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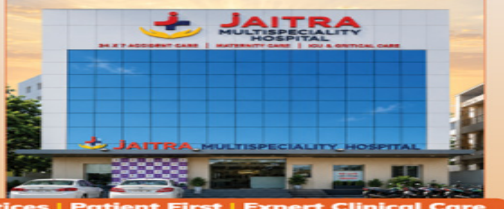
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Goal is to provide drinking water to every house 124.48 crore Jal Jeevan Mission funds
Foundation stone for 117 works in Gajapathinagaram
Minister Kondapalli Srinivas



Gajapathinagaram, October 13, "Minister for Micro, Small, Medium Enterprises, Rural Poverty Alleviation, Pravasandhra Empowerment Relations Kondapalli Srinivas said Amarajeevi Jaladhara scheme is health provider in every house. On Tuesday at Gajapathinagaram Degree College premises Minister Kondapalli Srinivas laid foundation stone for house-to-house

tap works to be constructed with 124.48 crore Jal Jeevan Mission funds. Speaking on this occasion Minister Kondapalli Srinivas said foundation stone has been laid for Jal Jeevan Mission works for house-to-house tap with determination to provide drinking water with about 125 crore rupees to five mandals in constituency. Said after alliance government came

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Speed up grievance redressal, CM to collectors



Amaravati: Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu has directed officials to ensure that public grievances are not ignored and that complaints reaching nodal officers across all 175 constituencies are resolved faster, with clear accountability for delays. Review-

ing departmental performance through the Real-Time Governance System (RTGS) at the Secretariat on Monday, Naidu assessed the delivery of government services at the grassroots level and the functioning of the Public Grievance

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Land Reforms: 16 lakh acres cleared from prohibited list

Amaravati: The state government has reported progress on a sweeping overhaul of the Revenue Department, claiming that it has resolved 244 major land disputes involving more



than 41,000 acres, freed 16 lakh acres from the prohibited properties list and introduced technology-based safeguards to protect land records. The re-

forms, launched after the NDA coalition government assumed office in June 2024 under Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu,

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SEC Holds Meet, Promises Free And Fair Local Body Polls In AP

VIJAYAWADA: State Election Commissioner Anil Chandra Punetha held a meeting with representatives of various political parties here on Tuesday and sought their help in the strict implementation of the model code of conduct for the local body elections. Representatives from 19 political parties at the national and state level and 12 from other states attended the meeting. Some of them asked the SEC to expeditiously issue caste as also no-due certificates to the candidates who have submitted the applications. They sought the provision of CCTV



coverage relating to the election process to enhance transparency and a strict vigil against the movement of liquor. They also

sought adequate security to the contestants where necessary and proper facilities for filing of

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Vizag Steel Plant Land Auction Receives Good Response



Visakhapatnam: The response to e-auction of RINL (Visakhapatnam Steel Plant) lands conducted on Monday has been October good, according to sources. There are 256 prime plots in the city set for auction. 470 bidders vied for the plots. Reports said 150 of the plots have been sold for ₹366 crore against the management's expectation of ₹312.48 crore. Notably, the price per square yard has crossed ₹1.80 lakh per square yard in some of the

popular locations. In the earlier phase on March 24, 135 plots had been sold, fetching an amount of ₹225 crore. The next auction had earlier been scheduled for October 16, but has been deferred to October 30, RINL sources disclosed. The auctions are being conducted under the supervision of National Land Monetisation Corporation (NLMC), a 100 per cent Government of India-owned enterprise under the administrative control of Depart-

ment of Public Enterprises (DPE), Ministry of Finance. There are a total 459 land parcels spanning 93,572.21 square yards for outright sale, with clear, encumbrance-free government titles. Individual plots range in size from approximately 128.94 square yards to 2,728 square yards. Quikr India is the transaction consultant facilitating the auction process. The predominant MIG / LIG plots, numbering 456, are in HB Colony, with complete civic and social infrastructure, with proximity to National Highway-16. Other plots are of 2,728 square yards and 2,984 square yards in Block 2 of Autonagar in Gajuwaka. Senior trade union leader and steel plant unit president of CITU Ayodhyaramu J demanded that the central steel ministry used proceeds from the auction exclusively for expansion of the steel plant and other related works.

Race Intensifies Among Alliance Parties for Mayor's Post

Nellore: With the Mayor's post in the Nellore Municipal Corporation falling vacant in the unreserved category, lobbying has intensified within the ruling alliance, as several aspirants are emerging from the Telugu Desam and the BJP. The name of deputy mayor P Roopkumar Yadav is gaining traction within the TDP, alongside that of Vemireddy Vijayabhaskar Reddy, general manager of Narayana educational institutions, and his brother Vemireddy Pattabhirami Reddy. T Anuradha is also lobbying for the post. Senior BJP leader P Surendra Reddy is likely to be the BJP nominee, although the party has not made



any official announcement. The Jana Sena has not proposed a candidate, offering some relief to the TDP as it negotiates competing claims within the alliance. Seat-sharing remains a challenge. Both the BJP and Jana Sena are reportedly seeking 5 to 10 corporator seats each out of the total 72, even as the TDP struggles to accommodate scores of aspirants and the 40 odd corporators who had de-

fected from the YSR Congress to the ruling side. Yadav's candidature could gain significance in the context of chief minister Chandrababu Naidu's recent statement favouring 34 per cent representation for Backward Classes. TDP sources said Yadav could be considered for the (unreserved) mayor post though he belongs to a BC community. However, the possibility of conceding the mayor post to the BJP appears remote. A TDP leader cited the BJP's defeats in the Nellore Rural assembly constituency in 2009 and 2014, when TD allotted the seat to the saffron party under the alliance arrangement.

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Thankfully, RTI is
alive and kicking

It is a victory of the Right to Information Act, which was enacted on October 12, 2005. After the Constitution of India, 1950, it was the first-ever accountability law for information and transparency 21 years ago. The withdrawal by the Tamil Nadu Government of its September 21 Government Order exempting the Public (Law and Order) Department from the Right to Information Act, 2005, established democratic accountability. It is not only about Jantar Mantar agitations in Delhi; they are across India. This article is not dealing with the way the Government is working. (Generally, Jantar Mantar translates, quite literally, to the “instrument used for calculation”, but the transition from its literal, historical definition to its contemporary satirical interpretation highlights how the youth-led movement has reframed the space.) As witnessed now, it is significant because the department deals with communal and caste clashes, police firing, custodial deaths, police torture, preventive detention, public protests, and reports submitted to the government about law-and-order incidents. These are not mere matters of administrative convenience. They concern the exercise of coercive state power, the protection of fundamental rights and the accountability of public authorities. October 12 reminds us that the right to information cannot be protected merely by celebrating the enactment of a progressive law. It must also be defended against administrative orders that seek to place public institutions beyond public scrutiny. Government and the police administration, with force and violence, men and women equally, including lady police, must be taught accountability. Each ‘act’ or atrocious act is a crime and tort, for which one should be compensated at the cost of the public treasury, and a significant part of compensation should be individually liable to be paid by those officers and police public servants. After all, they are servants of the public. There is an essential distinction between protecting genuinely sensitive intelligence and security information and exempting an entire government department simply because some of its files concern law and order. The former may be justified by law, but the latter demands rigorous scrutiny under the statute and the Constitution. Also Read High Court Rejects Arvind Kejriwal’s Appeal, Upholds ₹25,000 Cost In PM Modi Degree Case The Supreme Court has now reinforced the importance of that distinction in its June decision concerning the Madhya Pradesh Special Police Establishment. The judgment offers a timely legal foundation for examining the Tamil Nadu controversy and the wider problem of state governments using Section 24(4) to expand RTI exemptions beyond the limits Parliament prescribed. Information is indispensable to democracy: Every teacher of our Constitution should necessarily talk about Article 19(1)(a), which is expected to guarantee freedom of speech and expression, which includes an agitation for protection of the rule of law. The apex court has repeatedly recognised that this freedom includes a citizen’s right to receive information necessary to participate meaningfully in accountability and to be liable for any injury. Because we are in a democratic government.

Amarajeevi Jaladhara
Health provider

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to power like never before in past, 80-bed hospital has been made available in Gajapathinagaram. Likewise said construction of Kinguva, Logisa, Gajapathinagaram, Korla bypass roads has been taken up. Said at present credit for developing from 50 lakhs to one crore rupees for every village in constituency goes to alliance government. Said although Jal Jeevan Mission funds were sanctioned in previous government, delay was done without taking up works. Said after alliance government came to power Prime Minister Narendra Modi was requested by Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu to sanction Jal Jeevan Mission funds and funds were sanctioned again. Said JJM funds will be very useful to free villages from contaminated water and provide pure water. Said Chief Minister Chandrababu, Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan are striving to develop villages. Minister Kondapalli made pledge to move forward with determination to not waste water from taps, use water sparingly and provide pure water to future generations. He took photos together with public at selfie stand near stage. Said people should stand as support to ... government which is doing all kinds of good to people in local body elections. Former Minister Padala Aruna speaking said it is very proud to bring funds to solve drinking water problem in constituency, praised that under leadership of Minister Kondapalli Gajapathinagaram constituency is being developed as leading in district. Said everyone should notice development being done by central state governments. TDP Politburo member Gantyada Sridevi speaking said although there are many financial difficulties in state, alliance government is striving for welfare of people. Said in present days where there are public representatives who say money money, Minister Kondapalli is developing constituency saying work work. Said responsibility is on everyone to take development welfare schemes being provided, taken up by government extensively among people. AMC Chairman Gopala Raju speaking said officials, public representatives should strive to overcome difficulties in implementing government schemes. Said state went to downfall with tyrannical administration done by government. In this program constituency leaders, RWS officials, people in large numbers participated.

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nominations at the district collectorates. Due consideration, they said, must be given for festivals while finalising the elections schedules. Another call to the SEC was to issue instructions to the police to be impartial and maintain a level playing field for all contestants. The election commissioner said he had already advised the authorities to ensure expeditious issue of caste certificates and no-due certificates to the aspiring candidates. SEC, he said, had also issued detailed instructions for identification of sensitive, hypersensitive and critical polling stations and for appropriate measures, including videography, webcasting and deployment of micro observers based on need, to ensure free, fair and transparent elections. The SEC clarified that nominations must be filed before the concerned returning officer/election officer. It had also issued instructions that security should be provided based on the assessed threat perception, wherever a request for such security is received. Earlier, SEC secretary A Mallikarjuna gave a power point presentation on various preparatory activities for the conduct of ordinary elections along with the relevant provisions of election laws and the model code of conduct.

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Redressal System (PGRS).Buy Maps Observing that the system was resolving public grievances to a considerable extent, he instructed chief secretary G Sai Prasad to convene a meeting with collectors to improve its effectiveness. The meeting should focus on fixing responsibility among employees and officials for complaints received by constituency-level nodal officers and ensuring their timely resolution, he said. Naidu also expressed concern over what he described as misleading propaganda against government departments through the distortion of official orders. Citing misinformation surrounding a Government Order issued by the revenue department, he directed officials to respond promptly with accurate information and prevent the public from being misled.

SPMVV, NIELIT sign MoUs
to promote digital learning



Tirupati: Sri Padmavati Mahila Visvavidyalayam (SPMVV), Tirupati, has signed two Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) with National Institute of Electronics and Information Technology (NIELIT), Tirupati Centre, to strengthen digital education and improve students’ technical skills. NIELIT is an autonomous scientific society under Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), Government of India. The agreements aim to promote digital learning through NIELIT Digital University platform and introduce industry-oriented skill-development training programmes in collaboration with NIELIT Tirupati Centre. SPMVV Vice-Chancellor Prof V Uma, Registrar Prof R Usha and Head of Department of Computer Science Prof Venkata Krishna participated in the programme. They interacted with NIELIT Tirupati Centre Director Sasi Kumar Gera and discussed ways to integrate emerging technologies and industry-relevant skills into the university’s academic and training programmes. The discussions focused on practical learning, use of MeitY initiatives and reducing gap between academic curricula and industry requirements.

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are aimed at addressing long-pending disputes, improving the security of ownership records and reducing the burden on citizens dealing with revenue offices. The repeal of the Land Titling Act was among the government’s first major measures. Under the flagship Mee Bhoomi-Mee Hakku initiative, the government says it has resolved disputes involving land valued at more than Rs 5,000 crore, benefiting over 1.25 lakh families, farmers and industries. The cases covered Tirupati, Nandyal, Guntur, Kuppam, Nellore and other districts. At a recent programme in Prakasam district, issues relating to 3,304 acres were addressed, benefiting 7,981 families. The government has removed approximately 16 lakh acres from the Section 22-A prohibited properties list across 8,177 resurvey villages, reducing the total extent on the list from 49 lakh acres to 33 lakh acres. It has also initiated measures to extend freehold rights to 10.7 lakh acres of assigned land under G.O. Ms. No. 588. In another change, pattadar passbooks bearing the official State Emblem have replaced the previous format featuring political leaders’ photographs. The government targets distribution of 40.59 lakh passbooks across 9,027 resurvey villages by October 2026, followed by another 51.91 lakh in 7,789 villages by March 2027. The passbooks are being issued after e-KYC verification of landowners. Buy Maps The government has also removed political images from boundary stones installed during the previous administration. It alleged that more than Rs 650 crore had been spent on engraving the former Chief Minister’s image on around 77 lakh granite stones. The revenue department has launched a blockchain-based land-record security pilot covering 1,47,484 land parcels across seven mandals. The initiative assigns permanent digital identities to parcels to improve traceability and prevent unauthorised alterations. The government has also introduced 100 per cent automatic mutation for approximately nine lakh eligible property transactions involving sale, gift and partition deeds. It reported that the rejection rate for mutation applications had fallen from 20 per cent to below 2 per cent. Digitisation of historical records, simplified inheritance registrations and WhatsApp-based services are among the other measures being pursued. Under the Pedalaku Pattabhishekam programme, nearly 60,000 families in Visakhapatnam, Mangalagiri, Vijayawada and Nellore have received permanent house-site ownership documents for properties estimated to be worth Rs 52,000 crore. The government says the initiative is intended to provide legal security and improve the economic stability of families who have lived for decades on government land. Naidu has directed officials to speed up dispute resolution, strengthen digital land governance and improve public access to revenue services. The government maintains that the reforms are intended to make land ownership more secure, reduce opportunities for manipulation of records and improve accountability in the Revenue Department.

TAHSILDAR AND MANDAL SURVEYOR
OF ABDULLAPURMET MANDAL, RANGA
REDDY DISTRICT ARE IN ACB NET



AMEER HUSSAIN CRIME BEURO CHIEF : AO-1 Sri Batuka Srinivasulu, Mandal Surveyor and AO-2 Sri B. Sudershan Reddy, Tahsildar, of Abdullapurmet Mandal, Ranga Reddy District, were caught by ACB, CIU. AO-1 was apprehended near Abdullapurmet (V) & (M) while accepting the bribe amount of 220,00,000/- from the complainant on the instructions of AO-2, for doing an official favour i.e., to conduct the survey and issue a Joint Inspection Survey Report for layout under HMDA guidelines. The Accused Officers had initially demanded a bribe of ₹30,00,000/-, which was later reduced to 220,00,000/-."The bribe amount was recovered from the possession of AO-1 at his instance. Both hand fingers of AO-1 yielded positive results in the chemical test. Thus, AO-1 and AO-2 performed their public duty improperly and dishonestly. AO-ISri Batuka Srinivasulu, Mandal

Surveyor and AO-2 Sri B. Sudershan Reddy, Tahsildar, Abdullapurmet, Ranga Reddy District, are being arrested and produced before the Hon'ble Principal Special Judge for SPE & ACB Cases, Nampally, Hyderabad. The case is under investigation. The details of the complainant are withheld for security reasons.
Call Phone Number -1064 [Toll-free Number) In case of a demand for a bribe by any Public Servant, the public is requested to contact the ACB Toll Free Number, i.e., 1064, to take action as per Law. ACB Telangana can also be contacted through social media platforms WhatsApp (9440446106), Facebook (Telangana ACB), and X (X/formerly twitter Telangana ACB). The QR Code of ACB is also displayed in all Government Offices and prominent public places to contact ACB, Telangana. The name and details of the victim/complainant will be kept secret
Anti Corruption Bureau, T.S., Hyderabad.

SENIOR CIVIL JUDGE cum
Secretary of District Legal Services
Authority Visits Children's Home
and Old Age Home

AMEER HUSSAIN CRIME BEURO CHIEF :Smt. A. Sridevi, Secretary of the District Legal Services Authority (Sessions Division, Nampally, Hyderabad), visited the Nintigale Children's Home and the Sisters' Home Old Age Home in Musheerabad today. "During her visit to the Nintigale Children's Home, Smt. A. Sridevi interacted with the children and inquired about their education, health, food, accommodation, daily activities, and general welfare. She advised the management to provide a safe and pleasant environment for the children and to extend the necessary support for their educational and mental development. She emphasized that it is the responsibility of the concerned officials to protect children's rights and ensure they are not subjected to any form of injustice. Subsequently, she visited the Sisters' Home Old Age Home in Musheerabad, where she spoke with the elderly residents and inquired about their health, diet, accommodation, medical facilities, and other needs. She highlighted the importance of ensuring a dignified life for the elderly, prioritizing their healthcare, and ensuring they live safely in a hygienic environment. It was explained that free legal aid is available to eligible individuals through the District Legal Services Authority, covering issues such as child rights, the welfare of the elderly, maintenance, and other legal matters. It was



emphasized that the concerned departments should work in coordination to ensure justice for the vulnerable sections of society. Child Protection Officer Mr. Vijaya Bhaskar, members of the Child Welfare Committee (CWC), the in-charge of the old-age home, and Mr. Keshava Reddy from the District Legal Services Authority participated in this program. "Through this visit, the District Legal Services Authority demonstrated its commitment to the welfare of children and the elderly, the protection of their rights, and the provision of necessary legal assistance.

Gorre pati Buchi Apparao is
guide to Thatipudi farmers
Minister Kondapalli Srinivas

Gajapathinagaram, October 13, "Minister for Micro, Small, Medium Enterprises, Rural Poverty Alleviation, Pravasandhra Empowerment Relations Kondapalli Srinivas said Gorre pati Buchi Apparao is guide to Thatipudi farmers. On occasion of 113th birth anniversary of Thatipudi Reservoir construction achiever, former MLA, erstwhile joint Visakha District Board President late Gorre pati Buchi Apparao of Gantyada mandal, Minister Kondapalli Srinivas on Tuesday garlanded statue of Apparao and paid tributes. Speaking on this occasion Minister Kondapalli Srinivas said Buchi Apparao is great man who vowed and completed construction of Thatipudi Reservoir for welfare of farmers. Minister Kondapalli Srinivas said today this region is becoming lush green only with completion of Thatipudi Reservoir by Gorre pati Buchi Apparao which provides irrigation water to thousands of acres. Said erecting statue of Apparao who rendered many



services as MLA to this region as good man is honor we give to his services.. MLC Gade Srinivasulu Naidu speaking said crops are growing even in difficult times with irrigation water coming from Thatipudi Reservoir. DCMS Chairman Gompa Krishna speaking said Minister Kondapalli Srinivas is playing key role in erecting statue of Buchi Apparao as well as conducting birth anniversary celebrations. Alliance leaders, many farmers participated.



State Endowments Department Secretary K. Kannababu, Commissioner Ramachandra Mohan, District Collector Dr. G. Lakshmisha, Police Commissioner S.V. Rajasekhara Babu, EO V.K. Seena Naik and others monitoring situation from Integrated Command Control Centre (ICCC) in Model Irrigation Guest House at foot of hill

Service to devotees is service to God
Humanity fragrance on Indrakeeladri
Drinking water, buttermilk distribution.., Hot milk for infants..
Voluntary organizations, youth volunteers partnering in service

While Indrakeeladri is immersed in devotional ecstasy with Dasara Sharannavaratri festivities, services being provided to devotees thronging for Ammavari darshan are showcasing human values. Along with providing drinking water, buttermilk to devotees so that they don't suffer due to sun, rush, hot milk is also being distributed keeping in mind needs of infants. Voluntary organizations, NSS youth volunteers, Red Cross Society are participating in service programs and standing as support to devotees. "Providing drinking water, buttermilk to devotees waiting in queue lines for darshan is giving relief. Providing hot milk is especially useful to families coming with children. Volunteers coming forward with service spirit are providing necessary help to devotees, showing care towards elderly, women, children. In emergency situations concerned medical staff are providing services so that medical help is available. "Students from various colleges are also enthusiastically participating in these service programs. As NSS, youth associations, college volunteers, students are not only distributing drinking water, buttermilk, hot milk to devotees but also discipline in queue lines, necessary help to elderly, women, children. Such programs are becoming key in inculcating values like service spirit, social responsibility, discipline among students. Organizers say participation of students is very necessary to provide responsible good citizens to society. Coordination of officials.. support



to service programs District administration under supervision of NTR District Collector Dr. G. Lakshmisha is coordinating with various departments related to management of festivities. Aspects like sanitation, cleanliness of surroundings of municipal corporation departments under leadership of Vijayawada Municipal Corporation Commissioner H.M. Dhyanaachandra are key in providing better environment to devotees. "Under direction of Endowments Department Minister with supervision of Principal Secretary, Commissioner "Under leadership of Sri Durga Malleswara Swamivarla Devasthanam Executive Officer Seena Naik temple related arrangements, management of necessary facilities for devotees is continuing. Devasthanam Trust Board Chairman Borra Gandhi is also participating on behalf of Devasthanam in aspects related to management of festivities. Police machinery under leadership of City Police Commissioner Rajasekhara Babu is focusing on devotees safety, streamlining of queue lines, traffic control.

Huge crowd of devotees on Indrakeeladri



Devotees thronging in large numbers for darshan of Kanaka Durgamma appearing in Annapurna Devi decoration“On occasion of Dasara Sharannavaratras Indrakeeladri was bustling with devotees. On Tuesday devotees are coming in large numbers to have darshan of Kanaka Durgamma who is appearing in Annapurna Devi decoration. Devotees were thrilled with darshan of Ammavaru. Devasthanam officials, police staff are monitoring arrangements so that devotees do not face difficulties.

ZP CEO M. Krishnamohan meets District Collector

Eluru, October, 13: District Collector K. Vetriselvi ordered Eluru District Parishad CEO M. Krishnamohan to take measures to conduct panchayat elections in district efficiently. After taking charge on Tuesday Eluru District Parishad CEO M. Krishnamohan met District Collector K. Vetriselvi at local collectorate by offering flower plant and met courteously. State government appointed M. Krishnamohan who is working as Executive Director of State Medical Department Infrastructure Development Corporation as Eluru ZP CEO. Accordingly he took charge at Dis-



trict Parishad office on Tuesday. Office staff met CEO M. Krishnamohan courteously and conveyed congratulations.

Everyone should walk on path of service. Manavata founding president N Ramachandra Reddy



Kamavarapukota, October 13,“Everyone should walk on path of service and help others called Manavata voluntary service organization founding president N Ramachandra Reddy.“In Tadikalapudi of Kamavarapukota mandal of Eluru district, N Ramachandra Reddy visited Tadikalapudi unit after 8 years and started several service programs. On this occasion he inaugurated mortuary freezers, steel padi, building for safe keeping of Kailasa Ratham, Kailasa Rathams donated by donors. Manavata State Convener Maruboyina Koteswar Rao, Manavata Central Committee Chairman Kandepu Suryanarayana, District Manavata President Vasipoyina Chandraiah, Manavata founder Ramachandra Reddy along with planted saplings around building premises, in Kailasagiri premises. Subsequently Ramachandra Reddy appreciated and felicitated Surya Motors head Chamarti Krishna Rao who gave Kailasa Ratham useful to public through Manavata organization in large numbers attracted by service programs done by Tadikalapudi people, Parepalli Pullachari who provided mortuary freezer, donors Korukonda Rambabu and Brothers, Mettikayala Nageswara Rao, Matte family members who cooperated for building construction. As Manavata

Tadikalapudi branch former president Ummadisingu Parvathi Shankar is unwell, moral support was provided to their home wishing speedy recovery. In this program Manavata Tadikalapudi branch president Miryala Chandrasekhar Chairman Gangadhara Prasad, Nalluri Kantha Rao, Thuta Lakshman Rao, Pavuluru Gandhi, Merugu Sundara Rao, Devarapalli Parameswara Rao, Devarapalli Rammo han Rao, Mullapudi Venkateswara Rao, Mala kalapalli Raghavayya, Gudapati Srinivasa Rao, Kamma Srinivasa Rao, Konakalla Krishna Rao, Madhu Ganga dhara Rao, Peravali Srinu, Manavata members, village people women participated.

Malayappa Swamy blesses devotees on Chinna Sesha Vahanam

Tirumala: Sri Malayappa Swamy, adorned as Dwaraka Krishna, blessed devotees while riding the five-headed Chinna Sesha Vahanam on Tuesday morning, the second day of the ongoing annual Srivari Salakatra Brahmotsavams. The procession was held amid devotional fervour, with elephants and horses leading the way, accompanied by traditional musical performances, kolatam and other cultural programmes. Chinna Sesha is associated with Vasuki, the divine serpent king. According to religious belief, witnessing the Chinna Sesha Vahanam brings family well-being and spiritual benefits associated with Kundalini Yoga. Sri Sri Sri Pedda Jeeyar Swamy, Sri Sri Sri Chinna Jeeyar Swamy, TTD Executive Officer Muddada Ravichandra, Additional EO Ch Venkaiah Chowdary, Chief Vigilance and Security Officer Muralikrishna, Board members and other officials participated in the vahana seva.

Former minister Botsa should speak truths

Don't create misconceptions on Polavaram height: Minister Kondapalli Srinivas advice



Gajapathinagaram, October 13,“Minister for Micro, Small, Medium Enterprises, Rural Poverty Alleviation, Pravasandhra Empowerment Relations Kondapalli Srinivas suggested Legislative Council Opposition leader, former minister, YCP leader Botsa Satyanarayana should speak truths. Reporters questioned Minister Kondapalli Srinivas on Tuesday at Dattiraju about comments made by Botsa Satyanarayana on Polavaram height during recent Badangi tour. Responding on this occasion Minister Kondapalli Srinivas advised not to create misconceptions among people on Polavaram Dam height. Said former minister Botsa should understand that water reaches from Polavaram left canal to Anakapalli through canal, from there to Thatipudi through three lifts, and to

Badangi through 6 lifts. Said credit for weakening Polavaram project goes to axe party, YSRCP is reason for delay in works saying retendering. Said there is no other party beyond YCP in creating misconceptions among people, people know realities. Said credit for recently bringing water through Polavaram left canal to Anakapalli and bringing smiles on faces of farmers of that region goes to alliance government, Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu. Said it is ridiculous to mislead farmers saying there have been no changes in project designs then and now. Minister Kondapalli emphasized YCP leaders should speak according to principle, YCP leaders have no right to criticize alliance government, people are not in situation to listen to false words.

Solution to women problems through GRC

9 Gender Resource Centers established in district: Minister Kondapalli Srinivas



Gajapathinagaram, October 13,“Minister for Micro, Small, Medium Enterprises, Rural Poverty Alleviation, Pravasandhra Empowerment Relations Kondapalli Srinivas said solution to women problems will be found through Gender Resource Centers (GRC). At Gajapathinagaram constituency center in Velugu Mandal Samakhya Building on Tuesday Minister Kondapalli Srinivas inaugurated GRC Center. Minister said 9 GRC centers have been inaugurated across district. Speaking on this occasion Minister Kondapalli Srinivas said protection will be provided to women, girls through GRC Centers. Said Chief Minister Chandrababu is thinking to link GRCs with Disha Police Stations and provide

better services to women. Said in GRCs training will be given to create awareness and change thinking pattern of women who faced small quarrels, neglect. Said through Steering Committee, women police, health assistant in GRC Center training will be given so that women remain ideal in society. Likewise said GRC Center staff should currently create awareness on uterine, breast cancers which are coming more to women. Minister Kondapalli assured to always be in front to cooperate in all ways, GRCs should strive to provide protection to rural women. In this program Politburo member Gantyada Sridevi, DRDA PD Srinivasa Pani, Mandal Samakhya representatives participated.



Makers reveal Jatayu’s first look from Ramayana; Anupam Kher to voice iconic character

Mumbai: The makers of the Ranbir Kapoor-starrer Ramayana have unveiled the first poster of Jatayu, the revered character from the epic, who will be voiced by actor Anupam Kher. Titled ‘The Wings of Dharma’, the poster features a close-up of Jatayu, highlighting his intense gaze, while another visual shows the majestic bird with his wings spread wide. The reveal is part of the film’s ongoing character poster campaign. Sharing the poster on social media, the makers wrote, “When evil took flight, courage rose to meet it. He fought not for victory, but for what was right. Jatayu. The Wings of Dharma. Anupam Kher as Jatayu in Ramayana.” In the epic, Jatayu is remembered for his attempt to rescue Sita from Ravana. Despite knowing the risks, he confronts Ravana, embodying courage, sacrifice and dharma. Until now, the makers have released the posters off Lord Ram, KaiiKai, and a few more others. For the uninitiated, Ramayana features Ranbir Kapoor as Lord Rama, Sai Pallavi as Sita, Yash as Ravana, Sunny Deol as Hanuman and Ravi Dubey as Lakshman. Directed by Nitesh Tiwari, the two-part epic is produced by Namit Malhotra’s Prime Focus Studios in collaboration with DNEG and Yash’s Monster Mind Creations. The first part of Ramayana is scheduled to release worldwide on November 5, 2026, while the second part is slated for Diwali 2027. The film will be released in Hindi, Tamil, Telugu, Kannada and Malayalam. The makers of Ramayana had recently held a



promotional event in Mumbai, which saw global YouTuber MrBeast join the actor, Sai Pallavi and producer Namit Malhotra. However, the event drew criticism after it reportedly began around four hours late, with many media representatives expressing their angst over the delay and lack of communication from the organisers. But the team further managed it smoothly. Meanwhile, reports have also suggested that Ranbir gave up non-vegetarian food and alcohol while preparing to portray Lord Rama. The actor had earlier spoken about adopting a vegetarian lifestyle and giving up alcohol and smoking as part of a broader effort to improve his health, although the claim that these changes were specifically made for the film has been a subject of discussion.

Raza Murad recalls how Raj Kapoor rediscovered him as a villain with ‘Prem Rog’

Mumbai: Veteran actor Raza Murad has recalled how legendary filmmaker Raj Kapoor gave a new direction to his career as a villain by casting him in the 1982 film ‘Prem Rog.’ The actor also reflected on his association with the prestigious RK Films banner, under which he went on to play prominent antagonist roles in three consecutive productions. Taking to social media, Raza shared memories of his journey in Hindi cinema, crediting Raj Kapoor with rediscovering his potential as a villain. Recalling his role as Thakur Virendra Pratap Singh of Sumergan in ‘Prem Rog,’ Raza wrote, “My first movie as a villain. Raj Kapoor rediscovered me as a baddie, Thakur Virendra Pratap Singh of Sumergan, in his magnum opus ‘Prem Rog’ in 1982, then again in ‘Ram Teri Ganga Maili’ (1985), and the rest is history. Never looked back after that.” Raza’s third film under the banner was ‘Henna’ (1991), in which he portrayed Shahbaaz Khan, a scheming Pakistani police officer. Reflecting on the opportunity to play the principal antagonist in three successive productions from the prestigious banner, the actor expressed gratitude for the experience. ‘Henna’ was the third film under the RK banner, in which I played a scheming Pakistani police officer, Shahbaaz Khan. I consider myself very lucky to have played the main villain in three consecutive films under the prestigious RK banner,” added Raza. Over the years, Raza Murad has established himself as a familiar face in Hindi cinema, particularly through his portrayal of antagonists’ characters. He is widely known for his stints in films such as ‘Prem Rog,’ ‘Ram Teri Ganga Maili,’ ‘Tridev,’ ‘Henna,’ ‘Aankhen,’ ‘Mohra,’ ‘Gupt: The Hidden Truth,’ ‘Jodhaa



Akbar,’ ‘Bajirao Mastani,’ ‘Padmaavat,’ and ‘Gangubai Kathiawadi.’ Raza Murad was last seen in the Hindi television series “Megha Barseenge.” Recently, he made headlines for slamming Bollywood superstars for their absence at the funeral of veteran actor Mushtaq Khan, who died on September 24. In a strongly worded video message, Murad questioned why prominent faces from the film industry did not turn up to pay their last respects to Khan, who had dedicated nearly five decades to Hindi cinema.

No change in Hindi release plans for Rajinikanth’s ‘Jailer 2’, makers clarify

Mumbai: The makers of the upcoming Rajinikanth-starrer ‘Jailer 2’ have clarified that the film will be released in Hindi markets, dismissing reports that it would not get a Hindi release. On Monday, the film’s publicist issued a statement on behalf of the makers, refuting reports claiming that the film would not be released in Hindi. “In light of recent media reports suggesting that ‘Jailer 2’ will not be releasing in Hindi, we would like to officially clarify that the film’s Hindi version is scheduled for a theatrical release on Thursday, October 15, 2026, alongside its other language versions, as originally planned,” the statement

Srikanth and Ooha’s daughter Medha Meka to debut with new-age rom-com #MythriInLove

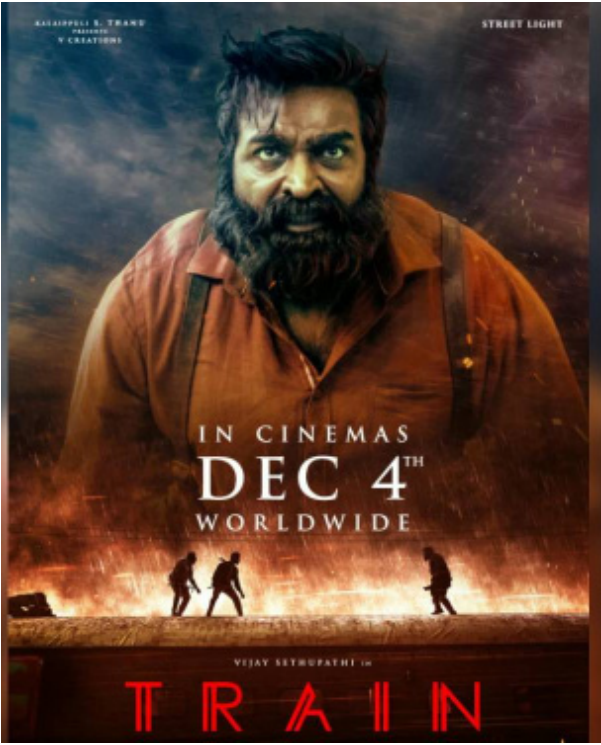
Hyderabad: Medha Meka, the daughter of well known Telugu actors Srikanth and Ooha Meka, will make her acting debut in director Prithvi Vanam’s upcoming new age romantic comedy, which is tentatively being referred to as #MythriInLove. Mythri Movie Makers, which introduced the fresh pairing of Vaishnav Tej and Krithi Shetty with the National Award-winning musical romantic entertainer ‘Uppena’, is now set to present another intriguing love story. The film, tentatively being referred to as #MythriInLove, was officially launched with a grand pooja ceremony, marking the beginning of an exciting cinematic journey for the young team. MLA Ganta Srinivasa Rao handed over the script to the makers while Sahu Garapati and Archana switched on the camera. Nandini Reddy sounded the clapboard and Sowmya Yerneni directed the first shot. Medha Meka, the daughter of acclaimed actors Srikanth Meka and Ooha Meka (Also known as Sivaranjani in Tamil), has completed her bachelor’s degree in marketing. She embarks on her acting journey with this film. Along with her, Jai Jasti, a passionate dreamer who pursued filmmaking and Business Economics, makes his acting debut as the male lead. During his academic journey, Jasti developed expertise in sound, editing, screenwriting, and theatre arts. He subsequently worked as an assistant director under Anil Ravipudi on ‘Gaali Sampath’ and ‘F3’, while also gaining experience through a few independent film



projects. Sources close to the unit say that the new-age romantic comedy, #MythriInLove will explore the peculiar dynamics of a relationship between a boy and a girl, blending romance, humour, and family drama into an entertaining cinematic experience. The film, sources claim, will look to appeal to audiences across all sections. Prithvi Vanam, who earned recognition for directing popular web series such as 30 Weds 21 and Middle Bench Ravi, makes his feature-film directorial debut with this project. Director Mahesh Babu P, known for Miss Shetty Mr Polishetty and Andhra King Taluka, is to be associated with the film as its creator. One other interesting aspect about the film is that Sai Harsha, the son of popular lyricist Ramajogayya Sastry, is to score the music for the movie. The makers unveiled the film’s first look poster, introducing the fresh pairing of Jai Jasti and Medha Meka. The poster beautifully captures the warmth, tenderness, and magic of young love. Jai sports a casual, colourful checked shirt and a beard, while Medha looks elegant with her long, flowing hair and a soft smile.

Vijay Sethupathi’s ‘Train’ to hit theatres worldwide on December 4

Chennai: The makers of director Mysskin’s eagerly awaited action thriller ‘Train’, featuring actor Vijay Sethupathi in the lead, have now announced that their film will hit screens on December 4 this year. It may be recalled that the film has already been cleared by the Censor Board for release with an U/A certificate. Producer Kalaippuli S Thanu, whose production house V Creations is producing the film, took to his social media timelines to drop the update. Thanu wrote, “Get ready for the ride! #Train storms into cinemas worldwide on ‘DECEMBER 4’!” A couple of months ago, Thanu had announced the news that the film had been cleared by the Censor Board for release. He had then said, “Train censored U/A.” For the unaware, director Mysskin’s fast-paced action thriller, ‘Train’, featuring actor Vijay Sethupathi in the lead, has triggered huge interest in fans and film buffs ever since the makers released a teaser recently. The high octane 43-second teaser shows a speeding train under



the control of some vicious people. Scared passengers fearing for their lives look on as one man (Vijay Sethupathi) wages a lone battle. It’s evident from the teaser that the train, which resembles a speeding monster, is not halting at any station that it is scheduled to stop at. More significantly, those who seem to have taken control of the train seem to have come well prepared. What is their mission? Who are these people? And who importantly is the person trying to take them on? Like all other Mysskin thrillers, ‘Train’ too promises to be an edge-of-the-seat thriller. Train, which is being produced by V Creations and directed by Mysskin, will feature a host of stars including Nasser, Shruti Haasan, Yugi Sethu, Narain, KS Ravikumar, Sampath Raj, Kalaiyaran, Ira Dayanand and Preethy Karan. The film has cinematography by Fowzia Fathima and music by Mysskin himself. Interestingly, Narain in a post on social media last year had released pictures of himself on the sets of Train.



said. The makers further stated, “The film will be distributed in North India by Pen Marudhar Entertainment. There has been no change to the scheduled Hindi theatrical release.

ICC Men’s Cricket World Cup 2027 ticket applications cross 15 million in 12 days



Dubai: The ICC Men’s Cricket World Cup 2027 has attracted more than 15 million ticket applications within 12 days of the ballot opening, underlining the growing anticipation for the tournament scheduled to be co-hosted by South Africa, Zimbabwe and Namibia. According to the International Cricket Council (ICC), a total of 15,083,752 ticket applications have been submitted, with 4,423,417 ballot registrations recorded from fans across 142 countries. The surge marks a significant jump from the one million applications received during the first week of the registration process. The 14th edition of the tournament will return to Africa for the first time in 24 years and is set to feature a new format, with organisers anticipating a global following for what is being billed as the biggest edition in the competition’s history. ICC Chief Executive Officer Sanjog Gupta attributed the response to the tournament’s global appeal, the attraction of its African host nations and the promotional efforts leading up to the launch. “The overwhelming demand for tickets is testament to the stature and appeal of the Cricket World Cup, the allure

of Africa as a destination and the anticipation for the event generated by the ICC and its partners’ promotional activities leading up to the event launch,” ICC Chief Executive Officer Sanjog Gupta said. Gupta also outlined the ICC’s plans to build momentum in the lead-up to the tournament, which is now less than a year away. “With a year to go, the ICC has planned an exciting runway of 360 degree activations, multi-platform campaigns and content line-ups, which will elevate the fandom associated with the ICC Cricket World Cup 2027.” Fans can register for the ticket ballot until 23:59 Central Africa Time (CAT) on November 21, 2026. The deadline falls exactly one year before the scheduled World Cup final at the Wanderers Stadium in Johannesburg. The tournament is scheduled to begin on October 2, 2027, with a three-team Super Series in Windhoek, Namibia, before the competition unfolds across the three host nations. With ticket applications already exceeding 15 million, the early response highlights the scale of interest surrounding the next edition of the men’s ODI showpiece as preparations continue across southern Africa.

Para Sports Association urges Telangana to issue Deepthi Jeevanji’s appointment order

Hyderabad: Gadipally Prasanth, general secretary of the Para Sports Association of Telangana, has appealed to Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy, the State Sports Minister, and the Vice-Chairman and Managing Director of the Sports Authority of Telangana to intervene immediately and ensure the prompt issuance of Group-II appointment orders to international athlete Deepthi Jeevanji. Prasanth urged the government to translate its commitment into concrete action, eliminate unnecessary administrative delays and issue the promised appointment order without further delay. “Recognising Deepthi’s extraordinary achievements at the international level is not merely a matter of honouring one athlete; it is also a powerful message of encouragement to



para-athletes across Telangana who aspire to represent the country,” he said. “The government must act decisively and fulfil its promise by issuing her appointment order at the earliest. Justice delayed in recognising sporting excellence risks weakening the confidence of deserving athletes who look to the government for support and encouragement,” Prasanth said.

Tanay Thyagarajan’s six-for powers Hyderabad to innings win over Tripura

Hyderabad: Left-arm spinner Tanay Thyagarajan was the wrecker-in-chief again as Hyderabad began the 2026-27 Ranji Trophy season in style with an emphatic innings and 40-run win over Tripura at Gymkhana Ground here on Tuesday. Resuming at their overnight score of 99 for seven, still trailing by 61 runs after conceding a 160-run lead to the home team, Tripura folded up quickly on the third day, as expected. Left-arm spinner Tanay Thyagarajan returned impressive

figures of 16.2-6-52-6 to wrap up the Tripura innings, picking up the last three wickets on Tuesday and completing a nine-wicket haul in the match. Incidentally, this was his 12th five-wicket haul in 37 Ranji matches. Tanay once again reminded those who matter that he is one of the country’s best left-arm spinners and deserves a closer look. Tripura folded up for 120 in 41.2 overs on Tuesday, batting for only 8.1 overs on the day. It was a complete all-round performance by Hyderabad, led by

To avoid further forfeitures, BCCI conducts selection trials for various Arunachal Pradesh teams

New Delhi: The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) is organising selection trials for various Arunachal Pradesh men’s and women’s age-group and senior teams to avoid further forfeitures from them and keep them in the reckoning in the ongoing domestic season. The intervention comes after Arunachal Pradesh forfeited their opening Ranji Trophy fixture against Nagaland in Ahmedabad, alongside earlier non-participation in the Vinoo Mankad Trophy and Under-19 Women’s T20 Trophy due to a legal deadlock over two factions in the Arunachal Cricket Association (ACA) in the Guwahati High Court-Itanagar Bench. BCCI Secretary Devajit Saikia confirmed to IANS on Tuesday that Apex Council member M. Khairul Jamal Majumdar has been appointed as convener. “Yes, trials are going on in Arunachal Pradesh. The BCCI has appointed M. Khairul Jamal Majumdar (also known as Mamon) as the convener to conduct trials because we cannot allow the teams to go without participating in this season’s domestic competitions. So trials are going on in Arunachal with some independent selectors from outside the state. The association is not involved in these trials, as the BCCI is directly conducting the trials and we are trying to send the teams from Arunachal to Ranji Trophy and games in other tournaments, which will be happening in the coming days,” Saikia said on Tuesday. A panel of independent selectors from Assam, comprising former players



Satya Gopal Chakraborty, Jayanta Chowdhury, and Deep Bora, have been tasked with conducting the trials and ensure teams are fielded from Arunachal in the Ranji Trophy, Col CK Nayudu Trophy, Senior Women’s T20 Trophy and Vijay Merchant Trophy. “The selectors at the trials in Arunachal are three former players from Assam – Satya Gopal Chakraborty, Jayanta Chowdhury, and Deep Bora. Chakraborty is the chairman of selectors for these trials,” added Saikia. A local source in Arunachal Pradesh confirmed to IANS about the ongoing selection trials in Itanagar. “Yes, there was a notice which came for trials for various men’s and women’s teams players happening from 8am today at the Delhi Public School in Itanagar. The trials are happening to pick teams for Senior Women’s, Boys U16, Men’s U23 and Senior Men’s teams,” further said the source.

TCA demands scrapping of Hyderabad Ranji squad, threatens BCCI protest

Hanamkonda: Alleging serious irregularities in team selection and commercial interests overriding merit, the Telangana Cricket Association (TCA) has demanded the immediate scrapping of the existing Hyderabad Ranji Trophy squad. Alleging systematic neglect of cricketing talent across Telangana’s 32 districts, the TCA also threatened to mobilise thousands of young cricketers for a mass protest at the BCCI headquarters in Mumbai if the concerns raised by district-level players continued to be ignored. The proposed agitation, the association said, would seek to draw the national cricket administration’s attention to the need for equitable opportunities and a transparent selection system. Speaking to the media here on Monday, TCA general secretary Dharam Guruva Reddy and vice-president Dr Pesaroo Vijay Chander Reddy accused the Hyderabad Cricket Association (HCA) of concentrating opportunities in limited pockets of Hyderabad at the expense of promising cricketers from the rest of Telangana. Guruva Reddy questioned the selection process overseen by Ambati Rayudu and HCA secretary Jeevan Reddy, alleging that places in the Ranji squad had been allotted to individuals associated with cricket-kit and T-shirt vendor companies, while deserving local Telangana players were left out. He said the HCA leadership should participate in an open debate on the selection process, the criteria adopted and the alleged exclusion of district-level talent. Complaints of alleged cash-for-selection practices could not be brushed aside, he said, stressing the need for accountability and transparency in selecting players to represent Hyderabad in domestic cricket. Dr Vijay Chander Reddy accused the HCA of failing to adequately identify and nurture talent across the 32 districts. The future of Telangana cricket depended on a system that reached the grassroots rather than one that concentrated opportunities within a narrow geographical area, he said.



Rupee jumps 77 paise, logs sharp gains for second day after RBI measures

New Delhi: The Indian rupee appreciated by 77 paise against the US dollar in early trade on Tuesday supported by RBI measures aimed at reducing immediate dollar demand and curbing excessive positions in the foreign exchange market. The domestic currency opened at 95.17 — up 0.64 paise — then gained ground to touch 95.05 — up 77 paise — over its previous close. The measures including a dedicated dollar window for oil marketing companies through designated banks and higher costs for certain foreign exchange hedging transactions are expected to reduce dollar demand in spot market and curb speculative positions against rupee. On Monday, the rupee appreciated 93 paise, logging its steepest single-day gain in more than six months, to close at 95.78 against the US dollar. On outlook for the rupee, experts expect the Indian currency to trade in 95.60-97.50 per dollar range by end-2026 with most projections clustering around 96-97 per dollar mark. Earlier in October, the Reserve Bank of India tightened rules governing forex derivatives trades to curtail speculative bets against rupee and asked banks to create 20 per cent reserve for dollar purchases of over



\$2 million. In another set of measures announced Saturday on derivatives front, RBI said authorised dealers should not permit users to rebook any foreign exchange derivative contract involving INR, whether deliverable or non-deliverable, which has been cancelled. Meanwhile, dollar index — which gauges greenback’s strength against basket of six currencies — was trading lower by 0.15 per cent at 102.43. Meanwhile, Brent crude — global oil benchmark — was trading lower by over 1 per cent at \$105.47 per barrel. According to experts. The US dollar index hovered around 102.5 Tuesday, remaining near its strongest level since April 2025 as investors awaited key inflation reports for clues about Federal Reserve’s monetary policy outlook.

RBI may hike repo rate by 75 bps, likely to stay on tightening path through H1FY28: Brokerages

New Delhi: The Reserve Bank of India is likely to stay on tightening path through H1FY28 and may hike the repo rate by around 75 basis points, according to leading brokerages. According to the NDTV Profit report, global brokerages — including BofA, Goldman Sachs and UBS — said that the Middle East tensions, energy supply disruptions and intensifying El Nino could push headline CPI higher. BofA and UBS have forecast that the central bank will tighten monetary policy and expect around a 75-basis-point repo rate hike in MPC meetings scheduled for FY27, extending up to the first half of fiscal 2028. Apart from that, UBS predicted full-year headline inflation to average near 5.2 per cent in FY27, while it could cross 5 per cent through first half of FY28 due to adverse weather-related strains. “As per our global strategy team, historical evidence suggests that effects typically materialize with a lag of 6-18 months following peak weather disruption. With likely peak occurring between November and February, most significant impact on global food prices may emerge during 2027 and early 2028, adding upside risks to inflation outlook,” the brokerage forecasted. Additionally, they flagged up-



side risks after India’s consumer inflation touched a 23-month high in September on surge in food prices. The report highlighted that headline Consumer Price Index inflation came at 5.54 per cent in September, up from 4.8 per cent in August, driven largely by higher food and vegetable prices. Moreover, food inflation climbed to 7.74 per cent in September from 5.97 per cent in August, while food and beverages inflation rose to 7.36 per cent from 5.66 per cent. Notably, 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. CPI (General) index for combined category increased to 109.49 in September from 108.74 in August. Similarly, combined CFPI index rose to 112.17 from 110.73 during same period.

India regulating AI without stifling innovation and investment: IBM’s Sandip Patel

Mumbai: India is taking a very smart approach to regulation when it comes to artificial intelligence (AI), regulating to the point where they are not stifling innovation and investment, Sandip Patel, MD, IBM India and South Asia, said on Tuesday, adding that AI governance is very, very critical at this crucial juncture. Speaking to IANS on the sidelines of the ‘IBM Think 2026’ conference here, Patel said this balanced approach will continue for a while as AI technology evolves. “I think the bigger question that we should be asking ourselves is how do we drive digital sovereignty? And the issue of sovereignty, it's not just an India issue; it's global,” he said. For Patel, digital sover-

eignty means ‘Digital Swaraj’. “I think it's important, both from an AI and infrastructure standpoint. You have to maintain a level of sovereignty that is aligned to the regulations that you are governed by as an enterprise, but also the kinds of workloads that you are, in fact, working with,” he said. The government plans to bring out a consultation paper on AI regulations soon, with a key focus on ensuring AI safety and curbing the danger posed by deepfakes. The consultation paper will focus on skilling, safety, and ensuring that no one is left behind as the AI technology advances. According to Union Electronics and IT Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw, AI cannot be governed

Sensex surges over 1,100 points as FM's remarks on LTCG, STT boost sentiment

Mumbai: Benchmark equity indices rebounded sharply on Tuesday, recovering from the previous session's losses as investor sentiment improved after Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman indicated openness to discussions on key market-related taxes, including long-term capital gains (LTCG) tax and securities transaction tax (STT). The Finance Minister said she would be keen to hear the views of market participants on LTCG tax and STT, describing such debates as healthy. Her comments boosted investor confidence and sparked broad-based buying across sectors. The Sensex climbed 1,109.10 points, or 1.54 per cent, to close at 73,033.78, while the Nifty advanced 358.60 points, or 1.6 per cent, to settle at 22,721.95. Commenting on Nifty technical outlook, experts said that Nifty staged a strong recovery, with sustained buying interest throughout the session pushing the index decisively above the 22,600 resistance zone and beyond 22,700. "On the upside, 22,800 remains a crucial resistance level that the index must decisively breach and sustain above to extend the recovery toward the psychologically important 23,000 mark," market watchers stated. "On the downside, 22,600 has now emerged as an important support zone, while 22,300 remains a key lower support level. Holding above 22,600 will be essential to sustain the re-



covery momentum," analysts stated. Technology stocks led the rally, with HCL Technologies and Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) emerging among the top gainers on the Nifty index. Shriram Finance also featured prominently among the day's best-performing stocks. The gains extended beyond frontline indices, although broader markets underperformed the benchmarks. The Nifty MidCap index rose 1.06 per cent, while the Nifty SmallCap index added 0.11 per cent. Among sectoral indices, Nifty IT registered the strongest gains as investors accumulated technology stocks. Nifty Realty and Nifty Consumer Durables also ended firmly in the green, reflecting improved risk appetite. In contrast, Nifty Pharma was the biggest sectoral laggard and closed lower despite the broader market rally. "The strong IT-led start and expectations of a decent overall Q2 corporate performance suggest the market is pricing in resilience despite a challenging external environment," analysts noted.

Not right moment to say what govt will consider on LTCG: FM Sitharaman

New Delhi: Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Tuesday declined to rule out changes to the long-term capital gains tax regime, saying preparations for the next Union Budget have begun and this was not right moment to say what the government would consider. Plan Trips Speaking at the Bloomberg New Economy Forum here, FM Sitharaman acknowledged that investors in India and abroad have been commenting on issue. However, she also pointed to securities transaction tax as a related question. Market participants have raised issue of whether all asset classes should be treated similarly, according to her. The government will keenly hear views on these matters, she added. Moreover, her remarks come as the government prepares for Union Budget 2027-28, due to be presented on February 1, 2027. Under current rules, long-term capital gains on listed equities and equity mutual funds held for more than one year are taxed at 12.5 per cent, while gains up to Rs 1.25 lakh annually are exempt. The changes were introduced in the July 2024 Budget, when the government increased the LTCG rate from 10 per cent and raised the exemp-



tion threshold from Rs 1 lakh. Budget 2026 retained the capital gains tax structure despite expectations from sections of the market for either a lower tax rate or a higher exemption limit. However, it increased the securities transaction tax on futures and options trades. India News Updates However, industry groups and foreign portfolio investors have repeatedly argued that India's capital gains tax framework affects the competitiveness of domestic equity markets and weighs on investment flows. Moreover, foreign investors have remained net sellers of Indian equities for extended periods this year. Apart from that, equity markets traded higher following the minister's remarks as the benchmarks Sensex and Nifty ended more than 1 per cent higher each.



through legislation alone and “We have to bring a techno-legal solution”. Patel said that data provenance, data accuracy, whether you are using data that you are supposed to use, you are being clear about how you are using that data — this all comes with governance. “Model governance is also the key, which means what models are you using, when are you using it. Are you updating the models? Is your model relevant for what you are trying to use it for? Those are all questions

that come into model governance,” said Patel. And then overall AI governance, which basically gets into things around transparency. “Do you have transparency in terms of how your models are being used by AI? What data are you using and all the rest of it. But most importantly, the explainability of outcomes. Can you explain your outcomes? Or are you letting your models hallucinate and do whatever they want? All of these components create governance modules for AI,” Patel noted. He said they are proud of what they have created as AI governance, because it's now validated in the market, particularly in India where Infosys was trying to build their own. India News Updates “They had started to build their own governance model. When they saw what we had, they abandoned that, and they adopted our WatsonX.gov.

Assurance to women - Boon to farmers

Custom Hiring Center inaugurated in Datti Rajeru
Cooperation of Chief Minister Chandrababu garu,
Union Minister Pemmasani garu
National Saras started with Amaravati as center in
presence of Ammavaru
Minister Kondapalli Srinivas garu



Gajapathinagaram, October 13, “Minister for Micro, Small, Medium Enterprises, Rural Poverty Alleviation, Pravasandhra Empowerment Relations Kondapalli Srinivas said with Custom Hiring Centers it is assurance to women along with boon to farmers. At Dattirajeru mandal center in constituency on Tuesday Minister Kondapalli Srinivas inaugurated Custom Hiring Center. Said



CHC centers have also been inaugurated in Ramabhadrapuram, L Kota, Gantyada in district. Speaking on this occasion Minister Kondapalli Srinivas said great person who established DWCRA groups in 1995 with determination to bring lights in lives of women is Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu. Said with same trend presently also credit for moving forward with determination to make one

entrepreneur per house in alliance government also goes to Chief Minister Chandrababu. Said leader who is creating belief that family system improves through women becoming financially strong also is Chandrababu. Said we are doing action plan for leadership by selecting women from village level to Mandal Samakhya, District Samakhya, State Coordinator Committees. Said co-operation being provided by Union Minister Pemmasani Chandrasekhar for this is unforgettable.

Said training is being given to shape women entrepreneurs to make women show talent in all fields. Said to bring awareness among women, with Amaravati as center in background of Ammavari festival National Saras program has been arranged with products made by women coming from all corners of country. Said Saras Mela is being conducted to instill self-confidence through sales of items made by women. Said through CHC agricultural works will be taken up at low prices to farmers. Said in CHC centers tractors, agricultural implements, drone, rotavator like equipment will be available, suggested farmers should utilize. Said through SERP as FPO, IFC anchors, for women empowerment we are striving to provide golden future to women. Said soon train-

ing will be given for global marketing by selecting 300 skilled women in each district. Said women should utilize government schemes, opportunities being provided by alliance government. Said credit for providing support to all sections in state also is alliance government's. Said to drive away misconceptions of DWCRA women special app Mana Dabbulu Mana Lekkalu has been brought. Said many revolutionary changes have been brought for DWCRA women and as part of that payment has been made easier through digital payment UPI. Said with special initiative of Chief Minister 32 thousand rupees subsidy has been provided to DWCRA women who got loan of 20 lakhs, said this method is currently being adopted by other states in country. Unveiled CHC brochure. CHC members gifted memento with bullock cart having farmer's watch to Minister Kondapalli Srinivas. In meeting women displayed with placards saying Thank You Minister Kondapalli. Before program Minister Kondapalli inspected stalls arranged at CHC center. At center Minister Kondapalli drove tractor and enthused farmers. In this program Telugu Desam Party mandal presidents Chappa Chandrasekhar, Rama, DRDA PD Srinivas Pani, DWCRA women, farmers participated.

RO drinking water for health protection Thanks to Union Bank Minister Kondapalli Srinivas



Gajapathinagaram, October 13, “Minister for Micro, Small, Medium Enterprises, Rural Poverty Alleviation, Pravasandhra Empowerment Relations Kondapalli Srinivas said purified drinking water will be provided through RO water plant for health protection of rural area people. At Saraivalasa village of Dattirajeru mandal RO water plant constructed with Union Bank CSR funds was inaugurated on Tuesday by Minister Kondapalli Srinivas On this occasion Minister Kondapalli Srinivas speaking said when came for campaign during elections, people agitated saying cancer related diseases are coming due to drinking contaminated water in village and to provide good drinking water. That is



why with determination to provide drinking water in village RO water plant has been established. On this occasion expressed thanks to Union Bank who provided four water plants in constituency. Said electric vehicles will also be available to provide purified drinking water to surrounding areas along with village. Said purified water should be drunk to improve health. Said alliance government is striving to develop villages and requested people to bring huge majority to candidates supported by alliance party in local elections. In this program party mandal president Chappa Chandrasekhar, bank branch manager Suneeth and others participated.

ALC lecturer finds place in world's top 2% scientists list

Vijayawada: Dr MC Rao, Head of the Department of Physics at Andhra Loyola College, Vijayawada, has earned international recognition by featuring in the World's Top 2% Scientists list in Physics, released by Stanford University and Elsevier in



October 2026. Dr Rao has secured a place in the prestigious rankings for seven consecutive years, from 2020 to 2026. His global ranking has improved from 934 to 810, based on an evaluation that included 278 high-impact research publications. He is reportedly the only scientist from an undergraduate college in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana to achieve this distinction in Physics. With 32 years of academic experience, Dr Rao has published over 295 research papers indexed in Scopus and more than 350 publications listed on Google Scholar. He has authored 10 textbooks, holds over 35 patents and has received more than 5,100 citations, with an h-index of 37. His research focuses on nanomaterials, clean energy, wastewater purification and environmental sustainability. Book Local Tours His achievements include the Andhra Pradesh State Best Teacher Award in 2014 and the State Best Lecturer Award in 2013.

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20 SRM-AP faculty members feature among world's top 2% scientists



Amaravati: SRM University-AP has achieved a significant milestone in research excellence, with 20 faculty members featuring in the world's top 2 per cent scientists list, compared with seven researchers recognised last year. The recognition highlights the university's expanding research capabilities, multidisciplinary expertise and commitment to producing high-impact scientific contributions. The list is compiled by researchers at Stanford University in collaboration with Elsevier, using Scopus-based citation metrics to assess the impact of scientific research. Speaking at a felicitation ceremony on campus, Vice-Chancellor Prof Ch Satish Kumar stressed the importance of research quality and long-term impact over numerical indicators. Prof Soumitra Datta, Advisor to the SRM Group, emphasised that

knowledge creation was central to a university's identity. Dr Karthik Rajendran, Dean of Quality Assurance and Rankings, highlighted the role of research impact in institutional rankings. Prof Ranjit Thapa, Dean of Research, noted that the number of recognised faculty members had increased from seven to 20 in a year. The awardees include Prof Rangabhashiyam Selvasembian, Dr Akash Balakrishnan, Dr Deblina Dutta, Prof Saraju Mohanty, Prof Karthik Rajendran, Prof Lakshminarayana Polavarapu, Prof Upadrasta Ramamurthy, Prof Yoshiyuki Kawazoe, Prof Corrado Di Natale, Dr Sudip Pan and Dr Pintu Bhunia, among others. Donate to Research Registrar Dr Vinayak Kalluri said the recognition reflected the breadth of research undertaken across disciplines.

96 cases registered against contract carriage buses

Visakhapatnam: The Transport Department has intensified its crackdown on violations by contract carriage (CC) buses in Visakhapatnam district, registering 96 cases and imposing fines of Rs 8.76 lakh. During a special inspection drive, RTA officials detected several violations, including buses operating without valid permits, violating permit conditions and failing to pay motor vehicle taxes. Officials also identified safety lapses, including non-functional emergency exit doors, and registered cases against the violators. Apart from enforcing the provisions of the Motor Vehicles Act, the department focused on



monitoring road safety standards to ensure passenger safety during travel to hometowns for the Dussehra festival. Deputy Transport Commissioner (in-charge) R.C.H. Srinivas stated that special inspections of private buses would continue until the end of this month to prevent violations and safeguard passengers during the festive season.