

TD Meet: Lokesh Bats for Door-to-Door Campaign

Vijayawada: The Telugu Desam party has kick-started a two-day training programme to party leaders in the name of TDP's Leadership Conclave held at its headquarters of Mangalagiri in Guntur on Monday. The party's national president and chief minister N Chandrababu Naidu, national working president and minister for education N Lokesh, ministers, politburo members, public representatives



and other leaders garlanded the statue of TDP founder and former chief minister NT Rama Rao and paid rich tributes to

him. The conclave aimed to discuss 10 issues -- including co-ordination between the government and the party, efficient usage of resources, preparation for the local body polls, impact of El Niño; and feedback on the implementation of welfare schemes and developmental projects at the ground level from the public representatives. Lokesh opined that the leaders who take up door-to-door cam-

paigns would be having better chances for their political success. Regular interaction with the people would also help to develop close association with them, including the young generation, he said. He underscored the need to give recognition to those who work at the local levels for strengthening the party. Meanwhile, finance minister Payyavula Keshav gave a

Vijayasai Reddy announces about new party, outlines vision, says he is not CM candidate

Former Rajya Sabha MP Vijayasai Reddy, has stated that there is a new political party that would soon be launched in Andhra Pradesh. In an pre conference in Vijayawada, he disclosed some vital information about the flag and program of the upcoming party. Reddy criticized the current scenario of politics in Andhra Pradesh, stat-



ing that despite the fact that TDP, YCP, and Jana Sena are

the dominant political forces, they do not concentrate completely on people's problems. "The present scenario in the state demands one more political party," he said. On this occasion, Vijayasai Reddy leveled serious allegations against the major parties. He described the TDP as the "Red Book Party"

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Venkateswara temple marks 10th anniversary with grand celebrations

Tirupati: Devotees turned up in large numbers as the Sri Venkateswara Temple at TTD Employees Colony in LS Nagar of Tirupati marked its 10th anniversary with a series of special religious programmes on Sunday. The celebrations began with traditional rituals and continued through the day, with devotees participating in the Sudarshana Homam and Srivari Kalyanotsavam. The ceremonies were conducted with religious devotion and followed established traditions. Temple archaka Srinivasa Charyulu performed the rituals under the guidance of temple trust chairman SK Subramanyam and secretary Mohan Raju. Trust board



members SK Siva, SK Ashok and Rupesh Varma also attended the programmes and helped oversee the arrangements. The anniversary celebrations drew a large gathering of devotees, who witnessed the special rituals and took part in the religious activities. As part of the occasion, free meals arranged for the devotees who attended the celebrations .

Yogi Adityanath Offers Prayers at Tirumala



Tirupati: Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath offered prayers to Lord Venkateswara at the Tirumala temple on Monday evening. On his arrival, the TTD officials and priests accorded him a traditional welcome with temple honours. He later had darshan of Lord Venkateswara and performed special prayers. The priests presented him with

theertha prasadam and sesha vastram. Speaking inside the temple, Adityanath said he was blessed to have darshan at Tirumala, describing it as a sacred place of Lord Vishnu. He appreciated the temple's arrangements, cleanliness and spiritual atmosphere and prayed for Lord Venkateswara's blessings on Andhra Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh

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Job opportunities for ex-servicemen in TTD Selection process on September 9 in Vijayawada District Sainik Welfare Officer Y. Eswara Rao

Vijayawada: September 7: In-charge District Sainik Welfare Officer Y. Eswara Rao in a statement on Monday said opportunity is being provided to ex-servicemen living in Krishna and NTR Districts to get job as Security Executive in Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanam (TTD), Tirumala. He said Army Welfare Placement Organization (Secunderabad) .. in cooperation with AP Sainik Welfare Department is conducting this selection process for ex-servicemen belonging to Krishna, NTR, Guntur, Bapatla, Eluru and Alluri Sitharama Raju districts. He said selection process for Security Executive posts will start from 6 AM on September 9 at PB Siddhartha Arts and Science College ground in Mogalrajapuram, Vijayawada.

He said candidate's age should not exceed 50 years at time of joining duty after selection. He suggested eligible ex-servicemen to attend selection process with sports / running shoes. He said ex-servicemen attending selection process should bring original Aadhaar card, PAN card, ex-serviceman ID card, Discharge Book, Bank Passbook, 10th class marks memo and 8 original passport size photos. He suggested to bring two sets of xerox copies of all certificates also. He said free single accommodation will be provided along with salary of Rs. 24,743 per month to selected ex-servicemen. In-charge District Sainik Welfare Officer Y. Eswara Rao requested eligible ex-servicemen to make proper use of this job opportunity.

Problem solving is first priority

PGRS as platform for solving public problems
It is responsibility of officials to provide quality services
171 petitions for district level PGRS: District Collector Dr. G. Lakshmisha

Vijayawada: September 7: District Collector Dr. G. Lakshmisha said all should become partners in conducting more effectively Public Friendly Public Grievance Redressal Platform (PGRS) which is being conducted most prestigiously by State Government to directly know problems of people and solve them within stipulated time, and work without compromise in quality of petition solving. District level PGRS programme was held on Monday in Collectorate Sri Pingali Venkayya Conference Hall. In this programme, Collector Lakshmisha along with



Joint Collector S. Ilakkiya, DRO M. Lakshmi Narasimham and others received petitions from people. Total 171 petitions were received in this

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Rs 17k-cr donation to six unknown Gujarat parties raises concerns

The Bharatiya Janata Party-led governments at the centre and in Gujarat will find it difficult to explain how six Gujarat-based registered unrecognised and unknown political parties received Rs 1,700.78 crore in donations in 2023-24. This amount was Rs 200 crore more than the total income of five non-BJP national parties. This was even though the six parties hardly put up candidates. This is the finding of a BBC Hindi investigative report. To be sure, this is still a media report; nothing has been officially established, as no inquiry has been conducted. But then, this begs the question: why? If there is even an iota of truth in the news report, the Union and state governments should have been aware of it. Worse, the needle of suspicion points towards the BJP, for Gujarat is its bastion, having ruled it for three decades. For some reason, this news has not hit the media headlines, but this doesn't mean that it will necessarily fade away. For instance, Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) Rajya Sabha MP Sanjay Singh has accused the BJP of large-scale corruption, citing alleged donations to six small political parties; the quantum of money they received, according to him, was much higher at Rs 5,500 crore during 2023-24. He went on to claim the "six unknown political parties" were the biggest channel for laundering black money. "... this money didn't go to these parties but to BJP through them. These parties have no existence. Also Read NHRC flags gaps in detection of bonded labour in Gujarat, plans advisory and SOP Advertisement Discover more India News Portal News Geographic Reference They fielded only 15 candidates combined in the Lok Sabha polls," he said, adding that these were BJP's dummy parties. The revelations about half-a-dozen unknown parties come at a time when the Narendra Modi regime is buffeted by various cases of corruption and financial irregularities. Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Mohan Yadav's family and their real estate businesses, according to a newspaper report, "acquired at least 137 plots spanning 168 acres in Ujjain for Rs 45 crore in two years since December 2023—mostly in areas benefiting from road projects and land-use changes his government announced." There is the IDFC scam in Haryana. In Uttar Pradesh, the shoddy state of the Kanpur-Lucknow highway shortly after its inauguration has also been covered by the mainstream media. The fact that the owner of the company that made the road is the brother of a BJP MP has also raised questions about the saffron party's commitment to propriety in public life. There is the big issue of donation theft in Ayodhya's Ram temple, with several Hindutva elements suspected of involvement. And, of course, the NEET row reeked of venality and incompetence, which resulted in something unprecedented—the resignation of a Union minister, Dharmendra Pradhan, under pressure. Since Modi's presence is oversized in governance, the recent revelations have brought his promise of clean government under a cloud. The claim 'Na khaaunga, na khaane doonge' doesn't sound very convincing today. It is time the BJP, and its ideological mentor RSS, realises that the days of dominating the political narrative by raising emotive issues are over.

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presentation on the Swarna Andhra Vision-2047 document, explaining how the policies formulated by the chief minister are addressing the future needs of the state. He said, "What Chandrababu thinks today-the nation thinks tomorrow." Keshav thanked the CM for filling up the Prakasam Barrage by 200 times by diverting nearly 500 tmc-ft of Godavari water through the Pattiseema lift irrigation scheme. He termed Chandrababu Naidu as an asset not for the Telugu Desam party but for the Telugu race.

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and the YCP as the "Rappa Rappa Party." He criticised the police for acting in favor of the ruling party and accused both parties of attempting to loot public funds. He further criticised both political parties for transforming into mere family-run entities. He said that politics in Andhra Pradesh have now started resembling the politics of Tamil Nadu, with the government being focused more on filing cases against the critics. Vijayasai Reddy clarified the policies and future plans of the new party. He explicitly stated that he would not be the Chief Ministerial candidate for the new party. He questioned whether power in the state is reserved solely for the Reddy and Kamma communities, asking if there are no eligible individuals from other castes. He stated that priority would be given only to deserving individuals and clarified that he would offer advice from the background rather than assuming any direct official position. He emphasized that the new party would prioritize those with a spirit of patriotism. He announced plans to hold three additional media conferences—in Anantapur, Tirupati, and Visakhapatnam—to explain the party's policies, with five key points to be revealed at each meeting; these points would eventually be consolidated into the election manifesto. Expressing concern over the state's financial situation, he noted that expenditures in Andhra Pradesh had far outpaced revenues and that the prices of essential commodities had skyrocketed. He stated that his party would focus specifically on strategies to reduce these prices. He called for a collective effort to attract investments to the state and insisted that Amaravati must be recognized as the capital, regardless of personal preferences. Addressing the youth, he questioned why governments are afraid of 'Gen Z'. He made significant promises with a focus on empowering the youth, announcing that 66 percent of government positions would be allocated to individuals aged between 25 and 40. He also assured that free electricity could be provided without imposing a financial burden on anyone, promising to create a system where citizens could sell electricity back to the government. Furthermore, Vijayasai Reddy called for a reduction in petrol and diesel prices nationwide and pledged to completely overhaul and rectify the state's irrigation system.

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and the entire country. Also Read - El Niño: Red Gram, Cotton Farmers Incur Heavy Losses Advertisement He said Jagadguru Ramanujacharya had worked to connect North and South India hundreds of years ago. He said a procession of Lord Rama was being held at the Tirumala temple on the occasion of Punarvasu Nakshatra, which was also associated with Ramanujacharya's tradition. Adityanath said he was fortunate to have darshan of Sri Rama, Ram Darbar and Lord Hanuman. He thanked the TTD for facilitating the darshan.

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programme. 50 related to Revenue services, 33 to Police Department, 24 to Municipal Urban Development and 15 to Panchayat Raj were received. Seven each to Education and Registration & Stamps Departments, 6 to Medical Health Department and 4 to Electricity Department while three each to Endowment, Irrigation and Swarna Gramam - Swarna Ward Departments, two each to DRDA, Employment Generation and Samagra Shiksha and one each to Animal Husbandry, ICDS, Information, Marketing, Rural Water Supply, Transport and Technical Education Departments were received. Collector Lakshmisha ordered to examine them thoroughly and solve. He said through PGRS, opportunity is being created for people to directly bring their problems to notice of officials without need to go around Government offices for solving their problems. He suggested officials to receive every petition from people responsibly and work towards showing permanent solution to problem. Collector Lakshmisha ordered officials of concerned departments to examine every petition registered in PGRS with priority. He made it clear that along with speed, there should be quality, transparency and accountability in solving petitions. Collector Dr. G. Lakshmisha said .

Should apply for new pensions by 16th of this month

Eligible people should make proper use of opportunity
District Collector Dr. G. Lakshmisha

Vijayawada: September 7: District Collector Dr. G. Lakshmisha said process of receiving applications for new pensions under NTR Bharosa Pension Scheme has started .. applications are being received through Swarna Gramam, Swarna Ward offices. He in a statement on Monday suggested that ap-



plication forms will be available in Swarna Gramam, Swarna Ward offices and eligible people should apply with required certificates by 16th of this month and make proper use of opportunity. He said time limit has been fixed to complete process of receiving applications, online registration and E-KYC verification within seven working days. He suggested eligible people to apply for Old Age Pension, Widow, Single Woman, Differently Aabled, Weavers, Fishermen, Drummer Artists, Traditional Footwear Makers, Toddy Tappers and Transgender Pension. He said generally Aadhaar, Rice Card / Income Certificate and certificates required for concerned category should be submitted for all types of pensions. He said MPDO or Municipal Commissioner will examine applications based on applicant details, supporting documents, general eligibility, existing pensioners database, physical verification report and E-KYC details .. only eligible applications will be recommended. He said these applications will be sent for state-level examination .. after final examination through SGSW, RTGS and SERP at state-level, further steps will be taken for sanction of pension on eligible applications. Collector Lakshmisha suggested that even those who have already submitted petition in PGRS should also apply with required documents in Swarna Gramam, Swarna Ward offices in their jurisdiction.

Krishna District Parishad Chairperson Smt. Uppala Harika inaugurated NTR District Parishad meeting hall modernized with Rs. 60 lakhs Zilla Parishad funds and District Parishad Guest House on Monday in Vijayawada



Speaking on this occasion, Zilla Parishad Chairperson Uppala Harika said for administrative convenience, meeting hall along with guest house has been modernized with all basic facilities and buildings were inaugurated today for newly formed governing body of newly formed NTR District. She said I consider it as my fortune to be last Chairperson of erstwhile united Krishna Zilla Parishad. She said though only boundaries of districts have changed, intention to serve remains same, so she wishes that all regions and districts should develop equally. In this programme, Zilla Parishad Vice Chairpersons Sridevi, Krishnam Raju, ZPTC members Vemula Suresh, Annavaram Elizabeth Rani, Komaravelli Gangabhavani, Zilla Parishad Deputy Chief Executive Officer Ananda Kumar, Krishna District Panchayat Raj SE Ramana, employees and others participated..

smt A Sridevi Senior Civil Judge cum DLSA Secretary Nampally Criminal Court Visits Old Age Home

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Smt. A. Sridevi, Secretary of the District Legal Services Authority (DLSA), Sessions Division, Nampally, Hyderabad, visited the Jagannatha Swamy Old Age Home in Seetharambagh, Hyderabad, today. “During the visit, Smt. A. Sridevi interacted warmly with the elderly residents and inquired about their well-being. She gathered details regarding the facilities, food, medical services, daily necessities, and other basic amenities provided at the home. She also asked if they were facing any issues and personally listened to their views and concerns.

Subsequently, she inspected the kitchen to check the food being served, the cleanliness of the cooking area, the quality of ingredients, and the overall kitchen management. She advised the management to take appropriate measures to ensure the provision of hygienic, high-quality, and nutritious food, keeping the health of the elderly in mind.

Smt. A. Sridevi emphasized that the health, safety, and dignified living of the elderly are of utmost importance. She informed them that they could approach the District Legal Services Authority if they faced any legal issues and noted that free legal aid is available to those who are eligible. They were advised to remain vigilant regarding their assets, pensions, bank accounts, and other financial matters—specifically cautioning against cybercrimes, fraudulent phone calls, OTP scams, and online financial fraud. It was explained that legal aid, advice, and other related services could be availed through the Legal Services Authority whenever necessary.

Sri Achyut Ramanujacharya Ajay

Every petition should be thoroughly examined and satisfactory solution should be provided to petitioners Dis- trict Collector S. Ram Sundar Reddy

Vizianagaram: September 7: District Collector conducted review meeting on Monday in Collectorate meeting hall on disposal of petitions received through Public Grievances Redressal Platform (PGRS) in district. On this occasion, petitions related to various departments were examined one by one and their present status was enquired from concerned officials. Speaking on this occasion, Collector said satisfactory solution should be shown for every petition and similarly proper endorsement should be informed for those not solved and under no circumstances petitions Beyond SLA will be tolerated and all District officials should pay special attention on this. Expressing dissatisfaction over some departments where endorsement is not proper, he ordered to seek explanation. He ordered that all District officials should attend when PGRS review is held and similarly in mandals, VROs and Secretaries should definitely attend online in Tahsildar office and MPDOs, Deputy MPDOs, Surveyors and other officials should definitely attend in MPDO office and everyone should take this review seriously. Seeking explanation over more calls coming on drinking water facility, he asked to see that drinking water facility is proper in district and also complaints are coming more on AP EPDCL also and therefore he ordered to improve electricity services and see that such complaints do not come. While reviewing on IVRS calls on Public Positive Perception, he expressed dissatisfaction over APSRTC rank falling down and



Maharaj, the head of the old age home, participated in the event. He briefed the DLSA Secretary on the services and facilities provided to the elderly residents and the initiatives undertaken for their welfare.

The head of the home and the elderly residents appreciated the visit by the District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) Secretary, Smt. A. Sridevi, who interacted warmly with them and inquired about their issues and needs.

Smt. A. Sridevi emphasized that it is the responsibility of both family members and society at large to recognize the experience and contributions of the elderly and to ensure they receive love, respect, security, and companionship. She stated that the District Legal Services Authority stands committed to protecting the rights and welfare of the elderly and ensuring they lead a dignified life.



asked to improve drinking water facility and toilets in RTC complex and see that facility is proper. While reviewing with Municipality Commissioner on rank being low on pothole roads in Municipality, he ordered to fill pothole road immediately and provide roads without potholes. In this meeting, Joint Collector S. Sethu Madhavan, DRO CH Sattibabu, District officials, RDOs, Tahsildars and MPDOs through online participated.

New pensions registration process till 16th of this month - District Collector K. Vetrivelvi

Eluru: September 7: Eluru District Collector K. Vetrivelvi in a statement said 'NTR Bharosa' new pensions registration process will be conducted till 16th of this month in Swarna Gramams / Swarna Wards in Eluru District. Collector Vetrivelvi appealed that eligible people who want to newly register for pension should directly contact Digital Assistants or Ward Education & Data Processing Secretaries in their nearest Swarna Gramam / Swarna Wards and apply with Aadhaar Card along with other required

XBetter 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 7: 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 oc-

casation, 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.

Leprosy should be eradicated from society District Collector K. Vetrivelvi unveils wall posters of leprosy eradication door-to-door survey



Eluru: September 7, 2026 District Collector K. Vetrivelvi suggested that leprosy should be eradicated from society in district and all people of district should make proper use of door-to-door survey being taken up to identify in primary stage itself and provide required medical services and treatments. In Godavari Meeting Hall of District Collectorate on Monday, District Collector K. Vetrivelvi unveiled wall posters of door-to-door leprosy eradication survey to be conducted for 14 days from 11th to 29th of this month under auspices of District Leprosy, AIDS and Leprosy Eradication Department. Speaking on this occasion, District Collector K. Vetrivelvi asked people to cooperate with staff in survey conducted by going to every house for leprosy eradication door-to-door survey in district. She suggested not to ne-

glect symptoms like suspicious spots appearing on skin, blisters, colour changes, loss of sensation and inform survey staff. She directed concerned officials to take steps to identify suspected cases and conduct medical examinations in nearby Government Primary Health Centre or Urban Health Centre and provide free medicines and treatments to those in need. She said awareness should be created among people that disease can be completely cured by removing misconceptions among people on skin diseases, especially leprosy and by identifying and providing treatment in early stage of disease. District Collector appealed to people to provide details asked by health staff during survey and make programme successful. She ordered concerned departments and officials to work in coordination so that survey is conducted smoothly in all villages and urban areas in district and to take steps to achieve survey targets fully. She said along with Medical Health Department, District Leprosy, AIDS, Leprosy Eradication Department staff, 1785 ASHA workers will participate in door-to-door survey. In this programme, District Joint Collector Dr. M.J. Abhishek Gowda, Assistant Collector C.H. Shravan Kumar Reddy, Nuzvid Sub-Collector Bollipalli Vinuthna, District Medical Health Officer Dr. U. Shobha, District Leprosy, AIDS, Leprosy Eradication Officer Dr. N. Lakshminarayana, Physiotherapist Dr. Y.S. Chakradhar and others participated.



eligibility / verification certificates.

Dwaraka Tirumala Venkateswara Swamy Hundi income Rs. 2.03 crores



Dwaraka Tirumala: September 7: Hundi offerings counting for past 18 days in famous pilgrimage centre Dwaraka Tirumala Venkateswara Swamy Temple was conducted on Monday (07.09.2026). Through offerings submitted by devotees from August 20 to September 7, total cash income of Rs. 2,03,75,763 (Two crores three lakhs seventy five thousand seven hundred sixty three rupees) was received. During this period, average income of Rs. 11,31,987 per day was earned. Income Details:“Main Temple (Currency Notes): Rs. 1,90,64,406“Main Temple (Coins): Rs. 11,25,200“Annadanam Trust: Rs. 1,65,165“Go Samrakshana Trust: Rs. 20,992Gold, Silver Offerings:“Along with cash, 104 grams of gold and 2 kilos 410 grams of silver were found in offerings submitted by devotees. Among demonetized notes, 2 notes of 2000 rupees and 5 notes of 500 rupees were found in Hundi.Foreign Currency:“Devotees of-

ferred various foreign currencies including USA (432 dollars), UAE (930 dirhams), Bank of England (20 pounds), Euro (100), Australia (130 dollars), Canada (75 dollars), Singapore (50 dollars), Turkey (400 Lira), Sri Lanka (600 rupees), Japan (1,000 Nippon Ginko), Malaysia (8 Ringgit), Saudi Arabia (115 Riyals), Kuwait (5 Dinars), Bahrain (1/2 Dinar), Nepal (20 rupees), Qatar (1 Riyal) and Oman (100 Baisa).In this counting programme, Jangareddigudem Maddi Anjaneya Swamy Temple Assistant Commissioner & EO R.V. Chandana, Dwaraka Tirumala Temple EO (FAC) V. Trinadha Rao, Trust Board members CH. Hanumantha Rao, M. Srinivasa Rao, CH. Siva Krishna Brahma, Kaki Suresh and A. Satyanarayana participated. Counting process was completed under supervision with cooperation of local police, Union Bank of India representatives and Sevadalam members.

For PublicationDemanding solution to problems being faced by motor transport workers

like auto, cab, lorry and ambulance in State, auto workers staged dharna on Monday at Eluru Collector Office under auspices of AITUC affiliated AP Auto and Motor Transport Workers Union. Submitted memorandum to District Collector Vetri Selvi.



AP Auto and Motor Transport Workers Union State Vice President Kasi Krishna presided over dharna.Speaking on this occasion, AITUC Eluru District General Secretary Reddy Srinivas Dange and Auto Workers Union leaders Kasi Krishna demanded that Alliance Government in State should implement promises given to auto workers during 2024 elections and Welfare Board should be established for auto workers. They urged Government to cancel G.O. Numbers 21 and 31 which are stumbling block for auto workers. They asked to stop harassment on auto workers in name of this challan. They said Ola and Rapido are causing loss to livelihood of auto workers. They demanded that Telangana Government is trying to run autos through RTC and such efforts should be abandoned immediately. They appealed to Government to provide 10 lakh rupees insurance facility through

Chandranna Bima to auto workers and to give subsidy loans up to 4 lakh rupees to auto workers.AITUC Eluru District Vice President Bandi Venkateswara Rao speaking said State Government should provide financial assistance of 15 thousand rupees every year promised to auto workers to all workers. Venkateswara Rao appealed to Government to abandon negligent attitude in doing justice to auto workers though auto workers are collecting income to Government in form of various taxes.As part of AP Auto and Motor Transport Workers Union State call, AITUC and Auto Workers Union leaders Kadupu Kannaiah, K. Premadas, MD Firoz, Neduri Jagan, MD Sirajuddin, SK Basha, R Srinivas, Kolli Paradesi Babu, SK Iliyas, Chintati Veeraiah, Nagam Achyut, Buggala Prabhakar and others participated in programme held at Eluru.

Our MSMEs in global market!

New doors for exports for industrial prosperityOver 200 MSMEs 34 international buyersTarget of 100 export agreements, Rs. 100 crores business opportunities

District Collector Dr. G. Lakshmisha in AP Reverse Buyer Seller MeetEfforts to bring MSMEs closer to new international markets_Andhra Pradesh MSME Development Corporation CEO Viswa Manoharan

NTR District Collector Dr. G. Lakshmisha said MSMEs in State should grow to level of competing in global markets not limited to domestic markets. He said Government is taking steps towards nurturing job seekers into job-providing industrialists with 'One Family – One Entrepreneur' policy while strengthening enthusiastic industrial environment in State.As part of Andhra Pradesh MSME Export Development Programme (AP MXDP) with aim of preparing MSMEs across State for international exports, AP Reverse Buyer-Seller Meet – 2026 programme started on Monday at Novatel Hotel in Vijayawada. Inspired by RAMP programme, in programme held with partnership of AP MSME Development Corporation and India SME Forum, Collector Lakshmisha, Andhra Pradesh MSME Development Corporation CEO Viswa Manoharan along with international buyers and representatives of MSMEs in State participated. This programme will be held for two days with aim of bringing international markets closer to MSMEs in State and establishing direct business relations with foreign buyers. Over 200 MSMEs and 34 international buyers are participating in this programme. Buyers from countries like Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Cote d'Ivoire, Ghana, Japan, Sri Lanka, South Africa, Zambia and Zimbabwe attended. Speaking on this occasion, Collector Dr. G. Lakshmisha said Andhra Pradesh is in forefront in innovations, investments and development sectors. He said industrialists in State will directly discuss with international buyers and explore new markets for their products. He said our MSMEs should further improve quality and standards of their products according to needs of global markets. He explained that target has been set to achieve at least 100 export agreements, orders and create export business opportunities worth about Rs. 100 crores through this Reverse Buyer-Seller Meet.Andhra Pradesh MSME Development Corporation CEO Viswa Manoharan speaking said by inviting buyers from various countries of world to Andhra



Pradesh, new international markets are being made available to State MSMEs. He said this summit is being organized with aim of converting discussions between buyers and MSMEs into actual business agreements, export orders and long-term international partnerships. He said institutions belonging to 11 priority sectors like Agriculture-Food products, Agricultural Machinery Equipment, Textiles-Apparels, Electronics-Electricals, Medicines-Pharmaceuticals, Medical Devices, Health-Wellness, Solar Power Equipment, Chemicals, Automobile-Auto Components and Engineering Products are participating in Reverse Buyer-Seller Meet.India SME Forum President Vinod Kumar speaking said MSMEs need to grow as suppliers capable of competing in global markets not just as producers. He said by bringing international buyers directly to Vijayawada, opportunity to reach international markets is being made easier for small and medium industries. He said through these meetings there is possibility of immediate orders as well as repeat business, partnerships and long-term market relations.In programme, Andhra Pradesh MSME Development Corporation Directors Pradhana Vijaya Ram, Neelapu Vijayananda Reddy, Nallapaneni Murali Mohan, Chinna Raju, Bandaru Ravikanth, Satyanarayana Murthy, NTR District Industries Officer M. Madhu, international buyers, MSME representatives, industrialists and other officials participated.

Way for greenery in NTR District with 2 lakh seed balls

People's participation is key in environmental protection District Collector Dr. G. Lakshmisha

District Collector Dr. G. Lakshmisha participated in Seed Balls programme organized under auspices of One Earth One Life organization on Monday in local Collectorate premises. As part of programmes being taken up by One Earth – One Life with aim of increasing greenery, biodiversity conservation and achieving environmental balance, District Collector Dr. G. Lakshmisha handed over 2 lakh seed balls prepared by students and organization volunteers.Speaking on this occasion, District Collector Dr. G. Lakshmisha said through seed balls opportunity is created for nature regeneration and greenery enhancement. He said programmes being conducted by One Earth – One Life organization for environmental protection are appreciable. He said by involving students, women and youth in environmental programmes, environmental awareness will further increase in society. He said people should be made aware on aspects like pollution control, reducing plastic usage, aware-



ness among people on plastic ban, cleanliness and recycling. He said steps should be taken to conserve endangered native seeds and distribute them free of cost to people. He said we are striving to provide traditional seed wealth to future generations. He said awareness should be created among students from young age on aspects like micro gardening, plant cultivation, seed conservation, waste segregation and environmental protection. Collector said by inculcating responsibility towards nature in children, future generations can be led towards eco-friendly lifestyle.

Mandaadi Pre-Release Event Held Grandly, team Raises Expectations on the Film

Mandaadi Will Win Several Awards: Director Shiva Nirvana



Hyderabad cinema : Kollywood Actor Soori and Tollywood Hero Suhas are coming together for the first-of-its-kind film Mandaadi. Presented by Elred Kumar and produced under the RS Infotainment banner, the film is directed by Mathimaran Pugazhendhi. Mahima Nambiar is playing the female lead, while Sathyaraj, Ravindra Vijay, Mithun, Bala Saravanan and others are playing key roles. Made with a different storyline, the film has already created interest with its promotional material. With boat racing, action, emotions and powerful dialogues, Mandaadi is expected to be an intense action drama. As the film is set to release on September 10, a grand pre-release event was held last night with director Shiva Nirvana as

the special guest. Speaking at the event, “Hero Suhas said, “Greetings to everyone. I am very happy to have made it this far. Today is Teachers' Day, and all my teachers are here in front of me. With all your support, I crossed many phases in my journey and reached Mandaadi. We completed the film successfully because of the support of the entire team. Actor Soori said : Love you all. Greetings to everyone. Please let me go this time; I will definitely speak Telugu next time. I believe everyone will like Mandaadi. I am very happy to have worked with Suhas. I thank everyone who gave me this opportunity. ”Mahima, Ravindra Vijay and Soori's per-

formances are the main assets of this film. Get ready to watch a unique film in theatres on September 10.” Bhaskarbhata wished the film great success. Lyricist Kasarla Shyam said he feels lucky to have got the opportunity to write songs for the film. He specially thanked music director GV Prakash Kumar for giving him the chance. He also thanked the audience for making the song Yesha Nagula Katta Meeda a big hit. Actor Ravindra Vijay said: I am very happy to be part of a film like this. We all worked very hard for this movie. The story will offer audiences a completely new experience. This intense sports-action drama has many scenes that audiences have never seen before. Shooting the film in the sea was very challenging. Soori and Suhas worked with great dedication for this movie. It is an emotional action drama, and it is a film that should be watched with the whole family.” Actress Mahima Nambiar said,: Greetings to everyone. Mandaadi is a very special film for me. My special thanks to the entire team. Suhas worked extremely hard for this film. I am very happy to have worked with Ravindra Vijay. Soori sir, you are an inspiration to me. I believe everyone will enjoy watching this film.” Director Mathimaran Pugazhendhi said , : I thank the producers, actors and everyone who worked on this film. Mandaadi would not have been possible without Soori and Suhas. Boat racing is very popular in Tamil Nadu. We worked with great commitment and made the film in a way that audiences from all sections can connect with it. I believe this movie will give every viewer a great cinematic experience.” RS Infotainment producer Elred Kumar said ,: Thank you to everyone who attended this event. I would like to specially thank the Mythri producers. One day, Naveen sir personally called me



and said he would provide any help we needed. We spent a lot of money on this film. Naveen played a major role in helping us with the OTT deal for the movie. Along with the lead actors, the entire cast worked very hard and delivered a good output.” Mythri Movie Makers' Naveen said : I strongly believe that this film will become a huge hit. Everyone worked very hard for this movie.” HIT director Sailesh Kolanu said : This is the kind of movie that makes you want to watch it as soon as you hear its name. They have created a beautiful world around Soori and Suhas. Shooting a movie in the sea is a huge challenge. There are many difficulties involved in filming boat sequences. Shooting the entire movie in the sea despite all these challenges deserves a real hat-tip.” Director Shiva Nirvana said: I am very proud to be here at this event. Soori sir, you are a very down-to-earth person. After watching the film, I became confident that it is going to be a grand success. Everyone worked extremely hard for this movie. Watch and enjoy the film in theatres. I believe Mandaadi will win several awards.”

Ram Gopal Varma says AI is ‘erasing our minds’, warns of jobs disappearing

Mumbai: Maverick filmmaker Ram Gopal Varma has drawn a parallel with the Industrial Revolution, which replaced several physical jobs, and said that artificial intelligence is now beginning to “erase” jobs that require human thinking and creativity. Taking to X, formerly called Twitter, the filmmaker wrote: “With AI, the first jobs to vanish will be of those who immediately don’t embrace it. Technology has always been designed for our convenience, to save us from physical hardships and to save our time from wasting it on mundane tasks...(sic).” “We all wish for more and more free time, and now our wish is coming true with AI freeing us for all time and most probably forever. We as humans had two assets .. one the muscle with which we perform tasks, and the mind we use to think and create.” Drawing the parallel, he wrote: “The Industrial Revolution started erasing physical jobs and now AI is erasing our minds ..Soon we will not have both and that’s nothing but our most ardent wish coming true Edward Abbey in W. W. Jacobs’s ‘The Monkey’s Paw’ warned us about this ‘Beware of what you wish for.. it might come true’. It did (sic).” RGV has directed films across multiple genres. He is popular for having gritty realism, technical finesse in his cinema. Varma is tagged as one of the pioneers of new-age Indian cinema. He is currently busy with ‘Police Station Mein Bhoot’ starring Manoj Bajpayee Speaking about the cast of “Police Station Mein Bhoot,” the film also stars Genelia Deshmukh as the female lead. He is simultaneously working on “Police Company” starring Harshvardhan Rane.



The film was announced last month. RGV had then shared on X that the film’s tag line is ‘It Is More Dangerous Than D Company’. “The police is an institution, and an underworld company is a money making organisation.. But when an institution is given extra powers, it will soon become a company.” “After DAWOOD IBRAHIM brutally finished most of his rival gangs, he grew his GANG into a COMPANY and then left for DUBAI leaving his protégée CHOTARAJAN to head the operations of D COMPANY. Subsequently a chain of events led to a split between Dawood and Rajan , which in turn caused a vacuum in the Mumbai underworld (sic).” RGV went on to say that the film “Police Company” is story inspired from that “SQUAD based on one of its team members DAYA NAYAK which is being played by HARSH VARDHAN RANE ..The film has a huge ensemble cast , the details of which will be revealed soon.”

Rubina Dilaik on Kriti Sanon’s Raksha Bandhan ad row: Can’t play on public sentiment and want to create a buzz

Mumbai: Actress Rubina Dilaik has reacted to the controversy surrounding Kriti Sanon’s Raksha Bandhan advertisement. The actress stated that brands should not use public sentiment around festivals merely to generate buzz. Discussing the controversy on The4POV, a podcast featuring Rubina and her husband Abhinav Shukla along with actress Hina Khan and her husband Rocky Jaiswal, the actors put forth their individual perspectives on the debate surrounding the advertisement. Rocky said that while clothing should not have become such a major issue, there are certain boundaries when it comes to religious spaces and sentiments. “Clothing shouldn’t have created such a big issue. Freedom of expression is not absolute. My body, my rule does not enter in a religious space,” Rocky said. Rubina further questioned the approach of brands that choose to build campaigns around festivals and then take creative liberties that could potentially hurt public sentiment. “You can’t play on public sentiment and want to create a buzz,” she said, reiterating the point during the discussion.



Also Read Kangana Ranaut makes 'bhog' for Shri Krishna on Janmashtami, recalls childhood memories from Mandi kitchen Advertisement Discover more Lifestyle News Portal Book Walking Tours Career Advice Platform She added that actors always have the option of opting out of a campaign if they feel uncomfortable with its creative direction. “Actors always, always have an option of opting out,” Hina said. The discussion comes after a jewellery advertisement featuring Kriti for Raksha Bandhan sparked a debate online over her outfit and the manner in which the festival was portrayed.

Ishan Kishan becomes first East batter to hit double ton in Duleep Trophy final



Chennai: East Zone captain Ishan Kishan achieved a significant milestone as he smashed a jaw-dropping double century in the Duleep Trophy final against South Zone at the MA Chidambaram Stadium in Chennai. Kishan became just the third East Zone player to score a double hundred in the Duleep Trophy, joining the likes of Arun Lal and Saba Karim in the elite list. He has also become the first East batter to hit a double ton in the final of the red-ball tournament. Before Ishan, Arun Lal had scored two double centuries for East in the Duleep Trophy, making 287 and 214. Saba Karim also had a double century to his name for East, scoring an unbeaten 200 in 1995. Ishan scored 26 fours and two sixes in his epic knock and reached the milestone in just 270 balls. The southpaw reached the landmark with a four off Devdutt Padikkal on Day 2 of the match. He drilled Padikkal through

the covers for a four to bring up his double century. He continued his onslaught and smashed 250 runs to pile on more runs for his side. However, the skipper struggled with fatigue and retired hurt after reaching 250, walking off the field. Ishan resumed his innings on Day 2 from his overnight unbeaten score of 111. He put the South bowlers to the sword and stormed his way to the milestone. He also auditioned for the Test wicketkeeper's role with his knock. The East Zone skipper celebrated his milestone with his arms aloft as East piled on the runs against South. By the time Ishan retired hurt, East had already scored 611/5. He also partnered Kumar Kushagra in a 230-run stand for the fifth wicket. The South Zone bowlers continued to toil in Chennai as they were forced to stay on the field for nearly one and a half days during Kishan's heroics.

Melbourne Renegades re-sign Hayley Matthews for WBBL 12



Melbourne: West Indies skipper Hayley Matthews has re-signed with the Melbourne Renegades on a one-year deal for the upcoming Women's Big Bash League (WBBL) season, the club announced on Monday. The top-ranked women's T20I all-rounder was a key architect of the Renegades' title triumph in WBBL Season 10, but shoulder surgery forced her to miss the side's title defence last season. Hayley, 28, delivered a career-best campaign during the Renegades' championship-winning run, scoring 324 runs at a strike rate of 130.6 and taking 14 wickets. Her performances earned her selection in the WBBL Season 10 Team of the Tournament. She ended that season with a standout performance in the final against Brisbane Heat at the MCG, scoring 69 runs and claiming two wickets for 24 runs. Hayley, who made a successful comeback to international cricket by guiding the West Indies to the T20 World Cup semi-finals in England, shared her excitement about rejoining the Melbourne franchise. "Winning the championship with the Renegades was such a special experience and I'm really looking

forward to being part of the group again. It was frustrating to miss last season, but I'm back to full fitness now and excited to get back to Melbourne and have another go at winning the title," she said in a statement. The off-spin all-rounder, who bats right-handed, becomes the Renegades' first confirmed overseas signing for the season under newly appointed head coach Gavan Twining, who replaced Simon Helmot. "Hayley is a world-class cricketer and we know the impact she can have on a team, both with the bat and ball. She was a huge part of the championship campaign and we're delighted to have her back. Most importantly, she's healthy and ready to play, and we're really looking forward to seeing her in Renegades colours again," he said. Hayley joins a strong local core that includes Australian stars Sophie Molineux, the captain, and leg-spin all-rounder Georgia Wareham, alongside Nicole Faltum, Tess Flintoff, Milly Illingworth and Courtney Webb. Her signing follows changes to the league's recruitment framework, which saw the overseas player draft scrapped in favour of direct player-to-club signings.

Lionel Messi's son Mateo leads Inter Miami Academy to Naples Cup title

New Delhi: Lionel Messi's son, Mateo, achieved further success in his budding football career by leading Inter Miami Academy to the Naples Cup title. Mateo, the second son of legendary footballer Messi, captained the Miami Academy to victory in the Naples Cup, marking a glorious result in his career. The soon-to-be 11-year-old Mateo continues to follow in his father's footsteps, who is a 2022 World Cup winner. Mateo's achievement was hailed by several fans on social media, who took note of the youngster's feat. In a video shared by the Spanish journal Marca, Mateo was seen posing with the trophy for the cameras, all smiles. He held the Copa Naples trophy, with 'champion' inscribed on it. Messi has three sons, with Mateo being the second. He will be celebrating his 11th birthday on September 11. The football legend has two more sons, Thiago and Ciro. Thiago is the eldest, currently 13 years old. Ciro is the youngest of the three and is currently eight years old. Messi recently confirmed his international retirement, bringing the curtain down on an illustrious 21-year career with Argentina. He shared a statement in which he said he felt "hurt" by the decision but that he has "nothing left to give". "Time is running short, chapters come to a close, and this is one that hurts me deeply. I love, have loved, and will always love being part of the national team," Messi wrote in his statement. "I've given it my all, I have nothing left to give, and besides, there are some really great young players coming through behind me



who deserve their chance," he added. Messi said he wrote his retirement message on July 21, two days after his side lost to Spain in the FIFA World Cup 2026 final. The Argentine icon ended his long wait for a World Cup when he led the La Albiceleste to the title in 2022. He also said he would miss the fans on the pitch. "Thank you for all the love over the past 20 years," he said in his message to the supporters. "I'm going to miss hearing you from the pitch so much. Now I'll be just one of you, always cheering and supporting from the sidelines. I'm leaving with the peace of mind and pride of having given you, together with my teammates, moments we'd only dreamed of. It was incredible to have experienced this with you all. I love you!" Messi further wrote.

Mahesh Gawali leads India back to AFC U20 Asian Cup after 20-year wait



Hyderabad: Mahesh Gawali is usually a man of few words. Those who know him well know that. Disciplined, hardworking and understated, he was one of India's finest defenders during a playing career that spanned almost two decades. Now, as a coach, he has led India back to the AFC U20 Asian Cup after a 20-year wait. None of the players who achieved it on Sunday had even been born the last time India played in the tournament. If there are three words that have become synonymous with Gawali's speeches to his players, they are discipline, concentration and attitude. He is stern, he is demanding, and he expects a lot. But there is a difference between being strict and being harsh. Gawali is never the latter. Every now and then, he also affords that rare smile. September 6 was a long day for the 46-year-old. It began at 1:45 PM, when the team bus departed the hotel for the Do'stluk Stadium. A 3-0 victory over Bangladesh meant six points from three matches and, crucially, a chance to qualify for the AFC U20 Asian Cup. But the job was not quite accom-

plished. Uzbekistan still had to avoid defeat against Syria in the final Group B match. Gawali stayed behind with his coaching staff. He could have watched from the comfort of the VIP area, sitting on the shiny white leather sofas. Instead, he chose the general stands, watching every minute of the Uzbekistan-Syria encounter on the edge of his cold, half-broken plastic seat with the same concentration he had demanded from his players throughout the campaign. When Uzbekistan eventually won 3-0, the tension finally lifted. Gawali thanked his staff and, before making his way down the stadium stairs, shared a brief prayer with them. The Syrian staff approached him on the way out. "You deserve it. Good luck in China." There was warmth in the words, and Gawali responded in kind. There were also handshakes and pleasantries with Uzbekistan head coach Jamoliddin Rakhmatullaev before departing for the hotel. The team car arrived at around 9:30 PM. By then, some of the players were already waiting outside, sitting on the porch anticipating their coaches' return.

Sensex, Nifty open lower as IPO rush, Middle East tensions weigh on sentiment

Mumbai: Domestic equity benchmarks opened marginally lower on Monday weighed by concerns over liquidity absorption from a busy initial public offering calendar and persistent tensions in the Middle East that have pushed crude oil prices higher. Nifty 50 started the trading session declining 14.55 points or 0.06 per cent at 23,883.15, while Sensex opened 69.38 points or 0.09 per cent lower at 76,446.05. In early trade, Nifty Media index fell 1.26 per cent and Nifty IT index declined 1.15 per cent, leading sectoral losses. Meanwhile, Nifty Auto, Nifty Chemicals, Nifty Private Bank, Nifty FMCG and Nifty Cement indices were also in the red zone. In contrast, Nifty Oil & Gas index rose 0.06 per cent, while Nifty Metal, Nifty PSU Bank, Nifty Realty gained up to 0.38 per cent. According to analysts, the equity market had been drifting lower for four weeks despite positive economic and corporate earnings news with elevated crude prices and the IPO boom emerging as key headwinds. “There are eleven mainboard IPOs hitting the market this week. The mega IPOs



are also expected this month and the offerings could absorb significant liquidity and divert investor focus from the secondary market,” according to them. Technically, the market experts said the Nifty’s downside marker at 23,860 remained intact, while the index faced resistance near 23,960. The 23,800 level was seen as a key support with a break below it potentially opening the way towards the low 23,000s with an initial objective of 23,570. The 24,150-24,215 region remains a hurdle to be crossed before strength is confirmed, analysts said. In addition, crude oil prices traded higher on Monday as rising tensions between the United States and Iran in the Strait of Hormuz raised concerns about potential supply disruptions.

Rupee rises 4 paise to 94.39 against US dollar amid FCNR inflows



Mumbai: The rupee traded in a narrow range and appreciated 4 paise to 94.39 against the US dollar in early trade on Monday, as the support from strong FCNR-related dollar inflows was negated by elevated crude oil prices amid persistent global headwinds. Forex traders said the rupee continues to draw strength from the robust liquidity wave, but renewed military strikes have driven Brent crude toward USD 97 per barrel, reigniting fears over Middle Eastern energy supply disruptions. At the interbank foreign exchange market, the rupee opened at 94.40 against the US dollar, then touched 94.39, registering a gain of 4 paise from its previous close. On Friday, the rupee settled higher by 8 paise at 94.43 against the US dollar. “The rupee entered the week on a stronger footing, supported by heavy FCNR-related dollar inflows. However, the global backdrop remains a challenge. 94.00â•“94.20 remains the key support zone. If global headwinds intensify, USDINR could move back 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 99.18, higher by 0.01 per cent on safe-haven demand amid renewed US-Iran tensions. Brent crude, the global oil benchmark, was trading higher by 0.80 per cent at USD 97.05 per barrel in futures trade, amid escalating US-Iran tensions and fears of disruption to oil flows through the Strait of Hormuz. Fresh strikes between both sides have pushed Brent crude closer to USD 97 per barrel, reviving concerns over energy supplies from the Middle East, Pabari said, adding that for India, higher oil prices rarely arrive alone. They usually bring along a larger import bill, stronger dollar demand and renewed pressure on the rupee. On the domestic equities market front, Sensex dropped 172.77 points to 76,342.66 in early trade, while the Nifty declined 63.30 points to 23,832.60. Foreign institutional investors (FIIs) offloaded equities worth Rs 3,111.94 crore on a net basis on Friday, according to exchange data. India’s forex reserves jumped USD 11.475 billion to a new all-time high of USD 740.803 billion during the week ended August 28, the RBI said on Friday.

Hyderabad: The Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board (PNGRB) and Energy Efficiency Services Limited (EESL) have signed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to give a technology push to City Gas Distribution (CGD) sector through deployment of smart domestic Piped Natural Gas (PNG) meters. The initiative is expected to usher in a new generation of gas metering with advanced features including digital monitoring, tamper alerts, leak detection, remote operations and cybersecurity safeguards, making the PNG ecosystem more efficient and transparent being safer and more secure. The initiative is expected to benefit the stakeholders of all States, including Telangana. Former Director General of the Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE), Ajay Mathur welcomed the PNGRB-EESL partnership. He stressed that it was a timely and significant step towards a consumer-centric, technology-enabled and future-ready CGD ecosystem. He congratulated PNGRB Secretary Anjan Kumar Mishra and EESL CEO Akhilesh Kumar Dixit for the initiative, observing that smart PNG metering would contribute not only to energy efficiency and transparency but also to energy security and cybersecurity. PNGRB will facilitate regulatory guidance,

BRICS Summit forces GST Council meeting reschedule



New Delhi: The 57th meeting of the Goods and Services Tax (GST) Council, which was scheduled for September 12, has been postponed and is likely to be held on October 7 in the national capital. The meeting has been postponed because BRICS Leaders’ Summit is scheduled for September 12-13 which clashes with the date that was fixed for the GST Council meeting, according to reliable sources. Preparatory meetings of GST officers have been scheduled for October 5 and 6. The first meeting is expected to take place October 5, while the second is scheduled for October 6. An official notification confirming the new date will also be issued and Delhi is expected to remain as venue for the meeting. The preparatory meetings of government officers for the GST meeting will now be held on October 5 from 3 pm and on October 6 from 11 am onwards, ahead of the Council meeting on October 7, according to an office memorandum sent to council members, said sources. The October meeting is expected to focus on several pending issues related to input tax credit

(ITC), refunds and GST compliance. These include proposals to ease restrictions on certain ITC claims and address the problem of accumulated credits under the inverted duty structure, among other issues. This is the first meeting of the Goods and Services Tax (GST) Council since the rationalization of GST slabs from four to three in September 2025 as part of the far reaching GST 2.0 reforms. Under the overhaul, most goods and services were moved to two main tax slabs of 5 per cent and 18 per cent. The Council also created a special 40 per cent rate for a limited set of demerit and luxury goods, replacing the earlier 28 per cent slab plus compensation cess on those items. The new rates came into effect on September 22, 2025. The GST Council is chaired by Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman and includes finance ministers from all states and Union Territories. Under its rules, the Council is required to meet at least once every quarter, although meetings have sometimes been held after longer gaps.

PNGRB, EESL ink MoU to deploy smart PNG meters in CGD sector



standardisation, conformity assessment, certification and stakeholder coordination, while EESL will support demand aggregation, technology assessment, procurement strategies and implementation. PNGRB, a Statutory body established under the Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board Act 2006, has authorised 307 Geographical Areas, providing 100 per cent mainland coverage, while more than 33,500 km of natural gas pipeline networks have been authorised, of which around 25,000 km are already operational. With PNG connections expanding rapidly across urban and semi-urban areas, traditional manual meter reading and periodic billing systems could face growing challenges relating to accuracy, revenue assurance & safety monitoring and customer service. Smart meters can address many of these challenges through automated and digitally connected systems. CEO Akhilesh Kumar Dixit said that EESL’s experience in smart utility infrastructure provides an important foundation for the programme. The company has already installed and manages more than 44.5 lakh smart electricity meters across several States and UTs demonstrating its ability to execute technology-led utility transformation programmes at scale, he stated.

Public outcry over Chirala II Town CI's abusive behaviour towards an elderly woman

Chirala: Circle Inspector of Chirala II Town, A Sasi Kumar, hurled abusive words at an elderly woman at her home and threatened to shove a lathi into her during the Cordon and Search Operation conducted at Ram Nagar in Chirala on September 6, Sunday. The CCTV footage of the incident went viral on social media since Sunday evening and flared up on Monday. The public criticized the abusive behaviour of the police officer, and locals observed that CI Sasi Kumar is always dominant and resorts to threatening them even when they are at no fault. In one viral video, CI Sasi Kumar, along with his staff, is seen entering the home of the 70-year-old woman, M Jalamma, kicking open the kitchen door, then entering and exiting another room. In the other video, the CI was hurling F-Words and raising the lathi and hand against the elderly woman for not recognizing the stature of the officer and not speaking to him with the respect he deemed to be due. He threatened the woman with consequences for disrespecting him, shoving the lathi into her, and warning her to shut her mouth. The woman was seen shocked, disturbed and pleading with the officer.

CI Sasi Kumar explained the incident to The Hans India, saying he and his staff went to the elderly woman's house, along with others, as part of the Cordon and search on Sunday. He said that the family members of the woman are accused in many cases, including making and selling illicit liquor, selling ganja, POCSO, and other crimes, and some of them are pending in courts. As part of the Cordon and Search, the CI said that they checked



the house and asked the elderly woman about the people living with her. He claimed that the woman didn't respond to his questions but started to grumble abusive language against the police, and that triggered him to lose control and behave as seen in the video. The leaders of public fronts and Dalit organizations demanded that the police department immediately take action against the officer, who is allegedly known for his corruption, abusive behaviour towards the poor and favouritism towards people with political and powerful backgrounds. They said that CI Sasi Kumar behaved in a similar manner with Dalits, tribals and poor people in many incidents in Chirala and while he was working at other places, including Naguluppalapadu and Ongole. They demanded that the district SP and the DGP initiate action against CI Sasi Kumar at least now, as their earlier complaints were neglected in the name of a lack of proof to support their allegations.

Mandipalli releases water into Veligallu project right canal



Madanapalle: Transport, Youth and Sports Minister Mandipalli Ramprasad Reddy released water into the right canal of the Veligallu project in Galiveedu mandal of Annamayya district to meet essential water needs in the region on Sunday. At present, 120 cusecs of water is being released into the canal. Officials have planned to continue the release at 80 cusecs after 15 days, keeping the available water reserves and future requirements in view. Speaking on the occasion, the Minister said the government was giving priority to drinking water, water for livestock and improving groundwater levels. As per the directions of the district Collector, each tank would be filled only up to a maximum of 30 percent. He said water would not be released beyond the basic requirements. The minister said a plan had been prepared to use around 0.5 TMC of water from the project until the end of October. He added that the district administration was also planning

to replenish around 0.5 TMC of water in the Veligallu project from the Handri-Neeva project later. The minister urged farmers to remain cautious about water availability as there could be drought-like conditions due to the possible impact of El Nino. He advised farmers not to cultivate water-intensive crops depending on Veligallu project water and to give priority to dryland crops. Ramprasad Reddy appealed to farmers to conserve water and take precautions to ensure that drinking water would not become a problem this year and next year. He urged them not to depend entirely on Veligallu project water for cultivation and to choose crops that require less water. He said providing drinking water to people and water for livestock was the government's top priority at present. Kadapa Projects Chief Engineer Balachandra Reddy, Veligallu Project Executive Engineer Bharat Kumar Reddy, other officials and farmers attended the programme.

R'seema education sector facing crisis: Speakers at PAAP meet



Tirupati: Speakers at a student-parent meet held by Parents Association of Andhra Pradesh (PAAP) and AISF on education in Rayalaseema expressed concern over the difficulties faced by students in the region. The conference was held at the Arts Block auditorium of Sri Venkateswara University in Tirupati on Sunday. PAAP state secretary Gujjala Eshwaraiah said students in the backward Rayalaseema region were struggling due to inadequate educational facilities. He said poor students were finding it difficult to continue higher education because of financial constraints. The speakers also pointed to a shortage of basic infrastructure in government educational institutions

and growing unemployment among youth. They urged the government to fill vacant teaching and other posts on a permanent basis and introduce special educational development programmes for Rayalaseema. Conference chairman Dr Bhaskar VEDIYAM said Sri Venkateswara University, which had produced several IAS and IPS officers and political leaders, needed to introduce new courses suited to changing times and employment needs. PAAP state president Narahari Sikharam said similar awareness meetings would be organised across all districts. Speakers also urged students to understand career opportunities, develop their abilities and work hard to achieve

Tirupati, Annamayya districts get separate Zilla Parishads



Tirupati: Ahead of local body elections, the State government has cleared the reorganisation of Zilla Praja Parishads (ZPs), paving the way for separate ZPs in Chittoor, Tirupati and Annamayya districts. The long-pending restructuring of ZPs following the State's district reorganisation will now take shape with the existing Chittoor ZP being divided into three separate bodies. Panchayat Raj and Rural Development Special Chief Secretary Kantilal Dande issued orders for the reconstitution of the Zilla Praja Parishads in the newly formed districts. While offices of various government departments

were shifted to the new districts after reorganisation in April 2022, the Zilla Parishads continued to function as joint bodies as they had elected governing councils. The term of the existing ZP governing body is due to end on September 24, allowing the government to reorganise the ZPs according to the new district boundaries. Under the reorganisation, the assets, rights, liabilities, records and staff of the existing Chittoor Zilla Parishad will be divided and transferred to the newly formed Zilla Parishads of Tirupati and Annamayya. Separate administrative arrangements are also being made for the three ZPs.

Students receive laptops, cheques

Ongole: The Prakasam District Kamma Seva Sangham distributed cheques worth Rs 8 lakh to 20 engineering students and 43 laptops worth Rs 27 lakh to 43 students at a programme held here on Sunday. Speaking at the programme, AP Technology Services Chairman Mannava Mohana Krishna observed that no donation is greater than the gift of education. He said that the welfare programmes of the Prakasam District Kamma Seva Sangham had inspired him deeply and assured full financial support to the organisation. He praised the IK Donors Club concept as a worthy initiative. Sangham president Mandava Murali Krishna urged the stu-



dents who receive help to grow in life and support such programmes in the future. Sangham founder chairman Dr Kamepalli Sitaramaiah, TDP NRI Wing Australia president Enikapati Venkatesh, Nuziveedu Seeds Group general manager Chintamaneni Yesudasu and other leaders attended the programme.