

Reduction of burden of industrial permissions

Licenses reduced to below 10Another step in Ease of Doing Business
GO issued making establishment of industries easier Minister Kondapalli Srinivas

Amaravati, October 12: In a statement on Monday State Minister for Micro, Small, Medium Industries, Rural Poverty Alleviation, Pravasandhra Empowerment Relations Department Kondapalli Srinivas said Andhra Pradesh government has taken up second phase measures of simplification of rules, deregulation to further improve business friendly atmosphere in state along with significantly reducing burden of



permissions in industrial sector. Minister said as per orders of Honorable Chief Minister Nara

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Samaveshi Aajeevika Yojana' as support to poorest families

Initiative to provide livelihood to 10,000 families
End to extreme poverty in state
Government's goal is fruits of development should reach poorest
Minister Kondapalli Srinivas

Monday, October 12: Minister for Micro, Small, Medium Enterprises, Rural Poverty Alleviation, Pravasandhra Empowerment Relations Kondapalli Srinivas said in a statement on Monday that Government of Andhra Pradesh has initiated a special program called 'Samaveshi Aajeevika Yojana' (SAY) to identify poorest families in state and support them economically. Minister announced that this scheme is being implemented under Deen Dayal Antyodaya Yojana - National Rural Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NRLM). Minister said main objective of this



scheme is to identify poorest families who are not covered under Self Help Groups (SHG) due to extreme poverty, who are not getting benefits of govern-

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Four killed, one critically injured in car fire on Vijayawada bypass

Vijayawada: Four people, including a child, were charred to death and another person was critically injured after a car rammed into a railing and caught fire on the Vijayawada West Bypass. According to the police, the victims were returning after attending a function at Namburu in Guntur district when the accident occurred. The deceased were identified as Ramdev, Aruna, Vijaya and a child. They were residents of Namburu and Nunna, near Vijayawada, police said. Local residents alerted the police and fire services after the car caught fire. Fire personnel rushed to the spot and brought the blaze under control. The injured person was shifted to a nearby hospital by the police. Doctors said the person's condition was critical. Police registered a case and launched an investigation into the accident.



Naidu says Andhra to get 'Triple-engine sarkar' after local body polls

Amaravati: Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu said on Sunday that after the upcoming local body elections, the state will have 'triple-engine sarkar'. "We have a 'double-engine government' at both the Centre and the state. A 'triple-engine government' will be formed after the upcoming local body elections," the Chief Minister said while virtually inaugurating a programme to distribute house titles in Nellore. The Telugu Desam Party (TDP) Chief urged peo



ple to elect leaders who work with integrity, honesty, and selflessness. "The vote you cast in the last election brought about change in every individual's life,

every family, and the state itself," Chandrababu Naidu said. The Chief Minister added that for these municipal elec-

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ED's plea for day-to-day hearings in Jagan cases should have been filed long ago: TDP MLA

Amaravati: Sarvepalli MLA and former Minister Somireddy Chandramohan Reddy has demanded that the court conduct full-day hearings in the cases against YSRCP chief YS Jagan Mohan Reddy to ensure their speedy disposal. He welcomed the Enforcement Directorate's (ED) petition seeking day-to-day hearings in the cases, stating that the move was long overdue. Addressing the media here on Sunday, Somireddy



said the CBI had registered cases against Jagan in 2011 over alleged disproportionate assets exceeding Rs 43,000 crore. Despite nearly 15 years having

passed, the trial proceedings had not progressed to the extent expected, he alleged. It may be recalled that the ED recently approached the Telangana High Court seeking directions to the CBI special court to conduct day-to-day hearings in the cases. Justifying the ED's petition he argued that hearings should be conducted throughout the day, from morning to evening, given the large number of witnesses

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Tirupati to be developed as world-class spiritual centre: Chandrababu Naidu

Amaravati: Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu said on Monday that Tirupati would be developed as a world-class spiritual centre. As part of the initiative, he virtually inaugurated and laid the foundation for development works worth Rs 3,222 crore under the Tirupati Urban Devel-



opment Authority (TUDA) and Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD) from the Secretariat. The Chief Minister laid the foundation for an integrated pilgrim township at an estimated cost of Rs 2,750 crore to provide comprehensive facilities to devotees visiting Tirumala. The township is being developed near SV Zoological Park Road at Alipiri in Tirupati to ensure a safe, comfortable and spiritually enriching experience for pilgrims arriving from across India and abroad. The project will bring accommodation, Annadanam (free meals), rest facilities, transportation, parking, medical services and digital information

centres under one roof. Accommodation facilities worth Rs 1,332 crore will be developed across four blocks, each comprising 10 floors, with a total of 2,700 rooms. These facilities will be able to accommodate approximately 15,000 devotees per day. The project aims to ease the pressure on accommodation facilities atop Tirumala while providing improved amenities to pilgrims in Tirupati itself. Emphasising that Annadanam is one of the most sacred forms of service, the Chief Minister said providing food to hungry devotees and accommodation to tired pil-

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Police intensify night checks around RTC Complex, Maddilapalem

Visakhapatnam: In a bid to strengthen public safety and prevent criminal activities, Dwaraka and Arilova police personnel conducted extensive night inspections at the Dwaraka Bus Complex and Maddilapalem bus station, sur-

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21 years of right to information law – Achievements and bottlenecks

In a democracy the ultimate power vests with the people. The Executive exercises its power and authority as the trustee of the people. Accountability is the sine qua non of democracy. Dr B R Ambedkar, the architect of our Constitution, has defended the choice of parliamentary system for India because it provides for continuous accountability of the Executive to the Legislature. Now a days it is becoming increasingly impracticable for the Legislatures to check the minute details of the entire administrative machinery. This is resulting in a democratic deficit in ensuring executive accountability. The Right to Information (RTI), as an insignia of democracy, is fulfilling this ideal and securing a government of the people, for the people and for the people. This right to information is not something new. It is recognized by the Magna Carta, Universal Declaration of Human Rights and International Covenant of Human Rights. The United National General Assembly in its first session in 1 946 has resolved that freedom of Information is a fundamental human right and is the touchstone of all the freedoms to which the United Nations is committed. Sweden has enacted a law on right to information as long back as in 1766 and has become a pioneer. Buy Maps The Supreme Court of India in 1 975 held in the State of UP vs Raj Narain that the people have a right to know every public act and everything that is done by their public functionaries. Justice P N Bhagawati was categorical in the S P Gupta vs Union of India that the right to information is implicit in the right to free speech and expression guaranteed under Article 1 9(1)(a) of the Indian Constitution. The Parliament has enacted the Right to Information legislation in 2005 to preserve the paramountcy of this democratic ideal and to provide for a machinery for the exercise of this basic freedom. It is one of the landmark legislations that the Parliament has enacted ever since India has become independent. It ranks 4th in the global right to information rating by the Centre for Law and Democracy Achievements: From October 12, 2005, the day on which the Right to Information Act has become operational, the administration has moved from the culture of secrecy to transparency and openness. It has empowered the citizens to access plethora of information under the control of anybody, or public institution created, owned, controlled or substantially financed by the Government. There is massive participation in the form of appeals. It is a testimony to the popularity of this progressive legislation. The applications for information range from the grassroot panchayat to the apex parliament level. Thanks to the information law, the PDS records are accurate, supply of essential commodities has been streamlined, and execution of MGN REGS works has become more transparent. High profile scams 2G Spectrum, Commonwealth Games have come to light. People are also resorting to RTI requests to cut the red tape and fast track the disposal of files. Explore History The Supreme Court has held in the case of CBSE vs Adithyanth Bando padyaya that the students have the right to inspect their answer sheets under the Right to Information Act. RTI is instrumental in curtailing delays in implementation of welfare and development programmes facilitating effective delivery of socio-economic services to the people.

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Chandrababu Naidu, government issued G.O.M.S. No. 272 limiting number of NOCs, licenses, permissions required for establishment, operation of industrial units to less than 10. Minister said government has integrated several key permissions along with cancellation of unnecessary permissions, implementation of self-certification, auto-approval procedures. Said road-cutting permission has been linked with building plan permission, electrification (electrical energization), DG set permissions clubbed, various permissions for waste management brought under single 'Consent to Operate' (CTO) as minister said. Said EPFO, ESIC registrations clubbed, building construction permissions, occupancy certificates issuance made easier along with opportunity given for third-party inspections for technical, environmental clearances minister clarified. All these processes to go smoothly in digital method single desk portal, common application forms are being revised by Director of Industries Department.. said Single Desk Bureau will supervise implementation of these reforms. “Said through these historic reforms delay in applications will completely reduce and transparency in governance will increase. Minister Kondapalli clarified main intention of this government decision is to attract new investments to state, giving strong support to MSMEs... improving new employment opportunities for youth across state.

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ment schemes, and bring them out of poverty. Said 10,000 poorest families will be selected through 650 Village Organizations (VO) in 26 mandals where Yanadi, Chenchu community population is high... families will be identified through Participatory Rural Appraisal (PRA), household surveys. Minister said priority ranking will be given based on Vulnerability Index through specially designed 'SAYAM' app. Minister said 100 livelihood sakhis selected by Mandal federations will each guide and help 100 families.. prepare suitable special livelihood plan for each family. Said along with giving first priority to natural farming in this, livelihood sakhis will provide support from facilitating loan facility from banks to creation of assets.. 'Centre for Research in Schemes & Policies' (CRISP) is providing technical support to this program Minister said. Minister said there will be meeting with presidents of 26 Mandal federations at SERP office on 21st of this month, training on SAYAM app.. PRA will be conducted under auspices of village organizations between October 25-30 and training will be given to livelihood sakhis. Said household survey will be conducted between November 1-15, after announcement of final list of poorest families on 16th, livelihood identification family-wise will be there in December. Said bank linkage livelihood asset creation process will start from coming January. Speaking on this occasion Minister Kondapalli Srinivas said, "Government's goal of Honorable Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu is that fruits of development should reach family in last row in society. Said they will make this scheme successful by utilizing capacity of self-help group women so that poorest families do not lag behind.

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tions, the state government introduced a system for the direct election of Mayors and Chairpersons. He also remarked that serving as Chief Minister for the fourth time, he is working with double the speed and enthusiasm compared to the past. “Before the elections, Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan, and I promised to rebuild the state; we have demonstrated our commitment to that promise during our 28-month tenure. We have ushered in an era of good governance alongside welfare and development,” he said and added that the distribution of permanent housing pattas to poor families is an integral part of good governance. Chandrababu Naidu said that the state government is granting permanent rights to poor families who have built homes on government lands and lived there for decades, thereby realising their dream of owning a home. He inaugurated distribution of permanent house titles to 939 families on 22.31 acres of land in the Sarvepalli constituency in Nellore. He said that rights have been provided to the poor on land worth around Rs 600 crore, adding the fact that 701 out of the total beneficiaries are women is a testament to the priority the state government is giving to women’s empowerment. He revealed that in Visakhapatnam, Vijayawada, and Mangalagiri, the state government handed over land worth Rs 52,000 crore to 60,000 families. He claimed that the TDP-led coalition government’s goal is to ensure security, self-respect, and asset ownership for the poor and middle-class people. “We are providing tap connections to every household in the state at a cost of around Rs 30,000 crore. We are spending around Rs 1.80 lakh crore on infrastructure in towns and villages,” he added.

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involved in the cases. He said this would help expedite the proceedings and ensure that judgments were delivered without unnecessary delay. Learn Hindi Citing examples involving former Prime Minister PV Narasimha Rao and former Deputy Prime Minister LK Advani, the TDP MLA argued that cases against senior political leaders had also been dealt with through judicial proceedings within comparatively shorter periods. He also cited Advani’s decision to resign from his Lok Sabha membership in connection with a case against him and his subsequent acquittal, arguing that political leaders should demonstrate respect for the judicial process. Somireddy alleged that discharge petitions and repeated adjournments were delaying the proceedings against Jagan.

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grims was equivalent to serving the Almighty. An Annaprasadam centre will be constructed at a cost of Rs 160 crore, with facilities to serve 6,000 devotees at a time. To address parking difficulties, a multi-level parking complex with a capacity of 4,500 vehicles will be developed at a cost of Rs 311 crore. An integrated transport terminal featuring 30 bus bays will also be established at a cost of Rs 90 crore. Keeping in view Tirupati’s growing population, increasing vehicular traffic and future infrastructure requirements, nine master plan roads will be developed at an estimated cost of Rs 242 crore. The project covers approximately 20 km of roads, with TUDA developing 16.50 km at a cost of Rs 127 crore and TTD developing 3.60 km at a cost of Rs 115 crore. The roads will strengthen connectivity between National Highways 140 and 71 and improve transport facilities for devotees visiting the Padmavathi Ammavari Temple at Tiruchanur. The Chief Minister said the government was giving priority to the welfare of TTD employees and their families, who remain dedicated to serving Lord Venkateswara and devotees. With the objective of enabling employees to live with dignity in their own homes, residential layouts are being developed across 418 acres. Infrastructure for residential plots allotted to 5,192 employees under the first and second phases will be provided at a cost of Rs 230 crore. Of this amount, TTD will contribute Rs 150 crore and employees Rs 80 crore. The Chief Minister directed officials to establish a Pilgrim Experience Centre to familiarise devotees with Tirumala’s history, the glory of Lord Venkateswara and its spiritual traditions. He also called for the development of digital information centres, emergency medical assistance facilities and modern security systems. Officials were instructed to ensure that devotees receive comprehensive information and return from Tirupati with a satisfying spiritual experience. The Chief Minister launched the Venkatadri app, designed to provide information and assistance to pilgrims. He emphasised that the sacred atmosphere associated with Tirumala should also be reflected in Tirupati. The city should not be developed merely as a pilgrimage destination but as an integrated urban centre combining spirituality, environmental conservation, modern technology, education, employment and tourism.

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rounding commercial establishments and isolated areas on Saturday night. The inspections were carried out based on City Police Commissioner Shankhabrata Bagchi’s instructions and as part of his efforts to enhance security in public places and keep a close watch on suspicious movements during night hours. During the operation, police personnel checked individuals moving around with heavy luggage late at night, verified their identity cards and examined their travel details. Police also inspected two-wheelers and other vehicles, verifying the relevant vehicle documents. Police teams visited shops operating in and around the RTC depot premises and instructed shopkeepers to close their establishments on time as a precautionary measure. As part of the public awareness initiative, police counselled passengers and the public on the importance of luggage safety while travelling at night. They also sensitised people about emergency helpline numbers 100 and 112, urging them to seek police assistance whenever necessary. The police reported that no suspicious individuals were found during the checks. The coordinated inspections reflect the police department’s focus on strengthening night-time surveillance, preventing potential security threats and ensuring a safer environment for commuters, residents and businesses in the city.



PM-SETU Achieves Another Milestone with Signing of Shareholders' Agreements for Surat and Visakhapatnam Clusters; ?440 Crore Approved for Upgradation of Nine Government ITIs

AM/NS India joins Centre and State Governments to drive industry-led transformation of ITIs under PM-SETU“Posted On: 12 OCT 2026 1:54PM by PIB Delhi“In a major boost to India's ITIs ecosystem, Shareholders' Agreements (SHAs) have been signed under the Pradhan Mantri Skilling and Employability Transformation through Upgraded ITIs (PM-SETU) scheme for the upgradation of Government Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs) in Gujarat and Andhra Pradesh through a partnership with ArcelorMittal Nippon Steel India (AM/NS India). The agreements have been signed between the Directorate General of Training (DGT), Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE), Government of India, the Governments of Gujarat and Andhra Pradesh, and AM/NS India, paving the way for the implementation of approved Strategic Investment Plans (SIPs) in the two states for the said two clusters.

The partnership covers a cluster of five Government ITIs in Surat, Gujarat, and a cluster of four Government ITIs in Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh, marking another important milestone in the implementation of PM-SETU, which seeks to transform India's ITI ecosystem through deep industry participation and world-class training infrastructure. The signing of the SHAs formally establishes the framework through which the industry partner, the Government of India and the respective State Governments will work together to implement the approved projects. Dedicated Special Purpose Vehicles (SPVs) will now be established to manage the upgradation and operations of the ITI clusters, with AM/NS India holding a 51% stake, while the Government of India and the respective State Governments will each hold 24.5% equity participation.

Speaking on the event, Smt. Debashree Mukherjee, Secretary, Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, said:



“The signing of these agreements is not the finish line, but the starting point of a transformative journey for our ITIs. As India secured a place among the Top 10 in world's leading performers at WorldSkills competition held in Shanghai recently, we must now aspire for PM-SETU institutions and Aspirational Institutes to become centres of excellence that nurture future WorldSkills champions. Our goal is not only to upgrade infrastructure, but to elevate aspirations, quality and outcomes across the skilling ecosystem”.

Industry-Academia Collaboration for Future-Ready Skills: AM/NS India will implement the project in collaboration with New Age Makers' Institute of Technology (NAMTECH), its academic and technical partner. While AM/NS India will contribute its extensive manufacturing expertise and industry insights, NAMTECH will support curriculum enhancement, training delivery reforms, faculty development and academic innovation.

The planned interventions include: Modernisation of training infrastructure, workshops and laboratories; Introduction of new-age, industry-relevant trades and technologies; Upgradation of existing curricula to align with emerging industry requirements; Strengthening instructor training and capacity building; Expansion of hands-on, practical learning opportunities for trainees. These interventions are expected to significantly improve training quality, employability outcomes and industry readiness among ITI graduates.

A Major Step Towards Marine Research and Development in Andhra Pradesh!



A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) has been signed between the Indian National Centre for Ocean Information Services (INCOIS), and the Andhra Pradesh Economic Development Board, Government of Andhra Pradesh on 12 October 2026 at Kakinada.

Key Highlights:

- Proposed investment of approximately Rs100 crore
- Establishment of an INCOIS Regional Centre in Kakinada
- Expected to generate 20 direct jobs and 50 indirect jobs

Strengthening marine and maritime research, technology, and related services This initiative represents an important step towards strengthening Andhra Pradesh’s marine research ecosystem, creating employment opportunities, and supporting regional development.

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CMRF funds for 44 victims 27.18 lakhs financial assistance sanctioned Minister Kondapalli thanked Chief Minister

Vizianagaram, October 12, Gajapathinagaram constituency: State Minister for Micro, Small, Medium Industries, Rural Poverty Alleviation, Pravasan dhra Empowerment Relations Department Kondapalli Srinivas thanked Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu regarding Chief Minister Relief Fund (CMRF) standing as support to poor families suffering with health issues in Gajapathinagaram constituency. He said total financial assistance of Rs. 27,18,663/- (about Rs. 27.18 lakhs) has been sanctioned for medical reimbursement of total 44 victims belonging to Gajapathinagaram constituency in month of October 2026. Said request was submitted to Honorable Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu seeking help for those undergoing medical treatments in hospital in five mandals of constituency. Minister Kondapalli Srinivas expressed special gratitude and thanks to Chief Minister for sanctioning these funds on October 8th for medical treatment of victims.



Speaking on this occasion Minister Kondapalli Srinivas said state government is working specially with goal of providing "best medicine to all poor", government help is reaching quickly to every constituency resident in distress. Minister said wishing those who fell ill to recover quickly. Minister Kondapalli said sanctioned cheques and LOCs will be distributed soon to concerned beneficiaries.

Alliance government special focus for villages development on par with towns State Minister Kolusu Parthasarathy



Eluru/Agiripalli, October 12: State Housing, Information, Public Relations Department Minister Kolusu Parthasarathy performed bhoomi puja, unveiled foundation stone plaques for community hall, road, culvert construction works to be taken up with expenditure of Rs 80 lakhs in Krishnavaram village of Agiripalli mandal on Monday evening, and for Mudirajula community hall to be constructed with expenditure of Rs 20 lakhs in Agiripalli village. Villagers gave grand welcome with showering flowers, bursting crackers. Women gave mangala haratis and women

applied kumkum tilak on minister's forehead.“Speaking on this occasion Minister Kolusu Parthasarathy said alliance government has put special focus for villages development on par with towns. Said state government is giving utmost priority to infrastructure development in villages, remaining works in villages will be completed in phases.“In this program officials of various departments, people's representatives, local leaders, alliance leaders, Gangireddulu association leaders, people, etc participated.

Right to Information Act should be utilized



Kamavarapukota, October 12,“Under auspices of Right to Information Protection Committee in Guntupalli village Swarna Sachivalayam in Eluru district, Right to Information Act 21st anniversary celebrations were held grandly on Monday. Andhra State Women Convener Geddam Swarupa Rani speaking said

Right to Information Act works to curb corruption, said everyone should increase awareness about Right to Information Act.“In this program Kantamaneni Anji Murthy, former Sarpanch Gorika Dasu, Secretary Bujji Babu, VRO Prabhakar Rao and others participated.

Start of development works with Rs18 crores HAM funds in Chintalapudi Nagar Panchayat - MLA Songa Roshan Kumar



Chintalapudi, October 12“Chintalapudi MLA Songa Roshan Kumar laid foundation stones on Monday for various development works to be taken up with 18 crores rupees HAM (Hybrid Annuity Model) funds with goal of development of Chintalapudi Nagar Panchayat.“On this occasion MLA laid foundation stones for works related to infrastructure development in several areas within Nagar Panchayat limits. Speaking on this occa-

THE RAPE-POCSO CASE AND ITPA (IMMORAL TRAFFICKING PREVENTION ACT) CASE DETECTED, 8 ACCUSED PERSONS WERE APPREHENDED BY TOLICHOWKI PS



AMEER HUSSAIN CRIME BEURO CHIEF :the sleuths of the Tolichowki PS, Hyderabad detected a Rape-Pocso case and ITPA case and apprehended 8 of-fender within 24 hours. “Cr.No. 473/2026 U/s 137(2), 140(3), 143(2)(3), 144, 127(2), 64, 61, r/w 3(5) BNS and sec. 5 r/w 6, 16 r/w 17 POCSO Act and sec 3, 4, 5 ITPA of P.S Tolichowki, Hyderabad Name of Accused Persons:- A-1. Shaik Atif A-2. Sabiya Begum A-3. Mohammed Hajimiya A-4. Afreen @ Sana A-5. Samreen Begum A-6. Md. Nadeem A-7: Md. Kaifuddin A-8: Ali Bin Akram Gist: On 02/09/2026 one victim girl was kidnapped by one person named Atif in his auto TS 30 T 8350 from Tolichowki & dropped her at Attapur as per his plan and handed over the victim girl to another women named Sana and Samreen. They both tried to convince the victim girl for good food and bed. Then they both forcefully handed over the victim to Sabiya Begum W/o Hajimiya, the organizer of Brothel house Near Pillar No. 200 in Attapur and taken Rs. 30,000/- from that Sabiya Begum. The amount was shared by Atif, Sana and Samreen Then Sabiya Begum made Victim Girl to do prostitution where there were many people who used to come there for sexual pleasure. When Victim Girl asked Sabiya Begum to leave her, Sabiya Begum informed Victim Girl that Atif, Sana and Samreen took money from her to do prostitution work and made her to do so all these days with different people. Th accused persons A-

sion MLA Roshan said“With these development works roads, urban beautification, administrative infrastructure development will be achieved in Chintalapudi Nagar Panchayat“During foundation stone laying programs local alliance leaders, workers participated in large numbers. Festive atmosphere prevailed in those areas with roar of DJs, beating of drums, hustle bustle of leaders and workers.

6 to A-8 used to facilitate the customers, their welfare to sex workers. So, on 05/10/2026 Victim Girl somehow escaped from Sabiya Begum and that Brothel house and came to home. After coming home she informed the same thing to her family members and filed a complaint PS and requested to take necessary action as per law. ““On 09-10-2026 the accused persons A-1 to A-8 were arrested and being produced before the Hon’ble Court.“Seized Property:- 6 Mobiles Phones and One Auto B.No- TS 30 T 8350.“Motive of Crime:-“The alleged motive of the accused persons was to obtain unlawful monetary gain by trafficking and sexually exploiting the minor victims. As per the case facts, the victim was allegedly lured with the promise of food and shelter, transported to different locations, and handed over to other persons for prostitution. The accused persons allegedly received and shared money in connection with the exploitation of the victim. The precise roles of the accused persons and the financial transactions are subject to investigation and proof before the Hon’ble Court.“This case is detected by the efforts of “Sri L. Ramesh Naik (SHO), Sri G. Balraj Addl Inspector, and Sri S Ravi Kumar (SIP), along with the staff of Tolichowki Police Station, under the guidance of Sri Syed Fiaz, ACP, Tolichowki Division and under the direct supervision of Sri J. Raghavendar Reddy, DCP, Golconda Zone and displayed commendable professionalism in swiftly detecting Rape-POCSO and ITPA case.

Asst. Commissioner of Police Tolichowki Division, Golconda Zone, Hyd

Comfortable darshan for devotees is goal

Better darshan arrangements for common devotees
Special measures to control devotee rush , top priority to security
Strong arrangements for conducting festivals without any inconvenience to devotees
State Endowments Commissioner Ramachandra Mohan



Commissioner of Endowments Department Ramachandra Mohan said temple, concerned officials are taking coordinated measures to provide comfortable, safe darshan experience to every devotee visiting for Ammavari darshan.“Speaking to media on Indrakeeladri on Monday on this occasion commissioner said apart from making Ammavari darshan easy without any difficulties to devotees, tight arrangements are being made for visit of Honorable President. Said on Moola Nakshatra day State Chief Minister Shri Nara Chandrababu Naidu will present silk clothes to Ammavari along with family members.“Said concerned officials have taken up special arrangements so that without any inconvenience to devotees coming for Sharannavaratri festivities, Ammavari darshan happens comfortably. Said giving priority to common devotees along with VIP devotees, darshan arrangements, security measures are being supervised according to rush of devo-



tees. Darshan arrangements according to devotee rush“As there is possibility of devotees coming in large numbers for Ammavari darshan during Navaratri festivities, said necessary arrangements have been made so that there are no difficulties for devotee movement. Said officials are taking special care for smooth darshan process without devotees facing difficulties for long time.“Priority to security – continuous monitoring“Said adequate bandobast has been arranged giving utmost priority to security of devotees during festivities..“*Goal is to provide better services to devotees“Said arrangements have been made with main goal of providing comfortable darshan to every devotee coming for Navaratri festivities, providing peaceful atmosphere with security.

Two dead in separate accidents

Kamavarapu Kota, October 12,“Two died in separate accidents that occurred in mandal on Monday. In incident where bus rammmed into woman near Kothuru bus stand, both legs of Peddinti Lakshmi belonging to Jangareddigudem village were crushed. Family members said woman died due to negligence of bus driver. Lakshmi was shifted in 108 to Jangareddigudem for medical treatment. While being taken from Jangareddigudem to Eluru Government Hospital and from there to Vijayawada for better medical treatment, Lakshmi died on way. Tadikalapudi SI Valli Padma said case has been registered on Lakshmi's death and investigation is underway. Meanwhile locals said Manukonda Gautham, a boy studying sixth class belonging to East Edavelli village in mandal, went near pond, slipped and fell into pond and died. Family members wept bitterly over Gautham's death. Village Edavalli was shrouded in gloom with boy's death. Police said no complaint has been received regarding incident of boy's death.



Simhachalam Devasthanam reverberates with mass ‘Surya Pranaam’

Visakhapatnam: The sacred hills of Simhachalam witnessed a spectacular display of spirituality and physical wellness as more than 325 yoga practitioners and instructors performed 108-round of mass Surya Namaskarams under the banner ‘Surya Pranaam’ here on Sunday. Organised jointly by Aum Free Yoga Centre in collaboration with Simhachalam Devasthanam, the event saw participants of diverse age groups performing Surya Namaskarams in unison, offering prayers and salutations to the Sun God. The programme highlighted the significance of yoga in promoting physical fitness, mental well-being and spiritual harmony, and in striking a balance in the body-mind-soul connection. Speaking on the occasion, Aum Free Yoga Centre founder Chilaka Venkata Ramesh said the centre has been spreading the message of ‘health through yoga’



by providing free yoga training to people across Visakhapatnam. He stated that the event at Simhachalam marked the organisation’s third 108-round Surya Namaskaram programme at the sacred hill shrines. Browse Reference As part of propagating holistic wellness through yoga, the centre organised mass Surya Namaskaram programmes at spiritually significant locations, including the Arasavalli Sun God Temple in Srikakulam district and the premises of the Konark Sun Temple in Odisha.

'Chakora' film team met Minister Kondapalli Srinivas in Vizianagaram



Telugu film 'Chakora - Lunar Love Bird' team formed by young talented people of Vizianagaram met State Minister Hon. Kondapalli Srinivas courteously. Film hero Shravan Kumar Randi, DOP Ruppa J Krishna, Assistant Director Nishil Kusuma explained their cinema details to minister. In this film Shravan Kumar Randi as hero, Malaika T Vasupal, Anushka Luhar as heroines acted, while Manga Srinivas di-

rected. Specialty is three key members in this film belong to Vizianagaram district only.Minister appreciated 'Chakora' film team which is currently being screened successfully in theatres. Said it is proud matter that Vizianagaram youth are excelling in Telugu cine industry, his full support will be to film team. Requested to support our Vizianagaram youth and make 'Chakora' film successful..

Ranabaali Couple Vijay Deverakonda and Rashmika Mandanna Meet Tamil Nadu CM Thalapathy Vijay

Hyderabad cinema:Ahead of their film #Ranabaali release Star couple Vijay Deverakonda and Rashmika Mandanna met Tamil Nadu Chief Minister Thalapathy Vijay. Despite his busy schedule, CM Vijay warmly welcomed the couple and spent some special time with them.“During the meeting, they shared interesting thoughts about cinema, life, and the world. Pictures of CM Vijay’s meeting with Vijay Deverakonda and Rashmika Mandanna are now drawing attention on social media.“Sharing his happiness about the memorable meeting, actor Vijay Deverakonda expressed his feelings on social media.“Vijay Deverakonda said:““Had the most beautiful time with Thalapathy, CM Vijay sir. Even amidst his busy schedule, he welcomed us with so much warmth and showered us with



love. This one meeting with someone we admire so much will always remain a very special memory. Thank you, Vijay sir!” “Ranabaali is releasing worldwide on October 16.

Ananya Panday to co-host IIFA Awards 2027 in Abu Dhabi

Mumbai: Actress Ananya Panday is all set to make her hosting debut at the IIFA Awards 2027.Reflecting on her journey with IIFA, Ananya said returning to the stage in a new role as co-host made the experience even more special, particularly because her journey with the awards began in Abu Dhabi, where the upcoming event will be held.Speaking about her hosting debut at IIFA, Ananya said, “Being a part of IIFA has always been incredibly special to me. My IIFA journey began on Yas Island, Abu Dhabi, with my very first performance on that iconic stage. I still remember the excitement of that moment. I had grown up watching IIFA, so to find myself a part of that incredible celebration of Indian cinema felt like a dream come true. Over the years, IIFA has become such a beautiful part of my journey. “With every experience, I’ve had the opportunity to grow, discover new sides of myself and create memo-



ries that I will always cherish. There is something truly magical about the IIFA stage, the energy, the scale, the audiences and the incredible coming together of talent from across our industry.

Crazy Kalyanam Is an Entertaining Family Drama Filled with Fun and Emotion; My Six-Minute Navarasa Scene Will Be a Major Highlight: Navarasaraya’ Dr. Naresh Vijay Krishna



Hyderabad cinema :Crazy Kalyanam,” starring ‘Navarasaraya’ Dr. Naresh Vijay Krishna, Anupama Parameswaran, Tharun Bhascker and Akhil Uddemari of “Raju Weds Rambai” fame in the lead roles, is an upcoming family entertainer. The film is being produced by passionate producer Boosam Jagan Mohan Reddy under the Arrow Cinemas banner as Production No. 2 and is directed by Badrappa Gajula. The movie is set for a grand worldwide theatrical release on October 16, coinciding with the Dasara festival. In a recent interview, Dr. Naresh Vijay Krishna spoke about the film’s highlights, his character and the special sequence that he believes will be one of its major attractions.“Today, Telugu cinema has to compete with films from across the world, and convincing audiences to come to theatres has become increasingly challenging. Successes and failures are part of the industry, but the overall success rate remains low. In Bollywood, trends evolved from Rajesh Khanna’s films to Amitabh Bachchan’s movies, while Telugu cinema witnessed different phases through the films of NTR, ANR, Krishna and Chiranjeevi. Film genres keep changing in cycles, and family entertainers are currently finding favour with audiences. When filmmakers make an honest and genuine family entertainer, audiences are willing to embrace it. Films such as “Singeetham” and “Maa Inti Bangaram” stand as examples of this trend. “Crazy Kalyanam” is arriving in the same spirit as an honest entertainer. Director Badrappa belongs to the new generation of filmmakers, while producer Jagan Mohan Reddy is a passionate young producer who has put his heart into this project. Dasara is a major festival for Telugu people, and I believe families will thoroughly enjoy “Crazy Kalyanam” in theatres during the festive season.““Crazy Kalyanam” is like a game of four pillars, with my character, Tharun Bhascker’s character, Anupama’s character and Akhil’s character serving as its four pillars. My role has a little more prominence than the others. In the past, Hollywood made films in which one central character was surrounded by several other important characters. If my character is considered the hero of this film, it is because the meaning of heroism has changed. A hero need not necessarily perform songs, fights and romance. A character who takes the lead in the story and wins the audience’s appreciation is also a hero. The film narrates a story set in a middle-class family in a village, focusing on the emotional struggles between parents and children. Audiences will connect strongly with these emotions. The casting of all four principal characters has worked out perfectly. If even one of them were missing, the film’s strength would have diminished by at least ten per cent.“I compared director Badrappa to K. Viswanath garu because he tells stories in a fresh way without moving away from nativity. He gives new meaning to his characters and brings their journeys to satisfying conclusions. Badrappa has handled “Crazy Kalyanam” in a similar manner, bringing the kind of emotional depth seen in K. Viswanath garu’s films. That is why I confidently made the comparison. Films like “Crazy Kalyanam” are rare. My charac-



ter has both emotion and fun. Tharun Bhascker’s Balraju is a character who can be found in almost every village, and this could become one of his memorable roles. Anupama’s character represents the middle-class young women we see in every town, while Akhil has also delivered a good performance.“Among the films arriving this Dasara, “Crazy Kalyanam” stands out as a family entertainer that combines humour and emotion. Families can enjoy it together during the festival. There is no graphic violence or bloodshed in the film; it is driven entirely by entertainment and emotion. The audience has responded well to the teaser and trailer, and we hope the film receives similar appreciation. I also wish success to all the films releasing during the festival. Director Badrappa narrated the story to me in detail, scene by scene, over nearly two hours. Even during the narration, I thoroughly enjoyed the emotions and humour in the story.“One of the film’s major highlights is an approximately six-minute sequence in which I portray all nine emotions, or Navarasas, through conversations with nine characters amid a setting involving around 350 characters. Each interaction brings out a different emotion. Initially, I was nervous about performing such a lengthy scene because there was no reference available for me to follow. When I shared my concern with Badrappa, he told me that I would be the reference for the Navarasa scene. I eventually completed the entire sequence in a single take. This is also the first time we are using my title ‘Navarasaraya’ in connection with a film.“I have performed in several dialects, and director Badrappa is an expert in the Telangana dialect. I spent four to five days dubbing for this film and stood while dubbing to ensure that my delivery matched the emotions of the scenes. Since I have been involved with the film from the scripting stage, I am confident about its success, and I have been expressing that confidence during the promotional campaign. Our producer, Jagan Mohan Reddy, is extremely passionate about the film, which is why he is promoting it on such a large scale. I believe he will remain a producer in this industry for many years. The emotional bond between a father and daughter is universal and timeless, and audiences will experience that emotion in our film.“I choose films based on the characters I am offered. I have received pan-India film offers but have declined some of them. For me, there is no distinction between a small film and a big film; if the character appeals to me, I am willing to take it up. Many young directors are approaching me with stories these days. Badrappa narrated the story of “Crazy Kalyanam” to me first, and the project was planned after I agreed to be part of it. I will always work hard to honour the trust and respect that these young filmmakers place in me.

India seek to extend record at Men’s Asian Champions Trophy in Punjab



New Delhi: Five-time champions India will look to add a sixth title when the 2026 Men’s Asian Champions Trophy is held in Punjab from October 27 to November 5. Five titles in eight editions have established India as the most successful team in the tournament, with the defending champions aiming to extend their dominance in the ninth edition. The tournament will be held in Jalandhar and Mohali, with India seeking another crown after successfully defending their Asian Games gold medal earlier this year. Since winning the inaugural edition in 2011, India have lifted the continental title in different circumstances, including a shootout victory, a narrow final win, a shared championship and a comeback against Malaysia on home soil. India’s first triumph came in Ordos, China, in 2011, when they defeated arch-rivals Pakistan 4-2 in a shootout after the final ended goalless in regulation time. The victory made India the first champions of the tournament, which featured six teams. Five years later, India claimed their second title in Kuantan, Malaysia, beating Pakistan 3-2 in the 2016 final. Rupinder Pal Singh, Affan Yousuf and Nikkin Thimmaiah scored for India as they secured another championship against their traditional rivals. The 2018

edition in Muscat, Oman, produced a different outcome. India and Pakistan reached the final, but persistent rain prevented the match from being completed, resulting in the two sides being declared joint winners. The shared title took India’s tally to three. India returned to the summit in 2023 when Chennai hosted the tournament for the first time. The hosts faced Malaysia in the final and recovered from a 1-3 half-time deficit to register a 4-3 victory at the Mayor Radhakrishnan Hockey Stadium. Harmanpreet Singh, Gurjant Singh and Akashdeep Singh scored in the final 16 minutes to complete the comeback, securing India’s fourth title and making them the competition’s most successful team outright. A year later, India extended their record in Hulunbuir, China, where they faced the hosts in the 2024 final. Jugraj Singh scored the decisive goal in a 1-0 victory at the Moqi Hockey Training Base, helping India defend their crown and claim their fifth championship. With five titles to their name, India will enter the 2026 competition seeking to maintain their position at the top of the tournament’s honours list. Playing in front of home supporters in Punjab will give the team another opportunity to add to a record built over more than a decade of continental competition.

Ajinkya Rahane praises Abhishek Sharma’s ability to find ways to score runs

New Delhi: Former Indian cricketer Ajinkya Rahane heaped praise on opener Abhishek Sharma for finding ways and methods to score runs even when he’s struggling a bit. Abhishek slammed 69 off 30 balls and took a little time to eye in when off-spinner Roston Chase came for the first over, with his earlier struggles with off-spin known. He played a few deliveries from Chase carefully before lining him up for two sixes and a four through the off-side in the third over. Speaking on the opener’s knock after he helped India make 223 in the first innings, Rahane called Abhishek a “special talent” and said that he finds methods to score runs. “See, he’s a special talent. We were talking about him, his intent every single time. What I like about Abhishek Sharma is his finding methods to score runs. If he’s struggling with a particular area, he will find a way, find that different method to score runs without losing that intent, without losing that strike rate, I mean,” Rahane told Cricbuzz. Abhishek has a strike rate of 195.95 in T20Is, which is the highest in the world among players who have faced at least 250 balls. He also completed his 2000 runs in the shortest international format during the West Indies T20I in Indore and took only 1024



balls to get to the mark. He is now the fastest to reach there in terms of balls taken. “We see his strike rate throughout his career so far is close to 200. And the consistency is so amazing. (He is) the fastest player or batter to score 2000 runs in T20 format, which is something amazing,” Rahane further said. Abhishek has been one of the top-ranked batters in the world for a long time now. He is currently No.2 in the ICC T20I rankings for batters and was the World No.1 previously. The 26-year-old has 2036 runs in 64 T20I innings with three centuries and 14 half-centuries to his name. During his 69 against the Windies, the Southpaw also equalled Suryakumar Yadav’s record for hitting the most sixes in a calendar year among full-member nations. He has 68 maximums to his name in 2026 and has all the chance to break the record now, with several T20Is still lined up.

Ian Bishop praises India’s bowling and Abhishek Sharma’s tactical awareness after West Indies win



Indore: Former West Indies pacer Ian Bishop praised India’s bowling execution and Abhishek Sharma’s tactical awareness after the hosts secured a 14-run victory over West Indies in the third T20I at the Holkar Stadium in Indore on Sunday, taking a 2-1 lead in the five-match series. Bishop highlighted India’s use of yorkers and wide lines, with Arshdeep Singh leading the attack and Naman Dhir providing valuable support. He also pointed to the absence of dew as a factor that helped the bowlers execute their plans. “First of all, congratulations to India. The West Indies found a little bit of range with the ball after about over number eight through Roston Chase, then Springer, then Motie, but those runs at the back end by Prince Yadav proved crucial. Then we saw the yorkers. Shreyas Iyer mentioned at the toss that he brought Prince Yadav back into the team for the first time in the series so they could get guys bowling those yorkers and wide lines, and those are critical plans.” Arshdeep is the leader of the attack, and he sussed things out quite quickly, with a little bit of help from Naman Dhir. A critical factor, obviously, was that there was no dew formation. All in all, it’s good to see the bowlers having a better day in a batsman-

dominated series so far. The West Indies will look to do a few things better next time, but take nothing away from India; they deserved this win from a bowling perspective,” Bishop told JioStar. Bishop also singled out Abhishek Sharma for adapting his approach against West Indies spinner Roston Chase. Rather than attacking immediately, the Indian opener took time to assess the conditions and read the bowler before adjusting his shot selection to exploit gaps in the field. “It was not only about the respect that Roston Chase deserved after dismissing Abhishek a couple of times earlier in the series, but also the fact that Abhishek needed to get himself in, take a few balls to get a feel for what Roston was doing and understand the conditions. We live and play in an era where we talk a lot about going hard up front from very early on, especially when you’re batting first. “So, I want to give credit to Abhishek for his smarts, because we don’t often talk enough about batters being clever and reading the game. The way he played the field was impressive. When the West Indies moved the deep point, he hit the ball through cover by backing away, then he manipulated the field. It’s not just about skill; you still need brains to play this game,” he added.

Arshdeep explains how India planned to dismiss Shai Hope early

Indore: India’s left-arm pacer Arshdeep Singh said he felt really good about the successful execution of the tactics to dismiss West Indies captain Shai Hope early in the third T20I, adding that removing a quality batter of his calibre required meticulous preparation and inputs from the coaching staff. At the Holkar Stadium on Sunday night, Arshdeep made an early breakthrough by bowling the in-form Shai Hope in the second over. Hope went for a wild slog but was bowled. The contest remained alive as long as the dangerous Sherfane Rutherford was at the crease. However, Arshdeep bowled Rutherford and also dismissed Keemo Paul to ensure India won the match by 14 runs and took a 2-1 lead in the five-match series. “Before the match, we had planned how to keep things tight to him, and when you execute that plan in the match, it feels good when you get the result. I am grateful to the coaches for working through the plan. They told me that I could use it in the match, and that plan was executed,” Arshdeep said in a video posted on bcci.tv on Monday. He also credited the entire bowling attack for applying sustained pressure while defending a total of 223. “I bowled very well. Mayank kept the pressure from the other end, and all six bowlers chipped in and bowled very well. It feels good when you come under a little pressure while executing plans. So, it’s good fun.”



Arshdeep, who also hit a useful boundary with the bat, offered a light-hearted apology to teammate Axar Patel after a mid-pitch mix-up led to the left-arm spin-bowling all-rounder’s run-out. “I would like to apologise to Axar bhai. Sorry, Axar bhai. I got you run out.” Speaking about his motivation to contribute with the bat, Arshdeep said, “I keep trying in batting. The results are rare. But today, it just connected well. As much as the coaches trust us, we have to do it in batting as well and get a few runs down the order. So, it is important to work like this in batting.” Arshdeep also attributed his steady evolution at the international level to the welcoming atmosphere within the Indian team and his desire to improve his skill set. “In the dressing room, the environment is very chill. There is no one who behaves as if they have played more or fewer matches. The atmosphere is very chill.” “I keep trying to learn something and develop a different skill set. There is always that willingness to learn and improve my game, and I feel that if there is a hunger to learn, I will keep improving my game. I keep trying to do that,” he concluded.

Volvo EX90 launched in India at Rs 1.26 crore, deliveries from January 2027

Hyderabad: Volvo is stepping up its presence in India's luxury electric vehicle market with the launch of the EX90 SUV at an introductory ex-showroom price of Rs 1.26 crore. The Swedish carmaker has opened bookings for the six-seater, with deliveries scheduled to commence in January 2027. The launch also comes with a preview of Volvo's next potential addition to its Indian electric vehicle portfolio, the ES90 electric sedan. The company has not yet disclosed the sedan's price or launch schedule. The EX90 combines a 106 kWh battery, dual-motor all-wheel drive and a technology-led cabin. Volvo claims a driving range of up to 625 km on the WLTP test cycle, placing the SUV among the premium electric offerings targeting buyers seeking long-distance capability and high-end features.

Performance and charging

The EX90's dual-motor setup produces a claimed 456 hp and 670 Nm of peak torque. The SUV can accelerate from 0 to 100 kmph in 5.5 seconds, according to the company, while its top speed is electronically restricted to 180 kmph. The vehicle supports DC fast charging at up to 350 kW. Volvo's stated charging time for a 10-80% battery top-up is approximately 22 minutes under suitable conditions.

Six-seat cabin and technology

Based on Volvo's SPA2 platform, the EX90 is positioned as an all-electric coun-



terpart to the combustion-engine XC90. Its six-seat layout features second-row captain's chairs, prioritising individual passenger space and comfort. The cabin includes a 14.5-inch central touchscreen with Google built-in, a 9-inch driver display and a head-up display. A 25-speaker Bowers & Wilkins audio system, four-zone climate control, a 360-degree camera and active air suspension are among its key features. Safety equipment includes nine airbags and advanced driver assistance systems (ADAS) supported by NVIDIA and Qualcomm Snapdragon hardware. The systems are intended to assist the driver and improve occupant protection. The EX90 will compete in India's premium electric SUV market with offerings such as the BMW iX, Mercedes-Benz EQS SUV and Kia EV9. Its six-seat configuration and emphasis on cabin technology are central to its positioning in the segment. Volvo has offered only a preview of the ES90 electric sedan for now. Details on its specifications, pricing and Indian launch timeline are yet to be announced.

India retail inflation rises to 5.54pc in September, food prices drive increase

New Delhi: India's retail inflation rose to 5.54 per cent in September 2026 on an annual basis, according to provisional data released by the National Statistics Office (NSO) on Monday. The reading was higher than the 4.83 per cent inflation recorded in August. The rise in inflation was more pronounced in rural areas, where consumer inflation stood at 6.08 per cent in September, compared with 4.88 per cent in urban areas. "Retail inflation based on Consumer Price Index in September, 2026 is 5.54 per cent," the Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation said. "Year-on-year food inflation, based on Consumer Food Price Index, in September, 2026 is 7.74 per cent," it added. In August, rural and urban inflation had been recorded at 5.24 per cent and 4.31 per cent, respectively. Food prices continued to remain a key driver of inflation during the month. The all-India food inflation rate, based on the Consumer Food Price Index (CFPI), climbed to 7.74 per cent in September from 5.97 per cent in August. Rural food inflation came in at 8.06 per cent, while urban food inflation stood at 7.18 per cent. The CPI (General) index



for the combined category increased to 109.49 in September from 108.74 in August. Similarly, the combined CFPI index rose to 112.17 from 110.73 during the same period.

The NSO said price data were collected from 1,407 urban markets, including online markets, and 1,465 villages across states and Union Territories. The response rate during September was 100 per cent in both rural and urban markets, ensuring comprehensive coverage of price movements. The government will release the Consumer Price Index data for October 2026 on November 12, 2026, or the next working day if the scheduled date falls on a holiday.

India's financial services deals surge 129pc to \$7.3 billion in Q3 2026

New Delhi: India's financial services sector recorded 67 deals worth \$7.3 billion in Q3 2026, with total deal value rising 129 per cent quarter-on-quarter as transaction volumes increased marginally from 65 to 67, a report said on Monday. The value-led acceleration was driven by large-ticket mergers and acquisitions (M&A) activity and public-market issuances, including the two major initial public offerings (IPO), the report from Grant Thornton Bharat said. Excluding IPOs and qualified institutional placements (QIP), M&A and PE/VC activity comprised 58 transactions worth \$3 billion. The quarter reflected a market in which investor interest remained strong but capital deployment was increasingly selective. While M&A values rose 54 per cent sequentially

and public-market fundraising strengthened significantly, PE/VC investments declined in both volume and value. Fintech, banking and NBFCs together accounted for approximately 67 per cent of transaction volumes, underlining continued interest in technology-enabled financial platforms and lending businesses. "As capital becomes more selective, the ability to translate growth into sustainable returns will increasingly determine which financial services businesses attract investment," said Vivek Iyer, Partner, Financial Services Risk Advisory and NBFC Industry Leader, Grant Thornton Bharat. In a higher-cost environment, strong funding models, sound unit economics and regulatory resilience will matter as much as the opportunity to scale,

Nifty slips below 22,400 as selling pressure drags benchmark indices lower

Mumbai: The benchmark equity indices ended sharply lower on Monday, weighed down by selling pressure in FMCG, PSU Bank and IT stocks. Weakness in heavy-weight counters dragged the markets lower despite resilience in the broader segment.

The Sensex declined 547.65 points, or 0.76 per cent, to settle at 71,924.68. The Nifty fell 157.10 points, or 0.70 per cent, to close at 22,363.35.

Commenting on Nifty technical outlook, experts said that the Nifty's failure to sustain levels above 22,600 turned the positive opening into another sell-on-rise session.

"The PCR slipped to 0.61, pointing to call-heavy positioning, while India VIX climbed to 15.23, signalling increased demand for downside protection," analysts stated.

"The Nifty's immediate support lies in the 22,300-22,200 zone, with a decisive break potentially exposing the 22,000 mark. On the upside, a sustained recovery would require the index to reclaim the 22,500-22,600 band," market watchers noted.

Among the Nifty constituents, Apollo Hospitals Enterprise, ITC and Tech Mahindra emerged as the top laggards, contributing significantly to the benchmark's decline.

While frontline indices remained under pressure, broader markets displayed rela-



tive strength. The Nifty MidCap index edged up 0.08 per cent, while the Nifty SmallCap index outperformed with a gain of 1.42 per cent. Sectoral performance remained mixed during the session. The Nifty FMCG and Nifty PSU Bank indices registered the steepest losses. On the other hand, the Nifty Media and Nifty Chemical indices bucked the negative trend and ended as the top sectoral gainers. Experts said that despite positive movement in select sectors and broader market indices, losses in key heavyweight stocks and sectors kept the benchmark indices firmly in negative territory by the close of trade. "The Middle East remains a key overhang, with continued Houthi attacks on Saudi and regional energy infrastructure keeping concerns over potential supply disruptions and elevated crude oil prices alive," market watchers stated. "Large-cap stocks remained under pressure from foreign fund selling, while mid- and small-caps outperformed on expectations of a stronger Q2FY27 earnings season," analysts noted.

India aims for trillion-dollar exports under Viksit Bharat 2047 vision

New Delhi: India is poised to emerge as a global hub for automobile manufacturing as international carmakers increasingly expand production in the country, Union Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal said on Monday. Addressing the 'Dilli Dialogue: Policies for a Future-Ready India' here, he said rising domestic demand, a growing manufacturing ecosystem and the country's economic ambitions under the Viksit Bharat 2047 vision would position India as a key global production base for the automobile industry. "We want to be a part of the global marketplace. Providing opportunities for people, providing opportunities for jobs, for our startups, for our youth to come up with newer ideas," Goyal said. Goyal said India was pursuing a twin-track strategy of integrating with the world's best technologies while identifying sectors with strong potential for employment generation and business growth. Highlighting the country's trade



strategy, the minister said India was actively expanding its access to international markets through free trade agreements (FTAs). According to him, these agreements offer significant opportunities for Indian businesses across sectors such as textiles, footwear, agriculture and food processing, while also enabling access to advanced technologies and high-quality products from developed economies. Emphasising India's approach to globalisation, Goyal said the country was not shutting itself off from the world but was opening its doors wider to international partnerships and investments. The minister also reiterated India's ambitious economic and export goals, expressing confidence that the country could achieve a trillion-dollar export target as it works towards becoming a developed nation by 2047. He said a detailed roadmap had been prepared to identify sectors that would drive growth over the coming decades. Referring to India's population of 1.4 billion, Goyal said growing demand for goods and services presented substantial opportunities for both domestic industry and global investors. Rising demand for electronics and white goods, he noted, could accelerate investments in domestic manufacturing and semiconductor facilities. On the automobile sector, Goyal said several global manufacturers would increasingly choose India as a production base once market demand reached the necessary scale.



he said. "India's financial ecosystem continues to offer significant headroom for growth, but the next phase will reward businesses that can grow sustainably, not just rapidly," he added. M&A activity recorded 23 transactions worth \$2.3 billion in Q3 2026. While volumes declined 4 per cent quarter-on-quarter, deal values increased 54 per cent, driven by one major transaction.

Technology shield' for devotees safety on Indrakeeladri

Modern surveillance from darshan queue lines to ghat roads monitoring with AI cameras, digital displays, smart tracking

Indrakeeladri , October 12: Modern technology is becoming key for safety, comfortable darshan, crowd control of lakhs of devotees thronging Vijayawada Indrakeeladri which stands as symbol of devotion for Dasara Sharannavaratri festivities. As part of Dasara-2026 IT arrangements designed by Sri Durga Malleswara Swamivarla Devasthanam, various technical systems have been designed to be utilized from darshan queue lines to annaprasada distribution centers, parking areas, ghat roads. This technology will be helpful in monitoring movement of devotees, estimating crowd, controlling vehicle entry, tracing missing children. AI cameras in darshan queue lines.. estimate on waiting timeIn occasions where devotees wait for hours in queue lines for Ammavari darshan, AI FRS camera based darshan time estimation system has been designed to estimate crowd conditions. Main objective of this system is monitoring movement of devotees based on information from cameras installed at darshan queue lines, analyzing entry-exit information, estimating time taken for darshan. There will be possibility to inform devotees about estimated darshan time through digital displays connected to this system. This information will also be useful for officials to identify heavily crowded queue lines and take appropriate measures. Special AI cameras for crowd countingAI Crowd Counting & Analytics system has been proposed to monitor crowd of devotees not only in darshan queue lines but also in areas where annaprasadam is received. Main objectives of this system are estimating number of devotees in queue lines, observing crowd levels in various areas, creating daily statistics. By monitoring movement of devotees in annaprasada queue lines, information will reach officials to streamline services where necessary. This technology helps for alertness of staff during times when crowd increases, for streamlining movement of devotees. Block-wise control in holding areasAI based Smart Holding Area Monitoring, Block Release system is key arrangement to streamline crowd without allowing crowd at once into queue lines. It is designed in such way to divide holding areas into blocks, monitor crowd status in each block through digital displays. When crowd of devotees is high in any block, this system helps to identify situation there, release devotees

systematically into next block. By updating status block-wise there will be possibility to control crowd in queue lines, further streamline movement of devotees. QR code wristbands for child safetyQR Code Enabled Child Tracking Wristbands have been arranged to reduce risk of small children coming with families getting lost due to crowd in Dasara festivities. Method has been designed to identify details of parents or guardians linked in it by scanning QR code in wristband worn on child's hand. In case child gets lost, this system will be useful for staff to scan wristband, know details of concerned family members and reunite them. It stands as important security measure in giving assurance to families during festivities where large number of devotees gather at one place. ANPR cameras on ghat roads.. surveillance on vehicle entryMethod of utilizing Smart ANPR Cameras has been designed to monitor movement of vehicles on ghat roads reaching Indrakeeladri. Through these cameras identifying vehicle number plates, vehicle details can be matched with concerned pass database, status of permissions can be examined. Objective of this system is identifying entry of vehicles with valid vehicle pass, identifying invalid or expired passes, alerting concerned staff to control unauthorized entry. Method of showing pass status, vehicle details in display at time of vehicle entry is also part of it. AI cameras in parking areasAI Camera-Based Parking Management system has been designed for identifying vacant spaces, monitoring parking usage, reducing vehicle crowd in parking areas where devotees' vehicles gather in large numbers. By linking information of parking spaces with digital system, it will be possible to know details of available spaces, give guidance to park vehicles systematically. If unnecessary crowd in parking areas reduces, movement of devotees will become easier. Monitoring of various areas with integrated dashboardImportance has been given to Integrated AI Dashboard & Real-Time Monitoring system as part of Dasara festivities management. This dashboard will be useful to comprehensively examine information from various areas, crowd statistics, vehicle movements, parking status etc. Also through traffic dashboard, analyzing vehicle movements, parking conditions, statistics related to crowd and taking necessary measures will be supported to officials. By taking decisions



based on information, it will be possible to undertake festivities management more efficiently. QR, IVR systems for collection of devotees opinions QR Code-Based Feedback Collection, IVR-Based Feedback System have been designed to know opinions of devotees on services like darshan arrangements, drinking water, sanitation, queue lines, annaprasadam, monitoring of children. Devotees can register their opinions by scanning QR code. Voice based opinions can be collected through IVR system. Through dashboard analyzing these details, officials will have opportunity to identify aspects needing improvement in services.

Smart garbage alert system for cleanliness AI FRS based Smart Garbage Collection and Alert System has been designed to improve sanitation management in temple surroundings. Its main objective is monitoring filling status of garbage bins through cameras, giving information to concerned sanitation staff when they are full. By recording details like place where garbage bin is, its filling status, cleaning process in dashboard, cleanliness management can be improved. This system will be useful to provide sanitation services in time in areas where devotee crowd is high. Smart laddu vending machines Method of installing Smart Laddu Vending Machines is also part of technical plan to reduce crowd faced by devotees to get laddu prasadam. These machines have been designed in such way to take laddu boxes by scanning QR code obtained through online booking, ticket or mobile. This method helps devotees to get prasadam according to their booking. Its main objectives are reducing crowd at prasadam counters, streamlining distribution process. GPS surveillance on movement of buses GPS Bus Tracking system has

been designed to monitor movement of buses used for transportation of devotees during Dasara festivities. Transportation management can be improved by knowing current location of buses, travel routes, timings. This technology helps to improve travel facilities of devotees by coordinating information on movement of buses. Digital systems for medical assistance, staff identification Method of managing first aid centers, duty details of medical staff, reports related to medical assistance has been designed through Dasara Care Digital system. It will be useful to coordinate concerned information in cases where emergency medical assistance is needed. Similarly QR based ID cards, duty assignment-attendance recording systems have been designed for identification of staff, volunteers, security staff. These systems help to identify authorized staff, monitor duty details, control unauthorized entry. Technology for security.. alertness of officials for coordination Use of technology in Dasara festivities management on Indrakeeladri has expanded from estimating devotee crowd to vehicle control, child safety, sanitation, prasadam distribution, medical assistance. There will be opportunity to manage security arrangements more efficiently by linking information provided by cameras, digital dashboards, QR code systems with alertness of field level staff. These technical arrangements have gained priority with aim of providing safe, peaceful darshan experience to devotees, streamlining crowd, improving quality of services. Main objective in management of festivities is to provide better facilities to every devotee coming for Ammavari darshan by efficiently utilizing modern technology. Modern technology support for devotees safety.. path of comprehensive monitoring for comfortable darshan!

Fake DSP arrested in Eluru Cash, documents seized

Eluru, October 12, Eluru Two Town Police arrested fake DSP named Bathula Srinivas belonging to Mattapalli village under Suryapet district of Telangana state who was collecting lakhs of rupees from innocent people by cheating saying he will get Sub Inspector jobs in Police Department in various regions of state. Police seized five and a half lakh rupees cash, fake appointment orders, fake stamps related to police department, police uniform, walkie talkie from accused Srinivas. Details of accused were revealed on Monday at District SP office in Eluru by SP K. Pratap Shiva Kishore along with ASP Prasad Rao, DSP Shravan Kumar, CI Ashok Kumar.



Quality solution should be shown for PGRS applications. District Collector K. Vetriselvi

Eluru, October, 12: District Collector K. Vetriselvi ordered officials to compulsorily examine at field level on applications received through PGRS program. In PGRS program conducted on Monday in Godavari meeting hall at local Collectorate Collector ordered officials to receive petitions from public and take measures for their resolution. Along with District Collector, District Joint Collector Dr. M.J. Abhishek Gowda, Assistant Collector Ch. Shravan Kumar Reddy, In-charge District Revenue Officer, SC Corporation ED M. Mukkanti, Vigilance Special Deputy Collector L. Devakidevi received petitions from public. Speaking on this occasion Collector Vetriselvi said priority should be given to quality solution for applications received through PGRS program. Said



officials should personally examine at field level so that PGRS petition does not reopen, and resolve petition in satisfactory manner to petitioner as per rules. Collector Vetriselvi informed that 285 petitions were received in PGRS on Monday. In this program various departments district officials, tahsildars, deputy tahsildars, division, mandal surveyors, district collectorate superintendents, and others participated.