

Sri Mandava Venkataramaiah's life is guiding path for future generations
Honorable former Vice President of India
Sri Muppavarapu Venkaiah Naidu
Former Vice President released book 'From Bhuvi to Bhuvanam'
Praised that his life journey went with simplicity, farmer welfare as goal



Nuzvidu, October, 11: Honorable former Vice President of India Muppavarapu Venkaiah Naidu said life journey of Sri Mandava Venkataramaiah who is towering personality, epitome of impeccable lifestyle is great guiding path for future generations. Paying tributes to memory of late Mandava Venkataramaiah, he released book 'From Bhuvi to

Bhuvanam' formed with his life details at memorial program held in Tukkuluru, Nuzvidu mandal. Before starting this program Sri Venkaiah Naidu paid rich tributes on occasion of birth anniversary of great people's leader, Lok Nayak Jayaprakash Narayan. Praised that JP who inspired Navnirman movement in Gujarat, Sampurna revolution in Bihar



gave direction to youth movements like Chatra Yuva Sangharsha Vahini. He recalled Jayaprakash Narayan as fearless revolutionary warrior who fought without caring for his own health for people's freedom rights, protection of democracy without giving importance to power, positions even in dark days of Emergency. Later Venkaiah Naidu speaking said

we gathered here to recall once again a great life, truthful lifestyle that moved before our eyes as witness of a generation. In this program Sri Mandava Venkataramaiah's son Sri Mandava Prabhakar along with their family members, relatives and friends, staff participated in large number. Venkaiah Naidu said Venkataramaiah is represented
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'National Saras Aajeevika Mela-2026' grandly in Vijayawada
Starting from October 13 at Punnami GhatSaras Mela as platform for rural women power along with Navratri grandeur
Wonderful arrangements with 576 stalls
Golden opportunity for Swayam AP brand sales: Minister Kondapalli Srinivas



Amaravati, October 11: State Minister for Micro, Small, Medium Industries, Rural Poverty Alleviation, Pravasandhra Empowerment Relations Department Kondapalli Srinivas in a statement on Sunday said 'National Saras Aajeevika Mela-2026' is standing as great marketing platform at national level for wonderful products of
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CM Naidu sets Nov 15 deadline for local polls

Amaravati: Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu has set November 15 as the deadline for completing the three-phase local body election process and directed Ministers in charge of various districts to ensure "a 100 per cent victory" for the NDA, declaring that losing even a single seat was unacceptable. Addressing Ministers after Saturday's Cabinet meeting at the State Secretariat, Naidu made the Ministers responsible for the performance of alliance candidates and instructed them to coordinate with the TDP, Jana Sena, and BJP leadership, tailoring their strategies to local



political conditions. He said the elections would provide an opportunity for new leadership to emerge and asked Ministers and MLAs to take the contest seriously. Naidu also asked the

Ministers to explain to the public "the YSR Congress Party's attempts to obstruct the restoration of 34 per cent reservation for Backward Classes in
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Kanaka Durga goddess at Indrakeeladri appears as Bala Tripura Sundari

Vijayawada: The Dasara Sharanavaratri celebrations of Goddess Kanaka Durga at Indrakeeladri in Vijayawada are under way in grand style. From Sunday until the 20th, the Goddess will appear in ten forms over ten days. On Sunday, she is worshipped as Bala Tripura Sundari Devi. Devotees began arriving at the temple early to seek her blessings, and officials have made arrangements to manage the large crowds. Scholars say Bala Devi is immensely powerful and that the 'Bala Mantra' is highly significant. It is the first mantra taught to those pursuing the path of knowledge, known as 'Vidyopasakas'. Bala Tripura Sundari Devi occupies the first tier of the sacred Sri Chakra, the eternal abode of Maha Tripura Sundari Devi. It is believed that devo-



tees can receive Maha Tripura Sundari Devi's grace only after first gaining Bala Devi's. Scholars say Bala Devi's 'Alan karam' (divine adornment) during Dasara Nava ratri offers devotees complete spiritual fulfilment. 'Tripura Sundari' refers to the three states of consciousness: 'Jag rat' (waking), 'Swapna' (dreaming) and 'Sushupti' (deep sleep). Bala Devi presides over these three states, or 'Puras' (cities), and is said to govern the universe while embodying them. Scholars say people move through these stages across lifetimes.

Pawan Kalyan highlights sacrifices of Jana Sena cadres ahead of local body polls

Amaravati: Andhra Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan on Sunday called for adequate representation for his Jana Sena Party in the upcoming local body elections, citing what he described as the sacrifices made by party cadres for the formation and success of the ruling coalition. He said the Jana Sena Party and its cadres, known as Janasainiks, had made numerous sacrifices for

the formation and success of the alliance. In recognition of their contributions, they should be given adequate representation in local bodies in accordance with the alliance's dharma, he said. He stated that they had fought for the future of the State in the 2024 general elections and expressed hope that the upcoming local body elections would ensure a secure
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Rajiv panel recommendations approved... Cabinet clears BC quota across eight categories

Amaravati: The Andhra Pradesh Cabinet has approved the Rajiv Ranjan Mishra Commission's recommendations on Backward Class reservations in rural and urban local bodies, setting the statutory quota at differing rates for various categories of elected
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Electoral reform
needs transparency

The right to vote is the most powerful instrument in the hands of the people in a democracy. It enables citizens to elect governments, hold those in power accountable and facilitate a peaceful transfer of authority. The survival of a democratic system rests on this fundamental right. Any doubt about whether citizens can exercise their franchise strikes at the very foundations of democracy. The controversies surrounding the ongoing Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls across the country have therefore become a matter of serious concern. Against the backdrop of the Congress party's persistent allegations that the names of eligible voters are being deleted, fresh questions about the functioning of the Election Commission of India have acquired considerable political significance. The time has come for a comprehensive review not only of the voter roll revision exercise but also of the transparency and accountability of the institution overseeing it. There is no dispute that periodically revising electoral rolls is an essential responsibility of the Election Commission of India (ECI). Removing the names of deceased voters, identifying duplicate registrations and updating the records of people who have permanently shifted residence are necessary parts of the electoral process. However, ensuring that not even a single eligible voter is deprived of the right to vote is equally important. The reported disappearance of crores of names from draft electoral rolls across the country has raised serious questions about the SIR exercise. It is unfortunate that citizens who have already registered as voters and exercised their franchise in previous elections should once again find themselves having to establish their eligibility. The requirement to map voters against the 2002 electoral rolls has created additional difficulties for many people. Congress leader Rahul Gandhi has repeatedly alleged that the Narendra Modi government is exerting pressure on election officials and manipulating electoral rolls across the country to help the BJP win elections through what he describes as "vote theft". Access Services The SIR exercise is fundamentally flawed. Reports suggesting disagreements within the Election Commission itself over aspects of the process have added another dimension to the controversy. According to media reports, Election Commissioners Sukhbir Singh Sandhu and Vivek Joshi differed with Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar over changes to the rules governing Form 6, which is used for inclusion of names in electoral rolls. These reported differences have intensified questions about the decision-making process within the Commission and its independence. The Congress believes that the developments reinforce its long-standing concerns about the impartiality of the electoral machinery. The technical shortcomings of the SIR exercise have become particularly evident in Goa, where the process of restoring wrongly deleted names reportedly ran into difficulties. An inquiry into the deletion of 97 names found that the individuals concerned were eligible voters. However, the absence of a rollback facility in the software reportedly created obstacles to restoring their names to the electoral rolls. When even the correction of an acknowledged error becomes difficult because of technological limitations.

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sentative of a generation born before independence, who directly saw every turn of India's growth. Recalled that though he obtained M.Sc degree from Banaras Hindu University (BHU) which was abode of high education standards in those days, without limiting to towns he came searching his own village and established seed industry. Praised as great noble person who chose public benefit as main goal along with business, and his courage to accept setbacks in business not as defeats but as life lessons is his own. Praised that till end not only provided employment to many youth but also stood as support for them to stand on their own legs.Venkaiah Naidu recalled Sri Venkataramaiah went forward with belief that business is not just earning money. Said especially in business linked with farmer, farmer benefit is ultimate goal, he believed farmer is not just a customer, but inseparable partner with us in agriculture production system. Described as true agriculture sage who believed society will be well only if quality seed reaches farmer at affordable price. Also praised that his daughter-in-law Smt Asha Priya's cooperation extended to Swarna Bharat Trust, their commitment towards culture is very great."Sri Venkaiah Naidu advised that values, culture, family roots shared by elders in society should never be forgotten by today's youth. He called upon youth saying "Rather than shedding tears in front of photo tomorrow, should sit beside elders while they are alive and spend time, know their experiences". Said loving, respecting parents, grandmothers grandfathers is root for our existence.Program was chaired by TTD Annamayya Project Director Medasani Mohan. Annamayya, Tyagayya kritis sung by Gaurishankar entertained invitees greatly.

'National Saras Aajeevika Mela-
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women Self Help Group (SHG) members, rural artists, entrepreneurs across country. Minister appreciated that this program to be held most grandly from October 13 to 31 at Punnami Ghat in Vijayawada is being arranged with vision of Honorable Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu and cooperation of Union Minister of State Dr Pemmasani Chandrasekhar. Said specially 576 stalls have been set up for women entrepreneurs coming from all corners of country along with SHG members in state in this mela.. while highest 208 stalls are from state, various stalls Rajasthan (24), Madhya Pradesh (23), Uttar Pradesh (22), Maharashtra (21), West Bengal (19), Kerala (17), Punjab (17) are being set up in this mela Kondapalli clarified.Minister praised this is golden opportunity for AP SHG women, rural entrepreneurs to display, sell their products at national level under 'Swayam AP' brand... SERP, MEPMA organizations are working with dedication with target to create 5 lakh women entrepreneurs in state under leadership of Chandrababu.Saras Mela grandeur along with Navratri festivals:"Minister said happening of National Saras Aajeevika Mela at same time along with famous Bezawada Kanakadurga Ammavari Navratri festivals, Vijayawada Utsav is great opportunity for devotees, people. Called upon those coming for darshan of Goddess can visit this mela and enjoy tastes, items across country. Said in this mela handloom products Uppada, Venkatagiri, silk sarees, Kalamkari clothes, khadi clothes and home decor items along with handicraft items like wooden sculptures, terracotta pots, jute bags, natural soaps, herbal products will also be kept in display.Also Minister said millets, traditional sweets, cold pressed oils, quality pickles, honey and forest natural products along with famous live food stalls of various states will also be there. Said we are providing all infrastructure like spacious parking, drinking water, security and medical camps so that no inconvenience to visitors coming to mela... Minister Kondapalli requested people around Vijayawada, devotees to participate in large number and encourage rural women power.

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future for Janasainiks.The Jana Sena leader was speaking at the launch of the 'Adavitalli Bata 2.0' programme at Kakavada in the Rampachodavaram constituency of Polavaram district on Sunday.He appealed to people to support the National Democratic Alliance (NDA) in the upcoming local body elections, promising to undertake more development works.He emphasised that Jana Sena leaders and cadres, along with activists from other parties in the coalition, must work in coordination and actively participate in village development. He urged every leader in the alliance to support activists who had worked hard for their respective parties and the coalition, ensuring they received due recognition and respect."When we stood in support of the alliance in 2024, not a single Janasainik aspired for a political post. They worked selflessly, prioritising the State's interests above all else. They made numerous sacrifices for the party and the alliance, setting aside their personal interests," he said.The actor-politician said that even during the arrest of N Chandrababu Naidu, Janasainiks and Veera Mahilas (women cadres) had taken to the streets to express their solidarity. "We must never forget the sacrifices of those who stood by us during difficult times. In the upcoming local body elections, we must respect the alliance dharma and ensure appropriate representation for Janasainiks and Veera Mahilas. Their sacrifices deserve due recognition. We must honour the trust of those who stood by us without seeking any positions of power," he said.Pawan Kalyan said the coalition government was implementing the 'Adavitalli Bata' programme to provide road connectivity to tribal villages and facilitate their development. Road construction was being undertaken alongside measures to improve education, healthcare, employment, transportation and market facilities in tribal areas, he said. He stated that, with the cooperation of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and under the leadership of Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu, the programme was being implemented by coordinating schemes such as PM-JANMAN, PMGSY-IV and the Employment Guarantee Scheme."We launched this initiative in the Polavaram, Srikakulam, Vizianagaram, Nandyal and Eluru districts. Under this programme, we undertook works worth Rs 1,406 crore to construct 1,662 kilometres of roads connecting 858 tribal habitations. Carrying forward this same spirit, we sanctioned a total of 2,569 works worth Rs 2,052 crore under 'Adivi Thalli Bata 2.0' to build 1,976 kilometres of roads and 45 bridges for another 1,341 habitations," he added.

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local bodies". He alleged that the previous YSRCP government had reduced the BC quota and failed to pursue an effective legal remedy after the High Court struck down the relevant government orders. The Chief Minister asserted that the 34 per cent quota could have been implemented but for court challenges mounted by YSRCP leaders and associates. He accused the opposition party of approaching the Supreme Court over the use of electoral rolls in an attempt to delay local body elections. With the legal hurdles cleared, Naidu said the government and the State Election Commission would move ahead with preparations after completing the formalities on reservations. Buy Maps He urged the alliance to provide BCs the highest possible representation through party nominations wherever statutory quotas fall short. On the development front, Naidu announced that Rs 1 crore per constituency would be released to MLAs. The Cabinet approved BC reservations based on the Rajiv Ranjan Mishra Commission's recommendations. The meeting also discussed rotation of reserved seats. Officials have reportedly expressed difficulties in applying the usual rotation principle to Zilla Parishad chairperson posts following the increase in the number of districts and the creation of additional Zilla Parishads. Naidu directed Ministers to ensure coordination among alliance partners as the election process advances towards the November 15 deadline.

Two from Andhra Pradesh arrested for duping people in Adilabad

Adilabad: Two persons were arrested and four others booked for allegedly duping around 500 people in Telangana and Andhra Pradesh of Rs 10 crore under the guise of cryptocurrency investments. Police seized two mobile phones and documents relating to assets from the accused.Briefing the media about the arrests here on Sunday, Superintendent of Police Akhil Mahajan said Polamarashetti Rathnaraju of Visakhapatnam and Dondapati Laxmanarao of West Godavari district were arrested for their alleged involvement in the fraud. Cases were registered against Gopikrishna, Azeem Khan, G. Pramod Kumar and Vemunuri Sudheer for their alleged roles in the offence.

Give feedback on PGRS services through QR code :District Collector K. Vetriselvi

Eluru, October, 11: District Collector K. Vetriselvi requested people to convey their opinions on services received through PGRS via QR code. Said state government is striving towards providing more transparent, accountable services to people, as part of this program is seeking people's opinions through QR code on services provided through PGRS. Said QR code has been prominently displayed to be clearly visible to people in entry, exit areas of district, mandal level PGRS centers. Said people who received P.G.R.S services can scan QR code through their mobile phones and convey their opinion, satisfaction level. Said QR code public response will



reach official P.G.R.S portal. Said to know status of petitions can call toll free number 1100 and know. Collector Vetriselvi requested to cooperate to provide more better services by conveying their opinions through QR code.

Making decades-old bridge dream true, laying foundation for construction

Foundation stone laid amid cheers of Sasanapalli - Pedavemali people
Happiness over fulfillment of election promise
Bridge construction with 6 crores 12 lakhs rupees
Gokulam sheds inauguration, CC roads
inauguration:Minister Kondapalli Srinivas



Gajapathinagaram, October 11,“State Minister for Micro, Small, Medium Industries, Rural Poverty Alleviation, Pravasandhra Empowerment Relations Department Kondapalli Srinivas said it is happy to start construction making decades-old bridge dream of people of Sasanapalli - Pedavemali in Jami mandal true.“Minister Kondapalli Srinivas laid foundation stone on Sunday amid cheers of people for construction of bridge to be taken up with funds of 6 crores 12 lakhs rupees for bridge that will reduce distance between Sasanapalli - Pedavemali villages. On this occasion villagers gave grand welcome to Minister Kondapalli Srinivas with melam talams, bursting crackers, with purnakumbham, children presenting bouquet made with paddy ears. On occasion of laying foundation for bridge construction along with children, elders who came to program conducted signatures saying Thank you CM sir
Thank you Deputy CM sir
Thank you Minister sir Speaking on this occasion Minister Kondapalli Srinivas said it is happy to lay foundation for bridge construction works which is long-cherished desire of people as per promise given in election campaign. Said on occasion of Chief Minister Chandrababu coming to Datti tour in constituency, he requested to sanction funds for Sarvagadda reservoir for constituency, bridge construction in Marivalasa, Sasanapalli and Chief Minister immediately announced boons. Said Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu, Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan with special focus with central government cooperation sanctioned SASCI project funds for pending bridge construction. Minister

Kondapalli Srinivas said taking his grandfather Paidithalli Naidu as ideal he is moving forward with aim of developing constituency. Said with construction of this bridge distance between Gantyada - Bheemasingi will reduce and travel conveniences will improve. Also said it will be favorable for farmers, laborers to commute for agricultural works. Said in alliance government welfare development programs needed for all sections of people will be provided, suggested all people should notice this. Minister called upon that all children in village should be compulsorily educated, good future can be obtained only through education, family lifestyle changes through education. Said it is happy to lay foundation for works overcoming many obstacles for bridge construction. Minister Kondapalli called upon to make alliance leaders who are doing good for people win in coming local elections then only development is possible. Several villagers speaking said not knowing whether it is dream or true, we thought bridge construction for people's commuting convenience will remain as dream only, with bridge construction along with changing futures of our children, transport facility for education, medicine will happen fastly they said with tears of joy.“Said this bridge will be very useful for villagers of Pedavemali, Murapaka, Siripuram, Lucky Dam, Sasanapalli, Somayajulapalem, Venkatarajupalem to reach Vizag via Kothavalasa. Said with bridge establishment more than ten kilometers travel time will be saved. Said Minister Kondapalli equal to god who fulfilled wish of devotees for our village people praised. Alliance leaders, officials, people's representatives, villagers participated.

YSRCP prepares legal war rooms for local polls

Amaravati: The YSR Congress Party has begun preparations for a legal battle alongside political contest in the forthcoming local body elections. It has directed its Legal Cell to establish district-level war rooms, constituency task forces and a State-level coordination mechanism to protect candidates at every stage of the process. Addressing a Legal Cell meeting at the party's Tadepalli office on Saturday, State Coordinator Sajjala Ramakrishna Reddy said legal assistance must be available from nomination filing through polling and counting. He called for steps to prevent technical rejections of nominations and to counter alleged violations by officials and police. Sajjala questioned the government's haste in holding elections before completion of the Special Intensive Revision and publication of final electoral rolls, arguing that newly eligible voters could be denied their constitutional right. He also demanded public release of the BC Reservation



Commission's report and its methodology. The party was asked to identify sensitive areas, nomination centres, polling stations and strong rooms for close monitoring, with any violations to be digitally documented and raised with authorities, the media and the Election Commission. Separately, MLC and general secretary Lella Appi Reddy urged the State Election Commission to include all eligible voters enrolled in the Election Commission of India's rolls up to July 15, 2026. He objected to using rolls as of February 5 and sought updated local body rolls published in advance.

GO on BC quota in local bodies caps total reservations at 50%

Amaravati: The Andhra Pradesh government on Saturday issued orders accepting the Rajiv Ranjan Mishra Commission's recommendations for Backward Class reservations in rural and urban local bodies, stipulating that the combined reservations for BCs, Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes must not exceed 50 per cent in any local body. The Backward Classes Welfare Department issued GO Ms No 17 on October 10, following the Andhra Pradesh High Court's October 1 judgment in WP (PIL) No. 194/2026 and the Supreme Court's October 9 pronouncement in SLP (C) No 35539/2026. The government had constituted the dedicated commission, headed by Rajiv Ranjan Mishra, through GO Ms No 3 dated February 19, 2026, to fulfil the Supreme Court's triple-test requirements for determining BC reservations in local bodies. The commission was tasked with conducting a rigorous empirical inquiry into the nature and extent of BC backwardness in relation to local governance and determining the reservation proportion for different rural and urban local bodies. The commission drew on contemporaneous and other relevant sources, including the Unified Family Survey, data from the Social Governance and Social Welfare (SGSW) Department, the National Family Health Survey, reports of various commissions, departmental records and Census data, before submitting its recommendations to the government. The order states that reservations for SCs and STs must comply with Articles 243D and 243T of the Constitution, which govern reservations in Panchayats and municipalities. Their population-based quotas must follow the constitutional definition of population, based on the latest published Census figures. As Census population data for BCs are unavailable, the government has accepted the commission's use of empirical and contemporaneous data from the Unified Family Survey and SGSW records as the basis for determining BC reservations in individual local bodies. The Panchayat Raj and Rural Development and Municipal Administration and Urban Development departments have been directed to take further action on the recommendations in accordance with constitutional provisions, judicial pronouncements and other relevant laws. The government said adequate representation for BCs in rural and urban local bodies was essential to strengthening grassroots democracy and advancing social justice.



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posts. Get Local Permits With the average BC reservation working out to 28.18 per cent, the ruling alliance has separately committed to providing more than 34 per cent of party-level opportunities to BCs in areas where the statutory quota falls short. The Cabinet decision, taken at a meeting chaired by Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu on Saturday, has been referred to the Panchayat Raj and Rural Development as well as the Municipal Administration and Urban Development departments for implementation. The State Election Commission will take further action in accordance with the finalised reservations. Agriculture Minister K Atchannaidu said the commission, headed by Rajiv Ranjan Mishra, was constituted through GO No. 3 on February 19, 2026, in line with the Supreme Court's guidelines. It examined population data across

districts and social groups to recommend BC quotas for different local bodies. The proposed reservations are 26.73 per cent for Gram Panchayat ward members, 27.95 per cent for Sarpanches, 25.55 per cent for MPTC members, 24.60 per cent each for Mandal Parishad presidents and ZPTC members, and 23.08 per cent for Zilla Parishad chairpersons. In urban local bodies, the quota is 32.78 per cent for ward members, 33.02 per cent for municipal chairpersons, and 35.29 per cent for mayors. Social Welfare Minister Dola Bala Veerananjeya Swamy said SC, ST and BC quotas were calculated according to the population of each local unit, with ST and SC allocations considered before determining the BC share. In a press note, special secretary to government S Satya narayana said the departments concerned must comply with Articles 243D and 243T of the Constitution governing SC/ST reservations in panchayats and municipalities.

PM Modi, CM Vijay flag off first train on Chennai Metro phase 2 network; share ride

Chennai: Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Tamil Nadu Chief Minister C. Joseph Vijay on Sunday flagged off the first train of the much-awaited Chennai Metro Rail's Phase 2 network at Porur Bypass Road Metro station, marking a milestone in the city's expanding public transport system. The inauguration took place during PM Modi's first visit to Chennai since the Vijay government assumed office in Tamil Nadu. The Prime Minister also launched infrastructure projects covering national highways, railways and maritime facilities during his visit. Earlier in the day, PM Modi arrived at Chennai airport, where Governor Rajendra Arlekar and CM Vijay received him. Ministers, AIADMK general secretary Edappadi K. Palaniswami, BJP leader Nainar Nagenthiran and other leaders were present to welcome the Prime Minister. PM Modi and CM Vijay subsequently visited Porur Bypass Road Metro station, where they inspected the facilities before flagging off the inaugural service. The Prime Minister sought detailed information from officials about the Metro network and arrangements for operating the new trains. The newly constructed Poonamallee-Vadapalani corridor was developed at a cost of Rs 750 crore. Metro

trains will stop at 11 stations in the first phase of services on the new route. Learn Hindi PM Modi purchased a ticket by making a payment through the Unified Payments Interface, or UPI. He then travelled with CM Vijay from Porur Bypass Road Metro station to Poonamallee. During the inaugural journey, officials explained the Metro system's operations and briefed the Prime Minister on the new service. PM Modi also interacted with students and workers aboard the train. The Metro inauguration was a major part of the Prime Minister's programme, which included the launch of projects across several transport sectors in Tamil Nadu.

PM Modi laid foundation stones for major national highway projects and inaugurated completed works, together valued at Rs 3,700 crore.

These included both new projects entering the construction stage and completed infrastructure being opened for use. He also dedicated railway infrastructure projects worth Rs 750 crore to the nation. At



Chennai Port, PM Modi inaugurated four infrastructure projects aimed at strengthening Tamil Nadu's maritime facilities and increasing cargo-handling capacity. The projects formed the port development component of the day's programme. Strict security arrangements were put in place across Chennai for the Prime Minister's visit.

J&K statehood restoration may happen soon, Union Minister says



Srinagar: Union Minister of State for Social Justice and Empowerment Ramdas Athawale said on Sunday that Jammu and Kashmir's statehood might be restored in the near future, asserting that the Union government was committed to the Union Territory's overall development. Addressing a press conference in Srinagar, Athawale said the restoration of statehood to Jammu and Kashmir could take place in the near future. Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Home Minister Amit Shah were aware of the commitment regarding the Union Territory's statehood, he said. He said the Union government was making efforts to develop Jammu and Kashmir and that political differences should not affect the allocation of funds or the implementation of development projects. Referring to the abrogation of Article 370, Athawale said the decision had brought Jammu and Kashmir within the full framework of the Indian Constitution, extending various constitutional provisions and benefits to the region. He said the situation in Jammu and Kashmir had improved considerably, although challenges remained. Referring to the Pahalgam terror attack, Athawale said the Union government had taken steps in response to the incident and

urged Pakistan to stop supporting terrorism. "Jammu and Kashmir is an integral part of India, and Pakistan should focus on improving its own economy rather than interfering in India's internal affairs," he said. "The people of Pakistan also want peaceful relations with India, but political interests are preventing the two countries from moving towards normalisation," he said. Athawale added that the Union government was ready to extend assistance to Jammu and Kashmir and urged the local administration to formulate proposals to address the region's developmental needs. He said he had visited several districts of Jammu and Kashmir during previous visits and continued to interact with people to understand their concerns. He reiterated that the Centre was committed to the region's progress and that development initiatives should benefit people at the grassroots level. Earlier, Athawale said the government wanted to create more employment opportunities for the youth of Jammu and Kashmir by attracting private-sector investment. Many private-sector investors had visited the Union Territory and would invest thousands of crores of rupees for its development and the welfare of its people, he added.

Karnataka seer Abhinava Gavisiddeshwara Swamiji inaugurates historic Mysuru Dasara 2026

Mysuru (Karnataka): The historic 417th edition of Mysuru Dasara, Karnataka's renowned 11-day Nada Habba, was inaugurated by Abhinava Gavisiddeshwara Swamiji of the Gavisiddeshwara Math in Koppal at Chamundi Hills on Sunday, marking the beginning of the grand annual celebrations showcasing the state's rich cultural



Soap, Mysuru paintings, Mysore Pak and the Kanna mbadi dam as landmarks that had helped establish the city's reputation beyond Karnataka. He said Mysuru's cultural identity had been shaped by generations of rulers, artists, craftsmen, musicians, teachers and traders. The city's greatest asset was not limited to its palaces

heritage, traditions and royal legacy. The seer inaugurated the festivities by offering flowers to the idol of Goddess Chamundeshwari during the auspicious Dhanur Lagna, amid the chanting of Vedic hymns. Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar, his wife Usha, Ministers, legislators, elected representatives and senior officials attended the ceremony. Addressing the gathering, Shivakumar described Mysuru Dasara as a confluence of strength, knowledge, culture and equality, saying that strength leads to achievement, knowledge to development, culture to equality and equality to peace. "Dasara is not merely a religious celebration. It represents Karnataka's cultural identity, harmony and self-respect," he said, adding that the festival offered an opportunity for people across the country to experience India's traditions and heritage through Mysuru over the next 11 days.

The Chief Minister said Dasara had evolved from a royal celebration into a festival of the people, reflecting the transition from monarchy to democracy. The tradition initiated by the rulers of the Vijayanagara Empire was continued by the Mysuru Wadiyars, who preserved its cultural significance and developed it into a platform for promoting art and culture. "Removing the thorn of ignorance with the thorn of knowledge is education, while removing the thorn of unrighteousness with the thorn of righteousness is Dasara. Seeing God in a temple is devotion, but seeing God in human beings is humanity," Shivakumar added. Recalling the historical traditions associated with the festival, the Chief Minister said the Vijayanagara rulers had a practice of bringing buffalo to Dasara. This year, the cultural memory of that tradition was being carried forward through Kambala, the traditional buffalo race, despite criticism. He said Dasara had become a major platform for Karnataka's traditional art forms, including Dollu Kunitha, Tamate, Nagari, Veeragase, Kolata and Yakshagana. The celebrations provide opportunities for thousands of theatre artists, singers and musicians to showcase their talent and preserve the state's cultural heritage. "Dasara is a festival of colours for children, a platform for artists, an opportunity for traders and an unforgettable experience for tourists," the Chief Minister added. The Chief Minister highlighted the contribution of Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar to the development of Brand Mysuru, citing Mysuru silk, Mysore Sandal

but also included the trust and affection people associated with its name. Shivakumar said the state government was committed to advancing social equality through its guarantee schemes. Referring to the Gruha Lakshmi scheme, which provides Rs 2,000 to eligible women beneficiaries, the Chief Minister said 1,139 days had passed since the amount was first offered at the feet of Goddess Chamundeshwari.

He added that the state government had continued its efforts to implement the welfare schemes without interruption, with the objective of bringing meaningful changes to people's lives. Praising Abhinava Gavisiddeshwara Swamiji, Shivakumar described his social service as a model for the country and the Gavisiddeshwara Math as an institution promoting peace among all communities. "The Swamiji is not merely the head of a math but a Swamiji of the people," he said, highlighting the institution's contributions to social welfare and community development. The Chief Minister also referred to the seer's campaign for water conservation, saying the message of Jaladeeksha was particularly relevant at a time when the state needed to protect its water resources.

"Wasting water is like draining the lifeblood of future generations," he said, calling for a statewide commitment to conserving water. Shivakumar emphasised the role of religious institutions in education, social service and preserving cultural traditions. He said that he held religious heads in high regard and valued their contribution to society. He also thanked the Defence Minister Rajnath Singh for accepting his request to facilitate the participation of contingents from the three armed services in the Dasara celebrations. Quoting poet Kuvempu's philosophy of universal humanism, the Chief Minister said humanity should transcend religious and social divisions and become the foundation for world peace. Earlier, Shivakumar inaugurated the Dasara fruit and flower exhibition at the Glass House in Kuppanna Park by offering floral tributes to a replica of the Constitution. He also viewed a floral installation of Vidhana Soudha. Ministers Ramalinga Reddy, Eshwar Khandre, Yathindra Siddaramaiah and Puttaranga Shetty, MP Sunil Bose, legislators, Members of the Legislative Council, senior officials and representatives of various boards attended the events.

Ramayana Part 1 release date confirmed for November 5, 2026

Mumbai: The makers of the upcoming epic film ‘Ramayana: Part 1’ have locked the film’s release on November 5 ahead of Diwali. On Sunday, the makers took their Instagram, and unveiled a new ensemble poster featuring Ranbir Kapoor as Lord Rama, Sai Pallavi as Sita, Ravie Dubey as Lakshman and Rocking Star Yash as Ravana, while announcing that Part 1 of the two-part epic will release worldwide on November 5, 2026. They wrote in the caption, “On the auspicious occasion of Navratri, we celebrate the beginning of a new era. Yeh Ram ke Yug ka Aarambh hai. Namit Malhotra’s Ramayana Part 1: In cinemas WORLD-WIDE, across all premium formats, from 5th November. Advance bookings open on Dussehra”. The announcement celebrates the beginning of a new era with the message, “Yeh Ram Ke Yug Ka Aarambh Hai,” and confirms that advance bookings will open on Dussehra. The film is helmed by Nitesh Tiwari and produced by Namit Malhotra’s Prime Focus Studios in collaboration with 8-time Oscar-winning



DNEG and Yash’s Monster Mind Creations, Ramayana is envisioned as a two-part epic. ‘Ramayana: Part 1’ will release worldwide on November 5, 2026, followed by ‘Ramayana: Part 2’ in Diwali 2027, in Hindi, Tamil, Telugu, Kannada and Malayalam across India. The project combines Indian mythology with large-scale visual effects, with music composed by A.R. Rahman and Hans Zimmer. Promising an immersive cinematic experience, the film is among the most anticipated releases in Indian cinema. The film will release in IMAX, with Sony Pictures distributing the film globally, while Dharma Productions will act as distributors for the Hindi-speaking market.

Nana Patekar death case: Final medical report cites heart attack

Mumbai: The final post-mortem report in the reported death of veteran actor Nana Patekar has identified the cause of death as natural. A team of doctors at Goa Medical College and Hospital (GMCH), Bambolim, stated in its report that the death was caused by a massive heart attack. Goa Police confirmed the findings to IANS. According to the police, the family has also been informed about the report and has not raised any objections to the medical findings so far. According to the final post-mortem report issued by Goa Medical College, the blood supply to the heart was cut off by a blood clot in the main coronary artery, leading to cardiac arrest. At around 2.30 am on October 8, the actor reportedly informed a family friend via WhatsApp that he was unwell. He was subsequently taken to Manipal Hospital in Dona Paula, where doctors declared him dead despite administering cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) for about 45 minutes. The Panaji police had registered a case of



unnatural death under Section 194 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS), under UD No. 62/2026. Following the reported confirmation of natural death in the post-mortem examination and the ruling out of foul play involving his son, Malhar Patekar, and nephew, Prasad Patekar, the case is expected to be closed soon. The actor was reportedly cremated with full State honours at his farmhouse in Donje village in Pune district on Thursday. He was given a three-gun

salute. Friends and members of the film fraternity, including Jackie Shroff, directors Anil Sharma and Anees Bazmee, and producer Firoz Nadiadwala, reportedly arrived at Donje village to attend the last rites. A large crowd also gathered to pay their last respects. Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis reportedly paid his respects to the actor at Pune airport before leaving for Mumbai. Maharashtra Deputy Chief Minister Eknath Shinde visited the actor’s farmhouse in Pune to pay his respects.

Sonali Bendre returns with Pati Patni Aur Panga Season 2

Mumbai: Actress Sonali Bendre, who has returned as the host of ‘Pati Patni Aur Panga’ Season 2, said comedian Munawar Faruqui’s humour often makes her forget that she is hosting the show, as she gets carried away enjoying his wit. The ‘Hum Saath Saath Hain’ actress said she learned a lot from Munawar during the first season and feels more prepared this time around. Speaking to IANS, Sonali recalled sharing the hosting duties with the comedian in the first season and said she often found herself laughing while listening to him. “In the first season of ‘Pati Patni Aur Panga’, I was hosting for the first time with Munawar, who is such a presentable person, a stand-up comic. Sometimes, I forget that I have to host because I enjoy listening to him and I start laughing. I learned a lot from him, and I think I have prepared a little more in the second season,” she said. The actress added that she was still finding her feet during the first season but had become more comfortable with the show. “In the first season, I was finding my feet, and I am enjoying it even more,” she said. Calling ‘Pati Patni Aur Panga’ an original Indian show, Sonali said its concept celebrates the unique nature of marriages in the country and the many emotions and entertaining moments that come with



them. “It is a home-grown IP, an original show of India. And I feel that ‘Pati Patni Aur Panga’ is celebrating marriages. Marriage, and Indian marriage, is such a major thing and such a different thing in the world. There are no such marriages like Indian marriages,” she said. Explaining what makes Indian marriages special, the ‘Sarfaroosh’ actress said they bring together a wide range of emotions, celebrations and playful interactions between couples. “In our marriages, there are all kinds of entertainment. There is drama, love, fight, anger, getting angry, celebrating, eating, drinking, dancing, singing. And on top of that, there is also roasting. The girls are teasing the boys, and the boys are teasing the girls.” Sonali believes the show captures these different aspects of relationships and the lively spirit of Indian marriages. “‘Pati Patni Aur Panga’ is a great show that captures all these entertaining mo-

ments, relationships and the spirit of Indian marriages,” she added. Reflecting on the response to the first season, Bendre said she was initially unsure how viewers would receive the show. However, the audience’s love encouraged the makers to return with another season. “When we were doing the first season, I didn’t know whether the audience would like it. Now we know that the audience gave us so much love that we are bringing the second season. So we will enjoy this season even more. And I hope that you will enjoy this season even more,” Sonali said. The second season features Rahul Vaidya and Disha Parmar, Arjun Bijlani and Neha Swami Bijlani, Shabir Ahluwalia and Kanchi Kaul, Deepika Singh and Rohit Raj Goyal, Divyanka Tripathi Dahiya and Vivek Dahiya, Manoj Tiwari and Surabhi Tiwari, and Archana Puran Singh and Parmeet Sethi. The show premiered on JioHotstar on October 10.

Shilpa Shetty remembers father Surendra Shetty on his 10th death anniversary

Mumbai: Bollywood actress Shilpa Shetty remembered her late father, Surendra Shetty, on his 10th death anniversary this Sunday. She relived some precious memories with her dad through a couple of throwback photos on social media. Shilpa admitted that even after a decade, she misses her father every single day. She added that she finds comfort thinking that her father is looking after her from wherever he is right now. Shilpa expressed her longing for her late father with an emotional post that read, “10 years without you, Dad. Miss you every single day... some days a little more. (Red heart and hug emoji) The only consolation is knowing you’re in a better place, watching over us and blessing us. (Halo emoji) Forever in our hearts. (Red heart emoji) (sic).” Shamita Shetty also paid a heartfelt tribute to her late father with a nostalgic post that went, “Time passes, life moves forward, and the world keeps turning, but some parts of your heart remain forever where you left them. (Red heart emoji) love you Daddy (Red heart emoji) miss u (sic).” For those who do not know, Shilpa’s



father passed away on October 11, 2016. He breathed his last at his home in Versova, Mumbai, after suffering a cardiac arrest. He was immediately rushed to Kokilaben Dhirubhai Ambani Hospital; however, he was pronounced dead. Every year, both Shilpa and Shamita remember their father on his death anniversary with emotional posts on social media. On the professional front, Shilpa last graced the screen in the Kannada film ‘KD: The Devil’. Penned and directed by Prem, the drama saw Dhruva Sarja in the title role, along with Sanjay Dutt, Shilpa Shetty, V. Ravichandran, Ramesh Aravind, Reeshma Nanaiah, and Nora Fatehi in ancillary roles, along with others.

Andhra Pradesh Football Association new executive unanimously elected Kotagiri Sridhar as President.. M. Daniel Pradeep as General Secretary



Kamavarapu Kota, October 11: Andhra Pradesh Football Association (Reg. No. 963/2019) new executive elections were held on Sunday at Sri Sitaramachandra Swamy Kalyana Mandapam in East Edavalli, Kamavarapukota mandal, Eluru district. In these elections held as per notification issued on 14th of last month, executive was unanimously elected. Elections Returning Officer, retired judge Justice G. Shyam Prasad announced results. Kotagiri Sridhar as President, Tanguturu Radhika Reddy as Vice President-1, Guttikonda Vamsi Kiran as Vice President-2, J.V. Anil Kumar as Vice President-3, Aleswarapu Neeladri Venkat Kumar as Treasurer were elected. As Executive Members K. Kranthi Kumar, G.S.S. Pavan Kumar, M. Achyutamba, G. Saritha, M.V.S. Sai Kumar, Bapanapalli Uma Shankar, A. Reddappa, M. Anjali Devi, B. Chakravarthi, D. Mounika were elected. To observe election process, Swen Harendra on behalf of All India Football Federation (AIFF) and Badeti Venkataramayya on behalf of Andhra Pradesh State Olympic Association attended as observers. M. Daniel Pradeep as General Secretary In General Body



meeting held after elections M. Daniel Pradeep was elected as General Secretary. In meeting aspects like football development in state, providing better opportunities to sportspersons, identifying talented persons were discussed. Football development in state is goal: Kotagiri Sridhar In media conference President Kotagiri Sridhar speaking said development of football sport in state is main goal of new executive. Said will work to bring out hidden talent in every town, provide suitable opportunities to young sportspersons. Said will work in planned manner developing sport from grassroots level, attracting more youth towards football. Said will focus specially on providing necessary encouragement so that state sportspersons excel at higher level.

K. Laxman wins men’s Indian Round title at State archery meet



Hyderabad: Khammam archers K. Laxman and K. Lohithasri secured top finishes in their respective categories at the Telangana State-level archery championship held at Hyderabad Public School here on Sunday. Laxman clinched the title in the men’s Indian Round category, while Lohithasri finished second in the women’s recurve category. K.

Ramcharan and K. Sarvesh secured second and third places, respectively, in the men’s section. The top-performing archers qualified for the Nationals. Khammam DYSO T. Sunil Kumar, Khammam District Archery Association president S. Sarangapani and general secretary P. Shankaraiah congratulated the archers on their performances.

CV Anand hits unbeaten 107 as Secunderabad Club beat Tarakarama

Hyderabad: CV Anand, who is also the Director General of Police of Telangana, struck an unbeaten 107 off 97 balls, including 16 fours and a six, to help Secunderabad Club register a six-wicket win over Tarakarama in the HCA C-Division one-day league cricket championship here on Sunday.

C-Division one-day league

Tarakarama: 240 in 39.3 overs (Yogya Agarwal 35, K. Manikanta 45, L. Pavan Kumar 46, Dinakar Das 30; Sudeep Bhalerao 4/28) lost to Secunderabad Club: 244/4 in 34.1 overs (CV Anand 107



not out, Adiya Agarwal 62; Syed Khaja Moinuddin 3/52).

HPS Begumpet: 165 in 35.2 overs (K. Rishin 58; Sydney Joseph 3/34, Sathvik 3/9) lost to Greenlands: 167/6 in 30.1 overs (Rohit Kumar 84).

Archery Premier League: Chero Archers make it three wins in four matches

Hyderabad: After losing by the narrowest of margins a day earlier, Chero Archers bounced back in style to beat Kakatiya Knights 6-0 and maintain their strong start to the second season of the Archery Premier League here on Sunday. Led by



Atanu Das, who has been in excellent form, Chero Archers registered their third win in four matches and emerged as early contenders for the title. For local franchise Kakatiya Knights, the result left them with two wins and two defeats. The Knights made a significant change to their starting XI, with Austrian compound star Nico Wiener making way for Shivshankar Landkar. Landkar was in good form alongside Jyothi Surekha Vennam. However, Chero Archers had Das in terrific rhythm and a strong compound squad, with world No. 1 Mathias Fullerton shooting ahead of Sahil Rajesh Jadhav. The Dane was the highest scorer of the match, recording 59 points from six arrows. In the first set, Casey Kaufhold’s low score of six with the final arrow did not hurt Chero Archers, as their first seven arrows yielded an impressive 69 out of 70. In the

second set, Atanu’s remarkable arrow, which landed in the X-ring at the centre of the target face, was the highlight as Chero Archers maintained a comfortable lead. The third set was a thriller, with both teams tied at 38-38 after four arrows each. However, the Knights felt the pressure as they needed to win the set to stay alive in the match. Atanu hit another 10 to bring the score to 67-67, before Kaufhold stepped up and hit another 10 to close out a high-quality set and seal the win. “Last year was tough for us. This time, we have a super-strong team and we are managing the time really well,” Atanu said after the match. Speaking about the time pressure, Kaufhold said, “I just see it as fun. When I look at the clock and it says 11 seconds, I am like, you know, let’s go. What else can you do other than step up and shoot a good arrow?”

BITS Hyderabad edge Rahimpura 41-40 in basketball league thriller

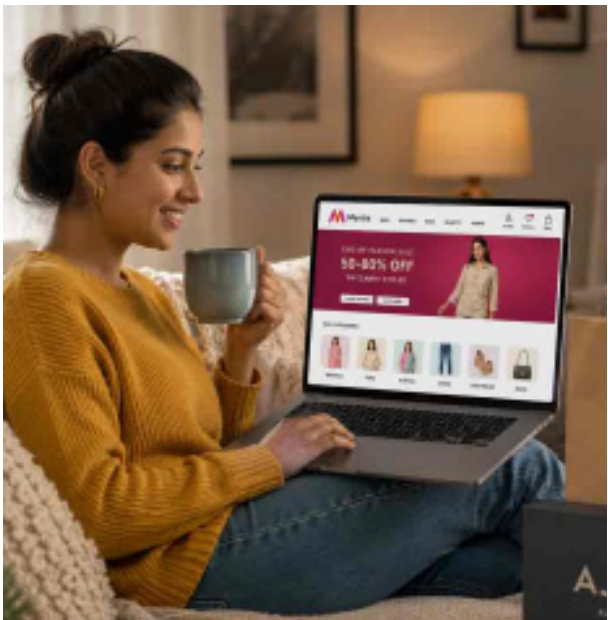


Hyderabad: BITS, Hyderabad, edged out Rahimpura Playground 41-40 after leading 30-19 at half-time in the GM Sampath Kumar annual league basketball championship at YMCA Secunderabad here on Sunday. BITS started strongly, with Srinath and Hari combining to score 20 points. Srinath converted three drive-in shots and added a three-pointer, while Hari sank two three-pointers. Tejas chipped in with a three-pointer and a drive-in shot. Rahimpura were slow to get going, with Ravinath scoring seven of their first nine points as BITS led 20-9 at the end of the first quarter. Both teams scored 10 points apiece in a closely contested second quarter, allowing BITS to maintain an 11-point lead and go into half-time ahead 30-19. After the change of ends, Rahimpura tightened their defence to restrict BITS to just six points. They found their rhythm at the other end, scoring 14 points, including three-pointers from Ravinath, to cut the deficit to three points

at 33-36 by the end of the third quarter. In the final quarter, both teams focused on defence. BITS managed only five points, while Rahimpura scored seven. Ravinath and Adarsh sank a three-pointer each for Rahimpura, but BITS controlled possession in the closing stages to seal a thrilling 41-40 victory. In another match, Freestyle Ballers maintained their unbeaten record by beating Sunday Ballers 66-61 after the teams were tied 31-31 at half-time. The win helped Freestyle Ballers qualify as Pool winners for the knockout match, with promotion to Level II at stake. BITS, Hyderabad 41 (Hari 16, Srinath 10, Vaidyanath 8) bt Rahimpura Playground 40 (Ravinath 27, Prudhvi 6, Adarsh 9). Freestyle Ballers 66 (Sanjan 26, Kinshuk 13, Abhiram 13) bt Sunday Ballers 61 (Sriram 27, Ravi 9). Trinity Basketball Promotions 56 (Rishab 23, Aditya 13, Vishanth 13) bt Alpha Basketball Academy 30 (Kaido 6, Varun 6, James 7).

Festive sales: E-commerce platforms clock Rs 24,000 crore in two days

New Delhi: India's leading e-commerce marketplaces witnessed a strong start to the festive shopping season, generating an estimated Rs 24,000 crore in sales during the first two days as consumers stepped up purchases across smartphones, electronics, appliances and fashion categories, a report has said. According to Redseer Strategy Consultants, online platforms including Amazon, Flipkart, Meesho and Ajio recorded gross merchandise value (GMV) of more than \$2.5 billion, or about Rs 24,200 crore, during the opening two days of festive sales. The consultancy estimated that 8-9 crore orders were placed by shoppers across the country, while around 6-6.5 crore consumers participated in the shopping event. The sales value was nearly six times higher than the average daily business-as-usual run rate, highlighting the scale of festive-season spending. Smartphones remained the largest contributor to overall sales, accounting for 38-40 per cent of total GMV, translating into an estimated Rs 9,100-9,600 crore. Consumer electronics emerged as the second-largest category, contributing around 25-27 per cent of total sales, or roughly Rs 6,000-6,500 crore. Fashion products accounted for 15-18 per cent of overall sales, generating an estimated Rs 3,630-4,350 crore during the period, the report noted. Demand for large appliances and electronics remained particularly strong. Televisions, refrigerators and air conditioners together accounted for more than two-



thirds of large-appliance sales. Among televisions, 55-inch models from brands such as TCL, LG, Samsung and Xiaomi dominated demand, representing more than three-fourths of the top-selling stock-keeping units. Redseer noted that electronics had already posted growth of over 20 per cent in the first half of 2026 as consumers accelerated purchases amid expectations of higher prices later in the year. During the first two days of festive sales, electronics orders surged to nearly 14 times their normal daily levels, supported by robust demand for laptops and internet-connected devices. Fashion also emerged as a major growth driver, with GMV in the segment rising 22-25 per cent year-on-year. Sales in the category were three to five times higher than average daily levels, aided by demand for affordable festive apparel, particularly in Tier 2 cities and smaller towns.

Nifty, Sensex end eight-week losing streak as IT stocks drive market rebound



Mumbai: Indian equity benchmarks ended higher on Friday, breaking an eight-week losing streak, but market experts believe the sustainability of the rebound will depend on whether the indices can overcome key technical hurdles in the coming sessions. The Nifty rose 1.3 per cent to close at 22,520.45, while the Sensex gained 1.23 per cent to settle at 72,472.33. Gains were led by information technology stocks after encouraging quarterly earnings and strong international business growth trends boosted sentiment. For the week, the Nifty advanced 0.44 per cent and the Sensex rose 0.78 per cent. However, the recovery followed a prolonged correction during which the Nifty and Sensex had declined 8.7 per cent and 8.4 per cent, respectively, over the previous eight weeks. According to experts, the recent gains indicate early signs of stabilisation, but confirmation of a sustained recovery will require the indices to break above important resistance zones. Until then, volatility is likely to remain elevated. "For the Nifty, the 22,200-22,250 zone is being viewed as a crucial support area, while 22,750-22,800 represents immediate resistance," experts stated. Experts said a decisive break below 22,200 could revive the broader downtrend, whereas a

sustained move above 22,800 may open the door for a rally towards 23,100 and 23,300. Analysts noted that while the Nifty has managed to end its eight-week losing streak, a single week of gains is insufficient to confirm a trend reversal. Sustained buying interest and broader market participation will be critical for strengthening bullish momentum. "Another key support range for the benchmark lies between 22,200 and 22,400. Holding above this area could help the index recover towards the 23,000-23,300 zone. Conversely, a breakdown below support may drag the Nifty towards 21,700-22,000," market watchers noted. The Sensex has also shown signs of stabilisation after ending its eight-week losing run. However, experts pointed out that the index formed a High Wave candle on the weekly chart, a pattern typically associated with market indecision. Experts identified the 73,000-73,200 zone as the immediate resistance area for the Sensex. "A decisive move above 73,200 could extend the recovery towards 74,000 and subsequently 74,600," analysts stated. "On the downside, the 71,200-71,000 range remains a critical support zone. A sustained breach below 71,000 could indicate a resumption of the broader downtrend and trigger fresh selling pressure," market watchers noted.

Nadella calls for AI emergency brake, warns firms against trusting advanced models blindly

New Delhi: Microsoft Chairman and CEO Satya Nadella has urged companies deploying advanced artificial intelligence (AI) systems to treat powerful models as potential insider threats, assume they could be compromised and establish emergency mechanisms to halt their operations if they behave unexpectedly. Nadella said organisations should not rely solely on assurances from AI developers but must build safeguards that allow authorised personnel to pause or shut down AI models while they are executing tasks. "We must assume a model is compromised and contain it from the start," Nadella wrote in a post on X, comparing the proposed safeguard to an emergency brake that can stop a model in the middle of a task. His remarks come amid growing concerns over the security risks associated with increasingly capable AI systems, particularly agentic models that can independently perform tasks, interact with external systems and take actions with limited human intervention. Anthropic PBC and OpenAI Inc. have disclosed several incidents in recent months involving their AI models behaving in unintended ways. These include an Anthropic model submitting a false tip in a police homicide case and multiple hacks involving third-party websites, intensifying discussions about the need for an effective



AI kill switch and stronger oversight mechanisms. Nadella outlined a series of measures that companies should adopt to minimise these risks. These include avoiding dependence on a single AI model for critical decisions, maintaining tamper-proof records of AI agents' actions and subjecting systems to independent audits. He also called for greater transparency regarding significant AI failures and security breaches, urging companies to share information about incidents and corrective measures so that other organisations can strengthen their own safeguards. "We can't treat Super Intelligence as a set of nested black boxes and simply accept or reject its recommendations, answers, and actions," Nadella wrote, stressing the importance of developing systems whose behaviour can be observed, whose limits can be tested and whose actions can be contained. "In other words, we need to separate the supply of intelligence from the authority over it," he added.

Indian family offices increase startup bets as new-gen investors take charge: Report



New Delhi: India's family offices are emerging as influential players in the country's investment landscape, with growing allocations to startups, impact investments and international ventures driven by a generational shift in wealth management, a report has said. According to industry estimates cited by The Diplomat, India is home to more than 300 family offices managing assets exceeding \$30 billion. Learn Hindi The number of high-net-worth families with assets above \$30 million is expected to rise sharply from around 16,000 in 2025 to 26,000 by 2030, while intergenerational wealth transfers are projected to reach between \$1.3 trillion and \$1.5 trillion over the next decade, the report said. The transition of wealth to younger family members is reshaping investment strategies. More than half of Indian family offices now involve millennials and Gen Z members in investment decisions, leading to a greater appetite for alternative assets and technology-driven businesses. As a result, family offices are increasingly backing startups in sectors such as healthtech, fintech and artificial intelligence. Around 30 per cent of family offices now favour startup investments over traditional asset

classes, reflecting a broader shift toward high-growth opportunities. The trend is becoming increasingly visible in funding activity. Family office-backed startup investments nearly doubled to \$1.62 billion in 2024 from \$876.7 million a year earlier, as per the report. Industry experts attribute this rise to the availability of "patient capital." Unlike conventional venture capital funds that often operate within fixed investment horizons, family offices can take a longer-term view, allowing startups more time to scale and achieve profitability. Several prominent family offices have already expanded beyond their core businesses. The family office of real estate developer Sattva Group has diversified into technology investments, while Artha India Ventures has built a reputation for early-stage startup investments, including a stake in hospitality platform Oyo. In addition to startup funding, impact investing has emerged as a key area of interest among India's wealthiest families. Between 2021 and 2024, more than 900 high-net-worth families made impact investments, with dozens deploying capital through formal family office structures, as per the report.

City school principal bags National School Leader of the Year Award 2026



Visakhapatnam: Divya Das, Executive Director and Principal of Greendale School, Visakhapatnam, was conferred the prestigious ‘National School Leader of the Year Award 2026’ by Association of Indian Principals (AIP) at a ceremony held at India Habitat Centre, New Delhi, on Saturday. The School Leader of the Year 2026 Summit and Awards recognised 101 Principals from across India for their significant contributions to school education and educational leadership. Omar Abdullah, Chief Minister of Jammu & Kashmir, was the chief guest. The event brought together distinguished principals, educationists and school leaders from across the country

to celebrate excellence in educational leadership. Divya Das’s recognition marks a proud milestone for Ravindra Education Alwardas (READ) Group, which includes Greendale School and Alwardas Public School as constituent institutions. The award also brings recognition to Visakhapatnam’s educational community and highlights the contribution of its institutions to the broader landscape of Indian school education. Explore History As a school leader, Divya Das has been advancing academic excellence, institutional development and a holistic approach to education that emphasises the overall growth and well-being of students.

824 students participated in Hackers 2.0



Visakhapatnam: Hackers 2.0, a 24-hour hackathon, saw 824 students from various engineering institutions. Organised by Vignan’s Institute of Engineering for Women, in association with the Google Developer Groups and Coding Ninjas clubs, as part of ‘TECHRITZ 2K26’, the winning teams received prizes worth Rs 30,000. The event saw participants developing solutions in areas such as Agentic AI, cybercrime, blockchain, agriculture, disaster management, smart education and MedTech. A key highlight was the participation of all-girl teams, who worked through the 24-hour chal-

lenge. Institution’s Principal B Arundhati said that hackathons encourage innovation, problem-solving and industry readiness. CSE Department Head P Vijaya Bharati stressed the importance of applying classroom learning to real-world challenges. Team Welltricks, led by S Supritha of VR Siddhartha Engineering College, Vijayawada, won first prize. Team AgentHive, led by Ch Madhulatha of the host institution secured second prize, while Team Avengers Assemble, also from the host institute, won third prize for its project on evidence management and crime prediction .

Nine injured in a hit and run case on NH-65 near Sangareddy

Sangareddy: Nine members of a family sustained serious injuries when an unidentified car hit the auto-rickshaw they were travelling in on NH-65 near Malkapur, within the limits of Kondapur police station, on Sunday. The victims, all residents of Nizampur in Sadasivapet mandal, were on their way to Sri Vana Durga Bhavani Temple at Edupayala in Medak district when the car hit their auto-rickshaw. The driver fled the scene after the accident, which occurred just 15 minutes after the family left



home. Locals rushed to their aid, called a 108 ambulance and ensured that the injured were shifted to the government hospital in Sangareddy for treatment.

Gargeyapuram football stars ready for state c’ships



Kurnool: Three students from Gargeyapuram school have been selected for the Kurnool district football team following their impressive performance in the 70th School Games Federation (SGF) district-level Under-17 selection trials held on Wednesday. School headmaster Alaganuru Lakshmanna congratulated and felicitated the selected athletes during a special program organized on the school premises. In the girls’ category, Manjula was selected as a forward and Madhumathi as a defender, while J Anil Kumar secured his place in the boys’ team as a defender. All three students demonstrated exceptional sporting skills during the district-level trials conducted under the aegis of the Kurnool district SGF. Speaking on the occasion, headmaster Lakshmanna

stated that the school prioritizes sports and actively encourages students to hone their skills to achieve excellence. He appreciated parents for motivating their children to participate in athletic pursuits, assuring continued administrative support for aspiring sportspersons. Enroll in Classes Physical education teacher Paul Vijay Kumar announced that the 70th State-Level SGF Football Championships would take place in Rajamahendravaram, East Godavari district, from October 10 to 13. He expressed immense confidence that the selected students would deliver a strong performance at the state level and strive to earn spots in the Andhra Pradesh state team. Physical education teacher Rajasekhar also participated in the felicitation ceremony.

Authorities turn blind as tankers go on dumping sewage into Tungabhadra



Kurnool: The unauthorised discharge of sewage water from tankers into a canal near Masamaseed, which eventually joins Tungabhadra river, has raised serious concerns over water pollution and public health in Kurnool city. Despite The Hans India highlighting the issue on earlier occasions (February 23, 2026), the civic authorities appear to have failed to take effective action to prevent the practice. The continued dumping of sewage into the canal has raised questions about the municipal administration’s monitoring and enforcement mechanisms. Since Tungabhadra river is a crucial source of drinking water for Kurnool residents, discharge of sewage into its connecting waterways has become a matter of grave concern. The dumping of untreated wastewater through tankers threatens to contaminate the river and raises concerns over the quality and safety of water supplied to households. Residents fear that continued negligence could endanger public health and cause lasting damage to the aquatic environment.

Expressing concern over the civic authorities’ alleged inaction, residents pointed out the contrast between the continued pollution and official claims of transforming Kurnool into a clean and green city. They demanded that the authorities identify the tanker operators involved in the illegal discharge and seize the vehicles used for dumping sewage. They also called for hefty penalties against the offenders to create a strong deterrent and ensure that others do not resort to similar practices. Rent Watercraft Residents urged municipal authorities to conduct regular inspections of the canal near Masamaseed and deploy monitoring measures to prevent further violations. They stressed that mere warnings and assurances would not solve the problem, insisting on stringent enforcement and exemplary action against those responsible. With the Tungabhadra serving as a vital source of drinking water for Kurnool, they said protecting the river from sewage pollution should be treated as an urgent public health priority.