

Must Earn a Name in Duty Performance

Along with Law and Order, Social Service Too Coalition Government Filled 6 Thousand Posts Emotional Moments in Presence of Family Members Congratulations to Constables Who Completed Training Minister Kondapalli Srinivas in Passing Out Parade



Vizianagaram, September 29, "State Minister for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises, Rural Poverty Alleviation, and Pravasi Andhra Empowerment Relations Kondapalli Srinivas called upon all constables who have completed training and are taking up constable responsibilities to earn a name in police

duty performance. On Tuesday at the local Police Parade Ground, the passing out parade of 198 police constables who completed training was held grandly. Minister Kondapalli Srinivas attended this program as the distinguished guest and received the guard of honor

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Revanth Sets Sights on KTR's Stronghold

CM Revanth Reddy visits Sircilla today First visit to Sircilla in the capacity of Chief Minister Launch of development works worth Rs 345.78 crore

Hyderabad: "Did you think I wouldn't come? Did you think I couldn't make it? Look everywhere—here, there, and all around—I will be there," says CM Revanth Reddy. He had declared, "I will hold public meetings in Sircilla, Siddipet, and Gajwel; I will show everyone who I am and what I am capable of." True to his word, he is stepping into the 'Gulabi' (Pink party) bastion today. For years, Sircilla was synonymous with KTR, and KTR with Sircilla; however, Revanth



Reddy asserts that the scene—and the entire script—is about to change. True to his promise, he is entering KTR's stronghold. This

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Kurnool: The South Central Railway (SCR) has intensified monitoring of drinking water quality at Kurnool City Railway Station and neighboring railway colonies to guarantee safe and hygienic water supplies for passengers, employees, and residents. As part of this proactive drive, the Hyderabad Division conducted extensive inspections and water quality tests between September 1 and 26, confirming that all 1,917 water samples collected during the period



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CM Chandrababu outlines rural development plans at Palle Panduga 3.0 in Udayagiri

Udayagiri : Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu has said a new phase of village development will begin in Udayagiri, with the 'Palle Panduga 3.0' programme aimed at transforming rural communities and their economies. Speaking at a meeting in Ramapuram, he said the Alliance had promised to rebuild the state after the 2024 elections and was delivering on that commitment. He contrasted the current government's work with what he



described as damage caused by the previous administration,

particularly to roads. Naidu said that, while ₹8,560 crore had been spent on roads in the past, the Alliance had laid roads worth ₹6,540 crore in just two years. He added that all-weather, mud-free roads would soon be available across Nellore district. Naidu said Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan was leading rural development in his own distinctive way. He said the YCP government had blocked rural development funds, while Pawan was now driving projects backed by an allocation of ₹4,136 crore. The Chief Minister said development worth ₹30,000 crore was being undertaken through the Jal Jeevan Mission. The government was

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Molten Steel Spill At VSP Unit, None Hurt

VISAKHAPATNAM: Molten steel spilled into a special container and onto the floor after a ladle slide gate failed to close properly at SMS-1 of the CCD section of the Visakhapatnam Steel Plant on Tuesday. No injuries were reported. Senior CITU leader J. Aodhyaram said SMS-1 had remained closed after the June 8 accident in which 10 workers were killed. It was reopened on Monday after special pujas, during which lunch was served to 400 workers. He said the machines were 40 years old and needed



to be replaced, besides better maintenance. He added that no worker was present in the affected area when the incident occurred. A spokesperson of RINL, the corporate entity of Visakhapatnam Steel Plant, described it as a small mishap and said there were no injuries or loss to property.

Nara Lokesh, Singapore Minister Offer Prayers at Tirumala

Nara Lokesh, the Andhra Pradesh Minister for Education and IT, visited the shrine of Lord Sri Venkateswara Swamy—the presiding deity of Tirumala—this morning (Tuesday) alongside Singapore's Home Minister K. Shanmugam. Minister Lokesh had welcomed Singapore Home Minister K. Shanmugam upon his arrival in Tirumala last night (Monday) for the pilgrimage. Subsequently, this morning, Shanmugam was escorted to the sanctum sanctorum with due honors for the darshan of the Lord. TTD Executive Officer Mudda da Ravichandra and the temple priests extended a warm welcome to them. Both dignitaries offered prayers to the Lord to-



gether. Afterward, at the Ranganayakula Mandapam, Vedic scholars offered blessings and presented the Lord's *theerthaprasadam* (consecrated offerings) to them. Earlier, upon his arrival at the Tirupati airport on Monday night, Minister Lokesh

was accorded a grand welcome by local TDP public representatives and party leaders. This afternoon, Minister Lokesh is scheduled to travel from Tirupati to Renigunta Airport and depart for Kerala on a special flight.

Drinking water to every household in Mangalagiri by 2029: Lokesh

Guntur: Minister for HRD Nara Lokesh assured that he would take steps to provide drinking water, underground gas and underground drainage connections facility to every household in Mangalagiri by 2029. As part

of 'Mana Illu – Mana Lokesh' programme, he distributed permanent house site pattas and PMAY sanction documents to 372 beneficiaries at Kunchanapalli of Tadepalli mandal in

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Ecosystems and livelihoods: A pathway to good forest governance

A long-standing debate centres on whether to treat natural forests as engines of economic growth or as ecological safeguards for environmental security. Supporters of the former advocate for industry-oriented production forestry by raising commercially valuable tree plantations within natural forests to maximise industrial output and substitute timber imports. Conservationists, on the other hand, argue for sustainable forest management not merely for resource extraction but for securing a wide array of vital ecosystem services. Is the industry-driven forest management model truly a novel idea in India? A look at history provides a clear answer. This commercial approach was tested for decades, only to be abandoned due to severe ecological degradation and the systematic exclusion of forest-dependent communities. Recognising these failures, India's National Forest Policy of 1988 explicitly shifted the paradigm away from revenue generation, stipulating that forests must primarily serve environmental stability and the socioeconomic well-being of local communities.

The historical failure of commercial forestry: Forest commercialisation traces its roots back over 160 years to the introduction of "scientific forestry" in British India, which was designed primarily for timber extraction to meet the needs of railway sleepers and shipbuilding. This timber exploitation accelerated during the World Wars. By the time of independence, numerous wood-based industries operated on heavily subsidised raw materials sourced from state forests. This trend intensified under the second Five-Year Plan's (1956-61) aggressive push to use forest materials for industrial expansion. Later, in 1965, the Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) supported Pre-Investment Survey of Forest Resources (PISFR) under the Government of India catalysed the setup of private wood-based industries, incentivised by concessional raw materials. Ultimately, most of these industries collapsed after triggering severe forest depletion. Despite the immense environmental and social costs incurred, empirical evidence indicates that these units failed to make a significant contribution to national economic growth or generate gainful local employment. Today, only a very few of them survive, having uniquely adapted by shifting their raw material sources from natural forests to private agroforestry lands. Dedicated research into industrial impacts would undoubtedly uncover more such failures. There are no examples in India or abroad to show that the commercialisation of natural forests and ecological resilience go together. In fact, as documented by global assessments presented at the World Forestry Congress (2003), commercial forest-based operations systematically cause severe deforestation, biodiversity loss, wildlife migration, soil erosion, and hydrological disruption. The socio-economic paradigm: Forests as community lifelines: Natural forests have been meeting the fundamental needs of local populations by providing food, fodder, fuelwood, manure, and medicine since time immemorial.

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marks CM Revanth Reddy's first visit to Sircilla since assuming the office of Chief Minister, a visit that holds significant political importance. Today, in addition to laying foundation stones and inaugurating development projects worth Rs 345.78 crore, the CM will address a massive public meeting. The visit will focus primarily on the welfare of weavers, women's empowerment, education, and infrastructure. The itinerary also includes laying the foundation stone for 'Young India Integrated Residential Schools' in Sircilla and Vemula wada (at a cost of Rs 200 crore) and inaugurating the 'Nethanna Bazaar' (Weavers' Market). While development programs are on the official agenda, the political backdrop of Sircilla adds an extra layer of interest to this visit. BRS Working President KTR has represented Sircilla since 2009. Revanth Reddy had previously announced plans to tour the constituencies represented by key BRS leaders—namely Sircilla, Siddipet, and Gajwel. Consequently, speculation has arisen regarding whether the Chief Minister will address political issues alongside development activities during his speech in Sircilla. "Ahead of the CM's visit, KTR posed several questions to the government. He demanded the release of a white paper regarding the allegations concerning approximately 8,000 acres of government land in Sircilla, insisting on full details—including the specific mandals, villages, and survey numbers where these lands are located. Noting the government's earlier claim of having reclaimed around 2,400 acres, KTR urged that details of these lands also be placed before the public. He asserted that the government must respond to these issues using official records.



Meanwhile, Congress MP Chamala Kiran Kumar Reddy responded sharply to KTR's criticisms. He stated that land-related allegations concerning KTR would be raised during the CM's visit to Sircilla and that questions regarding the region's development under the previous BRS administration would also be brought up. He highlighted the projects worth over ₹345 crore being undertaken by the Congress government in Sircilla, as well as the farm loan waiver and proposed initiatives for weavers. However, for the allegations and counter-allegations regarding land issues to be fully clarified, relevant government records and details of official inquiries must be made public.

Overall, the Sircilla visit appears to be shifting from a focus on development activities to a political debate. On one hand, the government intends to showcase its performance through projects worth ₹345.78 crore, the 'Nethanna Bazaar' (Weavers' Market), educational institutions, and infrastructure improvements. On the other, KTR is raising questions regarding the previous administration, the current government's performance, and land-related matters. Consequently, interest is no longer confined merely to the announcement of development works; the focus has shifted to what CM Revanth Reddy will address in his speech and how KTR will respond. The extent to which political arguments will play out against the backdrop of development in Sircilla will become clear only after the Chief Minister's visit.

CM C, Pawan Kalyan, Ram Madhav launches Palle Panduga 3.0 in Udayagiri



Udayagiri : Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu, Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan and BJP state president Ram Madhav visited Ramapuram in Varikuntapadu mandal, Nellore district, to launch the 'Palle Panduga 3.0' programme. Addressing the gathering, Pawan Kalyan said Udayagiri had been selected for focused development, with the aim of reducing migration and improving local opportunities. He described the constituency as a place of historical importance and said development works worth ₹120 crore were planned under the initiative. The projects include rural link roads, improvements in areas inhabited by SC, ST, Yanadi and Banjara communities, and measures to strengthen village infrastructure. Pawan Kalyan also announced road works to improve access to Udayagiri Fort and said the hill would be developed as an eco-tourism destination. Officials have been directed to take up road development in Gogula Palle using special funds. Ram Madhav said the programme was helping transform villages and noted that the Centre was working on schemes to create greater economic opportunities for rural youth.

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from the police who completed training. The Minister presented memento awards to the best cadets who showed excellence in duty performance, discipline, sports, indoor-outdoor sections during the training period, and mementos to the constables who completed training. Constables who underwent training for 9 months, in the presence of their family members, senior officials, and public representatives, emotionally performed disciplined guard of honor, parade displays, and march pasts which greatly impressed the guests. Speaking on this occasion, the Minister called upon the new police constables to always work with dedication to provide services to the people with social responsibility along with protecting law and order in society. He said today is a great festival day in the police department, and congratulated those from poor, middle-class families who have studied B.Techs, MAs, PhDs and such higher studies and chosen the police department. He congratulated the new constables who successfully completed 9 months of rigorous training and are ready for public service. He said that a police job is not just a livelihood, but a highest responsibility of protecting people's life, dignity, and property. He said the state government fills police posts every year and provides full help and cooperation for welfare and strengthening of the police system. He clarified that the role of police is crucial in protecting law and order in society. Minister Kondapalli called upon them to win people's trust by performing duties transparently, impartially, using modern technology. He said the credit for increasing the stipend from Rs. 4,000 to Rs. 12,000 goes to Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu. He also said the credit for filling 6,000 police posts this year also goes to the coalition government. District SP Damodar speaking, suggested that all constables who completed training should excel in job duties and work to protect law and order. He said they should face hardships, many challenges in professional duty and protect the honor and name of the police. In this program, Vizianagaram MLA Aditi Vijayalakshmi Gajapathi, MLCs Kavali Greeshma, Gade Srinivasa Naidu, Indukuri Raghuraju, AR SP Soumyalatha, SPs of various districts, senior police officials, parents and family members of new constables participated.

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were satisfactory and fit for drinking. The comprehensive monitoring framework covered groundwater sources, municipal supplies, storage facilities, chlorination systems, and distribution networks. Officials conducted daily checks on residual chlorine levels and performed regular bacteriological tests to detect harmful contaminants like E. coli bacteria. Out of the total samples, 315 underwent rigorous bacteriological examination, with none testing positive for contamination. Additionally, 17 samples subjected to detailed chemical analysis were declared safe for consumption. To maintain these high standards, engineering and medical department officials jointly executed 94 inspections at drinking water sources, ground-level reservoirs (GLRs), and high-level reservoirs (HLRs). SCR General Manager Sanjay Kumar Srivastava instructed officials to maintain strict vigilance, ensuring that all supplies strictly comply with the Indian Railways Medical Manual. Authorities reaffirmed that frequent testing and maintenance will continue across the zone to guarantee a consistent supply of clean water.

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also offering subsidies for solar power systems to reduce reliance on the conventional electricity grid and would work to provide internet connectivity to every village. He described rural areas as the starting point for a clean and prosperous Andhra Pradesh, referring to the goals of Swachh Andhra and Swarnandhra. Naidu also said the state had received 12 national-level awards. Outlining plans for Udayagiri, he said the area would be developed as a hub for fruit orchards. He added that public support for the Alliance in Nellore district was stronger than at the 2024 general election.

Drinking water to every household in Mangalagiri by 2029: Lokesh

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Guntur district on Monday. Speaking on this occasion, he said people had sought permanent solutions to the problems of the retaining wall at Mahanadu Katta, underground drainage and drinking water during the elections. These works would be taken up systematically and completed, he said. Lokesh recalled that 3,002 house site pattas were distributed in the first phase, 2,670 in second phase and 388 in third phase, providing permanent ownership rights over assets worth approximately Rs 2,000 crore in total. When he had taken up house site pattas issue in Mangalagiri with Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu, the latter instructed that similar problems anywhere in AP also be resolved, he said. He said roads would be laid immediately in areas where underground drainage, drinking water pipelines and underground gas pipelines had been completed.

**On the 30th of this month,
Pattabhishekam for the
Poor Like a Festival**

Decades-old dream of more than
24 thousand poor families to be realized
Hon'ble Chief Minister to launch the program
Elaborate arrangements for the success of the program
District Collector Dr. G. Lakshmisha



Vijayawada, September 29: District Collector Dr. G. Lakshmisha said that the state government will organize the Pattabhishekam program for the poor in a festive atmosphere on the 30th of this month with the aim of realizing the decades-old dream of poor families and providing a permanent address and legality with full rights to the eligible.. and officials should work with strong coordination for the success of this program. On Tuesday, Collector Lakshmisha along with Joint Collector Ilakkiya held a meeting with coordination department officials, gallery in-charges and others at the Collectorate's Sri Pingali Venkayya Conference Hall on the Pattabhishekam program for the poor. Speaking on this occasion, the Collector said that the Hon'ble Chief Minister will launch the program at the Makineni Basavapunniah Stadium in Ajit Singh Nagar, Vijayawada. He said that beneficiaries have been identified as per government orders regarding regularization of house sites of those who have been living for many years by building houses on various types of government lands. He said that revenue officials at the field level have worked hard for the last two years for this. He said that in the first phase, more than 24 thousand beneficiaries have been identified in the district for regularization related to various categories such as those having NTR pattas as well as various assigned pattas, hereditary encroachments/residences in unobjectionable poramboku lands, POT violations etc. He said that the government



will provide documents to give them full rights over the property.. thus the uncertainty over the houses they have been living in for decades will be removed.. documents giving all rights equal to private property for more than 616.56 acres (approximately 29,84,145 square yards) of land will be handed over. Its SR value is about Rs. 9,800 crores, while the market value will be more than Rs. 23 thousand crores.*Later, Collector Lakshmisha along with Joint Collector S. Ilakkiya, Police Commissioner SV Rajasekhara Babu and officials inspected the arrangements being made at the Makineni Basavapunniah Stadium. Arrangements have been made to provide title documents to the beneficiaries through about 100 special counters. Special in-charges have been appointed for them.. and directions were given to ensure the program goes smoothly without any inconvenience anywhere. Instructions were given regarding transport facility for beneficiaries, uninterrupted power supply at the venue, establishment of medical camps, seating arrangement, public addressing system etc. DRO M. Lakshmi Narasimham, Vijayawada RDO Vennela Srinu and others participated in the meeting.

Chandrababu inaugurates Mission Karmayogi workshop, says to enhance employees skill

Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu stated that the 'Mission Karmayogi' workshop is being organized with the aim of enhancing the capabilities and administrative skills of government employees. The Chief Minister participated in the 'Mission Karmayogi' program held today (Tuesday) at the Ambedkar Kalavedika in Vijayawada. He inaugurated the regional workshop, which brought together representatives from southern states. The officials belonging to Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Karnataka, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Odisha, and Puducherry participated in the workshop. Discussions at the conference focused on capacity building for government training institutions and enhancing employee skills. A draft has been formulated in partnership with



iGOT and the 'Mission Karmayogi' quality framework to boost capabilities through the 'Unnati' program. Presentations regarding the policies and practices adopted by various states are being delivered at the conference. An action plan has been devised to transform government

**Goal is to Create Awareness
Among People on Cleanliness**

'Swachhathan' Marathon in Vijayawada
Amaravati on October 2
Preparations for a massive run with 10 thousand people
Swachhathan Marathon to create more awareness among people on cleanliness
Swachha Andhra Corporation Chairman
Kommareddy Pattabhi Ram



Vijayawada: September 29: Swachha Andhra Corporation Chairman Kommareddy Pattabhi Ram said that a "Swachhathan" marathon will be organized in the Vijayawada-Amaravati region on the occasion of Swachh Diwas being organized across the country on the occasion of Mahatma Gandhi Jayanti on October 2. At a press conference held at a private hotel in Vijayawada on Tuesday, Swachha Andhra Corporation Chairman Kommareddy Pattabhi Ram revealed the details of the "Swachhathan" marathon. Speaking on this occasion, Swachha Andhra Corporation Chairman Kommareddy Pattabhi Ram said that inspired by the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on the occasion of Mahatma Gandhi Jayanti, extensive awareness programs on cleanliness and sanitation are being organized across the country. He said that under the leadership of Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu, we have been extensively organizing the "Swarna Andhra – Swachha Andhra" movement in Andhra Pradesh since January 2025, creating awareness among people about cleanliness. He said that the first edition of the "Swachhathan" run, which was started last year to further promote the Swachha Andhra movement among the people, was successful, and about 6 thousand to 7 thousand runners from across the country participated. He said that HDFC Bank is acting as the title sponsor for the second edition being organized this year.

Kommareddy Pattabhi Ram said that it is estimated that about 10 thousand people will participate this year in the "Swachhathan" marathon, which is being organized with the main themes of cleanliness, sanitation, and health. He said that competitions are being organized in 5K, 10K, 21K (half marathon) categories, and total cash prizes of Rs. 10 lakh will be given to the winners. The Swachhathan Marathon will start at 5 am on October 2 from Indira Gandhi Municipal Stadium in Vijayawada. Minister Nara Lokesh will flag off the marathon. Ministers Satyakumar Yadav, Kandula Durgesh, Ponguru Narayana, MPs, MLAs, public representatives along with celebrities from film and sports fields will participate in this program. He said it will continue from Indira Gandhi Municipal Stadium ? Police Control Room ? Vinayakudu Temple ? Seethamma Vari Padalu ? Krishna Barrage ? Steel Bridge ? up to Mantena Satyanarayana Raju Ashram in Amaravati capital region, and return to Vijayawada. Full security and route clearance arrangements are being made for the marathon in coordination with Vijayawada Police Commissionerate, Municipal Commissioner, and District Collector. He said that timing bibs that technically record time will be provided at Amma Kalyana Mandapam for runners participating in 10K, 21K categories. He said that drummers, cultural troupe performances, Zumba and other entertainment programs are being arranged to encourage runners along the route. Amaravati Runners are acting as organizing partner, HDFC Bank as title sponsor, and MedCity as medical partner for this program. While registration is mandatory, organizers said that those who have not registered will also be given an opportunity to participate in the 5K run. Kommareddy Pattabhi Ram said that this marathon, organized on the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti, Swachh Diwas, is intended to raise awareness among people about cleanliness and sanitation as part of the Swachha Andhra movement. He said that in the backdrop of Vijayawada city getting ready for the upcoming Dasara festivities, the "Swachhathan" marathon will stand as a curtain raiser for the Dasara festivities. He hoped that public participation will increase further in building a clean and healthy Andhra Pradesh. In this meeting, Amaravati Runners representative Ravi Ramesh, HDFC Area Head of Operation representative Pawan, MedStar Hospitals representative Prem, and others participated.

Milk Abhishekam to Chief Minister's Portrait in Bhimasingi

Joy for Sugar Factory Employees and Workers Do Not Believe Opposition Party's Misconceptions Meeting with Farmers and Shareholders Soon Minister Kondapalli Srinivas, MLA Kolla Lalitha Kumari, DCMS Chairman Gompa Krishna Participate in Felicitation Meeting



Gajapathinagaram, September 29, "As a GO was issued sanctioning funds of Rs. 9 crores 12 lakhs to the employees and workers of Bhimsingi Sugar Factory in Jami Mandal of the constituency, Milk Abhishekam was performed to the portrait of Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu under the leadership of State Minister for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises, Rural Poverty Alleviation and Pravasi Andhra Empowerment Relations Kondapalli Srinivas.



At the invitation of Sugar Factory employees and workers, Minister Kondapalli Srinivas went to Sri Vijaya Rama Gajapathi Cooperative Sugar Factory (Bhimasingi Sugar Factory) on Tuesday. On this occasion, employees and workers welcomed him with cheers holding placards saying Thank You CM Sir, Thank You Kondapalli Sir. Later speaking in the meeting held, Minister Kondapalli Srinivas said that it was during the YCP government that the sugar factory was closed and farmers, workers and employees were left on the roads. He said that as soon as the coalition government came to power, local MLA Kolla Lalitha Kumari and himself as Minister spoke about Bhimsingi Sugar Factory in the Assembly and sought justice, and Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu noticing the difficulties faced by workers and employees today released a GO for sanctioning funds for salaries and VRS dues. He said that while the coalition government is trying to solve the problems related to the factory in phases, YCP party is slinging mud. He said that due to the

GO that has come now, more than 300 families will get justice and also become financially stable. The Minister emphasized not to believe the words of YCP leaders who are making false allegations and creating misconceptions about the coalition government which is paying the dues, and that meetings will soon be held with farmers and shareholders and action will be taken accordingly. S Kota MLA Kolla Lalitha Kumari speaking said that for closed factories, one has to wait for years for salaries, and it is only due to the initiative of Minister Kondapalli Srinivas that the salary GO for employees and workers came so quickly. She said the coalition government works with the aim of fulfilling aspirations of all sections. DCMS Chairman Gompa Krishna speaking said that the previous YCP government in power ignored the factory problems. He said that despite many financial difficulties in the state, the GO for sanctioning funds came due to the efforts of Minister Kondapalli Srinivas and MLA Lalitha Kumari with the intention to do justice to sugar factory employees. He said the good done by the coalition government to the families of employees and workers should not be forgotten. In this program, AMC Chairman PVV Gopala Raju and others participated.

Pregnant Women, Lactating Mothers Should Utilize Anganwadi Services

Kamavarapukota: CDPO Beulah said that pregnant women and lactating mothers should make use of the services provided in Anganwadis. The National Nutrition Month program



was grandly organized on Tuesday at Kondagudem 3 Anganwadi Center in the mandal headquarters. On this occasion, several suggestions were made on the food taken by pregnant women, lactating mothers along with precautions. Vigilance

Committee member Kare Salman Raju gave several suggestions to Anganwadi workers. Women Police Mounika, Bharathi Supervisor M Vijayalakshmi, Anganwadi workers, and mothers participated in the program.

SENIOR CIVIL JUDGE cum SECRETARY DLSA E SRIDEVI AS CHIEF GUEST Legal Awareness program OLDAGE HOME

Awareness program OLDAGE HOME Legal Awareness Program for Old Age Home In-charges and Supervisors



AMEER HUSSAIN CRIME BEURO CHIEF Hyderabad, September 29, 2026: "A legal awareness program was conducted for in-charges and supervisors of old age homes in Hyderabad, focusing on the rights of the elderly, welfare laws, government guidelines, and the management of these homes. The event was organized at the Hyderabad Collector's conference hall under the supervision of Mr. Rajender, Assistant Director (Old Age Homes), Hyderabad. Ms. E. Sridevi, Secretary of the District Legal Services Authority (Sessions Division, Nampally, Hyderabad), attended as the chief guest. Speaking on the occasion, Ms. Sridevi emphasized that it is everyone's responsibility to ensure a dignified life, safety, healthcare, nutrition, shelter, and necessary legal aid for the elderly. Information was provided regarding available legal remedies and free legal services in cases of neglect, harassment, or the violation of the rights of the

elderly. "Awareness was raised regarding the protection of elderly rights, safety, hygiene, medical facilities, record maintenance, grievance redressal, and the implementation of government guidelines within old age homes.

Emphasis was placed on the effective implementation of laws, government schemes, and guidelines regarding the welfare of the elderly, as well as the need for old-age home staff and supervisors to treat the elderly with respect and a humane approach. "It was stated that free legal aid could be availed through the District Legal Services Authority whenever necessary. Instructions were given to bring issues concerning the elderly to the attention of the concerned officials and to ensure they receive appropriate assistance. Assistant Director Mr. Rajender, in-charges and supervisors of old-age homes, DRO committee members, and other officials participated in this program.

ED continues questioning prime accused in Vivekananda Reddy's murder

Hyderabad: The Enforcement Directorate (ED) on Tuesday continued questioning Yerra Gangi Reddy, the prime accused in the murder of former Andhra Pradesh minister Y.S. Vivekananda Reddy, in connection with the alleged financial transactions linked to the case. Gangi Reddy appeared before the ED officials here for a second consecutive day. Another accused, Uma Shankar Reddy, was also being questioned by the Central agency. The questioning of the accused is part of the ED's probe into the alleged money laundering and financial transactions connected with the murder conspiracy. The ED last week questioned another accused, Sunil Yadav, and recorded his statement. The questioning of Gangi Reddy and Umashankar Reddy is reported to be based on this statement. The Central agency began a money laundering probe on the basis of the case registered by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) and the charge sheets filed by it. It was in August last year that the ED registered an Enforcement Case Information Report (ECIR). The agency is probing the financial transactions before the murder as the CBI suspects that Rs 40 crore 'supari' (contract) was offered to the accused to kill Vivekananda Reddy. The ED is also looking into the alleged transfer of Rs 4 crore and the payment of Rs .1 crore as advance to to Shaik Dastagiri, an accused-turned approver. Last month, the ED conducted searches at multiple locations, including the premises linked to YSR Congress Party MP Y.S. Avinash



Reddy, nephew of Vivekananda Reddy and an accused in the case. The searches were conducted at the premises of Kadapa MP Avinash Reddy, his father Y.S. Bhaskar Reddy and other accused in the murder case. Vivekananda Reddy, brother of former Chief Minister Y.S. Rajasekhara Reddy (YSR), and uncle of YSRCP President and former Chief Minister Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy, was murdered at his residence in Pulivendula on March 15, 2019, weeks before the elections. The 68-year-old former state minister and former MP was alone at his house when unidentified persons barged in and killed him. The CBI took over the investigation into the case in 2020 at the direction of the Andhra Pradesh High Court while hearing a petition by Vivekananda Reddy's daughter, Sunitha Reddy, who raised suspicion about some relatives. Expediting the probe into the case, the CBI in 2023 arrested Bhaskar Reddy and his follower, Uday Kumar Reddy. It filed the first charge sheet in the case in 2021 and supplementary charge sheets in 2022 and 2023.

Urvashi Rautela’s team claims legal action over alleged

Mumbai: Actress Urvashi Rautela’s team has claimed that it is pursuing legal action against a Los Angeles-based artificial intelligence company over the alleged unauthorized use of her name, images, and videos. According to a statement issued by the actress’ team, the company allegedly used Urvashi’s identity and content without obtaining permission. The team said it is pursuing appropriate legal remedies, with damages currently being assessed at Rs 7,000 crore. The team also stressed that any commercial use of the actress’ name, image or likeness should be carried out only with proper authorization. In an exclusive quote shared with IANS, Urvashi’s team said, “Their business has allegedly generated billions of dollars in value by using Urvashi’s name, images and videos without authorization. We are pursuing appropriate legal remedies, including damages currently being assessed at ?7,000 crore against the Los Angeles-based company. Build your AI (artificial intelligence) company. Build your brand. But keep Urvashi’s name out of your business unless you have permission. Team Urvashi Rautela.” Taking to Instagram, they also shared a note that read, “We are pursuing appropriate legal remedies, including damages currently being assessed at ?7,000 crore against the Los Angeles-based company. Their busi-



ness has allegedly generated billions of dollars in value by using Urvashi’s name, images & videos without authorization.” Recently, actor Salman Khan also raised concerns over the misuse of artificial intelligence during an episode of ‘Bigg Boss 20.’ The actor spoke about the growing use of AI and the concerns surrounding the unauthorized use of people’s images and identities through the technology. The ‘Sultan’ actor said, “Someone made an AI video, or did AI voice dubbing; that is wrong. AI has progressed so much that it's very scary. It's a very serious thing. You said something, and someone used AI to edit it and kisi ko gali bakdi. You know what they're doing? AI videos bana rahe hain yeh. Bahut saare logon ke. And even I am there in the AI video.”

Surbhi Chandna recalls her ‘secret getaway sans the husband’, shares memories from first-ever girls’ holiday

Mumbai: Television actress Surbhi Chandna took a walk down memory lane as she shared glimpses from her first-ever girls’ holiday abroad. She recalled her fun-filled days in Amsterdam and Bruges. Taking to Instagram, Surbhi shared a series of throwback pictures giving a peek into her memorable getaway. From exploring the cities on foot and enjoying coffee and Dutch cheese sandwiches to indulging in Belgian chocolates, canal cruises and relaxing in parks, the ‘Naagin’ actress recalled the many experiences from the holiday. Adding a playful touch to her post, Surbhi mentioned having “some more secret fun sans the husband” during the getaway. Sharing the memories, the ‘Ishqbaaaz’ actress wrote, “A little throwback to my first-ever girls’ trip abroad — Amsterdam & Bruges, where every day meant endless walks, strong coffee, Dutch cheese sandwiches, Belgian chocolates, too much Prosecco, Churos, Canal Cruises, Lazing in the parks and some more Secret Fun sans the Husband.” She also joked about the delay in getting her visa, saying, “The visa may have arrived late, missed half my trip but the memories arrived right on time.” The pictures showed Surbhi striking solo poses against beautiful backdrops, along



with glimpses of her culinary delights. She was seen enjoying pasta, pizza, sandwiches and coffee while exploring the city and soaking in the sights. Surbhi Chandna often gives a glimpse into both her personal and professional life through social media. A few days ago, the ‘Sanjivani’ actress shared pictures and videos from her Ganpati celebrations, including moments from the Modak bhog and visarjan ceremony. Along with the post, Surbhi penned an emotional note as she bid farewell to Bappa. She also shared that she was already looking forward to welcoming Lord Ganesha back next year. “Bappa Modak Bhog Visarjan Celebrations Visits everything Gannu Pa Comes to an end today Tu Chala Jayegaaa Aaj And back to waiting for Next year celebrations already Mumbai will miss you Bappaaa,” wrote Surbhi.

Raashii Khanna shares a glimpse of her life in Mysore, relishes dosa, goes temple hopping

Mumbai: Actress Raashii Khanna, who is currently busy shooting for “Dharman” in Mysore, gave a glimpse into the world she has been living in for a while now. Sharing moments from her time in the city, she offered a peek into her temple visits, leisurely outings, games and fun-filled moments with friends. Taking to Instagram, Raashii shared a series of pictures and videos from her time in the city. She could be seen enjoying some quiet moments while exploring Mysore and visiting temples. The actress also shared a fun moment with friends as they played UNO and laughed together. Among the

highlights of her post was a picture of a delicious Mysore dosa. Sharing the glimpses, the ‘Tholi Prema’ actress wrote, “A little glimpse into the world I have been living in for a while now in Mysore. A little temple hopping, a little wandering, some UNO and lots of laughter. And yes, the Mysore dosa deserved its own moment.” The first image showed Raashii sitting at a restaurant and enjoying a traditional dosa thali. The post also featured glimpses from her temple visits and behind-the-scenes moments from the sets of her upcoming project. Raashii also shared a series of pictures from Mysore,

Meet Sneha Reddy: Allu Arjun’s Wife, Entrepreneur, Mother & One of India’s Most Followed Celebrity Personalities

Hyderabad cinema 29: Sneha Reddy has built a distinct identity beyond being known as the wife of actor Allu Arjun. An entrepreneur, mother, fitness enthusiast and digital personality, she has created a strong presence of her own, with a social-media community of over 9.1 million followers. At the centre of her entrepreneurial journey is Picaboo, the studio she runs. Alongside her professional commitments, Sneha is passionate about fitness and wellness, regularly sharing glimpses of her workouts and active lifestyle. Family remains an important part of her world. She often shares moments with her children, while her travel, fashion and lifestyle content has further strengthened her connection with audiences. Her association with Allu Arjun naturally places her among one of India’s most prominent celebrity families. Yet, over the years, Sneha has established a personality of her own — balancing entrepreneurship, family, fit-



ness, travel and life in the spotlight. Today, Sneha Reddy is recognised not just as Allu Arjun’s wife, but as a successful entrepreneur and a celebrity personality with a substantial digital following of her own.

Nani Visits Medaram Temple With The Paradise Team And Offers Jaggery Thulabharam



It is well known that Tollywood’s ace actor Nani and director Srikanth Odela’s ‘The Paradise’ movie hit the theatres on 24th September, 2026 and is still running successfully at the ticket windows even after receiving a mixed talk. Well, most of the critics and the reviewers dropped complete negative reviews on social media and stated it as one of the biggest flops of Nani’s career. Amid the heavy backlash, the movie minted Rs 88+ crores on day one and crossed 100 crores on day 2. Well, within five days, the movie pushed its worldwide gross collection to ?155+ crores and is slowly marching towards a bigger milestone. This post reads, “Natural Star @NameisNani & #TheParadise team offered their prayers at the Sri



Sammakka Saralamma Devastha nam in Medaram”. Well, The Paradise movie team visited the Medaram Sammakka-Sarakka temple today and fulfilled their vows by offering gold aka jaggery thulabharam to the tribal goddesses. Nani reportedly offered jaggery equivalent to his body weight as an expression of gratitude and devotion. Well, this movie also has an ensemble cast of Mohan Babu, Raghav Juyal, Sampurnesh Babu, Sonali Kulkarni, Kaya du Lohar, Tanikella Bharani and Priyadarshi. Amid all these main characters, Nani aka Jadal and his mother Sonali Kulkarni’s emotional understanding and their fight for their community made us go teary-eyed. This Srikanth Odela’s directorial is produced by Sudhakar Cherukuri under the SLV banner.



where she is currently shooting for

Ashwath Marimuthu’s ‘Dharman’. The film’s team is presently working on its fourth shooting schedule in the city. Among the pictures was a frame featuring Raashii with Rajinikanth and Telugu actor Ram Pothineni. Sharing glimpses of her time in Mysore, the actress revealed that her days included early morning workouts with Rajinikanth and Ram, temple visits, exploring the city and playing UNO with the team. Raashii Khanna plays a pivotal role in Tamil superstar Rajinikanth’s upcoming film ‘Dharman.’ In the film, Rajinikanth is set to play a doctor who takes on criminals.

INS Sahyadri, Kulish participate in 2nd ASEAN-India Maritime Exercise in Philippines



Manila: In a significant boost to maritime cooperation between India and ASEAN, Indian Naval Ships Sahyadri and Kulish, along with BRP Jose Rizal, BRP Tarlac and RSS Justice from ASEAN member states, are participating in the second ASEAN-India Maritime Exercise (AIME) in the Philippines on Tuesday. According to the Indian Embassy in the Philippines, the exercise is co-hosted by the Indian Navy and the Philippine Navy, bringing together navies of ASEAN Member States and India to strengthen mutual understanding, cooperation and interoperability at sea. The exercise will feature subject matter expert exchanges on Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR), maritime domain awareness, logistics, and women, peace and security. These will be followed by sea drills off the coast of Zambales province, including boarding operations, helicopter cross-deck landings and medical evacuation. The latest engagement builds on the inaugural ASEAN-India Maritime Exercise, held in Singapore in 2023. Meanwhile, India Ambassador to the Philippines Harsh Kumar Jain attended the opening ceremony of the second AIME at Subic Bay as the Guest of Honour. "In his address, Ambassador Jain noted that the seas have long connected India and Southeast Asia. He underscored that

maritime security and prosperity are a shared responsibility, in line with India's vision of MAHASAGAR, and reaffirmed India's steadfast support for ASEAN centrality and the ASEAN Outlook on the Indo-Pacific," the Indian Embassy in the Philippines posted on X on Tuesday. Highlighting the exercise's theme, "Anchored in Trust, United at Sea," Jain observed that trust forged through training together becomes a vital operational capability in times of crisis. He also congratulated all participants and thanked the Philippines for co-hosting the exercise as ASEAN Chair during the ASEAN-India Year of Maritime Cooperation 2026, the Indian mission said. Ambassador Jain also visited the Indian Navy's indigenous stealth frigate INS Sahyadri and missile corvette INS Kulish at Subic Bay. Both ships recently participated in the ADMM-Plus Maritime Security exercise at Subic Bay and are now taking part in AIME2026. "Ambassador Jain interacted with the officers and sailors, appreciating their dedication and hard work while deployed far from home, and their important role in strengthening India's maritime partnerships with ASEAN. The Commanding Officers briefed him on the ships' capabilities, technological readiness, and crew welfare during long overseas deployments," the Indian embassy posted on X.

Sree Charani reaches highest-ever ICC Women's T20I bowling rating

Hyderabad: India's left-arm spinner Sree Charani has attained the highest-ever rating points in the ICC Women's T20I Bowling Rankings, climbing to 817 points in the latest weekly update released on Tuesday. Charani's tally is 11 points higher than the previous record of 806, held by Australian seam bowler Megan Schutt, who reached the mark in November 2018. Charani's figures of two for 13 in the women's final at the Asian Games against Sri Lanka helped her consolidate the top position and set the new landmark, while stylish left-handed opener Smriti Mandhana returned to the top five of the ICC Women's T20I Batting Rankings. The 30-year-old vice-captain has moved up one slot after striking 79 off 46 deliveries with seven sixes and five fours and adding 99 for the opening stand with Shafali Verma as India notched a Games record total of 216 for three and eventually won by a huge 147-run margin to retain the gold medal. Her teammate Richa Ghosh, who struck 49 not out off 22 balls, has moved up three slots to 25th in the latest weekly update, which considers performances on the last day of the women's competition at the Asian Games. The competition also included the match for third place, in which Pakistan defeated Bangladesh by 31 runs to take home the bronze medal. Pakistan captain Fatima Sana's brisk 45 off 30 deliveries in that match has lifted her four places to 23rd, while Aliya Riyaz (up two places to 64th) and Gull Feroza (up six places to 87th) are others from her team to move up the rankings. Bangladesh's Sharmin Akhter has progressed 10 places to 35th after scoring



46 off 45. In the bowling rankings, Pakistan's left-arm spinner Nashra Sandhu is back in the top 10, while Bangladesh's Nahida Akhter (up two places to 29th), Pakistan's Umm-e-Hani (up 58 places to 51st) and India's Kranti Gaud (up four places to 53rd) have made notable progress. In the ICC Women's ODI Player Rankings, West Indies captain Hayley Matthews has moved up three places to fourth among batters after notching a career-best 182 against Zimbabwe during the ICC Women's Championship Series, which is the highest-ever score by a West Indies woman player. Zimbabwe captain Modester Mupachikwa has advanced 16 places to a career-best 40th position with scores of 86 and 38 after two matches of the series, which is level at 1-1. Her opening partner Kelis Ndhlovu has gone from 61st to 56th position in the list, while the bowling rankings see West Indies' Aaliyah Alleyne move up eight slots to 58th and Ashmini Munisar progress from 107th to 84th.

Who is Neeru Dhanda, India's first individual Asian Games gold medallist in women's trap

Nagoya: For Neeru Dhanda, the road to Asian Games gold has been built one target at a time. On Tuesday, the 26-year-old Indian shooter finally had a medal around her neck that had eluded every Indian female trap shooter before her. Neeru produced a commanding performance in the women's trap individual final in Aichi-Nagoya, finishing with 28 hits to win gold and set a new Asian record. China's Sun Yunong claimed silver with 26, while Kuwait's Hajar Abdulmalik took bronze on 21. Neeru, who trains at Dr KSSR in New Delhi and is part of the Indian Army Marksmanship Unit as a Naib Subedar, first represented India at the 2022 ISSF World Championship in Osijek. Since then, she has established herself as a regular contender on the international circuit. She won the women's trap title at the 2025 Asian Shooting Championship before producing the biggest breakthrough of her career earlier this year. At the ISSF Shotgun World Cup in Lonato, Italy, Neeru became the first Indian woman to win an individual World Cup gold in women's trap. She also earned a mixed-team bronze at the World Cup in Almaty. The Asiad result marked the first time an Indian woman had won an Asian Games medal in the individual trap event. It also added another milestone to a year that has already transformed Neeru's standing in international shooting. Her final was a lesson in recovering from setbacks without allowing them to grow. After a clean opening run, Neeru missed once in her second series and briefly slipped behind Sun and Abdulmalik. Instead of letting the error disrupt her rhythm, she responded with two successive perfect series. At the half-way stage, she had struck 19 of 20 tar-



gets and opened a two-hit advantage over her nearest challengers. By the time she reached the final five shots, the gold was firmly within her grasp. Neeru kept her composure to finish on 28 and complete a performance that had been in her control for much of the contest. The victory is the latest landmark in a rapid rise for the shooter from Jind, Haryana. Her Asian Games triumph carries another personal connection. Neeru took up shooting after being inspired by her cousin Lakshay Sheoran, who won silver in men's trap at the 2018 Asian Games in Jakarta. Seven years later, she has gone one better. India has historically enjoyed greater success in rifle and pistol events than in shotgun disciplines. Neeru's gold therefore represents both a personal breakthrough and a significant moment for Indian trap shooting. After helping India win team silver earlier in these Games, Neeru returned to the range and delivered the performance that mattered most. This time, there was no one left to chase. Neeru was the target everyone else was trying to hit.

India to face Sri Lanka in Asian Games cricket semifinal

Nisshin: The Indian men's cricket team will face Sri Lanka in the semifinals of the Asian Games after the island nation's quarterfinal against Nepal was abandoned due to inclement weather here on Tuesday. Sri Lanka made it to the last four owing to their higher ranking. While they are placed ninth in the team rankings, Nepal are 14th. There has been consistent rain in Nagoya over the past few days, leading to all four quarterfinals, including India's, being washed out. The second semifinal will be played between Pakistan and Bangladesh. Both semifinals are set



to take place on Thursday. The Indian men's team, led by Shreyas Iyer, is yet to play a game at the Korogi Sports Park, which also hosted the women's competition won by Harmanpreet Kaur and Co.

Railways beat Andhra Pradesh to win 12th ball badminton title

Hyderabad: Indian Railways won the Senior National Ball Badminton Championship for a record 12th time after defeating hosts Andhra Pradesh 35-23, 36-11 in the final at Srikalahasti. Earlier, Railways defeated Tamil Nadu 35-29, 37-35 in the semifinal and Puducherry 35-23, 35-20 in the quarterfinal. In the league matches, Railways recorded a 35-19, 35-19 win over Maharashtra, defeated AIESCB 35-24, 35-19 and beat Karnataka 35-27, 35-23. The Railways team, led by N Kalai Selvan, comprised Ch Vengala Rao, GP Vignesh, DV Ganesh, R Rajesh, HR Sanjay, P Karthik, VR Vithin Kumar, S Karthik and Karthikraj. The team was coached by K Shashi Kumar of SCR, while Ramana Murthy, also of SCR, was the manager. Interestingly, Shashi Kumar has been the Railways coach since the team began its winning streak of 12 consecutive championship titles.



Bank Holidays in October 2026: Banks in Telangana to be closed for 8 days



The Reserve Bank of India plans bank holidays, which differ by state. Most of the state’s banks are open during the month except on the second and fourth Saturdays and Sundays. In October 2026, all banks will remain closed for eight days, i.e., the holiday list includes Gandhi Jayanti, Dussehra, four Sundays, and second and fourth Saturdays. Banks observe only gazetted holidays across the country. Bank Holidays in October 2026 October 02 – Gandhi Jayanti – Friday October 04 – Sunday October 10 – Second Saturday October 11 – Sunday October 18 – Sunday October 20 – Dussehra - Tuesday October 24 – Fourth Saturday October 25 – Sunday *This holiday list is subject to change Guidance for Cus-

tomers Please note that the central government holidays apply to all banks, the public and the private sector. Though the holiday dates in October vary from one bank to another, there are other state-wise bank holidays. About the state holidays, customers are advised to visit their respective bank branches and find the exact dates. Please note that banks are closed on the second and fourth Saturdays of every month. The RBI list mentions three types of holidays: Holidays under the Negotiable Instruments Act, Holidays under the Negotiable Instruments Act and Real-Time Gross Settlement Holiday, and Banks Closing of Accounts. However, ATMs and mobile banking will be available during these holidays.

Nepal plans to import up to 1,100 MW power from India during winter



Kathmandu: Nepal is planning to import up to 1,100 MW of electricity from India during the upcoming dry season to meet peak domestic demand, as recent flash floods, landslides and heavy monsoon rains have damaged hydropower projects and temporarily reduced the country's generation capacity. The Nepal Electricity Authority (NEA) is preparing a work plan for the dry period from December to May 2027, during which electricity generation from the country's run-of-the-river hydropower projects declines significantly, while demand rises, particularly during the late winter and spring months. "Although we need to import some power from India after November, the peak period for demand lies between February and May," NEA spokesperson Rajan Dhakal said. Nepal currently has around 3,740 MW of electricity generation capacity in operation, Dhakal said. However, the country's power sector has suffered significant damage from a series of weather-related disasters in recent months. The August 26 Bhotekoshi flash floods damaged several hydropower plants and related infrastructure, resulting in the loss of about 450 MW of generation capacity. This was followed by heavy monsoon

rainfall between September 24 and 27, which damaged the 190 MW Kaligandaki hydropower project. The combined damage from the Bhotekoshi floods and the recent excessive rainfall has resulted in a loss of about 640 MW of generation capacity, Dhakal said. Therefore, the NEA is considering importing up to 1,100 MW of electricity from India during the upcoming winter season, he said The planned imports are expected to help the NEA maintain a balance between supply and demand during the coming winter and the peak demand period from February to May. Despite the damage to its hydropower plants, Nepal is currently exporting between 600 MW and 700 MW of electricity to India, the NEA spokesperson said. The Himalayan nation has in recent years increasingly used cross-border power trade to export surplus electricity during the wet monsoon months, when its hydropower plants generate more power, and import electricity during the dry season when domestic generation falls. The NEA expects some of the hydropower projects affected by the Bhotekoshi floods to resume generation after maintenance work, with around 160 MW expected to be restored by February, Dhakal said.

Warehousing growth to expand beyond Grade A cities: Adani Ports’ Pankaj Bhardwaj



New Delhi: Warehousing growth in India is expected to increasingly move beyond major consumption centres, with states such as Odisha, West Bengal and Assam emerging as potential growth markets, Pankaj Kumar Bhardwaj, Senior Vice President and Business Head–Warehousing and Adani Agri Logistics, Adani Ports and SEZ, said on Tuesday. Bhardwaj said state governments are increasingly introducing logistics policies aimed at attracting manufacturers, logistics partners and industrial developers, creating opportunities for companies to expand their warehousing and logistics portfolios across emerging markets. "If you talk about 13, 14 million square feet, 60-70 per cent would be in A and B Grade A cities only. But if we talk about our, I would say, future roadmap, we are focusing not just on the consumption centers which are Grade A, but we are focusing on B and C grade cities as well," Bhardwaj told IANS. He said the company already has land parcels available in several such locations, allowing it to develop ready-to-use warehousing facilities based on customer requirements. The company can also develop facilities on a build-to-suit (BTS) basis for cus-

tomers seeking customised space, he added. "Secondly, your EXIM export-import led, port-led, or ICD-led developments where we already exist in those locations. So, we have 15-16 ports across both the coasts. In due course of time, in a 5 to 10 years period, with the government focus on increasing exports from the country," he noted. "We have 15-16 ports across both the coasts. In due course of time, in a 5 to 10 years period, with the government focus on increasing exports from the country," he added. On the eastern and southern coasts, Bhardwaj said the company is focusing on strengthening its presence through key port assets. He said the company is developing a port at Dhamra on the east coast and is also focusing on Vizhinjam Port in Kerala, which has emerged as a major transshipment hub. "In Paradip also, we have recently won two berths. So, we are focusing on both sides. I would say, from the warehousing perspective, eastern side has not developed that much, and going further, major growth can also come from states like Odisha, West Bengal, Assam. So, all these states will add much more volume and will overall help us to reduce the cost in the ecosystem," he noted.

Sensex, Nifty extend losses for 2nd session as oil prices weigh on sentiment

Mumbai: Indian equity benchmarks ended lower for the second consecutive trading session on Tuesday as elevated crude oil prices and persistent volatility in global bond yields kept investors cautious, triggering risk-off sentiment across sectors. The Sensex declined 242.65 points, or 0.33 per cent, to settle at 72,529.07, while the Nifty slipped 64.05 points, or 0.28 per cent, to close at 22,716.20. Commenting on Nifty technical outlook, experts said that the 23,500–23,600 zone has also witnessed limited buying interest, keeping broader recovery attempts subdued. On the upside, 22,750–22,800 remains the immediate resistance zone. "On the downside, 22,550–22,600 remains the key immediate support zone, while a decisive break below 22,500 could intensify selling pressure and expose the index to the 22,300–22,000 region," analysts stated. Selling pressure was visible across large-cap counters, with Titan Company emerging as the top loser on the Nifty index. IT stocks also remained under pressure, with Wipro and HCLTech featuring among the biggest drags on the benchmark. The weakness extended to the broader market as investors pared exposure to mid- and small-cap stocks. The Nifty MidCap index dropped 0.99 per cent, while the Nifty SmallCap index fell 0.81 per cent. Sectorally, consumer durables, chemicals, real estate and information technology stocks witnessed significant selling -- reflecting concerns over global



growth and higher input costs linked to firm crude oil prices. The Nifty Consumer Durables, Nifty Chemical, Nifty Realty and Nifty IT indices ended among the worst performers during the session. In contrast, pharmaceutical stocks offered some respite to the market, with the Nifty Pharma index emerging as one of the better-performing sectoral gauges amid the broader weakness. Experts said that market participants remained cautious as rising energy prices and fluctuating global bond yields continued to cloud the investment outlook, prompting investors to adopt a defensive stance despite resilience in select sectors. "While geopolitical tensions will continue to shape near-term sentiment, market focus is gradually shifting towards Q2 earnings, with expectations already tempered versus Q1," market watchers stated. "A meaningful de-escalation of the U.S.-Iran conflict could trigger a sharp relief rally driven by improved risk sentiment. Until then, investors are likely to remain selective, favouring fundamentals and earnings visibility over broad-based market exposure," analysts noted.

Strengthening efforts to support street vendors



Visakhapatnam: In an effort to provide financial support to street vendors and strengthen their livelihoods, Greater Visakhapatnam Municipal Corporation (GVMC) is reaching out to them, said B V Ramana, GVMC Project Director (UCD). With the support of the PM SVANidhi scheme, the Project Director stated that the primary objective of the Prime Minister Street Vendor's Atma Nirbhar Nidhi (PM SVANidhi) Scheme is to provide street vendors access to credit facilities to develop their businesses and integrate them into the formal financial system. Loans amounting to Rs 12.95 crore have so far been disbursed to 6,517 street vendors across GVMC limits and the scheme is implemented through the GVMC Urban Community Development (UCD)/MEPMA department, he informed at a meeting held with members of the town vending committee in the presence of Bheemili zonal commissioner Ippi Naidu. Explaining the loan structure, he said that the

scheme provides financial assistance in three successive tranches, with loans of up to Rs 15,000 in the first tranche, Rs 25,000 in the second and Rs 50,000 in the third. He advised the street vendors to make effective use of these loans to develop and expand their businesses. Apart from providing loans, BV Ramana said GVMC is taking steps to link street vendors with banking and other financial services. He said that credit cards have so far been issued to 25 street vendors. Approximately 4,000 more street vendors are yet to receive bank loans and efforts are being made to facilitate loan sanctions for them in a phased manner. Also, steps are taken to extend the benefits of social security and insurance schemes, including the Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana, to street vendors. He urged them to use government schemes to improve their livelihoods and strengthen their families' financial position. UCD staff and resource persons, among others, took part in the meeting.

TTD chalks out seamless planning for upcoming Navaratri Brahmotsavams



Tirumala: TTD Additional Executive Officer Ch Venkaiah Chowdary has directed all departments to work in close coordination to conduct the upcoming Navaratri Brahmotsavams with exceptional enthusiasm, mirroring the success of the recently concluded Salakatl Brahmotsavams. Reviewing arrangements at Tirumala along with JEO Prabhala Gopinath and CVSO Muralikrishna, the Additional EO noted that a 20% surge in pilgrim turnout is anticipated because the festival coincides with holidays. Consequently, advanced arrangements are underway for Annaprasadam, procurement, and transport logistics. Building on feedback from the previous fete, priority will firmly remain with common devotees. During the

Salakatl fete, average daily darshan reached 73,000 pilgrims, with waiting times restricted to 5-8 hours through efficient planning. Authorities will impose necessary restrictions on VIP darshans whenever required to minimize delays. Furthermore, security, Vahana Sevas, SVBC live telecasts, and cultural programs are being seamlessly synchronized. Given the possibility of October rains, precautionary measures are being coordinated with the district administration, police, and NDRF services. The Additional EO urged devotees to rely strictly on official information issued through TTD's authorized platforms when planning their travel and spiritual itineraries, ensuring a safe and profoundly devotional atmosphere for all visiting pilgrims.

Researchers urged to turn innovations into solutions for society



Tirupati: APSCHE Vice-Chairman Prof S Vijaya Bhaskar Rao said that researchers should take their work beyond books and academic publications and turn their findings into products, patents and technological solutions that benefit society. He was speaking at the inaugural session of the two-day international conference on Research Innovations in Science, Technology and Management (RISTAM-2026) at Sri Padmavati Mahila Visvavidyalayam (SPMVV) on Monday. He also stressed the need to strengthen university-industry linkages and make effective use of private and industrial funding to promote research and innovation. SPMVV Vice Chancellor Prof V Uma said the university was encouraging multidisciplinary research and innovation in line with the priorities of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020. Such efforts would also help enhance the employability skills of students, she said. The conference is being organised jointly by the Department of Home Sci-

ence, SPMVV, and the Departments of Microbiology, Biotechnology and Food Technology, Bangalore University, in collaboration with the Nutrition Society of India (NSI), Tirupati Chapter, with support from the PM-USHA MERU Grant. Scientists, academicians and delegates from Vietnam, Egypt, Rome, Thailand and other countries are participating in the conference. More than 300 researchers and students are expected to present their research papers during the two-day event. Former UN-FAO Deputy Director-General Dr Daniel John Gustafson, UGC Deputy Secretary Lieutenant Commander Vinod Singh Yadav (Retd), CFTRI scientist Dr Shruti Joshi and Prince of Songkla University Vice-President Dr Montira Leelakriangsak also addressed the gathering. Bangalore University Registrar K T Shanthal, SPMVV Registrar Prof R Usha, Conference Chair Prof N Rajani, Head of the Department Prof M Aruna and others participated in the programme.

Kurnool yoga association pushes for regular coaching appointments



Kurnool: Kurnool District Yoga Association President Avinash Shetty has strongly criticized the continuation of a retired yoga coach at the District Sports Authority, questioning how a retired individual remains retained despite a reported decision by the Sports Authority of Andhra Pradesh (SAAP) board. Speaking on Monday, he questioned the rationale of keeping a retired instructor instead of appointing a regular coach to train district players. Shetty alleged that during the tenure of yoga coach Satyana rayana, insufficient efforts were made to identify and groom talented youngsters, resulting in a failure to produce athletes capable of representing the district at State and national levels. He emphasized the urgent need for a regular instructor

to impart systematic training and promote yoga as a competitive sport. To rectify the situation, Shetty urged authorities to appoint a qualified regular coach and implement concrete measures for regional yoga development. He formally lodged a complaint through the Public Grievance Redressal System (PGRS) with Kurnool Joint Collector Noorul Qamar on Monday, seeking immediate intervention. According to Shetty, the Joint Collector responded promptly by summoning District Sports Development Officer (DSDO) Bhupathi Rao to inquire about the matter. The Joint Collector directed the DSDO to examine the issue thoroughly and resolve it at the earliest, ensuring aspiring yoga players receive the professional guidance they deserve.