employment opportunities to rural women. He said they will extend their cooperation for development of Musafibr, Naturelinq and will cooperate to encourage marketing of their products not only at national level but also worldwide. Speciality of Naturelinq Naturelinq – Your Natural Lifestyle Destination is a special brand that

brings nature, tradition and sustainable lifestyle onto one platform. Handmade paper, baskets, bags, mats, ropes, handicrafts, household items, natural fibre products and environment-friendly alternative products made with natural fibres like banana, bamboo, water hyacinth, sisal, jute and coconut are available here. Main aim of Naturelinq is to convert natural resources into value-based products without wasting them. Especially, organization is working to provide additional income opportunities to farmers and rural women by collecting fibre from stem and waste materials left over in banana crop and making various value-based products. Musafibr is already providing training in making natural fibre-based products to women in rural areas of Andhra Pradesh and working to convert their skills into employment opportunities. Through these programmes, it is moving forward with aim of Local Resources – Local Skills – Global Market along with women empowerment. Founders of organization said their aim is to bring Naturelinq products more widely available to people in future and to bring recognition to Indian natural fibre products in international market. Naturelinq is moving forward with thought of "Connection with Nature... Creation with Tradition... Empowerment with Rural Women... Natural Products to Global Market".



Telangana CEO seeks three-week extension of SIR, final voter list may be delayed



Hyderabad: Telangana Chief Electoral Officer C Sudharshan Reddy has sought extension of the ongoing Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls by three weeks. As the claims and objections phase will conclude on September 16, the Telangana CEO on Saturday wrote a letter to Election Commission of India seeking permission for extension of the schedule. If the deadline is extended, the final voter list is likely to be published either in the last week of November or in the first week of December. Earlier, in a letter to the Chief Election Commissioner of India Gyanesh Kumar, Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy had said a one-month window for claims and objections would

not suffice and sought extension by four weeks. In addition, he sought three to four weeks to each elector who was served notice to reply and produce papers. As per the current schedule, claims and objections on draft electoral roll can be filed up to September 16, while the notice phase and disposal of claims and objections will continue up to October 15. The final electoral roll publication is scheduled for October 19. Meanwhile, SIR notices were issued to 47.79 lakh voters till the last count on Saturday. According to officials, 32.39 lakh of the electors who were served notices could not appear for the hearings. So far, hearings were completed for 5,74,504 voters across the State.

Congress faces challenges from youngsters over Telangana cabinet expansion

Hyderabad: With speculation over a cabinet expansion and reshuffle of portfolios doing the rounds for the past few days, the Telangana Congress appears to be on sticky ground, with both senior and younger MLAs vying for ministerial berths. Several senior MLAs have already been making rounds in New Delhi, seeking to impress upon the AICC leadership the need to consider their names for cabinet berths. At the same time, junior and first-time legislators in the party are also hoping to find a place in the expanded cabinet. The aspirations of younger MLAs have gained momentum after Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy announced that resolutions would be passed in both the Assembly and Legislative Council seeking a reduction in the minimum age for becoming an MLA, MLC or MP. Book Walking Tours Though the Congress government is aware that such resolutions alone would not be sufficient to bring about a change in the minimum age, the move is seen as an attempt to score brownie points with the younger generation. Against this backdrop, the names of a few younger MLAs, including Naveen Yadav and Yashaswini Reddy, are doing the rounds in Gandhi Bhavan. Though the State leadership has made no announcement in this regard, there is a buzz that younger MLAs may have to be accommodated in the cabinet expansion or reshuffle to appeal to youngsters, according to a senior party leader. Meanwhile, following the removal of Warangal East MLA Konda Surekha from the cabinet, senior MLAs are leaving no stone unturned to ensure that their names figure in the list of new ministers. The sudden appearance of Munugode MLA Komatireddy Rajgopal Reddy at the public meeting in Nakrekal on Saturday is being seen in this context. In the past, Rajgopal Reddy had remained absent

from several programmes attended by the Chief Minister as the chief guest. Apart from him, TPCC president Mahesh Kumar Goud, Speaker Gaddam Prasad Kumar, Devarakonda MLA Balu Naik and Dornakal MLA Ramchander Naik are among those being considered for ministerial berths. Following Konda Surekha's removal, there are currently three vacancies in the cabinet. The State leadership will have to strike a balance between community, regional and age considerations while accommodating both senior and younger aspirants. This is where the Congress is facing a challenge. Sidelining younger MLAs could invite criticism from the younger generation, while giving priority to senior aspirants could upset other contenders from different communities. With all these factors at play, the Telangana Congress leadership appears to be walking a tightrope over the cabinet expansion.

Indian Economy book useful for competitive exams youth Minister Kondapalli Srinivas



Vizianagaram: September 6: Minister for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises, Rural Poverty Alleviation and Pravasandhra Empowerment Relations Kondapalli Srinivas said Indian Economy book will be very useful for unemployed youth who are preparing for competitive examinations for achieving Government jobs. This book, designed to comprehensively provide required aspects for various competitive examinations conducted by State Government along with Group-1, Group-2, was unveiled by Minister at his camp office on Sunday. This book prepared under auspices of R.S. Reddy organization was published by R.S. Reddy Publishing House. Book author R.S. Reddy said sample of this book is available on R.S. Reddy Institute website and YouTube. He said this study material is designed to provide required information at one place from competitive examinations point of view along with being useful for revision and examination preparation. Speaking on this occasion,

Minister Kondapalli Srinivas said thousands of unemployed youth across State are preparing for various competitive examinations for Government jobs. He said it is appreciable to bring quality study material comprehensively providing required aspects for them in form of book at such time. He said candidates need to increase extensive understanding on those aspects. He wished youth to utilize this opportunity and move forward in achieving Government jobs. Book is designed in easily understandable manner for candidates analysing important aspects in various fields from examinations angle. Minister appreciated that bringing comprehensive study material available in useful manner for them at time when thousands of unemployed youth are preparing for competitive examinations is good effort. In book unveiling programme, book author Sri R.S. Reddy, former ZPTC Makkuva Sridhar, Dr. Velamala Srinivasa Rao participated.

Better services should be provided to farmers Name of Meesala Babai should be upheld Anji Murthy as Chairman of Lift Irrigation Scheme Chintalapudi MLA Songa Roshan Kumar

Eluru District, Kamavarapukota: September 6: Chintalapudi MLA Songa Roshan Kumar suggested to newly elected Sangha Chairman Kanthamaneni Anji Murthy to provide better services to farmers through Sri Ganta Hanumantha Rao Erra Kalava Lift Irrigation Scheme. It is known that Kanthamaneni Satyanarayana (Meesala Babai) who was acting as Chairman of Lift Irrigation Scheme died recently. In his place, meeting was held under chairmanship of Sangha Vice President Manukonda Devasutudu as per orders of MLA Roshan Kumar and it was informed that Kanthamaneni Anji Murthy belonging to Kanthamaneni Varigudem village under purview of Sangha was unanimously elected

as Chairman. On this occasion, new Chairman Anji Murthy after assuming responsibilities met MLA Roshan Kumar courteously and thanked him. Speaking on this occasion, MLA Roshan Kumar suggested to work befitting name of Meesala Babai under purview of Sangha and to be available to farmers and provide better services. Former MLA Ghanta Murali Ramakrishna along with Mandal TDP President Kilaru Satyanarayana, Society President Ghanta Madhava Rao, Regunta Suresh, Gorinka Dasu, Bethina Venkata Rao, Ghanta Satyambabu, Konduri Raja, Directors of Lift Irrigation Scheme and Alliance leaders congratulated Anji Murthy who was elected as Chairman.

Minister Kondapalli Srinivas felicitates retired teacher

Minister for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises, Rural Poverty Alleviation and Pravasandhra Empowerment Relations Kondapalli Srinivas felicitated Kolli Ramanamma who worked as teacher in Chillapalem Mandal Parishad School, Jami mandal, Gajapa thinagaram constituency and retired from service. He met courteously at Swagriham of Ramanamma W/o Randhi Arjun Mahesh in Vizianagaram and felicitated with shawl. Speaking on this occasion, Minister Kondapalli Srinivas said he wishes that she should spend remaining life cheerfully and enthusiastically with family members after retirement. Along with Minister, TDP senior leaders Kondapalli Kondalarao, Gantyada TDP Mandal President Kondapalli Bhaskara Naidu and others participated.



Farah Khan gets emotional as triplets Diva, Anya and Czar leave for college

Mumbai: Filmmaker and choreographer Farah Khan got emotional as her triplets, Diva, Anya and Czar, embarked on their college journeys in different cities. Sharing a glimpse of the bittersweet milestone on Instagram, Farah reflected on the challenges of sending not one but three children off to college. Sharing photos, the director wrote, “If u thought moving ur kid to college was hard.. try doing it 3times! 3 cities, 3 campuses..3 goodbyes! 3pieces of my heart Jao jee lo apni zindagi.. but remember , all roads lead back to Dad & mom.. to @shirishkunder for doing everything except cming in the family pics.. p.s. – @divakunder u know why i chose this song.”The first image shows Farah sharing a warm hug with her son Czar, while the other photos capture her sweet and candid moments with her triplets. The doting mom also added the song ‘Kabhi Alvida Naa Kehna’ to the post, perfectly capturing the emotional moment. Reacting to her post, Sunita Kapoor commented, “Faru making me cry.” Shilpa Shirodkar wrote, “Love you Farah congratulations to the babies and trust me they will come back being the Best Version of Themselves.” Rhea Kapoor wrote, “i can’t believe they are so big.” Bhavana Pandey, Soha Ali Khan, Diana Penty among other actors dropped heart emojis.Back in May, Farah Khan



and Shirish Kunder celebrated a major milestone as their triplets, Diva, Anya and Czar, officially graduated from school. Farah took to Instagram to share pictures from the graduation ceremony held at Dhirubhai Ambani International School in Mumbai. Alongside the images, she had written, “Don’t know which is tougher.. raising your kids or letting them go!? They can fly as high as they dream .. there ll always be a nest waiting for them #graduation #bittersweet p.s- its impossible to find all 3 kids n a husband whn taking pics.”

Salman Khan tells Manoj Tiwari’s daughter ‘baap pe mat jaana’ on Bigg Boss 20



Mumbai: Bollywood superstar Salman Khan, who is set to host the 20th season of the reality show ‘Bigg Boss’, had a fun banter with actor politician Manoj Tiwari, and his daughter on the sets of the show. A new promo released by the makers shows Manoj Tiwari walking on to the ‘Bigg Boss 20’ stage as he sings the song ‘Rinkiya Ke Papa’. It then cuts to Manoj Tiwari, who was a contestant during the show’s 4th season telling Salman that he is on the show not to participate but to drop off his daughter Rihiti Tiwari. Rihiti Tiwari then appeared on stage prompting a reaction from Salman. The superstar told her, “Ghar ke andar, ande lo lekar kabhi fight nahi karna (Do not fight over eggs when inside the house)”. He added, “Ae baap pe mat jaana. (Don’t talk about my father)”, as Manoj covered his face. Rihiti cracked a ‘baap’ joke in return, making her father and Salman crack up. Salman was referring to the infamous fight between Manoj and Dolly Bindra in ‘Bigg Boss 4’ over eggs. Manoj wanted an omelette for breakfast, Dolly Bindra wanted him to finish the leftovers first, leading to a fight. The moment when

Manoj said, “Kitchen kisi ke baap ka nahi hai (The kitchen doesn’t belong to anyone’s father)”. Dolly responded with, “Baap pe bolna nahi (don’t talk about my father)”. It has since become a meme. Salman Khan kickstarted the shoot of the upcoming 20th season of Bigg Boss ahead of its premiere on September 6. During the shoot, the actor appeared visibly irritated with the paparazzi at one point while posing for photographs. In a video from the sets, Salman can be seen posing for the paparazzi while asking them to maintain a proper distance from the stage. When the situation continued, he told them, “Yeh mera kaam nahi hai. Mujhe camera ke aage aane ki koi zarurat nahi hai (This is not my job. I don’t need to come in front of the camera)”. Towards the end of the clip, when the paparazzi continued asking him to pose, the actor appeared irritated and responded with an irritated tone saying, “Photos... photos... photos”. Though what exactly triggered him is not clear. For the uninitiated, Salman has been the face of Bigg Boss ever since he took over as host with Season 4 in 2010, replacing Amitabh Bachchan.

‘Mirzapur: The Movie’ makes strong box office debut with Rs 30.90 crore

New Delhi: “Mirzapur: The Movie”, featuring actors Ali Fazal, Divyenndu and Pankaj Tripathi, among others, has earned over Rs 30 crore on its opening day at the box office. The film, which released on Friday, marks the first big-screen outing for the “Mirzapur” universe, which began as a streaming series in 2018 and went on to become one of India’s most successful OTT franchises over the course of three seasons. According to trade tracking website Sacnilk, the film has earned Rs 30.90 crore gross at the domestic box office. The film brings back the lawless world of Mirzapur, where the battle for power continues amid a barrage of bullets, betrayals and bloody rivalries. The movie is set in 2018, hinting at an untold chapter from the first season of the show. It also features Rasika Dugal,



Shriya Pilgaonkar, Shweta Tripathi and Abhishek Banerjee, who are reprising their roles. It is presented by Amazon MGM Studios and Excel Entertainment.

Helly Shah says she saw herself evolve as artiste while working on ‘Chumbak’

Mumbai: Actress Helly Shah, who is gearing up for the release of his upcoming streaming series ‘Chumbak’, has said that she saw herself evolve as an artiste while working on the show. The show marks her full-fledged comedy role. While she has earlier done some work in the space of comedy, it was her part in ‘Chumbak’ that offered her an opportunity to step into a different realm. The actress spoke with IANS along with Arjun Bijlani, Anant Joshi, Delnaaz Irani and Amyra Dastur during the promotions of the show in the BKC area of Mumbai. She recollected how she was offered the part. She told IANS, “For me, this character is very different. I have done some work in the space of comedy but a character like Twinkle, I don’t think I’ve ever touched it. While playing this part, I realised I could do comedy. I could at least try. Because as Anant said, whatever we did was based on what the makers narrated to us. He’s actually extracted everything from all of us. And it’s been a pleasure because I explored this comedy side of me which I didn’t know existed. Or I could even try doing it. I have seen myself evolve while shooting for this show”. “It was just so precious because the makers called me and said that it is happening. It was Navratri, and I was getting ready to play Garba”, she added. Earlier, the actress had opened up on her



transition from television to OTT, and how she navigated the path. For actors transitioning from television to other mediums, breaking away from preconceived notions can often be one of the biggest challenges. Having built a strong fan following through television, Helly acknowledged that being labelled a “TV actress” is something many actors continue to face even after exploring new formats. ‘Chumbak’ is set to release on September 10 on Netflix.

Farah Khan reveals AR Rahman made Masakali for 'Om Shanti Om' and not 'Delhi 6'

Mumbai: Director and choreographer Farah Khan revealed that Oscar-winning composer AR Rahman had made the 'Masakali' track for her movie 'Om Shanti Om'. Farah recently visited the farmhouse of celebrated music director Vishal Dadlani for her YouTube vlogs. As the two talked about their decades-long professional association, Farah shared that she had approached music director AR Rahman for her movie 'Om Shanti Om' before Vishal-Shekhar finally came on board. She said that A R Rahman had composed the popular 'Masakali' track for her movie. Taking a trip down memory lane, Farah remembered telling Vishal that she would be approaching A R Rahman for the music of 'Om Shanti Om', and in case things did not go as planned, she would like to shift to Vishal and Shekhar. Farah said during the vlog, “The first song which Rahman made for Om Shanti Om was Masakali! I don’t know where I was going to put it but I love that song and



love that word.” Vishal had hoped that it would work out with A R Rahman, suggesting that he and Shekhar could assist him on the project. Vishal even made a light-hearted comment during the vlog that even if he and Shekhar had not worked on 'Om Shanti Om', the project would still have great music. To this, Farah said that the music for the drama was epic due to them. “The big, masala music that was in 'Om Shanti Om', is the only one. This is the last one! The traditional masala Bollywood musical is this one. Even now I get reels explaining how we made 'Dhoom Tana' without AI at that time when there was no AI.

Osaka battles through nagging Achilles injury to reach US Open pre-quarters



New York: Two-time US Open champion Naomi Osaka spoke about a “nagging” Achilles injury she has been carrying “since the grass season” after her third-round win over Elise Mertens at the US Open 2026. 13th-seeded Osaka was tested and pushed to the limits against 23rd-seeded Belgian Mertens at the Louis Armstrong Stadium. She recovered from 2-4 in the third set and from a break down in the deciding set, and needed a medical timeout. “I wouldn’t say it’s a big injury, but it’s been something that I’ve been dealing with since grass season,” Osaka said after her win over Mertens, as quoted by ATP. “It’s always this nagging thing, and it’s never really gone away.” She staged a comeback in the third set, holding her serve at 3-4 before calling for the medical timeout. Attention turned to her left calf during the brief break as the physio attended to the Japanese player. “Honestly, I really hate calling physios during matches, because, aside

from the obvious, I feel like it just kind of makes the opponent think you’re injured, and then it’s this whole psychological thing,” Osaka said. Osaka won the next three games and clinched the match on her fourth match point, reaching the pre-quarterfinals. “I mean, she rubbed Tiger Balm on it, and I guess that helped.” “In the third set, I was just being really overly critical, and then it got to a point where I was just like, ‘OK, just fight for everything,’” Osaka explained. “See if (Elise) is going to close it out on her terms. Like, I started pushing a lot, because I wanted to see if she had the guts to hit winners and go for it,” she added. Osaka sustained an injury to her right foot, which ended her run at Bad Homburg when she was forced to retire from the final against Karolina Muchova in June. She will now face current Australian Open champion Elena Rybakina in the pre-quarterfinals and has less than 48 hours to recover from her injury.

New Delhi gears up for BRICS Summit 2026 with grand makeover



New Delhi: New Delhi is set for a grand makeover ahead of the BRICS Summit 2026, with the NDMC planning to install decorative and welcoming elements at prominent locations across the city as part of its preparations to greet international delegates, it said on Sunday. NDMC Chairman Manoj Dwivedi shared glimpses of the planned installations, highlighting the civic body’s efforts to give the capital a vibrant and welcoming look for the global summit. “At some places, something like this will be installed by the NDMC to welcome delegates to BRICS 2026,” he stated. As part of the preparations, civic authorities have stepped up work across the BRICS Summit venue, VIP routes, major roads, markets and hotel areas. The measures include enhanced sanitation, green landscaping, maintenance, branding and decorative illumination. The NDMC has undertaken decorative illumination at 17 major roundabouts, 11 hotel premises and 10 NDMC buildings to enhance the visual appeal of key areas ahead of the

international gathering. The civic body has also installed floral boards at 15 locations and developed floral fountains at nine locations. More than 15,000 flower pots are being placed across New Delhi as part of the beautification drive. Special sanitation and maintenance arrangements have also been put in place along important routes and public spaces. The focus is on ensuring that roads, public areas and other prominent locations remain clean and well-maintained during the summit. The coordinated preparations cover multiple civic services, including sanitation, horticulture, landscaping, infrastructure maintenance and city illumination, with the NDMC seeking to create a consistent and welcoming appearance across areas likely to be visited by international delegates. The preparations are aimed not only at ensuring smooth civic management during the BRICS Summit but also at showcasing New Delhi’s infrastructure, cleanliness, greenery and urban aesthetics to an international audience.

Coco Gauff beats Cristina Bucsa to reach US Open fourth round for fifth straight year



New York: Coco Gauff kept her US Open campaign on track with a 6-3, 6-4 win over Cristina Bucsa on Saturday, reaching the fourth round for a fifth consecutive year and extending her winning streak to nine matches. The fourth seed was made to work early after Bucsa raced to a 3-1 lead at Arthur Ashe Stadium. Gauff responded by winning five of the next six games, closing out the opening set with a big serve that the Spaniard could not return. The second set remained tight until Gauff broke for a 4-3 advantage. Bucsa immediately levelled, but Gauff won the final eight points of the match to seal her place in the last 16. It was not Gauff’s cleanest performance. She landed fewer than half of her first serves and served six double faults, but remained effective behind her first delivery, winning 20 of 27 points when it landed. Her defence and movement again proved decisive, while she converted four of nine break-point chances and won 15 of 22 points at the

net. Gauff acknowledged that she initially struggled to find her rhythm in the day-time conditions but adjusted as the match progressed. “She’s a tricky player. She can sometimes speed it up and slow it down. So it was tough for me to get a rhythm, but I’m just happy with how I fought through even when I wasn’t playing my best.” The result continues an impressive run for Gauff, who won the Cincinnati title last month. Eight of her nine victories during the streak have come in straight sets. Her next challenge will be another American teenager, Iva Jovic, who earned her first appearance in the US Open fourth round by beating Alexandra Eala 7-5, 3-6, 7-5 in a three-hour battle on Arthur Ashe Stadium. Gauff and Jovic have already met once this year, with Gauff prevailing 5-7, 7-5, 6-2 on clay in Rome. The winner of their rematch will advance to the quarter-finals, with Gauff seeking her first US Open quarter-final appearance since 2023.

Iva Jovic beats Alexandra Eala to reach US Open fourth round, sets up Coco Gauff clash

New York: Iva Jovic advanced to the US Open fourth round after being pushed through a three-set battle. She ended Alexandra Eala’s run with a 7-5, 3-6, 7-5 victory after more than three hours on Arthur Ashe Stadium. The 18-year-old American overcame an early third-set setback to turn the deciding set into a gripping exchange of aggressive shot-making and extended rallies. Eala moved 2-0 ahead after breaking in the opening game of the third set, but Jovic immediately responded. The American later recovered another break and established a 4-2 lead, only for Jovic to launch another comeback. Jovic levelled at 4-4 with a precise winner and then moved ahead after a running forehand volley. Although Eala saved the first match point and held to make it 5-5, Jovic regained the advantage with an ace before completing the victory when Eala sent a forehand into the net. The win takes Jovic into the fourth round of her home Grand Slam for the first time, where she will face Coco Gauff. She struck 44 winners and converted nine of 17 break points, while also winning 12 of 15 points at the net. Eala produced 34 winners and won 16 of 25 points when moving forward but could not match Jovic in the crucial exchanges. Earlier, Iga Swiatek overcame No. 25 seed Marie Bouzkova 7-6 (3), 7-6 (3) in 2 hours and 27 minutes to reach the fourth round for a sixth consecutive year. The Pole had to navigate a match full of momentum swings and breaks but held her nerve in both tiebreaks. Bouzkova served for the opening set at 6-5 before Swiatek forced



the breaker and took control. The Czech then threatened to extend the contest in the second set, holding three set points at 6-5, but Swiatek saved the danger with a volley winner before dominating the second tiebreak. Despite winning only 60 per cent of her first-serve points and being broken five times, Swiatek compensated with an effective all-round display. She hit 35 winners, won 15 of 17 points at the net and took 64% of points against Bouzkova’s second serve. Swiatek will next face Zheng Qinwen, against whom she owns a 7-1 record.

Indian stock market outlook: Crude oil, bond yields, US jobs data to drive volatility next week



Mumbai: The Indian stock market is likely to remain sensitive to global cues next week, with crude oil prices, rising bond yields, stronger-than-expected US jobs data and foreign investor flows emerging as key factors that could shape investor sentiment. Renewed tensions between the US and Iran, uncertainty over the reopening of the Strait of Hormuz and shifting expectations around US interest rates are expected to keep volatility elevated. The benchmark indices ended higher on Friday, but surrendered most of their intraday gains and closed near the day's lows after the closing auction session (CAS). The Sensex gained 363 points to close at 76,515, while the Nifty rose more than 24 points to finish below the 23,898 mark. The broader market performance remained mixed, with the Nifty Midcap 100 slipping into negative territory, while the Nifty Smallcap 100 managed to end in the green. One of the biggest concerns for investors heading into the new week is the renewed rise in crude oil prices. Oil gained around 8 per cent during the week after the US and Iran exchanged strikes following a month-long lull, reviving fears of a supply disruption as the Strait of Hormuz remains shut for oil transit. The prolonged disruption has also prompted a reassessment of crude price expectations. Citi has raised its average Brent crude price forecast for the third quarter to \$86 a barrel from its earlier estimate of \$80, citing expectations of a longer-than-anticipated timeline for the reopening of the Strait of Hormuz. Higher oil prices

could put additional pressure on inflation and corporate costs in oil-importing economies such as India. Investors will therefore closely monitor developments in the Middle East and any indications of when normal oil shipments through the strategic waterway could resume. Another major concern is the sharp rise in global bond yields. A bond-market selloff of a scale not seen in decades has pushed yields across several major economies to multi-year highs. Markets are currently dealing with a combination of oil-driven inflation, expectations of tighter monetary policy and deteriorating fiscal conditions. The rise in crude prices and fuel costs has increased inflationary pressures while also pushing up government borrowing costs globally. At the same time, investors are assessing the possibility that tighter financial conditions could weigh on economic growth if there is no meaningful easing in inflationary pressures. US monetary policy expectations could add another layer of volatility. A stronger-than-expected US jobs report has brought the possibility of a September interest-rate hike back into focus, creating a difficult policy choice for Federal Reserve Chair Kevin Warsh amid pressure from US President Donald Trump for lower borrowing costs. US employers added 162,000 jobs in August, almost three times the number expected by economists. The labour force participation rate also increased to 61.6 per cent. Despite the larger pool of available workers, the unemployment rate remained at 4.1 per cent.

RBI approves LIC's plan to acquire up to 9.99% stake in ICICI Bank

New Delhi: The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has approved state-owned insurer Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) to acquire an aggregate holding of up to 9.99 per cent of the paid-up share capital or voting rights in ICICI Bank, the private lender said in a regulatory filing on Saturday. ICICI Bank said it received a copy of the RBI's approval letter — dated September 4 — at 9:09 pm on the same day. The approval allows LIC to acquire the stake within one year from the date of the RBI approval letter, failing which the approval will stand cancelled. However, the approval is subject to certain conditions, including compliance with applicable statutory and regulatory provisions, the bank said. Moreover, the central bank's nod does not mean LIC has immediately increased its holding in ICICI Bank to 9.99 per cent. Any acquisition will have to be undertaken in accordance with the conditions laid down by the central bank and other applicable regulatory norms, according to the private bank. In a separate development last month, RBI had approved LIC's application to acquire up to 9.99 per cent of HDFC Bank's paid-up share



capital or voting rights. HDFC Bank had said LIC held 4.11 per cent of its total share capital as of August 14. The approval for ICICI Bank gives LIC flexibility to increase its holding in the private sector lender, subject to applicable regulatory and statutory requirements. Shares of LIC on Friday ended at Rs 415.25, a decrease of more than one per cent on the BSE. The stock has touched a 52-week high of Rs 468.30 and a 52-week low of Rs 361, according to the exchange. While ICICI Bank shares closed at Rs 1,423, down 0.14 per cent on the aforesaid exchange. The stock recorded a 52-week high of Rs 1,479.90 and a 52-week low of Rs 1,187.55.

Nifty support at 23,800, resistance at 24,200; Sensex key levels at 77,000–78,000



New Delhi: Indian equity benchmarks are likely to remain in a cautious trading zone in the coming week, with the Sensex facing resistance around 77,000–77,500 and a stronger hurdle at 78,000, while the Nifty faces resistance in the 24,000–24,200 range, analysts said on Sunday. On the downside, analysts see 23,800–23,600 as an important support zone for the Nifty and warn that a sustained break below these levels could intensify selling pressure. Indian equity markets ended the week on a cautious note, extending their corrective phase as elevated crude oil prices, renewed geopolitical tensions and uncertainty over the global interest-rate outlook weighed on investor sentiment. Although the benchmark indices recovered on Friday and snapped a four-session losing streak, the gains remained limited amid continued foreign investor selling and concerns over higher energy costs. On Friday, the 30-share Sensex gained 362.57 points, or 0.48 per cent, to close at 76,515.43. Twenty of its constituents ended in positive territory, while 10 stocks declined. The index surged as much as 730.28 points, or 0.95 per cent, during the session to hit an intra-day high of 76,883.14. Also Read Short-term market outlook remains weak Advertisement The Nifty also recovered, rising 24.25

points, or 0.10 per cent, to finish at 23,897.70. The index crossed the 24,000 mark during the session and touched an intraday high of 24,005.75. However, it gave up most of its gains during the newly introduced Closing Auction Session and ended with only a marginal rise. According to the experts, the 77,000–77,500 zone is likely to act as an immediate resistance for the Sensex, while the 77,700–78,000 range remains a key hurdle. "A decisive and sustained move above 78,000 could strengthen the recovery and open the way towards 78,500–78,800," a market expert stated. "On the downside, the Sensex's recent weakness means investors will continue to watch its immediate support levels closely. A failure to sustain buying momentum near the current levels could keep the benchmark within its broader corrective and consolidation phase," an analyst mentioned. For the Nifty, analysts said 23,800 remains an immediate and crucial support level. Holding above this zone would be important to prevent further deterioration, while a decisive break below 23,800 could increase selling pressure and drag the index towards 23,600. "The 24,000–24,200 band is likely to remain a key resistance area, and sustained trading below 24,000 could keep selling pressure intact," a market expert noted.

APPU re-elects Dr Vinaya Prakash Singh as Secretary General for 2nd consecutive term

New Delhi: The government on Sunday said that Dr. Vinaya Prakash Singh has been re-elected as Secretary General of the Asian-Pacific Postal Union (APPU) for a second consecutive four-year term. A 1988 batch officer of the Indian Postal Service, he was declared elected unopposed by acclamation at the 14th APPU Congress held in Bangkok on September 4, according to Ministry of Communications. "His re-election reflects the confidence and consensus of postal administrations across the Asia-Pacific region in his leadership and is a significant recognition of India's contribution to international postal cooperation. His second term will commence in January 2027 and continue until December 2030," the ministry said in a statement. The Department of Posts also congratulated Dr Singh on his re-election, wishing him a successful and impactful second term as Secretary-General of the Asian-Pacific Postal Union. With a career spanning more than three decades, Dr Singh has held several senior positions in the government, including Member of the Postal Services Board, Senior Deputy Director General and Chief Vigilance Officer in the Department of Posts, Chief Postmaster General, Uttar Pradesh Circle, and Chief General Manager at India Post Headquarters. He has



also undertaken assignments with the Union Public Service Commission, the United Nations Development Programme in Afghanistan and the Army Postal Service Corps. An accomplished academic, he was a Gold Medallist in Modern History from the University of Allahabad and holds a Ph.D. in Management from the Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi. The re-election comes at a time when the APPU continues to play an important role in strengthening postal cooperation across the Asia-Pacific region. Headquartered in Bangkok, the Union is an intergovernmental organisation comprising 32 member countries and functions as a Regional Union of the Universal Postal Union (UPU), the United Nations specialised agency for the postal sector. Since assuming the position in January 2023 following his first election at the 13th APPU Congress in 2022.

Jagan seeks Nara Lokesh’s resignation over alleged DSC 2025 recruitment irregularities

Amaravati: YSRCP Chief and former Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister, YS Jagan Mohan Reddy, on Saturday accused current Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu of “censoring” the questions being raised over the alleged District Selection Committee (DSC) 2025 recruitment scam and other “failures” of the Telugu Desam Party (TDP)-led state government, by “blocking social media accounts” and “deleting posts”. Jagan Mohan Reddy demanded an independent probe by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) in the alleged exam irregularities and sought the resignation of state Education Minister Nara Lokesh for the purported scam. In a post on social media platform, the YSRCP Chief said: “The DSC 2025 recruitment scam is unravelling day by day, with fresh evidence and facts surfacing from different parts of the state, exposing serious irregularities and raising questions that the N. Chandrababu Naidu-led TDP coalition government must answer. Instead of answering these questions and agreeing to a CBI inquiry

to bring out the truth, the TDP coalition government is denying an independent probe and choosing to silence the voices raising these questions.” He alleged that social media posts and accounts of opposition parties, media platforms, social activists and individuals raising their voices against the DSC recruitment scam on Meta’s social media platforms, Facebook and Instagram, are being restricted, removed or geo-blocked, with Meta citing “legal requirements”. “Anyone questioning the TDP coalition government over corruption, failures, broken Super Six and Super Seven election manifesto promises, high-handedness or abuse of power is being targeted,” the YSRCP Chief added. Invoking the Freedom of Right to Speech and Expression, Jagan Mohan Reddy said: “When you cannot answer the questions, you silence the questioners. This is not governance; this is censorship”, while asserting that no government has the right to “muzzle” the Opposition, media, activists or citizens merely because their



questions are “politically inconvenient”. Questioning Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu for “denying” a CBI inquiry into the DSC 2025 recruitment scam, the former Chief Minister asked: “How can you justify yourself when you had given teacher jobs without even having to write DSC exams? How can you justify yourself when you had given teacher jobs without even passing TET (Teacher Eligibility Test)?” “Sports quota Government Orders (GOs) were issued and then cancelled post-recruitment. Yet, candidates appointed under those GOs remained recruited,” Jagan Mohan Reddy

added, remarking that all these “reeked of corruption”. The YSRCP Chief demanded that every social media account, post and piece of content restricted in the “censorship drive”, be immediately restored and clear answers be provided to the Opposition and the citizens. “I also challenge Chandrababu Naidu and his government: if you claim the DSC 2025 recruitment was clean and transparent, order a CBI investigation. Let an independent investigation establish the truth. Education Minister Nara Lokesh must take responsibility for the alleged irregularities and resign from his post,” he said.

Andhra Pradesh: Transport officials caught red-handed by ACB, taking Rs 2.5 lakh bribe



Amaravati: Andhra Pradesh’s Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) have seized over Rs. 2.5 lakh cash during the surprise checks, conducted against officials of the Transport Department in SPSR Nellore district. The ACB said on Sunday that acting on credible inputs regarding collection of illegal gratification from vehicle drivers by the officials of the Transport Department, the agency sleuths conducted surprise checks at Musunuru Toll Plaza, National Highway-16, Near Kavali, SPSR Nellore district on the intervening night of September 5 and 6. During the surprise check, it was noticed that Banavath Gopi Naik, MVI, District Enforcement, Nellore district, was allegedly collecting illegal gratification from vehicle drivers at the Toll plaza, with the assistance of two Home Guards and one private driver, using a KIA Seltos car. During the searches, the cash found lying on the roadside was secured and counted in the presence of the mediators, and an amount of Rs.68,800 was found, the ACB said in a release. Thereafter, the KIA Seltos car of MVI was searched in the presence of the mediators, during which Rs.1,80,000 cash was found concealed in the dicky of the vehicle. The said amount, which was found to be unaccounted for and suspected to be connected with illegal gratification, was seized

by the DSP, ACB, Nellore Range, in the presence of official mediators, for further enquiry, the anti-graft agency said. The ACB has urged the public to report any instances of corruption in government departments to their respective local ACB offices or ACB toll-free No.1064 or ACB mobile No.94404 40057 or ACB email ID complaints-acb@ap.gov.in. The details of informants will be kept confidential, it said. There have been several complaints of Transport Department officials demanding bribes in different parts of the State. In March, 2026, the ACB had conducted surprise raids at multiple locations linked to Assistant Motor Vehicle Inspector (AMVI) Pillutla Lokanadha Prasad, posted in Machilipatnam, in connection with a disproportionate assets case. Acting on credible information that the officer had amassed wealth beyond his known sources of income, the ACB registered a case under the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 (amended 2018). Officials had seized property documents, electronic gadgets and other incriminating material. According to ACB, the accused officials owned three houses in Vijayawada, a site at Gunadala, and 2.75 acres of agricultural land in Munagala village, Suryapeta district, Telangana.

RINL to sell over 450 plots in Vizag



Visakhapatnam: The Central government plans to sell a large amount of urban land belonging to Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Limited (RINL) in Visakhapatnam. The sale will be conducted by the National Land Monetization Corporation (NLMC). An online auction will be held for 459 plots covering a total area of 93,572 sq. yards. According to the invitation to tender issued by the NLMC, online bidding will be held on October 12 and 16 through RailTel’s E-Nivida e-procurement platform. The Central government is carrying out the sale to generate value from surplus and non-core business assets held by Central Public Sector Undertakings. The lands to be auctioned are located in HB Colony, Maddilapalem, Autonagar and Gajuwaka areas. These lands will be available for purchase by individual buyers, developers and commercial users through the government-sponsored online bidding process. The auction includes 456 MIG and LIG residential plots in HB Colony. According to the Central government, the plots put up for auction have clear titles. Interested

individuals or entities must first complete online registration and complete the KYC process to participate in the auction. An earnest money deposit (EMD) of Rs 2 lakh will be required for each plot. In this regard, a banner was displayed at Union Bank of India Steel Plant branch, a public sector bank. When contacted, the Visakhapatnam regional officer said that Union Bank of India is displaying banners in its branches in the states of Andhra Pradesh, Telangana and Bhubaneswar zonal office for the information of the public and is providing loan facility to the individuals or institutions who have secured the plots at the highest price in the auction as per their eligibility. Union Bank officials have been asked to contact Hemant Kumar (mobile number 79798 48314) or Suresh (mobile number 98663 63007) for loan facility. For further details of loan facility, mobile numbers 79798 48314 or 98663 63007 can be contacted or official website of RINL (<https://www.vizagsteel.com>), NLMC 166 (<https://nlmc.dpe.gov.in>) can be accessed.

Congress slams officials over negligence at Vinayaka Sagar

Tirupati: Tirupati Urban District Congress president Gowdapera Chittibabu criticized the Municipal Corporation, police, and Vinayaka Nimajjana Committee for filling Vinayaka Sagar with water without removing accumulated silt. He stated that failing to desilt the pond prevents hundreds of large and small clay Ganesh idols from sinking properly during nimajjanam, hurting devotees’ religious sentiments. Chittibabu also opposed the police directive restricting immersions to a three-day window, warning it would create severe rush and chaos. He demanded that the new Municipal



Commissioner and police officials immediately intervene, clean the pond, and ensure smooth arrangements for devotees.