



AP SEC re-leases notification to finalise Polling Stations for MPTC and ZPTC polls

State Election Commission (SEC) has come out with important dates regarding completion of polling stations for the upcoming MPTC & ZPTC polls in Andhra Pradesh. The submission of the draft list of polling stations would be completed on 14th of this month, with the publication of draft list of polling stations on 15th of this month. The meeting between political parties regarding draft list of polling stations will be held on 16th of this month. The draft list of polling stations will be finalised on 18th of this month and published on 19th of this month.



BSP Leaders Seek Governor's Intervention Over Crimes Against Dalits

Vijayawada: Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) leaders led by Andhra Pradesh president Bandela Goutham Kumar met Governor S. Abdul Nazeer at Lok Bhavan on Wednesday and sought his intervention over all.

TTD releases booklet for Navaratri Brahmotsavams to be held from October 12-20

TTD announced that the annual Salakatl Brahmotsavams at Tirumala will be held grandly from September 15 to 23, and the Navaratri Brahmotsavams from October 12 to 20. TTD Chairman B.R. Naidu, Executive

Vijayawada: Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu on Wednesday said all land disputes would be resolved and error-free pattadar passbooks issued by the end of March to provide justice to people. Addressing people during the 'Mee Bhoomi-Mee Hakku' programme at Panduvaripeta village in Ambajipeta mandal of the Dr BR Ambedkar Kona seema district, Naidu said, "I feel fortunate to visit Konaseema area for the second time in the recent past where one finds lush green coconut plantations and crops and the



Godavari river." "The people in the area are honest. Despite the El Nino impact with shortage of rainfall, the Konaseema area is full of greenery. From Godavari river, nearly 1,000 tmc-ft of water has been

discharged into the sea this season." Naidu explained the government's efforts to reach out to people through several programmes in all assembly constituencies, with the CM visiting people four times a month.

NRI Support Helped TD Regain Power, Says Lokesh



Vijayawada: Education minister Nara Lokesh on Wednesday credited overseas supporters of the Telugu Desam with playing a crucial role in bringing the TD-led government back to power in Andhra Pradesh and called upon NRIs to make the Telugu community "No. 1" globally. Addressing the swearing-in ceremony

of the NRI TD central committee at the party's central office in Mangalagiri, Lokesh said Telugu people were spread across the world and NTR remained the symbol of Telugu self-respect. He recalled that N.T. Rama Rao, as chief minister, had introduced revolutionary reforms in politics.

Lokesh said the TD had given opportunities to seven NRIs in

Free electricity for Ganesh pandals across Andhra Pradesh

Amaravati: The Andhra Pradesh government has decided to provide free electricity to Ganesh pandals across the State. Minister for Human Resources Development and Information Technology Nara Lokesh made the announcement on Wednesday. "I am happy to announce that this Ganesh Chaturthi, all Ganesh pandals across Andhra Pradesh will be provided with free electricity. This is a major festive initiative by our govern-



ment to support communities celebrating across the State and make the celebrations even more vibrant," he posted on X. "May Lord Ganesha bless

HC Asks AP on Basis for 34% BC Reservation in Local Body Polls

Vijayawada: The Andhra Pradesh High Court on Wednesday asked the state government to explain the basis on which it provided 34 per cent reservation (BCs) in the ensuing local body elections. A two-judge bench headed by Chief Justice Lisa Gill and Justice Challa Gunaranjan was hearing a batch of petitions seeking directions to the government not to conduct local body elections without completing the BC popula-

tion census scientifically. Another petition challenged the government orders providing 34 per cent reservation for BCs. The court noted that the state government had said it was studying the report of the Rajiv Ranjan Commission, which examined the socio-economic, political and educational status of BCs. The court asked when the government would take the Commission's report into consideration and why the report had not been made public. It

also sought details of the BC reservations mentioned in the report and the basis on which the reservation was finalised. The court further asked the government how it would justify the reservation limit crossing 50 per cent and directed it to submit the relevant details. The next hearing has been posted for September 16.





Silent auction of innocence

The transition from a missing child to a victim of commercial sexual exploitation moves with industrial efficiency. Well-established supply belts in economically distressed rural regions—particularly across parts of West Bengal, Odisha, Jharkhand, and the Northeastern states—feed the continuous demand generated in major metropolitan hubs like Delhi, Mumbai, Kolkata, and Pune, as well as cross-border networks extending into Nepal and Bangladesh “There is no tragedy like the loss of a child, and no greater crime than turning that loss into a business.” In cinematic thrillers like Gandhari, a child’s sudden disappearance triggers an adrenaline-fueled crusade where a fierce mother uncovers a hidden network, confronts armed criminals, and single-handedly delivers swift justice. Cinema demands a hero, a clear antagonist, and a finite resolution within two hours. But in the real world across India, the narrative does not follow a dramatic script. Child abduction is rarely an isolated act of individual villainy resolved by maternal fury; it is an organized, cold, highly lucrative, and deeply entrenched multi-million-dollar industry. Long after the end credits roll on screen, tens of thousands of real families remain trapped in an endless nightmare, searching for children who vanish without a trace into the terrifying underworld of commercial sex work.

The staggering scale-Stats beyond the screen: Data compiled annually by the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) reveals a horrifying reality: tens of thousands of children are reported missing across Indian states each year, with young girls consistently comprising a massive majority of these cases. Yet, these staggering numbers represent only the visible tip of a far deeper iceberg. The gap between official statistics and ground reality remains immense. Countless cases never reach official police ledgers due to deep-seated social stigma, fear of retaliation from local syndicates, distrust of law enforcement, or systemic reluctance by local authorities to register First Information Reports (FIRs) for marginalized families. For every child whose name is entered into a national missing persons database, others disappear in total silence from informal settlements, migrant encampments, and remote rural hamlets where state presence is thin. How they disappear-The modus operandi: While dramatic physical abductions from crowded railway platforms and market stalls do occur, modern traffickers rely far more on exploiting pre-existing socio-economic vulnerabilities than on outright force. Acute poverty, systemic neglect, domestic instability, and climate-induced displacement in disaster-prone coastal or riverine belts create fertile ground for predatory recruiters. The primary mechanism of the trafficking pipeline is calculated deception. Operating through local agents—often trusted acquaintances, distant relatives, or neighbors within the village—traffickers weave persuasive promises of well-paying domestic jobs, vocational training, or lucrative marriages in prosperous distant cities. Vulnerable adolescents and desperate parents, searching for any viable escape from extreme poverty, willingly hand over their children to these handlers. Once the victim steps onto an inter-state train or long-distance bus, the deception ends and the trap snaps shut.

AP CM Vows To Resolve Land Disputes, Issue Error-Free Pattadar Passbooks by March

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tribute social security pensions to the poor on the first day of every month, the P-4 to improve the living standards of the poor, and the ‘Swachh Andhra-Swarna Andhra’ on the third Saturday to make AP free from garbage, create wealth from waste and promote a circular economy.

On the fourth Saturday, the government takes up the Sanjeevini programme to provide healthcare and generate digital health cards. Naidu advocated population growth, reversing his earlier campaign for small families, and said children were a wealth. He called upon couples to have more children. He criticised the previous YSRC regime over anomalies in the land resurvey and said some land parcels had been placed under Section 22-A of the Registration Act, 1908, and included in the prohibited list, preventing registration.

Dalits The government, he said, had abolished the Land Titling Act soon after assuming power; and criticised the previous government for putting the then chief minister Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy’s photograph on pattadar passbooks and granite survey stones. The CM said the government had replaced these with the state emblem on pattadar passbooks, withdrawn land parcels from the 22-A list and introduced eKYC, QR codes and blockchain technology to make land ownership more secure and prevent copying or tampering. “Some 36 lakh pattadar passbooks had been issued so far,” he said, and promised that the remaining 56 lakh would be issued to beneficiaries without errors by March end. Naidu said the government had withdrawn 16 lakh acres of land from 22-A and resolved 22 land issues that had been pending for decades. Earlier, the CM laid the foundation for modernisation of the power grid of APEPDCL and unveiled a plaque to mark the occasion.

Botcha’s nephew Srinu quits YSRCP, joins TDP

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ter N Chandrababu Naidu. In his resignation letter, Srinu cited personal reasons for his decision and sent copies to the party chief Y S Jagan Mohan Reddy. He was also serving as the YSRCP in-charge for Bheemili and had earlier held the post of Zilla Parishad chairman. On September 5, just three days before quitting, Srinu organised a large-scale birthday celebration at the YSRCP office, with thousands of supporters and followers from five districts attending. The event was seen as a display of his political strength, making his sudden resignation particularly significant for the party cadre. Srinu has been associated with the politics of North Andhra for around 26 years and is the nephew of senior YSRCP leader Botcha Satyanarayana, currently the Leader of the Opposition in the Legislative Council. He has played a key role in managing political affairs associated with Botcha and built an independent network of supporters at the grassroots level. His influence has extended beyond Bheemili and Vizianagaram, with supporters and associates spread across the constituencies of the erstwhile Vizianagaram district. His exit has therefore triggered concern within YSRCP ranks about its organisational strength at the ground level. The resignation has also renewed questions over the political equation between Srinu and Botcha.

Senior YSRCP leaders had reportedly approached him earlier over rumours of a possible party switch and sought to ascertain his intentions.

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the 2024 elections, while Guntur MP Pemmasani Chandra Sekhar went on to become a Union minister. Nearly half of the successful candidates in the 2024 elections were young people, he noted. Recalling the 2019-24 period, Lokesh said NRIs had strongly supported the Amaravati movement and stood by party president Chandrababu Naidu when he was arrested. He said protests and solidarity programmes were held in 200 cities across 50 countries. The ‘I Am With CBN’ campaign had provided “immense moral strength to our family” during the difficult period, Lokesh noted. He said, “Many NRIs spent thousands of dollars to return to Andhra Pradesh to vote. They took leave from their jobs and campaigned in villages, contributing to the formation of the people’s government”. Describing NRIs as “most reliable Indians”, Lokesh praised their commitment to the Telugu language and to their native places. He said several NRIs had spent crores developing the schools where they had studied. Andhra Pradesh and persuade the companies they work for to invest in the state. The community should “participate actively in the state’s development.” Lokesh also called for expanding NRI TD committees, linking members with the ‘My TDP’ app and reviving outreach to neutral voters. He asked Global NRI TD president Dr P Guru Raja to complete existing committees within 30 days and ensure recognition for committed workers.



HC Asks AP To Clarify Stand On 5% Kapu Reservation From EWS Quota

The Andhra Pradesh High Court on Wednesday asked the state government to clarify its stand on implementing government orders providing five per cent reservation to Kapus from the 10 per cent quota meant for economically weaker sections (EWS) in education and employment. A two-judge bench headed by Chief Justice Lisa Gill and Justice Challa Gunaranjan was hearing a batch of petitions filed by former MP Harirama Jogaiah and others. The court asked the government whether it intended to implement the government orders or reconsider them in connection with the provision of five per cent reservation to Kapus from the EWS quota.

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leged murders, attacks, harassment and social discrimination against Dalits. The BSP leaders sought protection for the families of victims and action against those responsible in accordance with law. The Governor assured them that he would call for a report from the State government on the issue. Earlier, tension prevailed near Lok Bhavan when a large number of BSP leaders and supporters attempted to lay siege in protest against alleged attacks on Dalits. Police tried to stop them. The Governor subsequently invited the BSP leaders for talks, heard their concerns and assured them that a report would be sought from the State government for further action.

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in Tirumala. This booklet was prepared to provide devotees with details regarding the various Vahana Sevas (processions on divine vehicles), special festivals, and key events conducted for the Lord during the Brahmotsavams. TTD Additional EO Ch. Venkaiah Chowdary, JEOs A. Sarath and Prabhala Gopinath, CVSO K.V. Muralikrishna, and several other officials participated in the event.

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every family with prosperity, happiness and success,” the Minister added. Ganesh Chaturthi is scheduled to be celebrated from September 14 to 25. In another post, Nara Lokesh recalled the arrest of his father and present Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu in 2023. “Three years ago, the YSRCP party illegally imprisoned Chandrababu Naidu garu on this very day in a fabricated case for political gains. From that day, for 53 days, the entire Telugu community worldwide stood in support of Chandrababu garu, chanting ‘Let the truth prevail’. The truth has prevailed, and Chandrababu garu has been released from illegal detention,” wrote the Telugu Desam Party (TDP) working president.

“All the fabricated cases have been quashed by the courts. The truth has won. Remembering those dark days from back then... I once again express my heartfelt gratitude to the Telugu community for their support,” he said.

The TDP alleged that then Chief Minister Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy had Chandrababu Naidu arrested by the CID in connection with allegations of corruption in the AP Skill Development Corporation. The TDP chief was arrested in Nandyal and spent 53 days in jail. The party said people erupted in anger and “wrote the death warrant” for Jagan’s rule. The CID arrested Naidu on September 9, 2023, in connection with the Skill Development scam, which allegedly took place when he was the Chief Minister. The next day, a court in Vijayawada sent him to judicial custody. On October 31, he was released from Rajahmundry Central Prison after the Andhra Pradesh High Court granted him bail. Naidu said, “I neither did anything wrong nor allowed anyone to do anything wrong.”

Sub Registrar, GR-II, O/o The Sub Registrar, Narayanpet District One Private Person are in ACB Net



“KING DAILY NEWS PAPER,, AMEER HUSSAIN CRIME BEURO CHIEF : A case of criminal misconduct was registered against (AO-1) Sri Lagisetty Venkat Swamy, Sub-Registrar, Gr-II, O/o the Sub-Registrar, Narayanpet District and (A-2) Sri Kammari Nagesh, Private Person (Owner of Inti Bojanam Mess). On 18.07.2026, the AO-1 demanded the bribe amount of Rs. 90,000 from the complainant and on 21.07.2026, accepted amount of Rs. 50,000 as part payment through A-2, and subsequently demanded the balance amount of Rs. 40,000 for showing official favour i.e. for completing the complainant's house registration vide Doc. No. 4723/2026. Thereby, the AO-1 acted improperly and dishonestly in the exercise of his official duties to obtain undue advantage for himself. Therefore, the AO-1 & A-2 are be-

ing produced before the Hon'ble I Addl. Special Judge for SPE & ACB cases, Nampally for judicial remand. The case is under investigation. The details of complainant are withheld for security reasons. CELL PHONE NUMBER -1064 (TOLL FREE NUMBER); In case of demand of bribe by any Public Servant, the public are requested to contact Toll Free Number of ACB i.e., 1064 for taking action as per Law. ACB Telangana can also be contacted through social media platforms whatsapp (9440446106), facebook (Telangana ACB), X/formerly twitter (@Telangana ACB). The QR Code of ACB is displayed in all Government offices and prominent public to contact ACB, Telangana. The name and details of the victim/complainant will be kept secret.”“naer”“P.R.O.”“Anti-Corruption Bureau, TG., Hyderabad.

Prepare a comprehensive presentation on department-wise development welfare and government priority issues for CM's conference : District Collector K. Vetriselvi

A review meeting with officials of various departments was held under the chairmanship of District Collector K. Vetriselvi At the Gautami Conference Hall in the District Collectorate on Wednesday, a review meeting was conducted to prepare reports for the 8th District Collectors' Conference to be held on 10th and 11th of this month (from tomorrow) at the State Secretariat in Velagapudi, Amaravati, under the chairmanship of the Chief Minister. The Collector instructed the concerned officials to submit comprehensive department-wise reports by this evening. Joint Collector Dr. M.J. Abhishek Gowda also participated along with the District Collector.The Collector reviewed department-wise development and welfare programmes, government priority issues and ongoing works. Speaking on the occasion, District Collector K. Vetriselvi said the 8th Collectors' Conference under the chairmanship of the Chief Minister will be held on 10th and 11th at the Secretariat. She said officials have been directed to submit a well-prepared presentation by this evening covering progress achieved so far, targets to be taken up in coming days, and department-wise fund requirements. This will help in giving a good presentation on behalf of Eluru district at the two-day meeting.She instructed that latest details, progress reports, targets achieved and pending issues of every department should be verified twice before submitting. If there are any problems or difficulties in implementation of government priority programmes, they should be identified and necessary steps taken



to resolve them. Officials should have complete understanding of their department's subjects and prepare reports with actual statistics.She said officials should work in coordination and prepare an action plan to effectively explain district-related issues and give a good presentation. Reports on implementation of welfare schemes and development works should be prepared in the form of PowerPoint Presentation (PPT) with accurate statistics.Government priority issues like welfare of the poor, education, medical, agriculture, creation of infrastructure should be included as a success story with field-level progress. Details of projects to be completed within stipulated time, utilization of funds, benefits extended to beneficiaries should be accurately included.She said there should be no lack of coordination between departments and no scope for mistakes, and the complete information should be rechecked before submitting the presentation.In-charge DRO and SC Corporation ED M. Mukkanti, Vigilance Special Deputy Collector L. Devakidevi and officials of various departments participated in the meeting.

EluruReduce the hiked prices Essential commodities should be supplied at subsidized rates through ration shops

CPI State Secretariat Member Dega Prabhakar, CPI Eluru District Asst Secretary Bandi Venkateswara Rao



Under the auspices of Communist Party of India (CPI) Eluru Area Committee, a protest was held in front of the Eluru Urban Mandal Tahsildar Office demanding reduction of rising essential commodity prices and a memorandum was submitted to the Tahsildar.Speaking on the occasion, CPI State Secretariat Member Dega Prabhakar said that as per the call given by CPI to hold protests at all Mandal Tahsildar offices across the state demanding immediate reduction of prices hiked by Central and State Governments, this agitation is being organized.He alleged that Narendra Modi, at the time of elections, promised to bring down skyrocketing essential commodity prices and make them affordable to the common man, but even after 12 years, instead of reducing prices, they are being increased enormously on various pretexts.He expressed anguish that along with essentials, petrol, diesel and gas prices have also skyrocketed and become a financial burden on people. He said price rise is adding to the woes of people who are already struggling with financial difficulties with insufficient wages, like a palm fruit falling on a howling fox.He demanded that the Central and State Governments immediately reduce the hiked prices of essential commodities and supply 16 types of essential commodities to people at subsidized rates through ration depots. He warned that otherwise agitations against

high prices will be intensified in future.CPI Eluru District Assistant Secretary Bandi Venkateswara Rao said Narendra Modi at the Centre for 12 years has been burdening people with high prices and pushing them into financial difficulties. He criticized that though the alliance government in the state promised to reduce high prices during 2024 elections, instead of reducing, it is increasing them further on various reasons.

Allowing pharma companies to increase medicine prices along with petrol, diesel, gas and essential commodities is an anti-people act, he alleged.He warned that Central and State Governments should take immediate steps to reduce the burden of high prices being faced by people, otherwise they will face public wrath.AITUC Eluru District Treasurer Puppala Kannababu, Area Committee Secretary Uppuluri Hema Shankar and Assistant Secretary Kurella Vara Prasad said Central and State Governments have failed in providing proper employment to people. They demanded immediate steps to solve financial problems being faced by people due to high prices.Area Committee members Mavuri Vijaya, G. Swathi, Balla Kanaka Durgarao, Uppuluri Lakshmi, Bhavani, Rekha, M. Satyavati, Balina Prasad, Jijji Varapu Surendra, Amar, K. Suresh, S. Someswara Rao, Y. Srinivasu, M. Mahesh, G. Eswara Rao, Sai, G. Appa Rao and others participated.

Will you sacrifice farmers' lives for Reliance? Tell people the facts about UCG coal extraction.. We will not give our lands for coal mine.. Resolution passed in farmers' meeting held under AP Rythu Sangham



Chintalapudi (Ankulayya Kothagudem) September 9:Will you make the lives of farmers and people into coal for the sake of Reliance profits, questioned AP Rythu Sangham State Assistant Secretary K. Srinivas. A meeting of farmers of the coal mine area was held at Ankulayya Kothagudem on the outskirts of Raghavapuram. Farmers agitated saying "We will not give our lands to Reliance" and raised slogans "Our land, our right."Speaking on the occasion, K. Srinivas said the State Government has announced that about 10,000 acres of land is being acquired in this area for Reliance's coal-based gas production, and questioned whether lands will be forcibly grabbed without discussing with farmers and without farmers' consent. He criticized that they are making false promises saying Reliance company will invest lakhs of crores and this area will be developed.He said the government itself announced that only 5,000 people will get direct employment due to the proposed

coal gas production. He expressed concern that people get large-scale employment due to horticulture, commercial and food crops like oil palm, coconut, cocoa, maize, paddy etc., and this development and employment will be hit.He said the environmental threat arising from coal-based gas production is being kept secret without talking about it. He demanded that public opinion should be valued in the public hearing. He demanded that even now the comprehensive report of the proposed coal mine project should be placed before the public.Rythu Sangham leaders P. Pandu Ranga Rao, CITU district leader R.V.S. Narayana, Agricultural Workers Union mandal leader Satyanarayana, farmers Cheekati Srinivasa Rao, Shettipalli Prasad, Mamillapalli Apparao, Bala Narasimha Rao, Cheekati Venkata Satyanarayana, Cheekati Rajani, Matta Damayanti, Morampudi Srinivasa Rao, Cheekati Sarveswara Rao and others participated in the programme.

One should have awareness on laws Thadikalapudi SI Valli PadmaKamavarapu



kota, September 9,Students should have awareness on laws, suggested Thadikalapudi SI Valli Padma. An awareness programme on laws was conducted for students at Adamilli Zilla Parishad High School in Kamavarapukota mandal on Wednesday.Speaking on the occasion, she said students should take responsibility to create awareness among elders in their homes about cyber crimes happening at present. She also said youth should not get attracted to the illusions coming on social media and spoil their golden future. She also said to stay away from bad habits like alcohol, drugs etc.She also said they should take respon-

sibility to make family members as well as neighbours wear helmets while travelling on two-wheelers. She said a good future can be achieved through education, and if they choose their favourite field in student stage itself and get trained subject-wise, it will be easier to reach the goal.She said many types of laws are available for women's safety and laws should be utilized. She said to call 1930 immediately after being cheated in cyber crimes, 112 to seek police help in any emergency situation, 1098 for child protection and help, and 1072 for drug prevention numbers.Teachers and students participated in this programme.

District Collector K. Vetriselvi unveils Poshan Maah - 2026 wall poster_s



Eluru, September 09: District Collector K. Vetriselvi unveiled the Poshan Maah - 2026 wall posters under the auspices of District Women Development and Child Welfare Department at Gautami Conference Hall in District Collectorate on Wednesday.Speaking on the occasion, District Collector K. Vetriselvi said the main objective of Poshan Maah-2026 is to create awareness on nutritious food among children, pregnant women, lactating mothers and adolescent girls. She directed officials to create extensive awareness among people on aspects like balanced diet, hygiene, personal health, breastfeeding, child health care etc.She said apart from implementing nutrition programmes more efficiently through Anganwadi centres, children with malnutrition should be identified and provided necessary medical and nutritional sup-

port. She said awareness programmes should be conducted to make every family act responsibly towards nutrition and health. District Collector called for conducting various awareness programmes across the district at Anganwadi centres, schools, villages and urban areas during Poshan Maah-2026 and making people partners.District Joint Collector Dr. M.J. Abhishek Gowda, In-charge DRO, SC Corporation ED M. Mukkanti, Vigilance Special Deputy Collector L. Devakidevi, ICDS PD P. Sarada, District Housing PD G. Satyanarayana, Municipal Corporation Commissioner A. Bhanu Pratap, District Panchayat Officer G.V.K. Mallikharjuna Rao, District Education Officer M. Venkatalakshamma, DRDA PD T.V. Vijayalakshmi, Nodal Officer E. Tulasi, CDPO A. Padmavathi and others participated in the programme.

BRS cadres ‘purify’ roads used by Congress workers in Markook

Siddipet: The BRS cadres have cleaned the roads that were used by the Congress leaders and cadres when they arrived at Markook mandal to attack the former Chief Minister K Chandrashekhara Rao’s residence.Congress leaders from neighbouring Yadadri-Bhongir and other districts arrived at Varadarajapur in Markook mandal and proceeded towards Rao’s residence on Tuesday where the BRS cadres cleaned the water mixed with turmeric on Wednesday, in a bid to purify them. Even though the police tried to confiscate water containers, the BRS



workers braved to clean the roads. As the BRS cadres outnumbered the police, they could not stop them. The BRS workers raised KCR Zindabad slogans and raised slogans against the Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy.

Heartfelt felicitation to frontline warriors Distribution of new clothes



Chintalapudi, September 9,“There is a great need for everyone to recognize and felicitate frontline warriors who provide services to people in rural areas, said Chintalapudi MLA Songa Roshan Kumar.A special felicitation programme for frontline warriors was organized at Agricultural Market Committee premises in Chintalapudi town under the auspices of Market Committee Chairperson Smt. Cheedra Durga Parvathi Madhubabu. About 150 ANMs and ASHA workers who are continuously providing services to people in UPHCs, PHCs in Chintalapudi mandal and town limits were recognized as frontline warriors and new clothes were gifted to them by MLA Songa Roshan Kumar.This service programme was organized on the occasion of the birthday of Hon'ble Andhra

Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan and Agricultural Market Committee Chairperson Smt. Cheedra Durga Parvathi.On this occasion, the MLA appreciated the services of ANMs and ASHA workers who are at the forefront in protecting public health.Chintalapudi mandal Janasena Party President Cheedra Madhubabu, Town Telugu Desam Party President Tati Apparao, Town BJP Party President Smt. Kothapalli Vijaya Kumari, Eluru District Telugu Desam Party General Secretary Jaggavarapu Muthareddy, Former MLA Ghanta Murali Ramakrishna, Lingapalem mandal Telugu Desam Party leader Sri Guttha Satya Sai Vara Prasad (Pedababu), alliance leaders, workers, ANMs and ASHA workers participated in the programme.

Resolution of public issues is first priority

Pay special focus on water conservation, cleanliness, green programmes
Strict monitoring to ensure no shortage of fertilizers for farmers
*No compromise on public safety..
Extensive safety inspections should be conducted
*_Clear instructions to officials by District Collector Dr. G. Lakshmisha



Vijayawada, September 09: District Collector Dr. G. Lakshmisha directed officials that petitions received through various channels like Chief Minister's Office, PGRS etc., should be immediately examined by concerned officials, necessary enquiry conducted and report must be submitted.On Wednesday, from Pingali Venkaiah Conference Hall in Collectorate, Collector Lakshmisha along with Joint Collector S. Ilakkiya held a meeting directly with district level officials and virtually with division and mandal level officials.Speaking on the occasion, Collector said permissions required for works under Jaladhara-Jalaharathi 2.0 should be obtained quickly and works should be monitored strictly. He directed to monitor groundwater situation keeping in view water needs and to speed up rainwater conservation and recharge works. He directed people's representatives, officials and staff to personally participate in Swarnandhra Swachhandhra programmes and take up cleanliness, plantation programmes and create awareness among people. As part of Net Zero, solar pan-

els, rainwater harvesting, plantation works in selected schools and government institutions should be speeded up and priority should be given to quality plants like Neem, Teak etc.As second dose has started in agriculture season, RDOs and concerned officials should inspect stock in fertilizer shops and cooperative societies every week and see that there is no scope for any irregularities. He suggested to set up flexi boards at fertilizer shops with price details and Collectorate call centre details for complaints. Giving highest priority to public safety, he directed to conduct safety inspections in petrol bunks, multi-storey buildings, theatres, chemical industries, shopping areas etc. Collector Lakshmisha made it clear that One Family-One Entrepreneur survey data should be updated quickly in mandals and urban areas.After the meeting, Collector Lakshmisha along with Pollution Control Board and other coordination departments officials unveiled posters of "Let's worship clay Vinayaka idols.. Let's protect environment.."

#LUB Launched with a Grand Pooja Ceremony in the Presence of Film Personalities

Hyderabad cinema: A new romantic entertainer titled #LUB was launched with a traditional and grand Pooja Ceremony. The film is jointly produced by Mahesh Kumar Sanka and Bhagawan under the banners of JJ Art Movies, Pavanasutha Productions and Gayathri Cinemas. With this film, Manikanta Pedamallu is making his directorial debut. ““The film introduces Pavaan Kesari as the male lead and Pramukhya as the female lead. The cast also includes Abhitej, JDV Prasad, Mallika Lella, Sai Kiran, Romancham fame Madhu, Viswanath & Sons fame Harika, Bhanu Prakash Kadiyala, Motha Rajender and others in key roles.”“Prominent writer BVS Ravi gave the ceremonial clap for the film, while Hanu-Man producer Chaitanya Reddy switched on the cam-

era. The first shot was directed by Manikanta Pedamallu, while the script was handed over by Crazy Kalyanam producer B. Jagannath Reddy and BVS Ravi. The launch ceremony was attended by several personalities from the film industry, including Sambarala Yeti Gattu director Rohith KP, director Samudra, producers Lagadapati Srinivasa Rao and Srikanth, who extended their best wishes to the entire team.”“Speaking on the occasion, lead actor Pawan Kesari thanked the chief guests and media representatives for attending the film’s launch. He said that #LUB is a refreshing blend of rom-com, comedy, love and emotions. Expressing his happiness about being part of the project, he thanked the director and producers for giving him the opportunity



and said that the team has begun the journey with a very good story and will work hard to bring it to audiences in the best possible way.”“Making her debut with the film, heroine Pramukhya expressed her gratitude to the makers for believing in her. She said, “This is my first film, and I am very thankful to the director and producers for selecting me after my audition. My character in the film is quite strong, and I am extremely happy to be working with such a passionate and enthusiastic team.”“The producers said that they entered the film industry with the passion to make films with strong and engaging stories. They expressed their confidence that #LUB, backed by good content and a talented team of newcomers, will connect with Telugu audiences. They also stated that they are keen to encourage and work with fresh talent through more projects in the future. Director Manikanta Pedamallu thanked every guest who attended and supported the launch ceremony. He revealed that #LUB will be an emotional romantic drama with entertaining and engaging elements. He also thanked the media fraternity and PRO Madhu VR for their support. The entire team expressed their gratitude to the guests and media for their encour-

agement and requested everyone to continue supporting the film as Athey prepare to bring a fresh and entertaining story to audiences.
#LUB has Akshay Vasuri handling cinematography, Sudha Srinivas composing the music, Karthikeyan Rohini editing the film and Srinivasa Mouli, known for his work in Jailer 2 and OG, penning the lyrics. The film’s technical crew also includes Bharat Akula as Creative Director, Eshwar Penti as Choreographer, Karthik Akavaram as Art Director and IG Santosh as Executive Producer.
CAST
PAVAAN KESARI, PRAMUKYA, ABHITEJ, JDV, MALLIKA LELLA, SAI KIRAN, ROMANCHIKAM FAME MADHU, VISWANATH & SONS FAME HARIKA, MOTA RAJJENDRA, BHAANU PRAKASH KADIYALA
TECHNICAL TEAM:
BANNERS : JJ ART MOVIES, PAVANASUTHA PRODUCTIONS ,GAYATHRI CINEMAS
DIRECTOR : MANIKANTA PEDAMALLU
PRODUCERS: MAHESH KUMAR SANKA & BHAGAVAN SANKA
CO PRODUCERS : PAVANASUTHA SANKA, RAMATULASI SANKA
“CREW“DOP: AKSHAY VASURI
CREATIVE HEAD : BHARATH AKULA
MUSIC : SUDHA SRINIVAS
EDITOR : KARTHIKEYAN ROHINI
LYRICWRITER: SRINIVASA MOULI
CHOREOGRAPHER: ESHWAR PENTI
ART DIRECTOR: KARTHIK AAKAVARAM
EXECUTIVE PRODUCER : I G SANTHOSH
WRITERS: VIJAY, NAGENDRA ,AKHIL, KESHAVA, BHARADHWAJ CHILUKURI
DIRECTION TEAM : SHIVA CH, AKHIL T
PRO : MADHU VR
Digital marketing : Digital Dukanam

Rashmika Mandanna opens up on her love for random pictures



Chennai: Expressing love for the random pictures that her team clicked with a disposable camera that she had presented to them, actress Rashmika Mandanna has now explained why she loved these pictures and stressed on the fact that she was going to do "definitely more of this". Taking to her Instagram page to post pictures that the team had clicked with camera, she wrote, "A few months ago we had this little ideaaaa... I gave the team a disposable camera and the only brief was.. just click whatever you feel like clicking." She went on to explain, "And now, we’ve finally got the pictures processed. There’s something I really love about not knowing what a picture looks like the second you take it. You can’t fix the hair, change the angle, take another 20 or edit the little things you don’t like. You just get the moment exactly as it was." She concluded the post saying, "And in a world where we’re all so used to taking 1000 pictures before choosing the “perfect” one... these somehow feel even more special. Definitely doing more of thissss." Also Read All set for ‘Ranabaali’ teaser release Advertisement Discover more Breaking News Alerts News Hyderabad Business Directory On the workfront, Rashmika has an interesting line up of films. Significantly, two of her films -- 'Ranabaali' and 'Mysaa' are scheduled to hit screens this year. In fact, the makers of director Rawindra Pulle's eagerly awaited action thriller 'Mysaa' had only recently announced that the film would hit screens worldwide on November 27 this year. Unformula Films, the production house producing the film, took to its social media timelines to make the announcement. It wrote, "Resilient by nature. Fearless by choice. Unbreakable by spirit. Get ready to experience the world of #MYSAA with #RashmikaMandanna

like never before. IN CINEMAS WORLDWIDE ON 27.11.26." It may be recalled that the film was recently in the news when its unit completed shooting a crucial underwater sequence featuring Rashmika. The film has generated excitement among fans ever since it was first announced. In fact, in May this year, the film was in the news when actress Rashmika Mandanna disclosed that the unit had successfully wrapped up a long schedule in Kerala. Also Read Vijay Deverakonda’s Ranabali Teaser To Be Unveiled On This Date Discover more National News Feed Telangana News Portal Digital Newspaper Access Sources close to the unit had told IANS earlier that stunt master Kecha Khampakdi had choreographed some high voltage action sequences for this film which were shot in this schedule.
Rashmika is believed to have performed some high intensity action sequences during this schedule along with key actors in the film. IANS had reported earlier that the actress had been training hard at an intensive stunt and combat bootcamp in Bangkok, Thailand to perform in the sequences that were to be filmed during this action schedule. Sources in the unit had disclosed that the actress had trained for over eight hours everyday For 'Mysaa' in Bangkok. For the unaware, Rashmika plays a tribal Gond girl- a character that demands emotional vulnerability as much as physical ferocity -- in the film. The film, apart from Rashmika, also features Eshwari Rao, Guru Somasundaram, and Rao Ramesh in pivotal roles. On the technical front, cinematography for the film is by Shreyaas P Krishna while music is by Jakes Bejoy. International stunt choreographer Andy Long is overseeing the action for this ambitious entertainer.

Ravi Teja Hits the Jackpot With Irumudi Profit-Sharing Deal



Hyderabad : Both Ravi Teja and Yash opted for the same profit-sharing model instead of a fixed remuneration for Irumudi and Toxic movies. While Yash's strategy did not yield the expected returns, Ravi Teja appears to have struck gold with the same model. It is well known that Pan-Indian star Yash opted to go for a profit-sharing formula and also sold the distribution rights to the producers like Dil Raju with 45-day return policy clause. As a result, the arrangement reportedly left him exposed to financial losses regardless of the film's performance. But Ravi Teja’s Irumudi is still running successfully in the theatres and crossed 250+ crores within 19 days. On the other hand, this movie is still witnessing maximum occupancies in the theatres for the evening shows and is generating revenue for the producers even after 3 weeks of its release. Even Mass Maharaja Ravi Teja, who bagged a blockbuster comeback with Irumudi also earned more than 60 crores as his remuneration. Ravi Teja reportedly took Rs 8 crore as fixed remuneration along with the film’s Nizam rights, which were valued at around Rs 7 crore

before release. Also Read Aadi Sai Kumar Happy to Witness Irumudi's Massive Response Advertisement Discover more City & Local Guides AI Technology News Sports News Updates But as Irumudi turned into a sensational blockbuster, the film has reportedly collected Rs 53.67 crores in that area and is expected to touch Rs 60 crores till its final run. So, based on the rough estimation, after GST, expenses, and distributor commission, Ravi Teja could take home around Rs 45 – 47.5 crore from the Nizam business. This is far above the 77 crore value originally attached to the rights. Although if Ravi Teja would opt for regular full-remuneration deal instead of profit-sharing formula, he would be given Rs 25 crores. But this way, he nearly doubled his earnings. Ravi Teja as Trinadh impressed all and sundry in the movie as a middle-class father living next door. Although he is portrayed as a chronic drinker in the movie, he changes for his daughter and also undertakes 41-day sacred Ayyappa Deeksha to completely transform himself for the sake of his family.

India's Tour of NZ: Ticket sales soar past 50,000

Pegula rallies past Navarro to reach third straight US Open semi-final



Auckland: The marquee series against India starting late October has set the cash registers ringing at New Zealand Cricket headquarters as the parent body confirmed sale of more than 50,000 tickets since going on sale just over two weeks ago. Commercially the most viable team in world cricket, India is coming to New Zealand after a gap of six years to play five T20Is, five ODIs and two Test matches. According to a press release: "Ticket sales opened to the public on Monday after a two week pre-sale window for Cricket Nation members, Sky customers, and ANZ customers, with several matches on track to sell out, including the second T20I against India in Christchurch which sits at 75% sold out." "High demand at Eden Park has required the stadium's sixth tier of seating

to open for the first time since the 2019 India tour of New Zealand, with the upper level available for the fourth T20I against India on Friday 30 October," it further stated. NZC's Head of Marketing Tim Ellis said momentum for the tour was growing. "Being able to open up the top level of Eden Park for the first time in years is really exciting and speaks to the swell of excitement building around the tour. Matches at Hagley Oval have always been well attended but to have one of them over three quarters sold already is quite remarkable," Ellis was quoted as saying in the release. "We're deep into planning for a number of events surrounding the tour and have some exciting at-game activations in the works that we're confident will deliver a great experience for fans of all ages," he added.

Anmol Ekka's six-goal blitz powers India men into AHF Junior Asia Cup semis



Moqi: Defending champions India stormed into the semi-finals of the AHF Junior Asia Cup 2026 with a ruthless 15-0 demolition of Chinese Taipei in their final Pool A match here on Wednesday. Captain Anmol Ekka was the star of the show, scoring six goals — all from penalty corners — as India turned a goalless opening quarter into a one-sided contest. The victory took India to the top of Pool A with 10 points from three wins and a draw. South Korea claimed the second semi-final spot from the group with nine points after edging Japan 3-2. Japan, Indonesia and Chinese Taipei were eliminated from the title race and will now feature in the classification matches. India dominated possession and created several openings in the opening 15 minutes but were unable to breach a disciplined Chinese Taipei defence. The breakthrough finally came in the 17th minute when Aryan Xess opened the scoring, with Prabhdeep Singh doubling the lead a minute later. Gursewak Singh made it 3-0 in the 22nd minute before Ekka converted his first penalty corner three minutes later. Arjun Santosh Hargude added another in

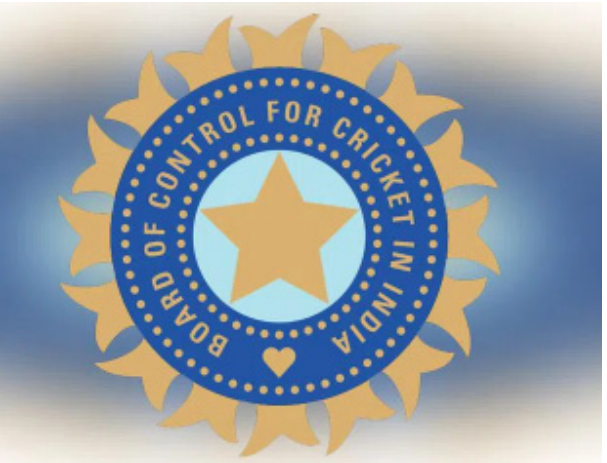
the 28th minute, and Ekka struck again moments later as India went into half-time with a 6-0 lead. The third quarter belonged almost entirely to India. Download Interactive Maps Ekka converted two early penalty corners to complete his hat-trick and then added another to take his tally to four. Ajeet Yadav also got on the scoresheet in the 35th minute before Ekka converted again in the 45th minute to make it five for the evening and take India into double figures. There was no let-up in the final quarter. Harpal scored in the 48th minute before Ekka completed his remarkable six-goal haul three minutes later with another successful penalty corner. Harpal added his second soon after, while Aryan Xess rounded off the rout with his second goal of the match as India completed a 15-0 victory. The result underlined India's attacking strength and set-piece efficiency, particularly after they found their rhythm following the first-quarter stalemate. The defending champions now head into the semi-finals with their confidence boosted by a dominant finish to the pool stage.

New York: The No. 3 seed Jessica Pegula came from a set down to defeat No. 26 seed Emma Navarro 3-6, 6-4, 6-3 in 2 hours and 21 minutes at a packed Arthur Ashe Stadium, advancing to the US Open semifinals for the third consecutive year. This is Pegula's fourth Grand Slam semifinal; she also reached the last four at the Australian Open earlier this year. The US Open 2024 runner-up now holds the most three-set wins (90) and comeback wins (48) among WTA Tour players since the start of the decade. No. 1 seed and two-time defending champion Sabalenka awaits Pegula in the semifinals after dismissing Linda Noskova in a hard-fought quarter-final, 7-6 (1), 3-6, 7-6 (7). Pegula is 4-9 against Sabalenka and has lost to her twice in Flushing, most recently in the semifinals of last year's US Open. They also met in the 2024 US Open final, with Sabalenka winning the match and the title, 7-5, 7-5. Pegula, who had a stellar 2026, claiming two titles in Dubai and Charleston and reaching the finals at three additional events in Cincinnati, Washington, D.C., and Berlin—altogether racking up five finals appearances, the most of any WTA player—is one of four players vying for the title of No. 1 in the world, a crown she'd capture only if she wins the championship and Elena Rybakina fails to advance to the semifinals. The first set opened with an exchange of service breaks, with both players facing and saving additional break

points. Both players also struggled to get their first serves in, leaving them vulnerable to attacks on their second serves. Pegula, in particular, looked rattled on serve, committing three double faults in a single game and slipping to a 2-4 deficit (compared with a total of 10 double faults across her first four matches), according to US Open reports. A nearly nine-minute game ensued, which Navarro survived. After Pegula's first efficient hold, at love, the younger American had the first set on her racquet. Navarro managed to claim the frame on her second set point, 6-3. The 50-minute set wasn't a clean one for either player. Navarro committed five double faults of her own (to just one ace), matching Pegula's serving stats exactly. Pegula started the second set with vastly improved play. But, as in the first set, the two players traded early breaks to keep the match on serve. When the score levelled at 4-4, neither player could sustain an edge. But then, down 4-5 and serving at 30-30, Navarro hit her first double fault of the set. That gave Pegula her first set point of the match. She took full advantage and took the second set, 6-4. Up 3-2, Pegula put pressure on Navarro's serve, breaking her to take a 4-2 lead. That's when the solid, steady Pegula started to shine. She held serve to extend her lead to 5-2. On her next serve, at her second match point, Pegula converted, taking the set 6-3 and the match.

BCCI ropes in Campa, SBI Life and ChatGPT as India home season partners

Hyderabad: The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) has announced the appointment of Campa, SBI Life and ChatGPT as Associate Partners for India's home cricket season for a two-season period, commencing with India's upcoming home series against the West Indies and running through March 2028. The three new partnerships have a combined deal value of over ₹130 crore, representing a 44 per cent increase over the previous cycle and underscoring the strong appeal and growing commercial value of India's home cricket season. The partnerships further broaden the BCCI's commercial portfolio, bringing together leading brands across the beverage, insurance and AI technology sectors and creating new opportunities to connect with cricket fans. They reflect the versatility of Indian cricket as a platform for businesses to build visibility, reach consumers and engage with a large and passionate fan base. Commenting on the announcement, BCCI president Mithun Manhas said: "India's home season continues to be a valuable and sought-after



sporting property in the country, and the signing of Campa, SBI Life and ChatGPT is a strong endorsement of the strength of the Indian cricket ecosystem. The big increase in the combined value of these partnerships is particularly encouraging. It reflects the trust that leading brands have in the reach, engagement and commercial potential that comes with being associated with BCCI. "Each brings a distinct brand and proposition to Indian cricket, and we look forward to working with them to build strong associations that create greater value for all stakeholders." BCCI honorary secretary Devajit Saikia said:

IOA gives Team India special send-off

Hyderabad: The Indian Olympic Association (IOA) on Tuesday held a special send-off for India's contingent for the Asian Games 2026, as the country's athletes prepare to represent the nation at the continental sporting showpiece in Aichi-Nagoya, Japan, from September 19 to October 4. The ceremony brought together athletes, coaches, support staff, dignitaries and partners as Team India prepares to embark on its Asian Games campaign with the aim of delivering strong performances on the continental stage. The event was attended by Union Minister for Youth Affairs and Sports Mansukh Mandaviya and Indian Olympic Association president PT Usha, alongside athletes, coaches, support staff and partners. Speaking on the occasion, Mansukh Mandaviya said, "There is no shortage of talent in this country. Day by



day, year by year, we are moving forward, and we have to change the pressure into performance, the opponent into an opportunity, and the opportunity into an achievement. I have complete faith that our contingent will perform well at the Asian Games and increase the pride of the country." PT Usha added, "Do not be overwhelmed by the occasion; make the occasion remember you. Look at yourself and remember how far you have come.

India's gross manufacturing leasing posts 49 pc CAGR since 2021



New Delhi: India's gross manufacturing leasing has reached a cumulative 69 million sq ft, registering a compound annual growth rate of 49 per cent since 2021, a report said on Wednesday. India's manufacturing sector is witnessing an unprecedented transformation, with leasing demand for industrial spaces projected to capture 40 per cent of the market by 2030, the report from commercial real estate services firm JLL said. Manufacturing has now emerged as the second-largest occupier segment after third-party logistics (3PL), signaling a fundamental restructuring of India's industrial real estate hierarchy. Gross absorption touched 19.2 million sq. ft. in 2025, and H1 2026 recorded 10.2 million sq. ft.—a 19 per cent year-over-year increase for the first half. With manufacturing leasing absorption forecast to reach approximately 46 million sq. ft. by 2030, the sector's trajectory underscores India's evolution toward becoming a global manufacturing powerhouse aligned with its Vision 2047 aspirations, the report noted. "The growth in the manufacturing real estate asset class reflects two distinct yet complementary strategies shaping India's industrial land-

scape. Tier-I cities are witnessing aggressive leasing of Grade-A facilities as manufacturers prioritise speed-to-market and be capex-light due to paucity of affordable land," said Yogesh Shevade, Managing Director, Industrial & Logistics, India, JLL. Simultaneously, Tier-II markets are seeing manufacturers opt for land acquisition, seeking greater customisation and long-term operational control, Shevade said. Both approaches signal robust manufacturing commitment; whether through leasing or ownership, India is becoming the factory floor of choice, he added. Grade-A properties captured 90 per cent of manufacturing leasing in 2025 and the shift toward high-specification facilities reflects stringent adherence to enhanced building standards, hygiene protocols, and safety norms. Nearly 14 emerging markets including Lucknow, Jaipur, Chandigarh tricity, Bhubaneswar, Guwahati, Surat, Nagpur, Nashik, Goa, Indore, Sambhajinagar, Tuticorin, Coimbatore & Vizag are witnessing manufacturers prioritise land transactions over leasing, reflecting diverse regional strategies aligned with specific operational requirements.

Coforge chairman resigns amid board evaluation concerns; shares plunge over 8 pc



New Delhi: Shares of IT services provider Coforge tumbled more than 8 per cent on Wednesday in early trade after chairman and non-executive independent director O.P. Bhatt resigned with immediate effect following concerns identified in an internal audit review of the board evaluation process. The IT stock declined as much as 8.67 per cent or Rs 169 per share to hit an intraday low of Rs 1,780.10 by 9:50 am on the BSE. In an exchange filing, the company said the board had noted Bhatt's resignation and that he had also ceased to be a member of its committees. Bhatt said in his resignation email that he had acted in good faith and that continuing on the board while there remained a disagreement over his actions in the board evaluation process would not be conducive to its effective functioning. "The matters referred to above are the material reasons for my resignation, and I confirm that there are no other material reasons for my resignation," Bhatt said in the email which disclosed by the IT firm. The internal audit conducted as

part of the Q2 FY26 audit plan reviewed the process followed for the board evaluation exercise under the guidance of the chairman and the resulting Board Evaluation Report presented to the board, says Coforge. The review identified concerns over the manner in which the report had been dealt with and presented including that certain material information contained in or relating to the report and the chairman's performance had not been fully disclosed to the board when it was presented. The board subsequently set out its concerns and sought an explanation from Bhatt. The company said Bhatt had responded but the board was still considering his explanation and had not taken any final decision on the matters raised. However, the board has designated Vivek Sharma, a non-executive independent director as interim chairman until January 31, 2027. In addition, Bhatt is also an independent director of Wockhardt Ltd where he is a member of the audit, stakeholders' relationship and capital raising committees, according to the company.

Petrol and diesel prices today in Hyderabad, Delhi, Chennai and Mumbai on 9 September 2026

Petrol and diesel prices today, 9 September 2026: Petrol and diesel prices today remained stable. Going by the fuel prices at major cities in the country today, the petrol price in Delhi is at Rs. 102.12 per litre and the diesel price at Rs. 95.20. The petrol prices in Hyderabad remained at Rs. 115.69 per litre and the diesel price is at Rs. 103.82 per litre. The petrol price in Chennai per litre is Rs. 107.76 and the diesel is priced at Rs. 99.55 per litre. In Mumbai, the petrol price per litre is Rs. 111.21 and the diesel prices remained at Rs. 97.83 per litre. Petrol prices today in Bangalore are at Rs. 110.82 per litre while diesel price remained at Rs. 98.78 per litre. India is mainly dependent on crude oil imports for petrol



and diesel. Hence crude prices affect petrol and diesel rates. However, other factors such as rising demand, government taxes, rupee-dollar depreciation and refinery concept ratio will also have an impact on domestic fuel prices. The fuel prices mentioned below are due at 6 am and are subject to change at any time.

Gold rates today in Hyderabad and Visakhapatnam slashes, check the prices on 9 September, 2026

The gold rates today in Hyderabad were slashed on 9 September, 2026. Going by the rates today, the price of 10 grams of 22-carat gold is Rs. 1,41,450 with a fall of Rs. 950 while the rate of 10 grams of 24-carat gold is at Rs. 1,54,310 with a fall of Rs. 1040 While in Visakhapatnam, the gold rates have been similar to that of Hyderabad with ten grams of 22-carat gold is Rs. 1,41,450 with a fall of Rs. 950 while the rate of 10 grams of 24-carat gold is at Rs. 1,54,310 with a fall of Rs. 1040 While the Silver rate today at Hyderabad and Visakhapatnam is at Rs. 2,50,000 per kilogram. The gold rates in the international market have been fluctuating. Over the past few weeks gold rates have experienced a fall during the wedding season, fluctuating around Rs.



1,40,000 for 10 grams of 24-carat gold and approximately Rs. 1,50,000 for 10 grams of 22-carat gold. The gold prices mentioned here are due at 8am, the prices could alter at every moment and hence the gold buyers need to track the live prices at a given time. The mentioned prices here are closing prices of yesterday while today's price would begin either with a decrease or increase.

Crude oil prices surge nearly 2 pc as US-Iran conflict escalates



New Delhi: Crude oil prices traded higher for a fourth straight session on Wednesday and gained around 2 per cent or over \$1 as fresh attacks involving Iran, the United States and Saudi Arabia heightened concerns over supply disruptions in the Gulf. Brent crude rose as much as 1.79 per cent or \$1.76 to near \$100 a barrel, while US West Texas Intermediate crude gained 1.88 per cent or \$1.75 to \$94.78 a barrel. Brent prices have climbed more than 20 per cent since early August as hopes for a permanent resolution to the six-month-old conflict faded and fighting intensified across the region. Both benchmarks remained in technically overbought territory. Brent's previous close was its highest since July 23 for a second consecutive session, while WTI settled at its highest level since June 4. The latest price surge came after Iran-backed Houthi forces in Yemen attacked four cities in southern Saudi Arabia, a US ally on Tuesday, injuring more than 70 people and set-

ting oil installations on fire, according to reports. Reports suggest Saudi warplanes carried out airstrikes in Yemen's Jubah district, east of the capital Sanaa, and in Taiz province in the southwest. Iran's Revolutionary Guards said they had attacked two US destroyers and a US base in Jordan's Al Azraq with ballistic missiles in retaliation for US attacks on Iranian oil tankers, according to them. Moreover, Jordan's air-defence systems intercepted 18 of 20 ballistic missiles launched from Iran, while two landed in unpopulated areas, with no casualties reported, state media said citing the military. US Secretary of State Marco Rubio warned Iran that Washington would continue striking Iranian oil tankers in retaliation for attacks on US warships. Iran continues to attempt attacks on US naval ships and for every time they do that or try to do that they're going to lose tankers, Rubio told reporters during a visit to Colombia.

Commissioner calls for adherence to safety norms for Ganesh Chathurthi celebrations

Visakhapatnam: GVMC Commissioner Ketan Garg advised organisers to conduct Vinayaka Chavithi celebrations and set up Ganesh pandals across all GVMC zones only after obtaining permissions from the concerned departments. The Commissioner made it clear that prior permissions from the concerned departments must be obtained for setting up Ganesh pandals, stages, banners, welcome arches and other temporary structures. Such structures should be erected only at permitted locations and strictly in accordance with prescribed safety standards. Pandals or other structures should not be set up on roads, footpaths, drains or at locations that obstruct public movement and traffic. Organisers must also ensure adequate passage for the unhindered movement of ambulances, fire tenders and other emergency service vehicles, Ketan Garg underlined. The Commissioner further directed organisers to ensure that pandals and temporary structures are sturdy and safe, and that adequate precautions are taken regarding electrical connections, wiring, lighting and generators to prevent accidents. Pandals should not be erected close to electric poles, transformers, high-tension power lines or other hazardous locations. During festivities and processions, organisers should coordinate with the police, GVMC and other concerned departments and follow their instructions to ensure smooth traffic movement.

The Commissioner called upon both organisers and citizens to actively participate in making Vinayaka Chavithi celebrations environmentally-friendly. He urged them to give preference to Ganesh idols made of natural clay and avoid idols made of Plaster of Paris (PoP), chemical



colours and other materials harmful to the environment. He also advised organisers to avoid single-use plastic and other banned plastic items for pandal decorations and instead use eco-friendly alternatives. Organisers should ensure cleanliness in and around pandals every day and segregate wet and dry waste before handing it over to GVMC sanitation personnel. Flowers, puja materials, food waste and other waste should not be dumped on roads, in drains or at public places. After the conclusion of the festivities, organisers should promptly remove pandals and decoration materials and ensure that the premises are restored to a clean condition, GVMC Commissioner exhorted. The Commissioner also emphasised that public safety should be accorded the highest priority during Ganesh idol immersion. “While celebrating Vinayaka Chavithi with devotion, we must consider public safety, city cleanliness and environmental protection as our collective responsibility. Citizens, festival committees and pandal organisers should cooperate with GVMC by obtaining the necessary permissions and adhering to prescribed norms and ensure that Vinayaka Chavithi celebrations in Visakhapatnam are conducted in a safe, clean and eco-friendly manner,” Ketan Garg appealed.

CPM demand completion of TIDCO houses with immediate effect



Visakhapatnam: The CPM Visakhapatnam district committee leaders demanded immediate completion of the TIDCO housing project at Bakkannapalem in the Madhurawada area and handing it over to eligible beneficiaries. On Tuesday, former CPM floor leader of the GVMC B Ganga Rao, Visakhapatnam district secretariat members RKS V Kumar and V Krishna Rao, along with party leaders from the Visakhapatnam East and Bheemili constituencies, visited the TIDCO housing complexes under construction at Bakkannapalem. Speaking on the occasion, the leaders said that the housing project for middle-class families was launched in 2016-17 under the then Nara Chandrababu Naidu’s government. After identifying eligible beneficiaries, contribution amounts were collected from them, while additional amounts were arranged through bank loans. However, they alleged that the houses have still not been completed, leaving many families without homes despite waiting for several years. The beneficiaries, the Left

Party leaders said, are already burdened with interest and compound interest on their bank loans. The CPM leaders alleged that successive Telugu Desam Party and YSRCP governments had taken nearly 10 years to complete around 380 houses spread across eight blocks at Bakkannapalem, and the project remains incomplete even now. They said that basic infrastructure, including roads, drainage facilities, drinking water supply and electricity, is yet to be fully provided. Handing over keys to beneficiaries without completing the houses and ensuring essential infrastructure would serve no purpose, they said. The leaders demanded that the pending construction work and infrastructure facilities should be completed immediately before the houses are handed over to the beneficiaries. They warned that the CPM, along with the beneficiaries, would launch a large-scale agitation if the government failed to take immediate action. CPM leaders D Appalaraju, D Kondamma, B Bharathi and K Kumari were present.

Focus on crowd, traffic management in Tirupati



Tirupati: Tirupati district authorities are making elaborate arrangements for the Srivari Salakatl Brahmotsavams from September 15 to 23 and the Navaratri Brahmotsavams from October 13 to ensure devotees do not face inconvenience. Addressing a media conference near Alipiri on Tuesday, District Collector Dr S Venkateswar said coordination with the Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD) was being maintained to manage the large number of devotees expected during the festivals. TTD Additional EO Ch Venkaiah Chowdary, District SP L Subba Rayudu, TTD JEO Dr A Sarath, CVSO KV Murali Krishna and Tirupati Municipal Corporation Commissioner M Jayakrishna also attended the meeting. The Collector said preparatory meetings and field-level inspections had already been completed under the supervision of the TTD EO. Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu will offer silk clothes to Lord Venkateswara on the first day of the Brahmotsavams. Special parking and holding points are being arranged at the Alipiri check post, TTD lands near the zoo park and the Nehru Municipal High School area to regulate vehicle movement.

The Tirumala traffic situation will be

monitored through the Command Control Centre, with devotees kept at holding points when required. LED screens will be used at these locations to provide live visuals of the vehicle processions. In view of the Peratasi month, three additional holding points are being planned on the outskirts of Tirupati for devotees arriving from Tamil Nadu, Bengaluru and Hyderabad. Around 3.5 to four lakh devotees and 12,000 to 13,000 vehicles are expected for the Garuda Seva on September 19, for which parking arrangements have been made in Tirupati and Tirumala. SP Subba Rayudu said the police and revenue departments were coordinating arrangements for the upcoming Vinayaka Chavithi celebrations and Garuda Seva. He asked organisers of Vinayaka celebrations to complete idol immersion within the first or third day of the festival to avoid traffic and crowd-related issues. TTD CVSO Murali Krishna said extensive parking facilities were being prepared at various locations in Tirupati due to limited parking space in Tirumala. Special transport arrangements would be made in coordination with the APSRTC to take devotees from Tirupati parking areas to Tirumala.

Single-window clearance mandated for Vinayaka Chaviti pandals in Tirupati



Tirupati: Appealing to residents to protect the local environment, Tirupati Municipal Corporation Commissioner M Jayakrishna urged citizens and festival organizers to install eco-friendly clay idols for the upcoming Vinayaka Chaviti celebrations. His appeal forms part of a larger campaign by local authorities to curb the usage of Plaster of Paris (PoP) and harmful chemical dyes that pollute local water bodies during immersion. Inspecting the single-window help centre for Ganesh Chaturthi pandal permissions at the local Sports Complex on Tuesday, Commissioner Jayakrishna reviewed the approval process. Established under the aegis of the Varasidhi Vinayaka Nimajjana Committee, the single-window facility enables organizers to obtain all requisite clearances—from the municipal corporation, police, fire, and electricity departments—under one roof, eliminating the need to visit multiple government offices. During

his visit, Jayakrishna distributed official approval certificates to several pandal organizers, terming the one-stop facility a welcome step that saves time while ensuring strict adherence to civic and safety norms. He instructed all organizers planning to set up Ganesh mandapams to secure mandatory clearances from this unified centre. Emphasizing safety and public convenience, the Commissioner urged organizers to follow issued guidelines meticulously and plan immersion processions to avoid traffic disruptions. “Celebrate with devotion, while ensuring safety and smooth traffic movement for the general public,” Jayakrishna stated. SPDCL Superintending Engineer Chandrasekhar, Utsav Committee Convener Samanchi Srinivas, and committee members RC Munikrishna, Naveen Kumar Reddy, Gundala Gopinath, and Mangati Gopal Reddy were present during the inspection.