

High tension in Delhi Tension near Jantar Mantar

**INDIA alliance protest over SIR, CEC
Opposition MPs including Rahul, Priyanka arrested
Political tension continuing in Delhi**

New Delhi, October 7: Protest taken up by INDIA alliance against SIR process, Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar turned tense. Police stopped Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi, Priyanka Gandhi including several opposition MPs who were going for dharna at Jantar Mantar. As police said there is no permission for protest, leaders sat on road and launched agitation. On Wednesday afternoon MPs of INDIA alliance met under leadership of Congress President Mallikarjun Kharge. After this meeting Rahul Gandhi decided to take up protest at Jantar Mantar. While alliance MPs left for there in buses, police stopped them midway. With this MPs



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People are my strength

**CM to PM.. 25 years in public service
If there is strength of determination, anything is possible
If we care about criticisms we cannot move forward
It is my opponents only who politically strengthen me
We will definitely achieve Viksit Bharat by 2047: Modi**

Journey that started as an ordinary political leader... became Gujarat CM.. from there grew as country's Prime Minister. Now same journey's 25 years milestone. In this long journey many elections.. many political challenges.. many crucial turning points. But after 25 years Modi who looked back at his journey says..



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Anam as Nellore Mayor candidate YCP aggression in local elections

**First candidate announcement in local elections
Anam Vijaykumar Reddy as Nellore Mayor candidate**



Tadepalli: YCP has increased aggression over local body elections. In backdrop of election exercise gaining speed, party has finalized Anam Vijaykumar Reddy as Mayor candidate for Nellore Municipal Corporation. This being party's

first mayor candidate announcement in local body elections has gained importance. Party chief YS Jaganmohan Reddy has focused specially on local body elections. Conducting series of

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Big boost to development by Babu

**Cabinet approval for 12 key aspects
Big importance to education, medical, welfare
Approval for Thalliki Vandanam guidelines
Policy-2026 for foreign universities**

Amaravati, October 7: AP Cabinet meeting held on Wednesday under chairmanship of CM Chandrababu at Secretariat continued for almost three hours. Cabinet approved total 12 key



agenda items related to state development, education, medical, welfare, land administration. It decided to implement Horticulture Information and Management System (APHIMS) project with Rs 20.62 crores for 72 months to increase technology in horticulture sector. Cabinet also approved to give gratuity of Rs 5 thousand per ev-

ery year of service, maximum Rs 1.50 lakh, to eligible ASHA workers who died while in service. In medical sector it decided to upgrade 30 bed Community Health Center in Repalle in Bapatla district into 100 bed area hospital with estimated cost of Rs 58.42 crores. It gave green signal for sanction of ad-

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Amaravati Literature Fest celebrates power of stories

Amaravati: "Every person who walks into my office comes with a story," reflecting on his experience as an administrator, Guntur collector C M Saikanth Varma made the observation at the inaugural session of the second edition of the Amaravati Literature Festival (ALF) 2026 at SRM University-AP here on Wednesday. Hosted by the Easwari School of Liberal Arts (ESLA), SRM University-AP, the three-day festival brings together writers, scholars, translators, educators, cultural practitioners and young minds to discuss literature and changing times. Speaking at the inaugural, Saikanth Varma highlighted Amaravati's rich history, observing that the region had been telling stories for more than 2,000 years through its heritage, sculptures and cultural traditions. He recalled the contributions of writers such as



Gurajada Apparao and Unnava Lakshmi Narayana, whose works questioned social realities and contributed to social change. Drawing parallels between administration and storytelling, he said government documents, orders and even people approaching an administrator carried stories of their own. The responsibility of an administrator, he added, was to work towards giving those stories a positive ending. Tejaswi Podapati, chairperson of the State Creativity and Cul-

ture Commission, said SRM University-AP was promoting culture alongside technology and emphasised the enduring power of words, books, imagination and human connection. SRM University-AP Vice-Chancellor Prof. Ch. Satish Kumar announced that the festival would introduce two literary awards from its next edition—one at the national level and another for contributions to Telugu literature. Keynote speaker Mini Krishnan, noted

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City students recruited by global companies



Visakhapatnam: Vignan's Institute of Information Technology (VIIT) recorded a significant placement achievement with 112 students securing placements in Infosys, a leading global technology and consulting company. The achievement reflected the strong industry readiness and career preparedness of VIIT students. Celebrating this achievement, VIIT organised an appreciation programme to felicitate and congratulate the 112 students selected by Infosys. Of the 112 students selected from the 2023 admitted batch, 75 secured the digital specialist engineer (DSE) role with a package of Rs.7 lakh

per annum, while 37 secured the specialist programmer (SP) role with a package of Rs.11 lakh per annum. This achievement highlights the students' technical capabilities and ability to succeed in a competitive recruitment environment. CEO of the institution N Srikanth, Rector V Madhusudhana Rao, Principals J Sudhakar, B Arundhati, Y Srinivas Rao, Deans, HODs and faculty members congratulated the short-listed students. Similarly, Vignan's Institute of Engineering for Women announced the successful placement of 55 students by Cognizant and 2 students for Natwest

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Gyanesh Kumar: Can a CEC under a cloud continue in office?

The Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) is not an ordinary constitutional functionary. He is the custodian of the ballot, the guardian of electoral rolls and the referee of India’s democratic contest. Above all, the CEC must command public confidence that every voter is treated equally. India News Updates That confidence is now under serious strain. A media report claimed that Election Commissioners Sukhbir Singh Sandhu and Vivek Joshi recorded objections on 14 occasions in 10 months over decisions and processes concerning electoral rolls, voter registration, deletion and restoration of names, and access to the voter database. The Election Commission has acknowledged the existence of the notes, while maintaining that the decisions were ultimately unanimous. But that does not eliminate the questions raised by the objections. 14 objections cannot be routine stuff: Disagreement within a constitutional body is not itself the problem. What demands scrutiny is the frequency, subject matter and substance of the objections.

According to the investigation, the concerns went to the heart of the electoral process: who can be added to the rolls, who can be removed, who controls the electoral database and how decisions affecting voters are recorded. Form 6: Who has the power to change the rules? The controversy over Form 6 is particularly significant. The two Election Commissioners reportedly objected to SIR-related changes introduced on the ECINet portal for new voters, calling the changes “illegal” and “unauthorised” and arguing that statutory forms could not be altered without following the prescribed legal process. For a young citizen seeking to exercise the constitutional right to vote for the first time, the electoral system should provide clarity—not burden them with more hurdles. The fundamental question is simple: Can an administrative authority effectively rewrite a statutory form through software without following the procedure prescribed by law? If the answer is no, accountability cannot end with correcting the software after the controversy erupts.

When software becomes more powerful than the officer: An even deeper concern is the reported centralisation of electoral-roll control. Few days back 97 voters in Goa, who were found eligible by the Electoral Registration Officer could not immediately be restored because the central software did not permit the officer’s decision to be recorded. This raises a fundamental democratic principle: Technology may assist the law. It cannot replace the law. An algorithm cannot acquire authority that Parliament has not granted it. If a statutory officer has the power to determine a voter’s eligibility, a software platform controlled elsewhere cannot silently nullify that authority. The Commission therefore owes citizens a transparent answer: who controlled the system, who authorised the architecture, who could override whom, and what audit trail existed? The voter and the commission’s mistakes: The larger concern is what happens when legitimate voters disappear from the rolls. If the State removes a citizen from the electoral roll by mistake, the burden of correction should not simply be transferred to that citizen.

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sat on road and raised slogans. On this occasion argument took place between Rahul Gandhi, Priyanka Gandhi along with other leaders, and police. As situation turned tense, police took Rahul Gandhi into custody and shifted him from there in vehicle. Police also tried to take several opposition leaders into custody. Expressing objections over SIR, INDIA alliance is demanding that CEC Gyanesh Kumar should resign. Opposition is alleging that irregularities are happening in voter list revision. As police put check on agitation of opposition MPs for second consecutive day, political tension is continuing in national capital.

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meetings with party leaders, discussing selection of strong candidates, election strategies. With announcement of Nellore mayor candidate, interest has arisen over selection of YCP candidates in other cities, towns also. Party sources said Vijaykumar Reddy has been fielded keeping in view importance Anam family has in Nellore politics. On other hand main parties are sharpening strategies for mayor post. In backdrop of reservation process, division-wise selection of candidates continuing, with YCP first candidate announcement, election heat has further increased in Nellore city.

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ditional 66 posts for hospital management. Related to education sector it gave ratification for Thalliki Vandanam scheme guidelines, administrative permissions for year 2026-27. Cabinet also approved orders related to increase of diet charges of students in welfare hostels, residential schools. Cabinet approved establishment of Center of Excellence in Marikavalasa in Visakhapatnam to encourage higher education of tribal students. In this measures will be taken to provide intensive residential coaching for national level entrance exams like IIT-JEE, NEET. Cabinet also approved amendments in AP Education Act-1982 to bring changes in education system in tune with times. Government gave green flag to new Policy-2026 with incentives, facilities to enable international educational institutions, private universities to establish campuses in state. Cabinet approved several proposals related to land administration, development works. It gave permission for change of land classification of 1.69 acres for guest house of Kuppam area development organization officials. It approved change of land classification of 7 acres for construction of boys residential school, hostel in Kondapi in Prakasam district. It decided to transfer 7.66 acres government land to Endowments Department for temple development in Pathuru in YSR Kadapa district. It also gave ratification to orders related to regularization of encroachments of unobjectionable government poramboke lands in NTR district. Overall in latest cabinet decisions importance to medical, education, agriculture-horticulture, welfare, higher education along with regional development was seen. Especially decisions like Repalle hospital expansion, gratuity to ASHA workers, special coaching centre for tribal students, new policy for foreign educational institutions have possibility of directly impacting people, students, employment sector. Government said cabinet decisions are in direction of speeding up state development programs with decisions taken on land allocations, educational reforms, health infrastructure.

Police raid on
gambling den.. six arrested

Kamavarapukota, October 7, Tadikalapudi SI Valli Padma said that they raided a gambling camp and arrested six gamblers. According to details, as per CI MV Subhash's orders, on



Wednesday SI Valli Padma said they raided camp where gambling was being played in Sagipadu panchayat limits and arrested six persons. She said from gamblers seized Rs. 3200 cash along with one motor cycle, five cellphones. SI said case was registered against accused as per concerned laws and legal action taken. She requested people if they notice gambling being played in their surroundings to provide information to Dial 112 or 9440796678 number. SI said details of those who provide information will be kept completely confidential.

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back then I did not imagine I would reach such level. He himself now said what is strength behind this journey. People? Workers? God? In Modi's words answer is only one... People only are form of God for me.. Country only is first priority for me. New Delhi: Prime Minister Narendra Modi recalled his 25 years public service journey. He spoke in Viksit Bharat Sankalp Sabha, Seva Sankalp Yatra concluding programs conducted in Delhi. He said he took charge as Gujarat Chief Minister on October 7, 2001, back then he did not imagine he would reach such level. He said it is his fortune that he got opportunity to serve people for so many years. Modi said people, fans, party workers stood support to him. He said whether state elections, or general elections, people showed faith on him. He thanked NDA allies who cooperated in his public service journey. He said he is bowing head and namaskaring to all people of country. Modi said I always think as a student only. He said God gave him strength to do public service. He said he aspires to serve country more in future also with blessings of people, grace of God.

He said cooperation of party workers along with people is continuously giving him strength. Modi also mentioned his spiritual faith on this occasion. He said on Wednesday morning he conducted special pujas in Vinayaka temple, did prayers for all people of country. He said he asked God to give more strength to serve people of country. Prime Minister who said people only are form of God for him.. clarified country has given him so much, that is why country only is first priority for him. Modi political journey which started as Gujarat Chief Minister in 2001.. reached national level with taking Prime Minister post in 2014. In 2019 second time, in 2024 as NDA alliance leader third time took charge as Prime Minister. In this background comments made by Modi recalling 25 years public service have gained importance. He clarified that he will continue his service journey with faith of people, cooperation of workers.

Amaravati Literature Fest
celebrates power of stories

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editor and literary translator, highlighted the role of literature and translation in preserving memory, heritage and diverse cultural experiences. She also stressed the importance of human mentorship, emotions and critical thinking in an age increasingly influenced by artificial intelligence.

The first day featured interactions with writers, translators, publishers, artists and folklorists, including Purnima Tammireddy, Avineni Bhaskar, Madan Meena and Sheela Tomy. The festival also featured book, stationery and book-exchange stalls and various literary and creative activities, reinforcing its larger objective of making Amaravati a vibrant space for cultural dialogue and storytelling.

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as part of the 2027 placement drive. The students selected for Natwest secured career opportunities with packages of Rs.15 lakh per annum, and those for Cognizant secured packages ranging from Rs.4 lakhs to Rs.6 lakh per annum. Principal B Arundhati congratulated all the selected students and appreciated their dedication and hard work.

Three-year-old child killed after
being run over by school bus

Warangal: A three-year-old child died after being run over by a private school bus at Pittakalubodu thanda of Nekkonda mandal in the district on Wednesday. According to police, the deceased child, Rahul, was playing in front of his house in the morning. He ran onto the road to pick up a toy that fell on the road. At the same time, the child was hit by the school bus passing through the thanda to pick up the students. The front and rear tires of the bus ran over the child, killing him on the spot. The incident caused a pall of gloom to descend on the thanda. Based on the complaint by the child's father Ramesh the local police booked a case and took up an investigation.

R&R package works should be expedited and handed over to displaced. Mudith Kumar Singh (Retd), Polavaram NMC Advisor R&R



Eluru / Jangareddygudem, October 07:Sri Mudith Kumar Singh, IFS (Retd), NMC Advisor R&R Polavaram inspected Taduvai R&R Colony in Jangareddy gudem mandal on Wednesday, and conducted review meeting with officials and contractors there, and expressed satisfaction over ongoing construction works in colony.Speaking on this occasion Sri Mudith Kumar Singh, IFS (Retd), NMC Advisor R&R Polavaram said quality of works was checked and several suggestions were issued to field staff. He said it was suggested to set up rainwater harvesting systems in all infrastructure layouts, and to take up extensive plantation in coordination with Forest Department. He instructed to bring leveling of compound wall around school building, cycle stand, furniture required for school into availability in coordination with Educa-

tion Department. He suggested to examine every house and set up windows for air, light in kitchen. Expressing satisfaction over works going on in layout, he suggested to encourage beneficiaries to set up solar power panels. He also inspected Lab Test Centre and expressed satisfaction.

He ordered officials and contractors to take steps to complete works in stipulated deadline and hand over houses to displaced, and to further expedite works in remaining R&R colonies in district also.In this program Project Administrator, Rajahmundry V. Abhishek, Superintending Engineer Sri C. Jayaramachari, Housing Dept PD G. Satyanarayana, ITDA PO K. Ramulu Naik, EEs, DEEs, and other R&R package officials, etc participated.

units to be set up in state under FPOs
Better income for farmers with moringa processing
Happiness over success of Yerravaripalem, Veeraballi units
Marketing facility for moringa products
Minister Kondapalli Srinivas

Amaravati, October 7:“State Minister for Micro, Small, Medium Industries, Rural Poverty Alleviation, Pravasandhra Empowerment Relations Kondapalli Srinivas said in a statement that state government through Society for Elimination of Rural Poverty (SERP) is taking up moringa value-added processing program with aim of increasing farmers' income, strengthening Farmer Producer Organizations (FPO) commercially, providing local employment opportunities to rural women. He said plan has been prepared to set up 19 units across state so that farmers are not limited to only sale of moringa leaves but also become partners in processing, packaging, branding, marketing processes. Minister said this plan is being prepared taking successful moringa processing units in Veeraballi of YSR Kadapa district, Yerravaripalem of Tirupati district as model.Minister said these units are being selected considering local climate, cultivation area, farmers' interest, raw material availability and capacity of Farmer Producer Organizations (FPO). He said apart from collecting high-yield quality seeds from Periyakulam Horticulture College & Research Institute in Tamil Nadu and providing to



farmers, special study tours have also been arranged to create awareness on processing, quality control, marketing. Minister said 250 kgs of moringa powder is being produced per day from plant set up with Jeevanopadhi funds in Yerravaripalem mandal of Tirupati district recently.Minister said while at farmer level cost of producing one kg of moringa leaf is Rs.10... FPOs are purchasing from farmers for Rs.15, so farmers get profit of Rs.5 per kg. He said moringa leaf collection is happening from 300 acres through unit set up with Rs.86.80 lakhs in Yerravaripalem. Eligible farmers will get development assistance up to Rs.1.30 lakh per acre under Employment Guarantee Scheme as per rules.. Minister said farmers will get net income between Rs.5-10 thousand per month through this moringa cultivation. Minister Kondapalli Srinivas said moringa powder is being widely used domestically, internationally in nutritional products, health drinks, herbal teas, nutraceuticals, ayurvedic products... comprehensive marketing strategy is being implemented to sell these through e-commerce platforms with proper packaging.

Clouds of doubt over VMC tenders
Works only for 'known ones'?

Contractors dissatisfaction over VMC tenders
Objections over allocation of vehicle depot tenders
Growing questions over transparency
Allegations of works only for close ones
Contractors demand inquiry



Vijayawada: Serious objections are being expressed from some contractors over tender allocation method in vehicle depot division under Vijayawada Municipal Corporation. Allegations are being heard that even though tenders are called and bids are received from eligible agencies, finally decisions are being made so that works go only to those known or close to officials.Especially several people are raising questions on aspects like calling tenders with short deadline, not providing complete information on evaluation process to agencies that submitted bids, lack of clarity on standards to be followed for allocation of works. When several people participate in competition, every bid has to be examined as per rules and decision has to be taken based on eligibility, price, technical standards. However doubts are being expressed whether in case of some works under vehicle depot, competition process is happening only nominally? Are they acting so that works go to pre-decided persons?There are also allegations that some officials related to vehicle depot are acting so that works go to contractors favorable to them or known to them. Many are requesting that VMC higher officials should conduct comprehensive examination and give clarity on

whether these allegations are true? Whether tender allocation is happening completely as per rules?On other hand talk is heard that Vehicle Depot Executive Engineer Chandra Shekhar is acting favorably to YCP leaders who spend time abusing CM Chandrababu along with alliance leaders. Moreover allegations are being heard that he is awarding contracts only to great persons who were prominent as key leaders in previous government. However contractors are expressing concern as to what is support to YCP leaders by Chandrasekhar who should act beyond parties.

At time when state government is giving priority to development works, coming of such allegations over tenders happening at local bodies level is being opined as possibility of turning negative to government goals. Contractors are stating that doubts can be checked only by providing equal opportunity to every eligible contractor, conducting tender process transparently, revealing records related to selection in necessary occasions. Whether VMC higher officials will examine allegations coming over vehicle depot tenders? Whether they will reveal full details on allocation of tenders? That has now become talking point.

Distribution of sewing machines
for women's self-reliance

Self-employment is key for poor families: Bonda Siddhartha
Employment at home.. suggestion to become economically strong
Distribution of livelihood equipment in future also to needy

Vijayawada, October 7: Aim is to provide employment opportunities to women of poor families and encourage to achieve economically self-reliance, said TDP youth leader Bonda Siddhartha. At Central constituency MLA office in Singhnagar, sewing machines were



provided for livelihood to Dasetti Jyothi, Nakka Satya belonging to 62nd division.Speaking on this occasion Siddhartha said.. providing employment opportunities so that women get continuous income is important than temporary help. He said opportunity to earn income for family while doing tailoring work at home itself will be available through sewing machine. He said they will stand support to poor families who cannot start employment due to financial difficulties. Siddhartha said they will continue distribution programs of sewing machines, other employment equipment to economically strengthen poor families through self-employment. In program constituency coordinator Navaneetam Sambasiva Rao, office secretary Ghanta Krishna Mohan, women president Paidi Tulasi and others participated.

Nobel in Chemistry Nobel prize for two in Chemistry

Check to mystery of mirror molecules
Prestigious award for Kagan, Soai
Key research for drug manufacturing



Stockholm: Nobel Prize in Chemistry for year 2026 has been announced jointly for Henri B. Kagan, Kenso Soai. Award is for research on non-linear effects, autocatalysis in asymmetric organic synthesis. Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences announced winners names on Wednesday. This research has special importance. Research of Kagan, Soai showed key way to understand centuries-old mystery of homochirality why same type of molecular structure dominates in biochemical world. Their inventions have

importance to design complex chemical molecules more efficiently, especially in fields like drug manufacturing. Henri B. Kagan born in Boulogne-Billancourt in France is affiliated with University Paris-Sud, Orsay in France. Kenso Soai belonging to Hiroshima in Japan is affiliated with Tokyo University of Science. As their researches threw new light on question of homochirality which has been troubling scientists for over a century, they were selected for this year's Chemistry Nobel.

Support to poor with CMRF Power is not decoration for us

Accountability towards people: Bonda
Distribution of Rs 3.20 lakh CMRF cheques

Vijayawada: Government Whip, Central MLA Bonda Umamaheswara Rao said they are standing support to poor, middle class families through Chief Minister Relief Fund (CMRF). Rs 3.20 lakh CMRF cheques were distributed on Wednesday to seven families in 63rd Division Rajivnagar. Bonda Uma said about Rs 9 crores worth LOCs, cheques have been provided so far in Central constituency.



He said they will work continuously to solve people's problems, power is not

decoration for them, accountability towards people only is their responsibility.

Dream of own house for poor

Assurance with BLC Alliance assurance for poor's own house
Rs 2.50 lakh help with BLC: Uma
Vijayawada, October 7: Alliance government's aim only is to realize dream of own house of poor man, said Government Whip, Vijayawada Central MLA Bonda Umamaheswara Rao. In program conducted in Rajivnagar on Wednesday, he handed over letters related to financial assistance worth Rs 1.25 crore to 50 beneficiaries under PMAY 2.0 (BLC) scheme. He said they are providing help up to Rs 2.50 lakh for house construction to every eligible family. He said about 1,000 beneficiaries in Vijayawada Central constituency are being benefited through this scheme. Bonda Uma said alliance government is giving priority to welfare of poor. He said process of providing permanent rights through GO No.30 to poor living by constructing houses in government lands is continuing. He said gov-



ernment is standing support to poor with schemes like increase of pensions, Thalliki Vandanam, free gas cylinders, free bus travel for women. He said eligible beneficiaries will be identified in every division and housing assistance will be provided, they will work continuously for welfare of poor, women.

Allegations on TG CM..

Why this silence in Congress?
BRS allegations on Revanth's assets
What is response of Congress seniors?
BRS stood support for KTR
Is Congress distant from Revanth?
What is reason behind silence?

Hyderabad: Allegations being made by BRS leaders on assets, business dealings of CM Revanth Reddy in Telangana politics are now leading to new political discussion. Coming of allegations from opposition is natural in politics. However while allegations are intensifying, not being seen of collective response from ruling Congress party especially at level of senior leaders has become talking point. Though government explanations are coming on behalf of CM.. question is being heard in political circles what is reason behind not entire party leadership coming together in one voice to counter-attack. Congress leaders need to give clear political answer on BRS arguments. If allegations are baseless, it is responsibility of ruling party to refute them with evidence, place real facts before people. At same time there is also argument that no need for entire party to respond to every allegation. If legal, official explanations are needed for aspects related to Chief Minister's personal assets, business dealings, they can be given on concerned forums. But politically seen, silence also gives a message. Here comparison with political strategy followed by BRS in case of KTR comes to fore. Congress circles previously criticized that when allegations came on KTR, party key leaders are standing in support of him. In same manner now when allegations are coming on CM Revanth Reddy, situation has arisen to answer question why all Congress senior leaders are not coming onto same stage. However matter that nature of allegations, evidence, political background in two instances may be different also cannot be ignored. Seen from another angle.. discussion has also started whether silence of senior



leaders in ruling party is signal to internal politics. Political analysts question why Congress is not coming forward collectively to face opposition allegations, if party has full confidence on CM leadership. However it has to be clearly known whether this is really signal of dissent, or party feels that giving personal answer to allegations is enough. In matter of such allegations, transparency is key than political slogans. Ruling party has to declare clear stand on whether it feels allegations being made by BRS are true? Or feels they are completely baseless? If allegations are wrong, should refute with evidence.. if there are facts, should say ready for legal inquiry on them. Only by placing facts before people rather than diverting matter with personal abuses, political allegations, there is possibility of putting end to this dispute. Overall one question revolving in everyone's minds.... When allegations came on KTR, entire BRS stood behind him.. when allegations came on CM Revanth Reddy, why entire Congress is not seen behind him..? This has now become talking point in Telangana politics. Whether this is signal of differences in Congress, or strategy that no need for every leader to respond to political allegations, time only will tell. However democratic expectations that bigger the allegations, equally clear answer should come from ruling party will naturally remain.

Negligence of BRS only on Yadadri plant

Current demand increased due to El Nino
There is 19,892 MW peak demand
Is there DPR for Yadadri power plant?
At least did you plan coal linkage?: Bhatti

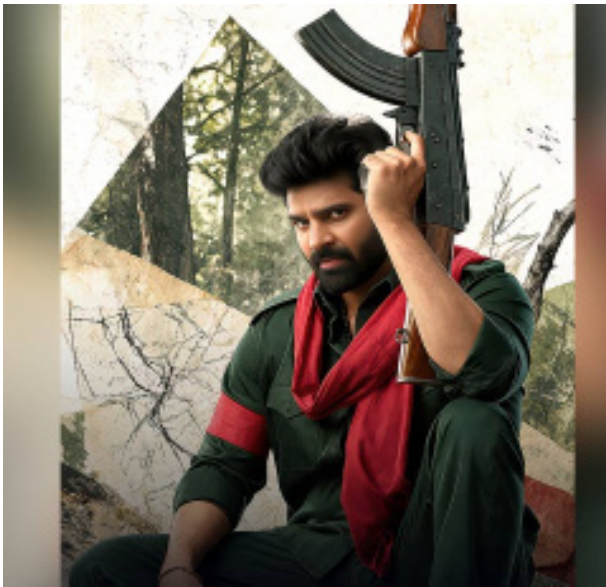
Harish Rao should speak responsibly: Bhatti
No privatization of power organizations: Bhatti
Hyderabad: Deputy CM Bhatti Vikramarka denied allegations being made by opposition that power organizations in state are being privatized. Speaking in media conference arranged at Praja Bhavan in Hyderabad on Wednesday, he fumed that opposition leaders are propagating lies to mislead people for political benefit. He clarified government has no thought of privatizing Genco, Transco, Discoms. He said there is also no intention of making power organizations into listed companies. He said in media conference held at Praja Bhavan that strengthening public sector organizations only is Congress government's policy. Bhatti said even though power demand has hugely increased and reached peak demand of 19,892 MW due to El Nino effect in state, supply is being continued without any power cuts anywhere. He said it is not correct to speak in manner belittling power staff who are efficiently facing demand of almost 20



thousand MW. Bhatti alleged that failures of previous BRS government only are reason in matter of Yadadri Thermal Power Plant. He said previous government neglected in aspects like coal allocations, Naini block mining. He said their government apart from starting Naini block mining, also started two units in Yadadri plant last year, another two units this year. Bhatti who suggested Harish Rao who worked as minister for ten years should speak responsibly.. declared that they will expose one by one mistakes happened in previous government tenure with evidence.

Sree Vishnu’s Comrade Kalyan trailer promises a fun-filled, yet revolutionary period drama

Hyderabad: The makers of director Janakiram Marella’s upcoming Telugu action entertainer ‘Comrade Kalyan’, featuring actors Sree Vishnu and Mahima Nambiar in the lead, have now released a fun-filled and engaging trailer of the film, much to the delight of fans and film buffs. Directed by Janakiram Marella and presented by Kona Venkat, the film has been produced by Venkata Krishna Karnati and Seetha Karnati under Skanda Vahana Motion Pictures LLP. The film, which is slated to hit screens on October 9, has already been cleared for release by the Censor Board with a U/A certificate. The trailer that has now been released shows that Kalyan owns a local theatre in the film, while his mother is a die-hard fan of Nandamuri Balakrishna. His otherwise simple and cheerful life takes an interesting turn when he falls in love with an Odia girl. However, the language barrier becomes a major hurdle in their relationship. The biggest twist arrives when the police start hunting for Kalyan, who we get to know is a wanted naxal. In a daring move, Kalyan and his gang kidnap a powerful politician, seeking the release of their naxal comrades from prison. This unexpected turn gives the story a serious and intriguing dimension, especially considering its otherwise light-hearted setup. The period setting adds authenticity to the narrative, which unfolds along the Andhra-Odisha border in 1992. Director Janakiram Marella seems to have attempted to strike an interesting balance between humour, romance and the action surrounding the Naxalite-police conflict in his film. The first half of the trailer is packed with fun-filled and light-hearted moments, while the narrative



gradually takes a serious turn in the latter half. However, the trailer concludes on a humorous note, with Kalyan hilariously shooting at a wrong bird after his intended target gets away. Sources say that Sree Vishnu, who has carved a niche for himself with unconventional stories and entertaining performances, is looking to enthrall audiences with ‘Comrade Kalyan’. Apart from Sree Vishnu and Mahima Nambiar, the film will also feature Tamil actress Radhika Sarathkumar, Malayalam actor Shine Tom Chacko, and Upendra Limaye in pivotal roles. It may be recalled that only in June this year, the makers had released the first single from the film titled ‘Oriya Pilla’, which when translated in English means ‘Oriya girl’. The song had offered a glimpse into the romantic world of ‘Comrade Kalyan’ and had indicated the presence of a tender love story within the film. On the technical front, the film has cinematography by Sai Sriram and music by Vijay Bulganin. Chota K Prasad is handling the editing duties of the film, which is now slated to hit screens on October 9.

Arijit Singh announces 2027 India tour, Hyderabad to host final show on May 15

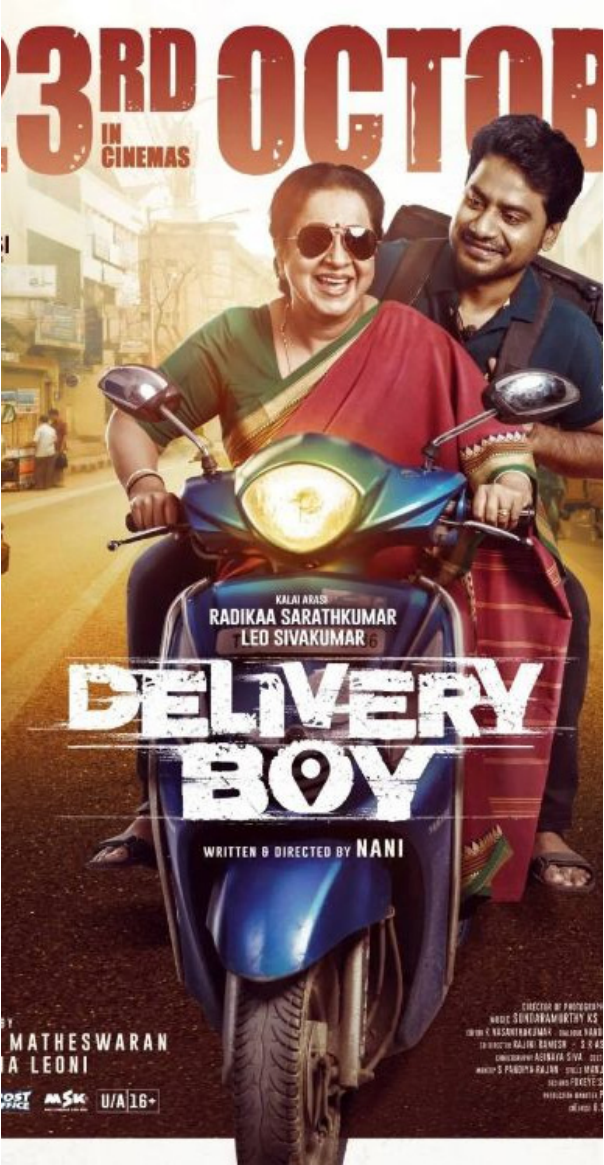
Hyderabad: For a generation that has grown up with Arijit Singh’s voice accompanying its biggest heartbreaks, love stories and late-night playlists, 2027 is set to be a special year. The singer has announced a nine-city India tour to celebrate 20 years of his musical journey, with Hyderabad set to host the final show on May 15. The Arijit Singh India Tour 2027 will begin in Ahmedabad on January 9 before travelling to Chandigarh, Jaipur, Mumbai, Bengaluru, New Delhi, Pune and Indore. The tour will conclude in Hyderabad on May 15, giving fans in the city the last chance to experience the stadium-scale concert. The tour comes months after Singh announced that he would no longer take on new playback assignments, choosing to focus on other musical pursuits. His return to the live stage therefore makes the tour particularly significant for fans who have followed his journey from his early days to becoming one of the most recognisable voices in Indian music. Reflecting on the milestone, Singh said in a statement, “20 years of music is a journey I feel very grateful for. The greatest part of it has always been the people – the listeners who have given these songs a life of their own.” He added that he was looking forward to travelling across India and experiencing that connection with audiences live on



stage. Produced and promoted by Team Innovation and ticketed exclusively through thumpN, the tour will feature stadium-scale production, including a multi-tiered stage, an extended runway, panoramic screens, 360-degree spatial audio, lasers and pyrotechnics. For Hyderabad fans, the concert will also be an opportunity to hear songs that have defined Arijit’s two-decade career, from Tum Hi Ho and Channa Mereya to Kesariya, Apna Bana Le, Chaleya and his more recent work.

‘Delivery Boy’ starring Leo Sivakumar, Radhika Sarathkumar to release October 23

Chennai: The makers of director Nani’s upcoming emotional action entertainer ‘Delivery Boy’, featuring Leo Sivakumar, Brigida and Radhika Sarathkumar in the lead, on Wednesday announced that the film will hit screens worldwide on October 23. Saregama Tamil, the popular music label, shared the release date announcement poster of the film on its social media handles. “Get ready for love, music & emotions on the big screen! #DeliveryBoy Movie is Releasing in Theatres This Oct 23rd! @sundaramurthyks,” it wrote. Shooting for the film was wrapped up in December last year. Sources close to the unit had said that the film, which was shot entirely in Chennai and Coimbatore, was completed in just 42 days. Taking to X, the publicists of the production house Asasi Creations had then said, “#DeliveryBoy shoot wrapped up. Coming to theatres soon. Starring @leosivakumar02 @realradikaa @Brigidasagaoffl @DushyanthJayap1 @dhivakargj @DirectorBose @SundaramurthyKS @AmuthaLeoni @nanisignin @teamaimpr.” Speaking to IANS, director Nani, who worked as an assistant director to well-known filmmaker Suseenthiran before turning director, had said, “If I have to briefly give you an idea of what the film is all about, it is about the efforts made by a hardworking delivery boy looking to save his mother. The hero of the story comes from a lower-middle-class family and the story will revolve around his efforts to save his mother. It will be a gripping story that will keep audiences hooked to the screen from the beginning to end.” The director had also disclosed that post-production work was progressing at a brisk pace after shooting had been wrapped up. “We have now started dubbing for the film,” he had said then.



Apart from Leo Sivakumar, Brigida and Radhika Sarathkumar, who play the lead roles, the film also features a host of character artistes, including Dushyanth, Kaali Venkat and Bose Venkat. The film has music by Sundaramoorthy and cinematography by Prasanna Kumar. It is produced by Amutha Leoni under the banner of Asasi Creation. The film has dialogues by Nanda Mani Vasagam and editing by Vasanth. Stunts have been choreographed by Phoenix Prabhu, while art direction is by Suresh Kalyani.

Vijay Deverakonda is ‘super dedicated’ on set, says Rashmika Mandanna

Mumbai: Actress Rashmika Mandanna will be seen sharing screen space with husband Vijay Deverakonda in the upcoming period drama ‘Ranabaali’. The movie will mark their first major association after their wedding. As Rashmika conducted an ‘Ask Me Anything’ session on her Instagram handle on Wednesday, one of the netizens was curious to know about her experience of working with Vijay. The ‘Animal’ actress shared that despite all the fun they have while working together, Vijay is extremely dedicated when it comes to his work. She added that she also gets to learn a lot from him whenever they work together. An Instagram user wrote, “Hi mam (red heart emoji) What was your experience like working with Vijay sir on the set of Ranabaali?” Replying to the question, Rashmika shared, “Alwaysssss lots of FUN (Monkey and red heart emoji) but on a serious note he is super dedicated and serious when it comes to set as you all know!! And I get to learn a lot from him too as always!! (Two red heart emojis) (sic).” Earlier, the director of ‘Ranabaali’, Rahul Sankrityan, shared that he gave Rashmika’s character in the film his mother’s name. He took to his X (earlier known as Twitter) timeline and wrote, “While writing #Ranabaali, I found myself walking down memory lanes for every little detail of its world. And when I



sat down to write my female protagonist, I began with something deeply personal, I gave her my mother’s name. Jayamma.” “Through every emotion she goes through, I took utmost care to make sure she remains a woman who could inspire the women of today, even though she belongs to another time,” he added. Meanwhile, Rashmika and Vijay have already wrapped up the shoot for ‘Ranabaali’. Sharing the update on social media, Rahul Sankrityan dropped a clip of his unit, along with the caption, “And thats a wrap to the 130 days of madness with my relentless and restless army. @RanabaaliFilm @MythriOfficial @TheDeverakonda @iamRashmika.”

Ganguly vows to make Delhi Capitals successful in upcoming IPL season

New Delhi: Newly appointed Delhi Capitals (DC) head coach Sourav Ganguly on Wednesday said he was excited to take on his new role and pledged to give his best to make the franchise successful in the upcoming Indian Premier League (IPL) season. Ganguly shares a long-standing association with DC across various capacities. The former India captain served as DC's mentor during the 2019 season before stepping away to assume the role of BCCI president. He was subsequently appointed JSW's director of cricket in 2024. Ganguly, who is also the president of the Cricket Association of Bengal (CAB), made his formal coaching debut with Pretoria Capitals in the 2025 SA20 season and has also been actively involved with the DC setup in the Women's Premier League (WPL). "Well, I'm very, very excited. I've been with them for two seasons, both as director of cricket. The first season in 2019, we lost in the semis and then I went away as BCCI president. So I'm really, really excited for the season ahead. "It's the next year, IPL, and Delhi is a very good team. This is a very good side, and I'll be giving my best to make the side successful," Ganguly said in a video shared on the franchise's official YouTube channel on Wednesday. Asked what prompted him to take up the role of DC head coach, Ganguly said, "I wanted to experience the mindset of a coach because it's not the same as a player. It's a bit different. You need to understand things. You need to be relaxed.

You still need to find a way to get the best out of players and work with the players because players are different. "It's not you batting or you bowling anymore. It's about somebody else batting and bowling and winning cricket matches. So it's important that you sync with them and understand what they want, how they can get better, and work with them, which is very important," he explained. Addressing his motivation to guide DC to a championship win, Ganguly said the current group possesses the talent required to go head-to-head with any side in the competition. "Motivation to take Delhi to the top, we did in 2019. In 2020, Delhi was a very good team. I was involved in making the team, but then I left and became the BCCI president. So from that point of view, that motivation will always remain to take that squad to a different level. "I think that's what I will be looking out for the players because there's enormous talent in the dressing room. When you go man-to-man with some of the best teams in the competition, Delhi is no way behind. Hopefully with this squad, we'll be able to reach newer heights in the years to come," he asserted. Hailing the squad's core, Ganguly highlighted the addition of wicketkeeper-batter Rishabh Pant via a trade earlier this year, alongside a star-studded lineup featuring KL Rahul, Axar Patel, Mitchell Starc, Lungi Ngidi, Ashutosh Sharma and David Miller. "We needed a middle-order Indian batter, and Pant fits it perfectly. He was with us. He played well for us in the past. Hopefully this year, next year, when



he turns up again, I think he'll use the time and space and the matches to become a better player. He enjoys batting at Feroz Shah Kotla in Delhi, and hopefully we'll see the best of Pant in the years to come for the Delhi shirt. "It's a good team — KL Rahul, Axar Patel, Rishabh Pant, Mitchell Stark, Lungi Ngidi, Ashutosh, Miller, Stubbs. So it's a pretty strong team, man, and I hope we play to our potential. I hope everyone understands how good they are and goes and expresses themselves. So that's very important for the squad," he noted. On the tactical front, Ganguly underlined that T20 cricket demands an aggressive approach while adapting to conditions at their home venue, the Arun Jaitley Stadium. "Well, in T20 cricket, it's only one brand. Keep hitting sixes and keep hitting fours. So that's what the brand is all about and you play accordingly. It's a good wicket at Feroz Shah Kotla. "You play according to the situation, you play the game and react to the situation, which is most important in sport. So from that point of view, that's the brand we are going to play. We're going to play to win.

That's always been the case and hopefully with the squad we have, we'll become successful," he said. Calling on the squad to deliver for the franchise management and fans, Ganguly admitted that the team's track record over the last 18 years needed significant improvement. "Parth (Jindal, co-owner) is like my young brother and my relationship with him just goes beyond Delhi Capitals. Delhi Capitals is just a part and with Kiran (Kumar Grandhi, co-owner), I was there in 2019. "I know he's a gentleman. As they call in the sport, a gentle giant. So as I said, the team deserves better performances. The owners deserve much better than what this franchise has done over the last 17, 18 years. Getting to the final in 2020 and semifinal in 2019, eight years before and four years after that, it hasn't been good. "So I think as a group, as a unit, as a player, team, they give a lot to us. I think it's time that the Delhi boys give it back to them, give them that happiness, give them that opportunity to rejoice with the squad where they've put in so much time and energy for the years to come," he concluded.

Pramod Bhagat, Bhavina Patel to lead India at Asian Para Games

Hyderabad: Paralympic champions Pramod Bhagat and Bhavina Patel will lead the Indian contingent as flag bearers at the Opening Ceremony of the Aichi-Nagoya 2026 Asian Para Games on October 18 in Nagoya, Japan. The honour brings together two of India's most accomplished para-athletes, whose careers have been defined by excellence, resilience and a relentless pursuit of sporting success. Pramod Bhagat, one of India's most decorated para badminton players, has won six Asian Para Games medals between 2014 and 2023, including two gold and four bronze medals. Bhavina Patel, one of India's leading para table tennis players, has won two Asian Para Games medals between 2018 and 2023, including one silver and one bronze medal. Together, the duo has won eight Asian Para Games medals and will now carry the Tricolour at the head of the Indian contingent as the country begins its campaign at the fifth Asian Para Games, being held from October 18 to 24, 2026. The Paralympic Committee of India (PCI) will formally see off the Indian contingent at a special Send-Off Ceremony on October 8 at ITC Maurya, New Delhi. The ceremony will be graced by Dr Mansukh Mandaviya, Union Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports, as Chief Guest, with Raksha Nikhil Khadse, Minister of State for Youth Affairs and Sports, as Guest of Honour. The selection of Bhagat and Patel carries special significance. Both athletes have been at the forefront of India's rise in para sport, inspiring a generation while consistently delivering on the biggest international stages. Their presence at the head of the contingent will symbolise India's journey from participation to performance, and from representation to



recognition on the global para-sport stage. Devendra Jhajharia, President, Paralympic Committee of India, said, "It is a matter of immense pride for us to have Pramod Bhagat and Bhavina Patel lead the Indian contingent at the Opening Ceremony. Both are exceptional champions who have contributed immensely to the growth of Indian para sport. Their journey, achievements and resilience make them fitting representatives of the Indian contingent, and I am confident they will inspire our athletes as they embark on this important campaign." Bhavina Patel said, "It is a very proud moment for me to be chosen as India's flag bearer. When you carry the Tricolour, you realise that you are representing something much bigger than yourself. I am excited to walk into the Opening Ceremony with Pramod and lead our contingent. I hope all our athletes compete with confidence, enjoy the moment and give their very best for India." The Aichi-Nagoya 2026 Asian Para Games will bring together para-athletes from across the continent, with India looking to build on its growing success at major international competitions. As the Indian contingent walks into the Opening Ceremony on October 18, it will be led by two champions who know exactly what it means to wear the Tricolour, compete for India and inspire millions.

Naman Dhir says preparation helped him stay calm on T20I debut

Lucknow: In a matter of three weeks, batting all-rounder Naman Dhir completed a fairytale introduction to international cricket and, after making his memorable T20I debut against the West Indies, attributed the "very satisfying" feeling to honest hard work and God listening to his prayers. Having featured in all three ODIs against the West Indies, Dhir was drafted into the T20I squad at the eleventh hour after Washington Sundar was released to play in the Ranji Trophy. In India's eight-wicket victory over the West Indies in Lucknow on Tuesday, Dhir, operating as the fifth bowling option, claimed three crucial wickets on his T20I debut. "It is very satisfying to be honest. If you had asked me two or three weeks ago if I was playing for India or if I was debuting in both formats, I might not have believed you. But like I told you during the ODI debut, if you work hard with honesty, God will listen to you one day. So I guess this is the day for me," Dhir said in a video posted on bcci.tv on Wednesday. Demonstrating exceptional temperament, Dhir adjusted his line, length and pace whenever put under pressure while bowling off-spin. Interestingly, Dhir picked up all three of his wickets on the very next ball after being hit for a six. Reflecting on his bowling strategy, Dhir revealed that observing left-arm spin-bowling all-rounder Axar Patel during the Powerplay helped him assess the surface conditions effectively. "I saw Axar bhai in powerplay and he was throwing a slower ball and was getting a bit of grip. So my plan was to throw a slow ball and the wicket was a bit damp which was helpful for the spinners. If I could throw a slower ball and get a bit of grip, then I guess I benefited a lot," he said. Dhir revealed that disciplined preparation across domestic and franchise cricket



provided him with the composure required on the big stage. "Preparation is the most important thing for me. If I am playing a match, whether it's in the IPL or for the Indian team or in the Ranji Trophy, then preparation is very important for me — be it batting or bowling. "So I guess it helps me to stay calm. If you are well prepared only then you can be confident, otherwise you cannot be. Preparation is very important for me. Obviously, there were a few nerves but as compared to the one-day debut, it was much less because that is when you play your first international game. So there were a lot of nerves but as compared to that it was much less. I enjoyed my T20 debut a lot. So I am very grateful," he added. State teammate and India fast bowler Arshdeep Singh, who presented Dhir with his T20I cap prior to the match, praised the all-rounder's fearless approach and steady growth over the years. "First of all, it's an honour to hand over the cap number 125 to Naman Dhir. First time, I've seen him in under 16 days and after that whenever I've seen him, he has always improved and he has shown his A game. "He has a fearless nature from the beginning. That's what we want. Express yourself and give your best to the team and to a lot of memories and happiness together. Cheers, good luck," Arshdeep said while handing over the cap.

E3 Electric.Ai begins production of Trion electric scooter at Hyderabad plant

Hyderabad: Bengaluru-based electric mobility startup E3 Electric.Ai has commenced production of its electric scooter, E3 Trion, at its manufacturing facility in Hyderabad. The company said customer deliveries of the scooter would begin in batches from October 7, coinciding with its second anniversary. The first 100 customers will form the company's founding-owner community, it said. The E3 Trion will be available in three variants, C1, C1X and C2, aimed at youngsters, families and business users, respectively. The scooter will be offered in six colours: Nova Blue, Teal Blue, Graphite Grey, Misty Green, Solar Red and Luna White. According to the company, the electric scooter underwent more than 550 Design Validation Plan tests as part of its development programme. These included power and range testing, brake-pressure sensor validation and other checks. The Trion also underwent accelerated durability testing with a 205-kg payload, along with water-wading tests at depths ranging from 100 mm to 300 mm. The company said the scooter was also subjected to heavy rainstorm and water-wash testing.

As part of its road trials, the scooter completed a 260-km round trip between Bengaluru and Hogenakkal, covering mountain roads, sharp bends, gradients



and rough surfaces. E3 Electric.Ai Founder and CEO Sanjeev P said the company had focused on durability and testing under conditions representative of Indian roads before commencing production. The first 100 customers will receive an extended warranty covering the battery and key components for eight years or 1 lakh km, whichever is earlier. They will also receive one year of roadside assistance under the company's E3 Wingman programme.

The complimentary package is valued at Rs 6,500 for the C1 with its 2.3 kWh battery and Rs 8,500 for the C1X and C2, which use 3 kWh batteries.

Airtel postpaid plans start at Rs 499 with international roaming benefit

New Delhi: Bharti Airtel has announced a new range of postpaid plans that will offer customers one complimentary international roaming pack every year from October 8. The free roaming benefit will include 5GB of data, 60 minutes of outgoing calls, 25 outgoing SMSes and free incoming SMSes. The pack will be valid for five days, with customers able to activate it at a time of their choice during an international trip.

Customers on Airtel's family postpaid plans will be eligible for the complimentary roaming benefit for each SIM linked to the plan. The new plans also include unlimited data and calling, along with spam and fraud protection. Subscribers will additionally receive various entertainment and cloud storage subscriptions depending on the plan. The plans start at Rs 499 for an individual connection. The Rs 749 plan covers two SIMs, while the Rs 1,049 and Rs 1,249 plans cover three and four SIMs, respectively. The Rs 1,449 plan

offers four SIMs, while the Rs 1,799 plan covers five SIMs. The Rs 499 plan includes Xstream Play Premium and Google One, while the Rs 749 plan adds Amazon Prime and JioHotstar. The Rs 1,049 and Rs 1,249 plans also include Apple iCloud+ and Apple Music. The Rs 1,449 plan additionally includes Netflix Basic, while the Rs 1,799 plan comes with Netflix Standard. Airtel Director, Market Operations, Amit Tripathi, said the company was looking to offer customers additional value through its postpaid plans, including international roaming and access to entertainment and other services. Existing Airtel customers on postpaid or prepaid connections can upgrade to the new plans through the Airtel app or at an Airtel store. Customers switching from other operators can also request a move to Airtel Postpaid through the app or by visiting a store. The international roaming pack will be available from October 8 and can be activated separately for each eligible SIM.

JioHotstar launches in Middle East and North Africa through STARZPLAY partnership

Mumbai: JioHotstar has entered the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) market through a partnership with STARZPLAY, expanding its international presence after launches in the UK, Canada and Singapore. JioHotstar will be available as a dedicated streaming destination on the STARZPLAY app and website, offering Indian originals, television content, films and reality shows to audiences across the region. The content offering will include new JioHotstar Originals alongside their India releases, with audio tracks in up to 10 languages. It will also feature content from JioStar television channels, films and reality franchises such as Koffee with Karan and Bigg Boss, which is currently running across six languages. The catalogue will include Hindi, Malayalam, Tamil, Telugu, Bangla and other lan-

guages, with a substantial Malayalam collection aimed at the region's Malayali audience. The JioHotstar offering will be available through STARZPLAY's PLUS plan at AED 34.99 per month. The MAX plan, priced at AED 49.99 per month, will combine the complete JioHotstar entertainment offering with STARZPLAY's sports portfolio, including cricket. Amit Malhotra, Head - International Business, JioStar, said the response to JioHotstar's international launches had reinforced the company's belief in the global demand for Indian entertainment. "As we build JioHotstar into a truly global streaming platform, MENA is a crucial next market, with one of the world's largest South Asian diaspora communities and a deep appetite for entertainment across languages," he said.

New UPI charges unlikely to impact transaction volumes, says RBI Governor

Mumbai: Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Governor Sanjay Malhotra said on Wednesday that the new merchant charges on Unified Payments Interface (UPI) transactions are a small fee that will not adversely impact the momentum of the country's digital payments. "MDR decision has already been taken. As of now, we do not see any drop in volumes. I don't personally think a small fee will have any impact on UPI volumes," Malhotra said in response to a media query at a press conference here after the RBI's monetary policy announcement. The RBI Governor's remarks come about a week before the new payment framework related to UPI transactions goes live. From October 15 onwards, a Merchant Discount Rate (MDR) of 0.4 per cent will apply to select person-to-merchant UPI transactions exceeding Rs 2,000. The government has stressed that the new UPI framework has no impact on any person-to-person transactions. UPI will continue to remain completely free for all person-to-person transactions, irrespective of the amount transferred.

Payments to merchants up to Rs 2,000, along with transactions covered under the zero-MDR framework for small merchants, will also remain free. Consequently, approximately 96 per cent of all P2M transactions will remain unaffected. MDR will apply only to specified merchant transactions above Rs 2,000. The Finance Ministry clarified that MDR is



neither a tax nor a charge collected by the government or the NPCI. It is distributed among payment ecosystem participants, including banks and payment application providers, to support the operation and continued expansion of the UPI ecosystem. A nominal MDR of 0.4 per cent will apply only to P2M transactions above Rs 2,000. The MDR will be shared among payment ecosystem participants, including banks, payment service providers, and UPI application providers. For transactions of Rs 75,000 and above, the MDR will be capped at Ts 300 per transaction. Transactions above Rs 2,000 in essential and thin-margin sectors, including railways, telecommunications, insurance, fuel, and agricultural inputs, will attract a flat MDR of Rs 5 per transaction. The flat charge will provide cost certainty for critical public services and businesses operating on narrow margins.

India EV sales hit record 3.33 lakh units in September, up 74pc YoY



New Delhi: India's electric vehicle market scaled a highest-ever monthly record in September with total retail sales reaching at 3,33,634 units, an increase of 74 per cent year-on-year (YoY), according to the data released by the Federation of Automobile Dealers Associations (FADA) on Wednesday. Moreover, EV penetration across vehicle categories rose to approximately 13 per cent, compared to around 10 per cent in September last year. The record performance was driven by strong demand across mass-market segments, particularly electric two-wheelers and passenger vehicles both of which registered their highest-ever monthly retails. According to FADA President Sai Giridhar, this performance deserves a distinction: unlike the broader market, where September's headline is flattered by a weak year-ago base, the EV number is a clean, absolute record, saying that electric vehicles did not merely grow against last year — they set a new all-time high. "Festive demand, maturing running-cost economics, a widening choice of models and sustained policy support through PM E-DRIVE and progressive state schemes are together turning the EV from an alternative into a default consideration for a growing set of buyers," Giridhar said.

He further noted that this is no longer a subsidy-led story because it is a demand-led one saying that electric mobility is now a durable thread of the India Growth Story — and September shows it accelerating, not plateauing. Segment-wise, electric two-wheeler (E2W) retail sales surged to an all-time high of 2,07,314 units, up 88.67 per cent YoY and 13.16 per cent month-on-month (MoM). While penetration improved to 11.6 per cent, compared with 8.2 per cent a year ago. Meanwhile, electric passenger vehicle (EPV) retail sales touched a new high of 36,108 units with registering 94.56 per cent YoY and 17.63 per cent MoM growth as penetration in the category increased to 8.5 per cent, up from 5.7 per cent last year. Notably, electric three-wheeler (E3W) retail sales rose to 86,024 units, up 40 per cent YoY and 7.74 per cent MoM. The category's EV penetration remained exceptionally strong at 64.9 per cent. Similarly, electric commercial vehicle (ECV) retail sales stood at 4,188 units in the month. While volumes declined 10.9 per cent MoM, sales more than doubled year-on-year with a 158 per cent growth rate as penetration of the category improved to around 4 per cent from 2.16 per cent last year.

Today 'Chalo Lok Bhavan'

Congress agitation on voters list revision
Today Chalo Lok Bhavan rally in Hyderabad
INDIA alliance protest in name of Save Democracy
Congress demands CEC should resign

Hyderabad:“Congress, INDIA alliance have got ready for agitation on voters list revision in Telangana. Alleging irregularities are happening in vote revision process, demanding Central Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar should resign, today they will conduct Save Democracy - Chalo Lok Bhavan rally in Hyderabad. PCC President B. Mahesh Kumar Goud gave call to party cadres for this program. Though ineligible, duplicate votes, names of dead are being removed as part of Special revision of voters list.. Congress is alleging there is danger of names of eligible vot-

ers also getting removed. Leaders of that party gave call that democrats should agitate to protect voting right. INDIA alliance which already took up protests in district centres.. got ready for state-level agitation. Protest will be started at 10 AM at Indira Gandhi statue on Necklace Road in Hyderabad, from there rally will be conducted towards Lok Bhavan. Afterwards there is possibility of conducting public meeting. Along with Congress, CPI, CPM, other INDIA alliance partner parties will also participate in program. Now interest has arisen on whether CM Revanth Reddy will partici-



pate in rally. Though he has already declared support for fight being taken up by Congress on protection of voting rights.. official clarity has to come on his attendance for Thursday program. BJP is strongly condemning Congress allegations. BJP is criticizing that Congress is obstructing process of

removing bogus, duplicate, ineligible votes. Leaders of that party are fuming that creating doubts among people by making political allegations on Election Commission. With this, with Thursday Chalo Lok Bhavan, voters list issue in Telangana is going to heat up politically once again.

Drought.. Chandrababu's twin children

What did you do for Rayalaseema?
Where is Rs 24,000 crores?
Roja fire on Chandrababu

Chittoor: YSRCP leader, former minister RK Roja criticized that there is no coherence between announcements being made by alliance government regarding Rayalaseema development, irrigation projects and ground level situations. On Wednesday in Nagari she exposed fake love being displayed by Chandrababu on Rayalaseema. She demanded government which is saying they took up projects with Rs 24 thousand crores for Rayalaseema.. should place their details, progress before people. She asked CM Chandrababu should respond on comments made by Telangana CM Revanth Reddy. Roja said government should make clear announcement on Rayalaseema Lift Irrigation project. Allying drought conditions have prevailed in Rayalaseema in Chandrababu rule.. she demanded to disclose official accounts as to how many acres new irrigation water was provided. She criticized that by giving priority to Amaravati, Rayalaseema irrigation projects are being neglected. On other hand alliance leaders are saying government is giving pri-



ority to Rayalaseema development. Government announced that measures are being taken to encourage investments in industrial, agriculture, horticulture sectors in region in name of Rayalaseema Rising. However Roja demanded government should release clear statistics on irrigation projects, new ayacut, works completed. Roja alleged present government is taking credit for projects started in previous government tenure. With this war of words is continuing between ruling, opposition over Rayalaseema development. Now it has become interesting as to in what manner government will officially respond to allegations made by Roja.

Not just a medal.. grand victory of P4 spirit!

District Collector's initiative bore fruit..
Kruparao's golden victory

Vijayawada, October 07: Sportsman Sanku Kruparao belonging to Venkatapuram village, G.Konduru mandal achieved gold medal in Commonwealth Powerlifting Championship recently held in Canada and brought recognition to NTR district, Andhra Pradesh state. Behind this victory there is also government's prestigious program P4 spirit path. District Collector Dr. G. Lakshmisha congratulated sportsman at Collectorate on Wednesday. Wished to own more victories. Family members of Kruparao recently approached District Collector Dr. G. Lakshmisha for financial assistance required to participate in international level competition. With intention that financial conditions should not become obstacle to talent, Collector Lakshmisha immediately responded..

showed initiative to provide cooperation through P4. Through P4 program being prestigiously implemented by state government, Centini Bio Products Private Limited company which came forward as Margadarsi was linked to provide help to sportsman.. provided Rs one lakh financial assistance. Kruparao who already showed talent and achieved medals in various national, international competitions showed excellent talent in Commonwealth Powerlifting Championship recently held in Canada also and achieved gold medal. Moreover stood as Champion of the Champion. Collector Lakshmisha previously wished that his determination should be realized, with his victory NTR district name should resound on international sports stage and it has become true today.

Festival bustle in Vijayawada Festival fair in Vijayawada

Saras Mela, Dasara festivities
Vijayawada Utsav conducted at same time
Let's give Vijayawada hospitality to guests: MP Chinni

Vijayawada, October 7: MP Kesineni Siva Nath (Chinni) said Vijayawada will become city of festivities in coming ten days. Speaking to media on Wednesday... he said it is proud matter that after Delhi Saras Mela is being conducted in Vijayawada, this month on 15th President of India will attend as chief guest. He said in mela to be held from 13th to 30th of this month, 650 stalls are being arranged with products made by DWCR women of all states in country, about 2,500 representatives will participate. He said Saras Mela on one side, Vijayawada Utsav on other side will be conducted in 18 acres at Punnami Ghat. Kesineni said simultaneous happening of Saras Mela, Dasara festivities, Vijayawada Utsav will stand as special attraction for city. He said Food festival will be conducted with food specialties of all states. He said CMs, Union Ministers, other prominent people are going to come to Vijayawada, with arrival of prominent people for Amravari darshan, more attention will fall on city across country. He requested people to decorate their houses, business centers



beautifully and bring more charm to festivities. As part of Vijayawada Utsav, 50 types of competitions for children, live kabaddi, volleyball competitions will be conducted, MP said. He said Amravari festivities will continue till 20th of this month, Saras Mela till 30th. He said participation of international players in AP-Karnataka Ranji match will stand as another special attraction. Stall allocation in Saras Mela will happen completely in online method, Kesineni Siva Nath appealed to people, media to cooperate to make three festivities successful.

