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Proud to Meet World ChampionsLives of Blind Women Cricketers are Ideal Gurudeva Trust Services are Priceless Hindustan Shipyard Partnership is Wonderful Minister Kondapalli Srinivas



Vizianagaram, October 4, “It is very proud to meet blind women cricketers who stood as world champions in 2025 in a way to be written in golden letters in country's cricket history, said State Minister for Micro, Small, Medium Industries, Rural Poverty Alleviation, Pravas andhra Empowerment Relations Kondapalli Srinivas. On Sunday

Minister Kondapalli Srinivas participated as chief guest in annual celebrations of Gurudeva Trust at Mangala Palem, Kothavalasa mandal, Vizianagaram district. On this occasion he greeted each and every 2025 blind women cricketers who came to this program by name, introduced himself and felici-

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Jagan attacks Rs 1Lakh cr horticulture investment claim

Amaravati: YSRCP president Y S Jagan Mohan Reddy on Saturday accused Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu of making exaggerated claims about the proposed Rs 1 lakh-crore horticulture investment while failing to address the immediate problems confronting farmers in drought-hit Rayalaseema. In a post on X, Jagan questioned the government's claim of attracting Rs 1 lakh crore in horticulture investment to Rayalaseema and alleged that there was neither a budgetary allocation nor any expenditure towards the proposed investment so far. “Your claims of investing Rs 1 lakh crore in Rayalaseema's horticulture—what are they if not theatrics and a game of numbers?” he asked, alleging that the government was misleading farmers on a large scale. Jagan said the government's record over the past two-and-a-half years showed that its concern for farmers was confined largely to announcements and publicity. He questioned whether the government had responded adequately when horticulture and other crop growers, facing poor prices, took to the streets in protest. He also alleged that the government had weakened the



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Local Body Polls: Giridhar Reddy Urges Voters to Elect People-Friendly Leaders

Nellore: State-level spokesperson for the Telugu Desam, Kotamreddy Giridhar Reddy, on Sunday urged the people to extend their support to NDA candidates in the upcoming local body elections. Those who remained accessible to the people and consistently worked for their welfare deserved to be elected, he said at the launching of works for the CC roads at a cost of `45 lakh in Devarapalem and Kommarapudi villages of Nellore Rural constituency. Devarapalem is the gateway to the Vedagiri Lakshmi



Narasimha Swamy temple at Narasimhakonda. Nellore agriculture marketing committee chairman Manubolu Sridhar Reddy laid the foundation in the presence of TDP leaders.

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Will turn Amaravati into global deep tech hub: CM Naidu

Amaravati: Andhra Pradesh is seeking to build Amaravati into a global deep-tech and knowledge hub, with the government unveiling a Rs 500-crore venture fund, a permanent Pan-IIT Amaravati Council, and a roadmap centred on quantum computing, AI, semiconductors, space, and defence. At the Pan-IIT AP 2026 Summit in Vijayawada on Saturday, Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu unveiled five ‘Q-Shiva’ quantum computers developed under the “Make in Amaravati” concept, along with a 4 Kelvin Processor. The systems will serve as mini quantum-testing laboratories. Qubit CEO Venkatasubramanyam said some specialised components were being sourced from Machilipatnam, including components available at only two or three locations globally. Naidu



said quantum computing operations in Amaravati would begin in February next year, with a 156-qubit system being jointly established by IBM, TCS, and L&T. Quantum testbeds are already operational, he said, adding that the state ultimately aimed to manufacture and export quantum-computing equipment. A declaration signed by

the AP government and Pan-IIT Alumni India announced the establishment of the Pan-IIT Amaravati Council as a permanent body and nodal agency for deep-tech development. It will coordinate with universities, industry and start-ups and facilitate technology transfer from IITs. The Rs 500-crore Pan-IIT

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Local Body Polls: Govt to wait till SC verdict on BC quota



Amaravati: The Andhra Pradesh government has approached the Supreme Court challenging the High Court verdict on 34 per cent reservation for Backward Classes (BCs) in local body elections and has decided to seek a hold on the election process until the apex court gives its verdict. Municipal adminis-

tration and urban development minister P Narayana said on Saturday that the government would request the Supreme Court to take up the matter on an expedited basis and would ask the State Election Commission (SEC) not to issue the election notification until the case

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Lokesh pitches AP as investment hub

Amaravati: Andhra Pradesh is positioning itself as an investment and innovation hub by combining faster project execution, investor-oriented governance and long-term policy stability, minister for HRD and IT Nara Lokesh said at the Pan-IIT Summit 2026 in Vijayawada on Saturday. Lokesh said the government's approach was centred on “Speed, Service and Stability”, with the emphasis shifting from signing MoUs to converting investments into operational projects and jobs. He said he personally monitored major projects and regularly communicated progress updates to investors. Highlighting



policy stability, he said AI was being used to help officials frame government orders that could withstand legal scrutiny and future policy changes. The

recruitment of 16,000 teachers was cited as an example, with past legal cases analysed before finalising the recruitment pro-

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A teacher’s eternal dharma: Honesty above all

Professional standards, ethical codes and a genuine desire to help youth guide most educators in their daily work. Almost all members of the teaching fraternity are upright, honest, hard-working and go out of the way to help students, irrespective of their financial or social background. But in today’s world it often looks like—honesty is heckled, discipline is punished, loyalty is hanged, and truth is buried. Because noise sells. Drama sells. The honest person does not shout, so the world thinks he or she is weak. Having taught for four decades at different levels of education and having dealt with thousands of teenagers and youth, I have gone through many risky experiences. But I never once compromised on my honesty, integrity, and my commitment to the safety and welfare of my students. Every member of the teaching community stands for these. I remember one incident very clearly. At that time, there was a strong agitation by youth demanding a separate statehood. A group of agitated youth barged into the premises of the institute where I was working. The classroom was very close to where the crowd was shouting. The students, both boys and girls in the classroom, were terrified. Everybody had gone pale.

My first instinct was to ensure the safety of the girls. I quickly huddled all the girls into one corner of the classroom and instructed the boys to be watchful and stand around them. I then went out of the classroom, asking the students to bolt both doors from inside. I walked up to face the mob. They were shocked to see a lady teacher standing alone in front of them. I told them calmly but firmly, “Don’t scare the students. They are much younger than you. If you have any issue, talk to the in-charge and settle with the concerned person. Not here”. Before they could understand what had happened, I walked back to my classroom and stood at the door. The mob, without raising any more slogans, quietly walked away from there to meet the concerned person. The class was safe. On another occasion, I was threatened by a group of boys from a local college. They warned me of dire consequences if I detained the son of a local politician. The threat did not deter me. It did not stop me from doing what was right in the path of my duty. I could not do injustice to other honest students just because of a threat. If you fail one undeserving student ten deserving students get justice. How could I, rather, nyon else for that matter, betray them? If you are honest, nothing can scare you with consequences, Honesty itself gives you courage. That has been my principle in my entire teaching career. No compromise.

Such is the dedication of teachers towards their students. For us, their safety and welfare invariably come first. We don’t live for a reward. We live for a record. A teacher who lives with honesty may not get a garland on stage. But 20 years later, a student somewhere will say, “Because of my teacher, I did not take the wrong path.” That is the garland that never fades. What I call “heckled” and “punished”—the world does it for a day, what we built—character, values, discipline in hundreds of students—lives for generations.

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tated them. Speaking on this occasion Minister Kondapalli Srinivas said today's youth should take blind women cricketers who proved to world that disability is not barrier if there is determination as ideal. He said if we know life stories of each of Indian blind women cricket team members selected from 12 states of India, there is need to get inspired from them and learn a lot. It can be proudly said that in this team there are Telugu states' Captain Deepika, Karuna Kumari. Also Minister Kondapalli said it is even more proud that Karuna Kumari is daughter of Uttarahndhra region belonging to Vantlamamidi vilage of Paderu mandal of our Alluri Sitaramaraju district, and stood crucial for team's victory with amazing performance in final. He said taking such people as ideal, with thundering enthusiasm one should excel more in sports, and Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu's alliance government in Andhra Pradesh is ready to provide encouragement to sportspersons. Also he said service programs being taken up by Gurudeva Trust are priceless. He said it is even more proud that by providing artificial legs (prosthetics) to more than three lakh differently abled people and being in fourth place in country, this trust is in our Vizianagaram district. Also he said providing many types of facilities needed for differently abled along with wheel chairs, tri cycles, artificial limbs, walkers and hand sticks through organization indicates their dedication to service. Also he said providing cancer medical services through Gurudeva Trust is also a welcome development. He said bringing world champions as well as bringing World Cup they won by talking to organizers indicates Gurudeva Trust's approach. He praised Hindustan services for Hindustan Shipyard partnership to world cup women blind winners being very wonderful, providing cash incentive of 50 thousand rupees each to 16 in team. In this program, Andhra Pradesh Differently Abled Chairman Gudipudi Narayanaswamy, Hindustan Shipyard Finance and Commercial Director Kiran, Indian Blind Women Cricket Chairman Ajay Reddy, Gurudeva Trust Chairman Raparathi Jagadish Babu, Doctor Phanindra, Trust Member B N Rao and others participated.

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Price Stabilisation Fund, scrapped free crop insurance and discontinued the zero-interest loan scheme introduced during the previous YSRCP government. The delay in providing input subsidies had further added to farmers’ difficulties, he claimed. Turning to the drought situation in Rayalaseema, Jagan said horticulture crops spread over thousands of acres were drying up because of severe water scarcity. He questioned the government’s projection of Naidu as a “Water Man” while farmers were struggling to protect their orchards. Jagan alleged that the Rayalaseema Lift Irrigation Project remained stalled and that the government had failed to revive it. He further claimed that nearly seven to eight lakh borewells in Rayalaseema had dried up, leaving farmers dependent on private water tankers. According to him, farmers were spending between Rs 1,500

and Rs 2,000 on each tanker of water merely to keep their horticulture trees alive. He alleged that the government had failed to respond to the crisis despite the mounting difficulties faced by farmers. Jagan also linked the drought situation to the wider agrarian distress in the State, alleging that Rayalaseema and other regions were witnessing an increase in farmer suicides. He criticised the proposed horticulture hub against this backdrop and asked the government to focus on immediate drought-relief measures rather than making large investment announcements. “Forget the talk of a horticulture hub. Rayalaseema, along with the rest of the State, is becoming a hotspot for farmer suicides,” Jagan said, calling upon Naidu to stop what he described as “theatrics and grandstanding” and initiate drought-relief measures and provide immediate assistance to farmers.

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Amaravati Venture Fund will finance deep-tech start-ups, innovation, and investments. The state plans to identify technologies from 23 IITs and 25 innovation hubs, incubate at least 50 start-ups by 2030, establish 10 industry chairs in universities and connect 10 AP universities with the Pan-IIT ecosystem. A network of 100 global IIT mentors will advise start-ups and entrepreneurs. The deep-tech policy package will target quantum-AI, semiconductors, space, and defence, health, agritech and the blue economy. Naidu said the state would also promote entrepreneurship from 6th class and develop IIT style laboratories in educational institutions, with the government willing to bear 50 per cent of the cost where necessary.

The initiative draws on the estimated 500,000 IIT alumni from 23 IITs. Naidu said their expertise could transform Amaravati into “Quantum Valley” and help build what he called “Cyberabad Plus”, with green energy, net-zero development, and deep-tech integration. AP has set a target of producing 50 lakh AI experts, in line with the Prime Minister's national target of one crore. Naidu said AI had already helped increase the state's GST revenue by 18 per cent. The strategy extends beyond Amaravati. Electronics, aerospace, and defence clusters are being developed around Anantapur, Kopparthi, and Tirupati, while private participation in space is being encouraged. Naidu also linked the technology push to the Global Horticulture Hub in Rayalaseema, saying technology and efficient water management would transform the region into a major horticulture centre. An Indian School of Agriculture, modelled on the Indian School of Business, is also planned, with Reliance offering support. Naidu said industry, academia and government must work together to convert the Pan-IIT network into a long-term engine for technology, entrepreneurship, and high-value manufacturing in Andhra Pradesh.

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cess. The minister outlined major projects being implemented in the State, including a proposed Rs 1 lakh crore horticulture ecosystem at Madanapalle, a 17 million-tonne greenfield steel plant being established by ArcelorMittal and the Google data-centre project at Visakhapatnam.

He said the foundation for the Google project was laid within 13 months after regulatory and policy issues were addressed. The state is developing 23 sectoral clusters covering horticulture, agriculture, medical devices, pharmaceuticals, automobiles, cement, solar, renewable energy, space technology, drones, quantum technology and electronics. Lokesh stressed the need for vertical and horizontal integration so that supply chains, research, skills and manufacturing facilities operate within integrated ecosystems. He said renewable energy capacity had increased by 4.8 GW in one year, compared with just 6 MW added between 2019 and 2024. AP, currently ranked third, aims to become the top State and would need to add around 20 GW annually, he said. Lokesh also invited IIT alumni to contribute expertise and networks to the 23 clusters. He proposed stronger industry-academia collaboration, including rapid prototyping and research facilities at IIT Tirupati. He said Amaravati was being developed as an education and research hub, with a proposed 5,000-acre greenfield airport forming a major component of its future infrastructure. The government’s objective, he said, was to transform Andhra Pradesh into a developed State within the next decade.

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was decided. The government’s move assumes significance as it had repeatedly announced that elections to local bodies would be completed by October or November. The latest decision to defer the notification pending the Supreme Court’s ruling has therefore triggered discussion in political circles. Speaking in Rajahmundry, Narayana said Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu had directed the government to approach the Supreme Court and that the appeal had already been filed. “We intend to resolve this issue in the Supreme Court before proceeding with the local body elections. We will also request the Court to expedite the judgment,” he said. The High Court had directed the State government and the State Election Commission to initiate the election process within six weeks. The terms of several local bodies had expired in March and April 2026. The SEC had also undertaken preparatory work, including ward delimitation and preparation of electoral rolls. The government is now attempting to balance the legal challenge over BC reservations with the financial implications of delaying elections. Narayana said elections had to be conducted for 123 municipalities and warned that failure to hold them could affect funds under the 16th Finance Commission. He said the previous government had failed to conduct elections to 23 municipalities, resulting in the loss of the entire 15th Finance Commission allocation for those municipalities. Under the 15th Finance Commission, Rs 5,200 crore had been sanctioned to the state, he said.

Please Give Feedback on PGRS Services Through QR Code

District Collector K. Vetriselvi

Eluru, October, 4: District Collector K. Vetriselvi asked to convey public opinions on services received through PGRS via QR code. She said State Government is striving towards providing more transparent, accountable services to public, and as part of this program it is seeking public opinions on services provided through PGRS via QR code. She said QR code has been prominently displayed so as to be clearly visible to public at entry and exit areas of district, mandal level PGRS centers. She said people who availed P.G.R.S services can scan QR code through their mobile phones and convey their opinion, satisfaction level. She said public response through QR code will reach official P.G.R.S portal.



She said to know status of petitions one can phone toll free number 1100 and know. Collector Vetriselvi appealed to cooperate to provide more improved services by conveying their opinions through QR code.

Bharatiya Janata Party Meeting



Kamavarapukota, October 4, On occasion of Prime Minister Narendra Modi birthday celebrations from September 17 to October 17 Bharatiya Janata Party is conducting "Modi Seva Sankalpa Abhiyan" they informed. As part of it in Kamavarapukota mandal health camps, Anganwadi Utsav programs were conducted, and soon painting competitions will be conducted they said. Under chairmanship of Bharatiya Janata Party mandal president S R R Lakshmi Surya Narayana Raju, important leaders meeting was held on Sunday. They appealed all BJP work-

ers to be available and make all these programs successful. They asked workers to work to stand as Ward Members, MPTCs, Sarpanch candidates from Bharatiya Janata Party in alliance government in upcoming local elections. They garlanded photos of Bharatiya Janata Party founder Syama Prasad Mukherjee, Bharat Mata, Deen Dayal and paid tributes. In this program, constituency senior leaders Koppaka Srinivasa Rao, Onteddu Yesu Vara Prasad, Kaki Suresh, and others participated.

Tiruchanur temple elephant Srinidhi attacks caretaker, injures him



Tiruchanur: An elephant serving at the Sri Padmavati Ammavari Temple here seriously injured its caretaker after turning aggressive on Sunday evening. The elephant, Srinidhi, and another elephant, Avanija, were brought from the temple cowshed to the main entrance through Gate No. 3, as they had been the previous day. After the conclusion of the Oonjal Seva, the elephants were being taken back to the cowshed when Srinidhi reportedly tried to attack a devotee walking ahead of it near the Ratham Mandapam. When caretaker Chandrasekhar attempted to control the elephant, Srinidhi pushed him to the ground,

stepped on his chest and attacked him, causing serious injuries. Chandrasekhar was given first aid at the temple before being shifted to the Sri Venkateswara Institute of Medical Sciences (SVIMS) in Tirupati for further treatment. The elephant's loud trumpeting triggered panic among pilgrims in the vicinity, with many running for safety amid the confusion. The situation was brought under control after the other elephant helped calm Srinidhi, following which it was taken back to the cowshed. Senior temple officials visited Chandrasekhar at the hospital and enquired about his condition and the circumstances surrounding the incident

I Will Work for Unity of Arya Vaishyas: Seemakurthi Srinivas Rao



Jangareddygudem, October 4, Vasavi Club Uppalametta Couples members met and congratulated Seemakurthi Srinivas Rao who took charge as Eluru District Rural Arya Vaishya President cordially. In program held under chairmanship of former president Immadi Balabhaskar they discussed problems being faced by Arya Vaishyas. Seemakurthi Srinivas Rao said he will always be available for solving

problems of Arya Vaishyas, and will work for unity of Arya Vaishyas in district. He said he will provide his help and cooperation for service programs of Uppalametta Vasavi Club. In program, Regional Chairman Oleti Krishna Kumar, Presidents Konakalla Satyanarayana, Nagavarapu Pulla Rao, Burlagadda Satyanarayana, Bomma Satyanarayana and others participated.

Public Grievance Redressal Platform on 5th of This Month

District Collector Dr. G. Lakshmisha

Vijayawada: October 4: District Collector Dr. G. Lakshmisha said district administration is taking special measures to provide speedy, transparent solution to problems of district people. As part of it, he revealed that 'Public Grievance Redressal Platform' will be conducted in Sri Pingali Venkayya Conference Hall at Collectorate. Collector said Public Grievance Redressal Platform will be conducted on October 5, Monday from 10 am to 1.00 pm. He said in this program district-level officials belonging to various departments will participate and receive petitions directly from public. He said this platform will be useful for people to bring their problems to attention of officials and take necessary measures for their solution. Collector suggested that people should clearly mention name, full address, mobile number along with comprehensive details related to problem while submitting petitions related to their problems. He said supporting documents related to problem, other related documents should be attached along with petition. He suggested those who already complained on same issue in past to bring their old petition receipt / complaint receipt with them. He said thereby there will be opportunity to examine old complaint details and take further actions quickly. He said measures are being taken to make information related to redressal process available from time to time. Collector said people who



cannot personally attend Collectorate and submit petition can also use 1100 toll-free call center services being provided by government to bring their problems to attention of officials. Similarly, he said there is opportunity to register their complaints online also through meekosam.ap.gov.in website. Receiving of petitions - District Collector said there is also opportunity to receive petitions from public in Division, Mandal offices, Municipal offices to provide services more closer to people. He suggested people can contact related offices near to their area and register problems. District Collector Dr. G. Lakshmisha appealed people to utilize this opportunity being provided by government for public grievance redressal. He said providing transparent, accountable services to people is main aim of district administration.

Commission Member's Visit on Protection of Child Rights

Inspection of Several Institutions in NTR District on 06, 07 Dates

Vijayawada, October 04: NTR District, State Child Rights Protection Commission member Mrs. K.G. Padmalatha will tour NTR district on October 06, 07 dates. District Women, Child Welfare and Empowerment Officer Mrs. Shaik Ruksana Sultana Begum said in a statement on Sunday that she will undertake this tour to examine implementation of child rights laws, functioning of welfare schemes in district. On October 06 Commission member will visit and inspect Anganwadi centers, child care centers, scanning centers and government private school. Afterwards she will inspect government boys hostels. On October 07 review will be conducted with staff of care centers on child rights, development, welfare programs being implemented. Later she will visit Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya. There she will have community lunch along with students. District administration has directed concerned officials to complete all arrangements without any coordination lapses in Commission member's tour. It suggested officials to be alert regarding assigned duties.



Meerut man arrested after wife allegedly carried on car bonnet

Meerut: Police have arrested a man and a woman following a confrontation in Meerut in which the man's wife was allegedly carried on the bonnet of a moving car, officials said on Sunday. The incident was reported in the Lohia nagar area on Saturday evening after Sunita allegedly spotted her husband Mayank with another woman, identified as Mahi, in a car. A confrontation followed, during which Mayank allegedly attempted to leave the spot. According to the police, Sunita tried to prevent the vehicle from moving and ended up on its bonnet. The car was allegedly driven for about 100 metres before it was stopped after people at the spot intervened. A video purportedly showing the incident has also surfaced online. Police are examining the footage as part of



their investigation. Sunita later approached the police and accused her husband of assault, dowry harassment and maintaining relationships with other women. She also alleged that he had tried to run her over. Police subsequently arrested Mayank and Mahi in connection with the case and seized the vehicle allegedly involved in the incident. Officials said further investigation is underway to establish the sequence of events and the circumstances leading to the woman being on the moving car's bonnet.

No words of praise enough for them: Environment Minister extols scientists after Great Indian Bustards release



New Delhi: Union Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change Bhupender Yadav praised scientists, Dr Sutirtha Dutta, Dr Tushna Karkariya, and Hrishika Sharma, after witnessing them turning emotional during the release of Great Indian Bustards into the wild in Rajasthan. Taking to social media platform X, Yadav posted: "As they released the Great Indian Bustards into the wild in Rajasthan's Sam, Desert National Park, saw Dr Sutirtha Dutta, Dr Tushna Karkariya, and Hrishika Sharma got all emotional. One can only imagine how some dedicate their entire lives to selfless causes." "No words of praise are enough for them and the entire team that has made it possible," he added. Earlier in the day, Yadav released two male Great Indian Bustards in Sam Desert National Park in Rajasthan's Jaisalmer. After releasing the bustards, the Union Minister posted on X: "In a milestone move, released two male Great Indian Bustards in Sam, Desert National Park, Jaisalmer, today morning. This landmark success has been made possible by the nearly decade-long unwavering dedication of our scientists, researchers and ground staff who have spent years to ensure GIB reclaims the deserts of Rajasthan." The Union Minister also thanked Prime Minister Narendra Modi for his guidance, encouragement and constant support.

Jantar Mantar protest: 3 journalists allege sexual misconduct by police personnel

New Delhi: Three women journalists have filed complaints against Delhi Police personnel, alleging sexual misconduct while they were detained during protests at Jantar Mantar on Saturday. The complaints have been transferred to the Crime Branch for a "fair and impartial" inquiry, police said on Sunday. Protests have been staged at Jantar Mantar despite prohibitory orders, with demonstrators demanding the resignation of Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar over alleged irregularities in the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls. In a post on X, Delhi Police said, "On 03-10-26, during the protest in New Delhi area, while being in law-and-order situation, allegations of sexual harassment were made by three female journalists against police officers." "New Delhi District has received their complaints and the same are transferred to Crime Branch for fair and impartial enquiry," it added. Speaking to IANS, DCP Neha Yadav said Section 163 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS) had been imposed in the New Delhi area when AISA and other organisations held a protest against the SIR on October 3. "The protesters were informed about the prohibitory orders and warned to leave the spot, and when they did not comply, they were detained," she said. Yadav said that around 6 pm, three women who identified themselves as journalists complained of being manhandled by Delhi Police officers and staff during their detention. Their complaints were accepted and they were medically examined, she said, adding that all three complaints had been transferred to



the Crime Branch. The senior police officer appealed to anyone with video footage of the alleged incident to share it with the Crime Branch. Meanwhile, CPI-M and AAP leaders, along with members of other organisations, staged a protest outside the Parliament Street Police Station

on Sunday over the allegations made by the journalists. Speaking to IANS, CPI-M leader Brinda Karat questioned why an FIR had not been registered. Referring to the police officer against whom the allegations were made, Karat said one of the complainants was giving her statement and claimed that a video showed the ACP "running away". She alleged that the officer was at fault and unable to respond to the complainant's allegations. Delhi AAP president Saurabh Bharadwaj also questioned the handling of the complaints. "Police stations and hospitals are supposed to remain open 24 hours... Just imagine, someone came to file a complaint and seek accountability from them, and they shut down the police station itself. Moreover, they have also closed all the routes leading to the police station," he said. AAP MLA Kuldeep Kumar questioned the delay in registering an FIR based on the journalists' complaints. "Where has the complaint been taken? No FIR has been registered yet. Registering an FIR is a right, and even the court says that... Will every person have to launch a protest to get justice? What is the Delhi Police doing?" he asked. Cockroach Janta Party (CJP) co-convenor Saurav Das was also present at the protest site.

AI boom may bring productivity gains but painful job market transition

New Delhi: The rapid rise of artificial intelligence is seen as a game-changer, ushering in a new era with the technology's potential for unprecedented productivity gains through automated customer service and advanced medical diagnostics, to generative AI systems capable of producing text, code, and images within seconds – but history suggests that technological revolutions do not always translate immediately into broad-based social prosperity. In fact, AI could potentially trigger a contemporary version of what economic historians call "Engels' Pause" — a prolonged period in which productivity and wealth rise sharply while wages and living standards for ordinary workers stagnate, according to an article in India Narrative. It cites the example of Britain's Industrial Revolution, which led to a massive jump in production during the 19th century, but at the same time it took a long time for workers and ordinary people to improve their living conditions. The article highlights that historically, industrial revolutions generated broad employment because they created entirely new industries that absorbed displaced workers. The textile revolution created factory jobs. The automobile industry generated millions of manufacturing and service-sector opportunities. The digital revolution created software engineering, e-com-



merce and platform economies. AI may also create new professions that are currently unimaginable. However, the transition period could still be painful and unequal. The implications for developing economies such as India are especially complex. India has benefited enormously from labour-intensive service sectors including IT outsourcing, business process management, and customer support operations. Many of these industries now face potential disruption from AI automation. Tasks involving basic coding, data entry, customer assistance, and document processing can increasingly be performed by AI systems at lower cost and greater speed, the article stated. It further highlighted that at the same time, AI also presents major opportunities for India. It can improve agricultural productivity, healthcare delivery, logistics, education access and governance efficiency. Indian startups are actively integrating AI into sectors ranging from fintech to language technology. The challenge lies not in resisting AI adoption but in ensuring that productivity gains translate into widespread economic benefits rather than narrow corporate concentration. The lessons of Engels' Pause become critically relevant, it noted. During the Industrial Revolution, governments were initially slow to respond to worsening labour conditions and inequality. Only after decades of social unrest, unionisation, and political reform did industrial societies develop mechanisms such as labour protections, public education systems and social welfare policies. The article contended that the AI era may require a comparable institutional response. Policymakers must begin preparing for labour market transitions before disruption becomes socially destabilising. Investment in large-scale digital education and continuous reskilling programmes will become essential. Universities and vocational institutions must adapt rapidly to changing skill demands. Equally important is strengthening social safety nets for workers vulnerable to technological displacement.

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Giridhar Reddy said the government was according high priority to the development of Nellore Rural, particularly with the provision of basic infrastructure in villages. Roads, drainage, drinking water and other essential amenities were being improved in a phased manner, he said. He said development works worth hun-

dreds of crores were being taken up in Nellore Rural under the leadership of MLA Kotamreddy Sridhar Reddy. Temple chairman Indupuru Achyut Reddy, MLA office mandal in-charge Vemireddy Surendra Reddy, cluster in-charge Jaladanki Sudhakar, former sarpanch Vemireddy TDP leaders and local residents participated in the programme.

Rashmika Mandanna’s Sunday envy: ‘I get the bed all to myself’

Mumbai: Actress Rashmika Mandanna, who was recently seen in Cocktail 2, is envious of her furry friend Aura, who gets to spend a lazy Sunday while she has to go to work. The actress took to the Stories section of Instagram and shared a picture of her puppy sleeping peacefully under the sheets. Expressing her envy, Rashmika called Aura extremely lucky. She wrote on the picture, “Aura be like: Mum hasn’t slept a wink and she has to go to work.. but who cares.. I get the bed all to myself and I am happy happy.. Lucky bum”. The actress has a packed schedule, with some of her biggest films lined up for release. She will next be seen in Mysaa. The teaser of the film was unveiled recently and promises a solid entertainer. The teaser features striking underwater sequences, including a haunting moment where Rashmika is seen sitting at the bottom of the water



while holding a sickle. Rashmika plays a Gond tribal woman, a demanding character that required intense physical preparation and the execution of challenging action sequences. Produced by Unformula Films, Mysaa is an action drama directed by debutant Rawindra Pulle. The film is being mounted on a grand scale, with an emphasis on large-scale action and a technically ambitious vision. The makers have confirmed that Mysaa is slated for a theatrical release in Telugu, Hindi, Tamil, Kannada and Malayalam on November 27, 2026. Earlier, Rashmika reportedly suffered a seri-

ous hip injury while filming an intense dance sequence. The actress pushed through demanding action and dance schedules, which led to a complete tendon detachment in her hip. According to media reports, doctors were surprised by the severity of the injury, stating that such tendon damage is usually seen in athletes who undergo rigorous physical training. The actress was advised six weeks of complete rest by medical experts. Her recovery was followed by a structured rehabilitation programme to help restore strength.

Ram Gopal Varma reacts to morphed Chuttamalle video, says focus should be on perpetrators

Mumbai: Filmmaker Ram Gopal Varma shared his views on how AI is being misused to spread fake and objectionable content after a morphed video of the song ‘Chuttamalle’ from ‘Devara’ circulated on social media recently. The ‘Satya’ maker said celebrities talking about fake AI content on social media only helps it reach more people, bringing unnecessary attention to the victim’s identity. Ram Gopal Varma tweeted, “The only thing all the celebrities succeeded in, is to publicise and thereby make crores and crores of people see the objectionable link.. The smart thing would have been to concentrate on catching the perpetrator and publicise that.. Instead what they did is to tweet and bring enormous attention to the victim’s identity and the offensive content which is



also a crime (sic).” On Saturday, Jr NTR condemned the fake video of the ‘Chuttamalle’ song. He warned of legal action against the accused, as well as those who help circulate such content. Calling such people “Disgusting, Sick and Shameless”, the ‘RRR’ actor posted on the microblogging site, “In a land that worships women as mothers and goddesses, where “Matru devo Bhava” is not just a phrase but a part of our culture, some people have fallen so low that they are using AI to disrespect a woman in the most degrading way possible. Us-

ing AI to create something this vile is shameful beyond words. To the scumbags behind this morphed Chuttamalle video, I will not spare any of you. I will take every possible legal action against those who created it and those who are spreading it.” Jr NTR further urged netizens not to watch, share or even engage with such content. He also requested the authorities to come up with strict regulations against such blatant misuse of technology. “Please do not watch, share or engage with such content. Today it is someone else. Tomorrow, it could be your mother, sister, wife or daughter. This is a serious issue, and I urge all the state governments and the Government of India to act strongly and bring in strict regulations against the misuse of AI,” he concluded.

Anjali Patil reveals Walter Salles’ influence as ‘Selvi’ heads to São Paulo



Mumbai: Following its world premiere at the Busan International Film Festival, Selvi has been selected for the 50th São Paulo International Film Festival, where it will compete in the New Filmmakers Competition. This marks the second international festival selection for Selvi. National Award-winning actor Anjali Patil, who has produced Selvi, said, “São Paulo completing 50 years makes this selection really special. It’s a Golden Jubilee year for one of the most celebrated and largest film festivals in South America, so to be part of this edition makes us very proud.” Anjali revealed that she has written to Brazilian filmmaker Walter Salles, urging him to watch her movie. She added that his films, such as The Motorcycle Diaries and I’m Still Here, have had a huge impact on her ever since her NSD days. She revealed, “Brazil also has

a very personal connection for me because of Walter Salles. His films, especially The Motorcycle Diaries and I’m Still Here, have had a tremendous impact on me since my days at the National School of Drama. I’ve written to him to tell him that our film is coming to São Paulo and that his films have been a big part of my life. It would be such an honour if he gets to watch Selvi there.” Co-produced by the Red Sea Fund, an initiative of the Red Sea International Film Festival, and supported by Hong Kong Asia Film Financing, Selvi has been edited by nine-time National Award winner A Sreekar Prasad. National Award winner Anand Krishnamoorthi has handled the sound design. He received the National Award for Ponniyin Selvan: Part I. The core cast of the drama also includes Archana Padmini and Vinoth Kishan.

‘Premane Oorilo’ review: Heartwarming rural love story



Rating: 3/5 Premane Oorilo is the Telugu dubbed version of the blockbuster Kannada film Premada Oorali that starred Sriram and Tapaswini Poonacha in the lead directed by Manoj Kumar blends romance, family drama and a simplistic message about relationships, agriculture and rural life. It has a clean narration which connects to the audience in a better way. Let’s see how it fares at box-office.

Story: Santosh (Sriram), who lost his mother at a young age, is brought up by his father Naganna (Rangayana Raghu), who is a simple farmer. Santosh, who is content with his simple village life, however, has his own conditions for marriage. Vasantha (Ramika Shiv), a spirited village girl, secretly loves him, while Rukmini (Tapaswini Poonacha), a US-based businesswoman who broke up with her boyfriend comes to his life all of a sudden. When Naganna asks him to marry his friend’s daughter, Santosh’s life turns upside down as he deals with the expectations of his father, the love for Vasantha and the confusion around him. The film deals with topics concerning relationships, misunderstandings, sacrifices and the meaning of true love in a beautiful manner.

Performances: Sriram is simply brilliant as the innocent Santosh, whose confusion in the second half is beautifully portrayed. Ramika Shiv is adorable as Vasantha and her emotional scenes are heart-warming, while Tapaswini Poonacha suits the role of Rukmini in looks and charm, though could have performed better in emotional scenes. The highlight of the performance is Rangayana Raghu as the loving father Naganna, whose rapport with his son is

simply heart-touching and the emotional scenes involving him are the best in the film.

Technicalities: Manoj Kumar, who has not gone for typical action sequences, has focussed on relationships and the father-son equation in a better way. In fact, the film lacks in the area of high-octane drama, but makes up with the emotional aspects of the story. Rajkanth, the cinematographer, should be appreciated for the beautiful countryside visuals, while the music by Sunad Gowtham is melodious and has the perfect background score. The meaningful lyrics of the songs have been well rendered. The Telugu dialogues by Hanuman Chowdary, who has worked in KGF and Kantara, add more spice to the dubbed version. The film has good production values and a crisp screenplay that keeps the viewer engaged throughout. But a few trimming here and there in the first half and better dubbing could have made it more enjoyable.

Analysis: Premane Oorilo is a treat for the fans of rural Telugu love stories, which focusses on innocent relationships and strong family values. The first half, which is more of a light-hearted affair, picks up speed in the second half after the interval. The flashbacks of Naganna and the last few minutes are simply heart-touching and will surely leave the audience in tears. The film has few slow patches and predictable turns of events, but manages to connect with the audience with its simplicity. With good music, emotional quotient, beautiful village landscapes and great performances.

Pakistan speedster Kainat Imtiaz announces retirement from international cricket

New Delhi: Pakistan fast bowler Kainat Imtiaz announced her retirement from international cricket, drawing the curtains on a 13-year career, the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) confirmed on Sunday. Kainat made her debut in 2010 in T20Is and her ODI debut in 2011. She played her last match in 2023. The right-arm speedster was a vital part of Pakistan's women's squads in their gold medal wins in the Asian Games cricket event in 2010 and 2014. She was also with the Women in Green in the Commonwealth Games 2022 and also represented them in the 2017 ODI World Cup. Kainat, 34, has switched hats recently as she has begun her career as a match referee in the PCB National Women's U19 T20 Tournament held in August and September. Her mother, Saleema Imtiaz also became the first Pakistani woman to be nominated to the ICC's International Development Panel in 2024. Kainat played 19 ODIs and 21 T20Is for the Women in Green. She has 10 wickets in 16 ODI innings with a best haul of 3-49. She took eight wickets in 12 T20I innings with a best haul of 2-18. She also used to chip in with the bat a bit, having made 134 runs in 13 ODI innings at an average of 11.16 with a best of 24. She made 137 runs in 17 T20I



innings at 12.45 with a best of 29. The speedster began her career in February 2007 when she played for Karachi Schools U17 in the PCB National Schools U17 Women's Championship. She went on to make her List A debut in March 2008 and her T20 debut in July that year. Kainat won her first international cap in a T20I in 2010 during the ICC Women's Cricket Twenty20 Challenge against South Africa. She played her first ODI against Ireland in the ICC Women's World Cup Qualifier in 2011. Her last T20I came against Thailand in Sylhet during the Women's Asia Cup in October 2022, while Kainat last represented the Women in Green in the ODIs in January 2023 during Pakistan's tour of Australia.

Hyderabad girl wins silver in U-14 category at CISCE National Taekwondo tournament



Hyderabad: A taekwondo fighter Cherkula Harini won a silver medal in the girls' Under-14, 32 kg weight category at the CISCE National Taekwondo Tournament 2026. The national-level tournament was held from 2 to 4 October 2026 at Sri Harkrishan Public School, Amritsar. Representing Triumph Taekwondo Academy, Harini delivered an impressive performance to secure the runner-up position in her category. Coach Gopal Varthyavath of Triumph Taekwondo

Academy expressed his happiness over Harini's achievement and commended her dedication, discipline and consistent training. He stated that winning a medal at the national level was a matter of pride for the academy and would encourage other athletes to continue striving for excellence. Triumph Taekwondo Academy congratulated Cherkula Harini on her achievement and wished her continued success in her sporting career.

'We must salute his great career': Zidane backs Ronaldo

Paris: France head coach Zinedine Zidane has backed Cristiano Ronaldo amid the controversy surrounding the Portuguese forward's recent departure from the national team camp, saying the veteran deserves recognition for his remarkable career. Ronaldo has been at the centre of attention after leaving Portugal's camp ahead of their Nations League fixtures following reported differences with the team management. The incident has once again raised questions over the 41-year-old's international future. However, Zidane, who worked closely with Ronaldo during his hugely successful spell as Real Madrid coach, offered strong support for his former player and

highlighted the impact the Portuguese star had on the Spanish giants. Under Zidane, Real Madrid won three consecutive UEFA Champions League titles between 2016 and 2018, with Ronaldo playing a decisive role in the club's European success. "Cristiano Ronaldo made me win incredible trophies. Hats off to you, Cris. We must salute his great career the right way. I was lucky to have him with me. I have a lot of respect for all my players and especially for Cristiano," Zidane said at a press conference. Zidane is now focused on a new chapter in his managerial career after taking charge of the France national team. His start with Les Bleus has been encouraging, with away victo-

Kuldeep wins Impact Player award as India clinch ODI series against West Indies

New Chandigarh: Left-arm wrist-spinner Kuldeep Yadav was named the winner of the 'Impact Player of the Series' award following India's 2-1 ODI series victory over the West Indies. He earned praise from team physiotherapist Yogesh Parmar for putting his body on the line and achieving major milestones during the series. Kuldeep emerged as the leading wicket-taker in the three-match series with seven scalps, including a four-wicket haul in Thiruvananthapuram. He also became the fastest Indian spinner to cross the 200-wicket milestone in men's ODIs. "First of all, congratulations for winning the series. The award goes to someone who has consistently performed throughout the series. He has also got 200 wickets in ODI format. So that's another achievement and he is also the highest wicket-taker for this series." "As we discussed, he has always stood up and performed exceptionally well and he has always put his body on the line and this award goes to Kuldeep Yadav," Parmar said in a video posted on BCCI's social media accounts on Sunday. Accepting the honour, Kuldeep credited senior batters — captain Shubman Gill, Virat Kohli, wicketkeeper-batter KL Rahul and Rohit Sharma — for setting up matches with



the bat. He also reflected on how the preparatory camp in Thiruvananthapuram helped him hit peak rhythm ahead of the series. "Firstly, congratulations for the series win. A lot of credit goes to Shubhi, Virat bhai, KL bhai and Rohit bhai, especially with the bat. This award really means a lot to me because before the start of the series, we had a couple of sessions in Trivandrum. "Then I felt like I was in a very, very good rhythm. I just wanted to continue that rhythm into the games as well and luckily, it went really well. So this is very special. Thank you," he said. Kuldeep will next be seen in action when India take on the West Indies in the T20I series opener in Lucknow on Tuesday. The two teams are scheduled to play four more matches in Ranchi, Indore, Hyderabad and Bengaluru on October 9, 11, 14 and 17, respectively.

Anukul Roy joins India A squad ahead of Australia A one-day series

Puducherry: Left-arm spin-bowling all-rounder Anukul Roy has been drafted into the India A squad for the upcoming three-match one-day series against Australia A as a replacement for Naman Dhir, who was called up to the senior men's T20I squad for the five-match series against the West Indies. Dhir was included in India's T20I squad for the series against the West Indies as a replacement for off-spin bowling all-rounder Washington Sundar, who was released to play Ranji Trophy cricket for Tamil Nadu ahead of India's Test tour of New Zealand next month. "Anukul was in Srinagar as a member of the Rest of India Irani Cup team before travelling to Puducherry to join the India A squad after Naman was called up for the upcoming senior men's T20I duty," a source privy to the developments told IANS on Sunday. Anukul, who plays for Jharkhand in domestic cricket, was a member of the India A squad for the 50-over tri-series in Sri Lanka in June. He played five games, scoring a highest of 39 with the bat and taking seven wickets as India A won the trophy. He then turned out for East Zone in their victorious Duleep Trophy campaign, scoring 37, 16, 0, 45 and 64 with the bat while picking up seven wickets, including a five-wicket haul against North East Zone. Previously, seam-bowling all-rounder Suryansh Shedge was drafted into the India A squad



as a replacement for injured Hardik Pandya, who is nursing a right medial tibial stress syndrome injury. The three-match unofficial ODI series between India A and Australia A begins at the Cricket Association Puducherry Siechem Ground on Tuesday, with the match scheduled to start at 2 pm. The subsequent matches will be played on October 9 and 11, respectively, and will begin at 9 am. India A skipper Ruturaj Gaikwad will link up with the squad after being part of India's 2-1 ODI series win over the West Indies, while Vipraj Nigam and Yash Thakur are scheduled to arrive after being part of the Asian Games gold medal-winning team. Updated India A squad: Ruturaj Gaikwad (captain), Priyansh Arya, Sai Sudharsan, Devdutt Padikkal (vice-captain), Rajat Patidar, Kumar Kushagra (wk), Nishant Sindhu, Vipraj Nigam, Arshin Kulkarni, Arshad Khan, Prabhsimran Singh (wk), Gurjapn eet Singh, Yash Thakur, Suryansh Shedge and Anukul Roy.



ries against Turkey and Belgium and a home draw against Italy in Paris. The former France captain also reflected on how his responsibilities have changed

since moving from the daily demands of club football to the international game. He acknowledged that coaching a club involves constant work and preparation throughout the season, while managing a national side requires a different approach. Despite the change in environment, Zidane stressed that his desire to get the best out of his players remains the same. "Perhaps the difference is that at a club it never stops; it is day to day, it is very all-consuming. I loved doing that, and now I have another side to it, and I will try to do it this way, which will be a little different. But in any case, the desire to work well around my team is the same," he said.

Aprilia launches SXR GT 125 and SXR GT 175 in India

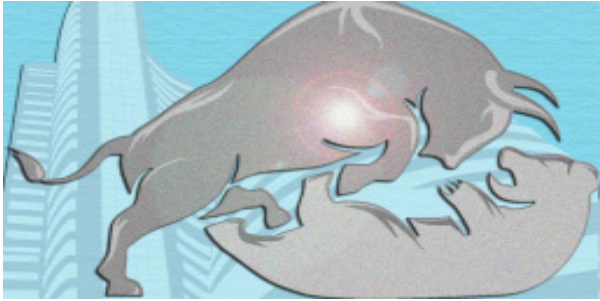
New Delhi: Aprilia has introduced its SXR GT range in India, comprising the SXR GT 125 and SXR GT 175, with updated engines and larger wheels. The SXR GT 125 is priced at Rs 1.11 lakh, while the SXR GT 175 costs Rs 1.31 lakh (ex-showroom). The launch comes after Aprilia discontinued the SXR 125 and SXR 160 models in May. Instead of developing an entirely new scooter, Aprilia has based the SXR GT range on the newer engines already used in its SR 125 and SR 175 models. The scooters feature a maxi-scooter-inspired design, with a large front apron, wide seat and proportions aimed at enhancing their road presence. The SXR GT 125 is powered by a 124.5cc single-cylinder engine that produces 10.6 hp at 7,400 rpm and 10.4 Nm of torque at 6,200 rpm. The SXR GT 175 gets a 174.7cc air-cooled single-cylinder engine, producing 13.3 hp at 7,200 rpm and 14.1 Nm of torque at 6,000 rpm. Both engines comply with BS6 OBD-II Stage B requirements and are



compatible with E20 petrol. Both variants get 14-inch wheels. The SXR GT 175 features a 5-inch TFT display with Bluetooth connectivity, offering access to call and music controls as well as turn-by-turn navigation. It also gets handlebar-mounted controls, single-channel ABS and an exhaust end pipe with a heat shield. The SXR GT 125 comes with a 5-inch LCD instrument cluster and uses a combined braking system (CBS) instead of ABS.

Market outlook: RBI policy stance, Q2 earnings, West Asia tensions key triggers next week

Mumbai: After a holiday-shortened week which saw benchmarks slip below a key psychological level as a worsening global backdrop overwhelmed domestic support, the Indian stock markets are geared up for the RBI policy decision and growth projections, along with the beginning of the Q2 earnings season. A meaningful de-escalation in West Asia could trigger a sharp relief rally next week, according to market watchers. The RBI policy stance, inflation outlook and growth projections will provide important cues on the near-term trajectory of domestic interest rates and financial markets. Last week, the bearish tone was evident from the start, with the Sensex declining 1.52 per cent on Monday, followed by relatively modest losses over the next two sessions before another 0.79 per cent decline on Thursday. Consequently, the Sensex shed 1,670.84 points to settle at 71,909.70, while the Nifty lost over 3 per cent to close at 22,421.95. The weekly price action reflects a clear continuation of the corrective phase, with Nifty witnessing its eighth consecutive weekly decline, said analysts. From a technical perspective, the weekly RSI is placed at around 31.06, remaining well below the neutral 50 mark and indicating weak momentum. The RSI is also significantly below its average near 46.27 and is approaching the oversold zone, suggesting that the index remains under pressure but may see intermittent technical pullbacks from lower levels, said analysts. On the upside, immediate resistance is placed at 22,800 and 23,000.



A sustained move above this zone would be required to ease the prevailing selling pressure and improve the short-term structure, they added. On the downside, support is seen at 22,350 and 22,180. Global factors remain the dominant influence on market sentiment. Rising US Treasury yields, persistent inflation concerns and elevated energy prices keep investors cautious. The surge in long-term US bond yields also raised concerns over global financial conditions and the relative attractiveness of emerging-market assets. On the domestic front, economic activity remained resilient. India's industrial production growth accelerated to 8.0 per cent year-on-year in August from an upwardly revised 7.4 per cent in July. Manufacturing output grew 9 per cent, while electricity and gas supply expanded 12.3 per cent. Developments in the energy market will remain a crucial trigger for market sentiment. Brent crude has retreated from its recent highs as crude exports through the Strait of Hormuz recovered closer to pre-war levels. The global macroeconomic calendar will also remain important, with key US high-frequency data, including the nonfarm payrolls report and ISM Manufacturing PMI, likely to influence market sentiment.

Yemen's Houthis claim missile, drone strikes on Saudi Aramco facilities

Sanaa: Yemen's Houthi group said Sunday it launched ballistic missiles and drones at two Saudi Aramco facilities, including the Khurais oil complex south-east of Riyadh, marking a fresh escalation in the rapidly intensifying cross-border hostilities between the two sides. Houthi military spokesperson Yahya Sarea said in a statement broadcast by the Houthi-run al-Masirah TV that the group carried out two separate operations using "a number of ballistic missiles and drones." Sarea said one operation targeted an Aramco facility in Riyadh and the other struck the company's oil facilities in Khurais, southeast of the Saudi capital,



claiming both attacks "achieved their objectives" with precise hits that caused large fires, Xinhua News Agency reported. The claims could not be independently verified. There was no immediate comment from Saudi authorities or Saudi Aramco on the latest Houthi announcement.

Sensex falls 1,671 points as market extends losing streak for eighth week



Mumbai: The Indian equity market extended its corrective phase for the eighth consecutive week, with benchmark indices ending sharply lower amid sustained foreign fund outflows, rising crude oil prices and weak global cues. The bearish sentiment persisted throughout the week. The Sensex fell 1.52 per cent on Monday and continued to witness losses over the following sessions before dropping another 0.79 per cent on Thursday. Overall, the 30-share index lost 1,670.84 points during the week, while the Nifty declined more than 3 per cent. On Thursday, the Sensex and Nifty closed lower for the fourth straight session as persistent selling by foreign institutional investors (FIIs), elevated bond yields and a fresh rise in crude oil prices weighed on investor sentiment. The Sensex fell 570.59 points, or 0.79 per cent, to settle at 71,909.70. During intra-day trade, it plunged as much as 1,187.41 points to touch a fresh 52-week low of 71,292.88. The Nifty dropped 198.50 points, or 0.88 per cent, to close at 22,421.95. Despite the prevailing weakness, market experts said technical indicators point to the possibility of a short-term

recovery. Market experts said the Sensex remains below its key moving averages, with the index trading under the 50-day exponential moving average (EMA) of 75,544.56 and the 200-day EMA of 77,684.60. "The immediate support zone for the index is placed between 71,000 and 71,200, while resistance is likely to emerge in the 72,300-72,500 range," analysts stated. Analysts said that while the broader market structure remains weak, oversold readings and the proximity of important support levels could help the indices stage a relief rally in the near term. Market watchers said traders may consider a hedged approach as market conditions remain volatile. "Participants may adopt a hedged approach, with 22,800 as the initial upside target, followed by 23,100-23,200. A decisive break below the April low could negate the rebound possibility and drag the index towards 21,700-22,000," market watchers stated. Analysts said the market's near-term direction will largely depend on global cues, crude oil prices, bond yield movements and the trend in foreign institutional investor activity.

FPIs sell Rs 45,536 crore worth equity in Sep, valuations of large-caps turn attractive

New Delhi: Foreign portfolio investors (FPIs) turned heavy sellers in September with total equity selling of Rs 45,536 crore. However, they continued to invest through the primary market with investment of Rs 9,676 crore last month. FPI selling in the recent days has been huge. The surge in the US 10-year bond yield to above 5.2 per cent and concern that crude might remain elevated for longer also influenced the renewed FPI selling, according to experts. "Sustained FPI selling has significantly weakened the Indian market which witnessed eight consecutive weeks of losses. The poor monsoons this year with 13 per cent deficient rains also impacted sentiments," said Dr VK Vijayakumar, Chief Investment Strategist, Geojit Investments Ltd. The sharp correction in the market has made the valuations of large-caps attractive. But a reversal of the FPI selling will need positive developments including decline in crude and US bond yields, said analysts. The positive FPI flows in July and August on expectations of decline in crude prices turned out to be a temporary phenomenon. Across the four sessions from September 28 to October 1, provisional equity selling was about Rs 34,965 crore, while settled equity selling for the corresponding reported activity was about Rs 27,962 crore. Foreign selling accelerated sharply into the month-end



and carried into October. "This secondary-market selling versus primary-market buying suggests that foreign investors are not simply switching off India; they are becoming much more selective about where they deploy capital, a trend likely to continue into October," said Dheeraj Gaur, Chief Investment Strategy Officer at Choice Wealth. On the other hand, domestic institutional flows for September 2026 provided a significant counterweight to the FPI sell-off. DIIs bought Rs 76,030 crore in the cash equity market during September, provisional NSE data showed. In other words, FPIs appear happy to sell the neighbourhood but are still willing to buy a new apartment in it, said analysts. In the coming days, the market will be influenced by the FY27 Q2 results. Companies that report good Q2 numbers along with positive management commentary are likely to witness buying. Sustained buying by DIIs and retail investors has been supporting the market preventing a major crash.

CM Naidu to set stone for 3 lakh units' housing project in Tenali today



Amaravati: Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu along with Union minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan will lay the foundation stone for the construction of 3 lakh housing units' project, at Burripalem village in Tenali Assembly constituency of Guntur district on Sunday. It may be noted that the NDA coalition government handed over 5.50 lakh houses to beneficiaries in the last two years. Mass housewarming ceremonies were conducted in two phases, covering 3 lakh houses in November last year and another 2.5 lakh houses in March this year. The government is also taking up construction works to complete and hand over another 4.2 lakh houses to beneficiaries by next March. Alongside the state's housing initiatives for the poor, the government has held discussions with the Centre to secure the maximum possible number of houses under

the Pradhan Mantri Awaas Yojana-Gramin (PMAY-G) 2.0. As part of these efforts, the Centre recently sanctioned 3 lakh houses to Andhra Pradesh. In a significant move to bring revolutionary changes to the housing sector, the Union ministry of rural development, CSIR-CBRI (Roorkee) and the Andhra Pradesh government are jointly implementing a pilot project to construct houses using 3D concrete printing technology. Being introduced for the first time in the country, the pilot project will involve the construction of 177 houses in Burripalem and Obulanayudupalem villages in Tenali Assembly constituency, at an estimated cost of Rs 14 crore. The advanced 3D concrete printing technology is expected to significantly speed up construction, reduce labour requirements and construction waste, and ensure high standards of quality and durability in housing.

3D Housing Pilot to Test Faster, Cheaper Construction



Vijayawada: Central Minister of State for Rural Development Pemmasani Chandrasekhar has said a 3D housing project is being taken up at Burripalem and Obulanayudupalem, on a pilot basis, to examine whether this technology could reduce construction costs and time. This, he said, is important amid the problems of labour shortages and rising material prices. Speaking at the foundation-laying programme for three lakh PMAY-G houses at Burripalem in Tenali mandal on Sunday, Pemmasani said 100 houses would be built at Burripalem and 70 houses for persons with disabilities at Obulanayudupalem using 3D technology. The pilot project would explore the feasibility of end-to-end house construction at lower costs and in less time, he said, adding that experiments had already been conducted at the laboratory level in association with CBRI and startups. If successful, the technology could enable 50 to 100 houses to be constructed in villages in a shorter period and at lower cost, he said. Pemmasani said Andhra Pradesh was expected to

get only about 75,000 houses based on socio-economic indicators, but coordination between chief minister Chandrababu Naidu and Union rural development minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan helped the state secure three lakh houses. He said each house would receive assistance of about `2.30 lakh through central and state funds, MGNREGS, Swachh Bharat support and loans to self-help group members at three per cent interest. The government aimed to complete houses for eligible families having sites within two to three years and also take up pending TIDCO houses, Pemmasani said. "From huts to homes, rent to assets, and insecurity to dignity" was the objective, he said. Civil supplies minister Nadendla Manohar alleged large-scale irregularities in the previous YSRC government's housing programme and sought a comprehensive probe. He alleged that funds were diverted and land was purchased at inflated prices. Manohar said the present government was restoring the stalled systems and developing rural infrastructure, including roads and drinking-water facilities.

BC Reservations Made Me A Minister In AP, Says Kondapalli

Vizianagaram.: Minister Kondapalli Srinivas addresses a media conference on BC reservations in Vizianagaram. (Representational Image: X) As Preferred Source Minister Kondapalli Srinivas on Sunday underlined that political reservations and empowerment of backward classes (BCs) has made him a minister in Andhra Pradesh. Addressing a media conference in Vizianagaram on BC reservations, Srinivas said the credit for making a young person like him, who entered politics recently and became an MLA, a minister goes to the Telugu Desam government. He maintained that TDP has been at the forefront of providing political representation to BCs since its inception, giving prominence to leaders from various BC communities. Also Read - Local Body Polls: Giridhar Reddy Urges Voters to Elect People-Friendly Leaders Advertisement The minister declared that neither former chief minister Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy nor the YSR Congress Party have any moral right to speak about BC reservations. He



questioned the contribution of former minister Botsa Satyanarayana to BC welfare while being a minister during the YSRC regime. Srinivas maintained that Chandrababu Naidu has been fighting for the rights of BCs in the Supreme Court through a special counsel. He appealed to the CM to ensure reservations for BCs so that their future is better. The minister asserted that Telugu Desam is the only party giving importance to all communities among BCs. He recalled the contributions of prominent BC leaders from north Andhra, including Pydithalli Naidu, Yerram Naidu, Ayyanna Patrudu and Kimidi Kala Venkata Rao.

CM, Deputy CM In Kadapa Today

KADAPA: Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu, Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan and BJP state president P.V.N. Madhav would visit YSR Kadapa district on Monday to launch development works under the Jal Jeevan Mission at Proddatur. The CM and deputy CM would arrive at Proddatur at around 10.30am. They would address a public meeting, where details of the development initiatives and water supply projects would be highlighted. Kadapa district in-charge minister S. Savitha said elaborate arrangements have been made for the visit and the public meeting. The government, she said, is taking up the



Jal Jeevan Mission works with the objective of ensuring adequate drinking water and irrigation facilities to people in the Proddatur assembly constituency. Police personnel have been deployed at important locations and along the routes to be used by the VIPs.

'Service Is Our Resolve, Nation Our Priority,' Declares P.V.N. Madhav



VIJAYAWADA: AP BJP organised a rangoli programme at Punnami Ghat in Vijayawada on Sunday evening as part of the party's "Seva Sankalp Abhiyan" campaign, marking Prime Minister Narendra Modi's 25 years of public service. BJP state president P.V.N. Madhav, who attended the programme as the chief guest, said rangoli is not merely an art form, but a reflection of Indian culture, traditions, and creativity. He observed that women use their artistic talent to convey socially relevant messages through rangoli. Madhav said the objective of Seva Sankalp Abhiyan is to take messages relating to national service, public welfare, development, cleanliness, women's empowerment, and Atmanirbhar Bharat to the people. He maintained that

public service is not confined to political activities alone. It involves extending support to those in need, keeping surroundings clean, and fulfilling one's responsibility towards the nation. Also Read - 3D Housing Pilot to Test Faster, Cheaper Construction "The rangolis created by women convey the spirit of service is our resolve and nation is our priority," he said. The state BJP president pointed out that several more programmes benefiting people would be organised as part of their campaign. He called upon every BJP worker to reach out to people with a spirit of service. NTR district BJP president Adduri Sriram supervised the program me. BJP leaders and workers from the district, along with Mahila Morcha leaders and women activists, participated in large numbers.