

Control prices of essential commodities, CM tells officials

Amaravati: Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu directed officials to take effective measures to control the prices of essential commodities and ensure that the impact of El Niño-related conditions does not burden consumers across the country. During a review meeting on the performance of various government departments through the Real Time Governance Society (RTGS) on Wednesday, the Chief Minister stressed the need for close



monitoring of the prices of rice, red gram, onions, cooking oil and sugar to prevent unreasonable increases. Reviewing the sale of rice through Rythu Ba-

zaars, Chandrababu Naidu enquired about the public response to the government's initiative. Officials informed him
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Andhra Pradesh urban local body polls postponed to November 1

Vijayawada: Andhra Pradesh State Election Commission has postponed the polling for Urban Local Body elections in the state to November 1, following the Supreme Court direction to postpone the publication of the final list of contesting candidates to October 25 and extend the nomination process wherever necessary. The polling in 100 Urban Local Bodies, which was earlier scheduled on October 28, has now been rescheduled to November 1. The State



Election Commission (SEC), which had stopped the election process following the Supreme Court order on Wednesday, issued a new notification in this regard on Thursday night. State Election Commissioner Anil Chandra Punetha announced

that re-polling, if any, will be conducted on November 2, while counting of votes will be taken up on November 3. The SEC also extended the nomination process in four ULBs – Kadapa Municipal Corporation, Rajampet Municipality, Mydukur Municipality and Tirupati Municipal Corporation. The candidates can file nominations on October 22 and 23. Scrutiny of fresh nominations received during the extended
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33rd edition of SIMBEX-2026 commences in Visakhapatnam

Visakhapatnam: The 33rd edition of the Singapore-India Maritime Bilateral Exercise (SIMBEX-2026), scheduled till October 26, commenced in Visakhapatnam. Republic of Singapore Navy (RSN) Ship RSS Supreme arrived in Visakhapatnam on Wednesday to participate in the exercise. Tour Navy Ships The opening ceremony of 'SIMBEX-2026' was jointly hosted onboard INS Nilgiri and INS Kamorta. The ceremony was attended by the Chief Staff Officer (Operations) of the Eastern Naval Command, the Fleet Commander of the RSN and other senior officers from the Indian Navy and the Republic of Singapore Navy. Commencing



in 1994 as Exercise Lion King, SIMBEX has evolved into a significant bilateral maritime engagement between the Indian Navy (IN) and the RSN. Over the years, the exercise has expanded in scope and complexity, strengthening professional

ties, mutual understanding and operational interoperability between the two Navies. The exercise will be carried out in two phases. The harbour phase, from October 21 to 23, includes professional interaction
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Rail nursery promotes a healthier environment

Visakhapatnam: Lalit Bohra, Divisional Railway Manager of Visakhapatnam Division, and Jyotsna Bohra, president, South Coast Railway Women's Welfare Organisation (SCoR WWO), visited the dedicated rail nursery at Railway Colony, Visakhapatnam on Wednesday. The dedicated rail nursery was established to enhance greenery and promote a healthy, clean

and eco-friendly environment across railway premises. The nursery supplies a variety of saplings for plantation in railway colonies and office premises, supporting the development of green spaces and improving the overall environment. The initiative reflects Visakhapatnam Division's commitment to environmental sustainability and promoting plantation activities

across railway establishments. The availability of different sapling varieties will facilitate plantation and encourage maintenance of greener surroundings for railway employees and their families. The initiative underscores the importance of environmental conservation and collective efforts towards building a greener and healthier railway ecosystem.

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Andhra Deputy CM orders legal action against fake WhatsApp channel

Amaravati: Andhra Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan on Thursday ordered legal action against a fake WhatsApp channel operating in the name of 'Deputy CMO'. According to a statement from the Deputy Chief Minister's Office, the WhatsApp channel operating under the name "Deputy CMO, Andhra Pradesh" is not an authorised channel of the Deputy Chief Minister's Office. "This unauthorised channel is misusing the Office's identity and circulating misleading information and unrelated content. Such impersonation and the deliberate



spread of misinformation are unacceptable and will be dealt with firmly. An FIR is being initiated, and strict legal action will be pursued against those responsible," said the statement posted on the 'X' handle of the Deputy Chief Minister's Office. "The public is strongly advised NOT to trust, follow or circulate content from this fake channel. Please rely exclusively on official channels.
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Andhra Pradesh reports 31 election-related incidents during nomination filing



Amaravati: Andhra Pradesh reported 31 election-related incidents across 13 districts on Thursday during the filing of nominations for the Mandal Parishad Territorial Constituency (MPTC) and Zilla Parishad Territorial Constituency (ZPTC) elections, including clashes, attacks on candidates and destruction of nomination papers. Calling the destruction of nomination papers a direct attack on a citizen's right to contest an election, Director General of Police (DGP) Harish Kumar Gupta warned that those involved in violence and intimidation would face criminal action irrespective of political affiliations. According to a statement from the DGP's

office, 22 incidents involved violence, clashes or public-order disturbances, while nine were separately reported incidents involving the snatching or tearing of nomination papers. Across the incidents, 16 instances of nomination papers being snatched, torn or destroyed were recorded. Anantapur reported the highest number of incidents at eight, followed by Annamayya, Kadapa, Prakasam and Tirupati, with three each. Chittoor, Sri Sathya Sai and Palnadu reported two incidents each, while Nellore, Kurnool, Markapuram, Nandyal and Eluru reported one each. Across the reported incidents, including cases in which nomination papers were destroyed during clashes, there
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The agony and ecstasy in the high-stakes journalism career

Today’s world offers young and qualified people many opportunities for rewarding and productive careers. From medicine or engineering, through law, accountancy, and the civil services or journalism to politics, there are innumerable choices. Counting out politics, which has been described as the ‘last resort of scoundrels’ by Dr Samuel John son, journalism as a career offers an exhilarating mix of front-line storytelling and profound social impact; paired, however, with severe physical, digital, and psychological risks. Since it is all about uncovering the truth, bringing hidden stories about systemic corruption and unheard voices out into the open, and into the public eye: catalysing societal change, holding power accountable, and giving a platform to the resilient or marginalized. Journalism, thus, offers deep personal fulfilment and excitement through storytelling. The life of a journalist is heady and dynamic and is characterised by an ever-changing daily environment where no two days are identical. Among the pleasurable things the profession offers is the joy of sharing an unspoken bond and deep solidarity with fellow reporters navigating high-pressure deadlines across the globe. The flip side, however, can hardly be ignored, as the occupation also comes with low starting pay and intense deadline stress. And those are just trivial concerns. Because exposure to hazards such as possible physical danger and, on occasion, even violence, especially in conflict zones, unstable environments, or targeted crackdowns, is not uncommon. Industry instability often poses issues. And, what with one having to navigate dwindling legacy newsroom budgets, deal with the relentless pressures of a 24x7 algorithmic news cycle, and handle rampant disinformation, especially in the form of fake news, a false, misleading, or fabricated information that is presented to look like a legitimate news report, it can be a severely trying job. Dealing with the chronic stress of tight deadlines, the vicarious trauma that invariably follows the covering of tragedies, and institutional or legal harassment can take their own severe toll on one’s psychological reserves. Meanwhile, despite growing numbers, women journalists often encounter deep-seated patriarchal structures, unequal assignments, a lack of representation in leadership, and the added pressure of balancing demanding news cycles with family expectations. They must balance the demands of reporting with the risks of working on the ground. A well-known woman reporter says that, when she decided to pursue journalism, leaving behind what was considered a dream job for an engineering graduate, her mother worried that the profession was not safe for a woman. Even years later, the fear had not changed. The mother still had only one question for her daughter after every assignment, “Did you get home safely?” Studies have shown that a high percentage of female reporters face multiple forms of attacks, leading many to consider leaving the profession. For instance, when reporting from conflict zones, protests, or restrictive regions, such as under Taliban ruled Afghanistan or during volatile local protests, female reporters face heightened risks of assault, detention, and targeted violence. Other issues they face include marginalization and undervaluation:

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that the programme had received a good response, with encouraging sales. The Chief Minister directed officials to explore the possibility of making fine-quality rice available at affordable prices through Rythu Bazaars during festivals such as Deepavali and Sankranti. He also instructed them to increase onion supplies to ensure that common people do not face any difficulties. Emphasising the importance of uninterrupted electricity supply, he directed the officials concerned to take stringent measures to prevent disruptions under all circumstances. The Chief Minister called for accelerating the installation of rooftop solar panels under the PM Surya Ghar scheme. Observing that Andhra Pradesh was currently ranked fourth nationally in implementation, he said efforts should be intensified to improve the State’s position. He pointed out that another nine lakh connections needed to be installed to achieve the target and instructed officials to prepare and implement an action plan to complete the installations as quickly as possible. Chandrababu Naidu also directed officials to ensure smooth sand supplies without disruptions. He stressed the need to make full use of technology in governance, identify administrative shortcomings and rectify them immediately. Follow Politics The Chief Minister called for better coordination among various government departments to improve service delivery and ensure the effective implementation of government programmes. Chief secretary G Sai Prasad and senior officials from various departments attended the review

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clusively on the officially authorised social media handles and the verified WhatsApp channel of the Deputy Chief Minister’s Office for authentic information and official updates. Misuse of a Government Office’s identity will not be tolerated. Those responsible will be held accountable in accordance with the law,” it added. Meanwhile, the Deputy Chief Minister has greeted Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation Amit Shah on his birthday. “May you be blessed with good health, strength and a long life to continue serving our nation with dedication. Wishing you many more years of service towards a secure, prosperous and Viksit Bharat,” he said. Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu has also conveyed his warmest birthday greetings to Amit Shah. “Your unwavering dedication, strong leadership, and tireless efforts for the nation’s security and unity continue to inspire us all. Wishing you good health, happiness, and many more years of service to our great nation,” he said. Minister for Human Resources Development and Information Technology, Nara Lokesh, has also greeted Amit Shah. “Your resolve to keep our nation secure and your tireless work for a Viksit Bharat inspire millions of us. Andhra Pradesh is grateful for your steady support to the people of our state. Wishing you good health, happiness and many more years of service to the nation,” said Lokesh.

Speeding vehicle kills four devotees heading to Kanaka Durga Temple

Amaravati: At least four Bhavani devotees were killed when a speeding SUV rammed into them in Andhra Pradesh’s Kakinada district on Thursday, police said. Another devotee was injured in the accident, which occurred near Kathipudi in Prathipadu constituency. According to police, the accident occurred when the devotees were crossing the road to have tea after the bus in which they were travelling broke down. The bus, carrying devotees from Vizianagaram district, was on its way to Vijayawada. They were travelling to the city for darshan at Sri Kanaka Durga Temple. As the bus had stopped due to a technical problem, some devotees got down and headed to a nearby tea stall. Meanwhile, a speeding vehicle coming from Etcherla in Srikakulam district rammed into them. Three devotees died on the spot, while another later succumbed to injuries. The deceased were identified as C. Yerraiah (38), L. Sitaram (45), T. Shivaprasad (40) and B.R. Sattibabu (40). Police rushed to the spot and shifted the injured to a local hospital. The bodies of the deceased were taken to a government hospital for post-mortem examination. Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan expressed grief over the accident in which four Bhavani devotees lost their lives. He said it was heartbreaking that devotees who had completed their vow and were on their way to have darshan of Kanaka Durga had lost their lives midway. He conveyed his deep condolences to the families of the deceased. The Deputy Chief Minister spoke to the Kakinada District Collector over the phone and gathered details about the incident. The District Collector explained that the accident occurred when a speeding vehicle hit the devotees from behind after they had got down from the bus, which had stopped near Ravikampadu Junction.

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nomination process will be taken up on October 25. The last date of withdrawal of nominations is also October 25. The nomination process has been extended in all 32 wards of Mydukur Municipality (YSR Kadapa district), 11 wards of each of Kadapa Municipal Corporation and Rajampet Municipality (YSR Kadapa district) and 18 wards of Tirupati Municipal Corporation (Tirupati district). The Supreme Court had directed the SEC to consider the representations made by the petitioner party (YSR Congress Party) and/or various candidates, including evidentiary material as well as electronic evidence placed before it and take a decision to extend the last date of filing nominations in Urban Local Bodies wherever it is of the view that candidates were unable to file their nominations due to the law and order situation. According to the notification, the SEC examined the reports received from the Collectors & District Election Authorities and the Commissioners of Police / Superintendents of police in respect of 100 Urban Local Bodies and also examined the representations made by petitioner party and/or various candidates. The Commission observed that in certain Urban Local Bodies, some candidates, who were willing to contest, have been intimidated or attacked, or their nomination papers were torn, or by any adversarial circumstance prevented such candidates from filing nominations. The Commission also observed that those incidents have occurred in four Urban Local Bodies and decided to provide them an opportunity to file nominations and to take appropriate steps to ensure that they are not deprived of their opportunity to contest the Urban Local Body Elections. The SEC had issued notifications on October 14 for conduct of the elections to 13 Municipal Corporations and 87 Municipalities / Nagar Panchayats in the State. As per the election schedule, the nomination process was conducted from October 16 to October 18, and the scrutiny of nominations was conducted by the Returning Officers / Election Officers concerned on October 19. The last date for withdrawal of nominations was October 21. However, on a petition by the opposition YSR Congress Party, the Supreme Court on Wednesday directed that the SEC postpone the publication of the final list of candidates till October 25 and, in the meantime, the SEC shall consider the representations made by the petitioner party and/or various candidates, including evidentiary material as well as electronic evidence placed before it and take a decision to extend the last date of filing nominations in Urban Local Bodies wherever it is of the view that candidates were unable to file their nominations due to the law and order situation. The Supreme Court directed that such decision shall be taken by the Commission positively by October 22 and wherever the Commission chooses to extend the time, such time shall be extended not less than 48 hours from the time of publishing such decision by amending the election notification.

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were 16 instances of nomination papers being snatched, torn or destroyed. Six incidents involved stone-pelting or attacks with stones and sticks. Four vehicles, including two cars and two motorcycles, were set on fire. Two residential houses were attacked or damaged, including one that was demolished using an earthmover. One incident of firing in the air was reported. A police vehicle escorting candidates was damaged in a stone-pelting incident, and one police Constable sustained a grievous head injury. Two persons, including a contesting candidate, were reported to be critically injured. Several people sustained injuries in three clashes, while three incidents involved road blockades, sit-ins or traffic obstructions. Those targeted included candidates belonging to the Telugu Desam Party (TDP), Yuva Jana Sramika Rythu Congress Party (YSRCP) and Communist Party of India (Marxist) (CPI-M), as well as an independent candidate. “The law makes no distinction between political parties. Every offender, whether associated with the ruling party, the Opposition or any other group, will face the law with equal firmness. No one can claim immunity from criminal action by invoking a party’s name,” it said. Sixteen cases, including counter-cases, have been registered, while cases relating to 11 further incidents are being processed. At least 54 people have been named as accused, and four were apprehended at the spot. Police used cane charge on three occasions and fired two tear-gas shells to disperse a mob attacking a police vehicle. The DGP said that CCTV footage, videos and photographs were being examined to identify more accused. Police have been directed to register pending cases, arrest offenders and strengthen security at sensitive nomination centres. He said that people can report threats, obstruction or violence immediately by dialling 100 or 112 or contacting the nearest police station. “Peaceful political participation will receive full police protection. Any attempt to disrupt the nomination process, intimidate candidates or interfere with elections will invite firm enforcement action,” he added.

TWO PUBLIC SERVANTS OF PMKSY 2.0, BHAGIRATHIPET PROJECT, JAYASHANKAR BHUPALPALLY DISTRICT, ARRESTED BY ACB

AMEER HUSSAIN CRIME BEURO :A case of criminal misconduct registered against (AO-1) Sri Satish Reddy, Project Officer, PMKSY 2.0, Bhagirathipet Project, and (AO-2) Sri Raju, Technical Officer, PMKSY 2.0, Bhagirathipet Project, vide Cr. No. 12/RCO-ACB-WRL/2026, dated 14.10.2026, of ACB, Warangal Range. The case relates to allegations that the accused officers demanded illegal gratification from a contractor for processing bills relating to works executed under the PMKSY 2.0 scheme and for allotment of further works. The complainant alleged that the officers demanded illegal gratification at the rate of 10% to 25% of the bill amounts and threatened that the pending bills would not be processed and further works would not be allotted unless the demanded amounts were paid According to the complaint and verification conducted by ACB, an aggregate amount of Rs.39,17,000/- was transferred to various bank accounts/ UPI accounts allegedly communicated by the accused officers. The complainant also furnished bank statements and WhatsApp chat records in support of the allegations. Further, AO-1 demanded an additional 25% of the amount relating to the seventh bill in connection with recording measurements of further works and processing pending bills Based on the material available on record and the authorization accorded by the competent authority, a case was registered under Sec-



tions 7(a), 7(b) and 13(1)(b) read with Section 13(2) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988, as amended in 2018. “Both the accused officers, AO-1 Sri Satish Reddy and AO-2 Sri Raju, were arrested by ACB, Warangal Range, on 22.10.2026 and are being produced before the Hon'ble Special Court for SPE & ACB Cases, Warangal, for judicial remand. Further investigation in the case is in progress

CELL PHONE NUMBER-1064 (TOLL-FREE NUMBER): In case of demand of bribe by any public servant, the public are requested to contact the ACB Toll-Free Number 1064 for taking action as per law. ACB, Telangana, can also be contacted through WhatsApp (9440446106), Facebook (Telangana ACB) and X (formerly Twitter) TelanganaACB) The QR Code of ACB is 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.

PRO, Anti-Corruption Bureau, TG., Hyderabad.

Foolproof arrangements should be made for conduct of Municipal, ZPTC, MPTC elections

District Collector Dr. G. Lakshmisha
Collector suddenly inspects polling centers, strong rooms, counting centers.No compromise on security of strong rooms
order to close windows with bricks..Stern action if election code violated

Tiruvuru: October 22: NTR District Collector Dr. G. Lakshmisha directed concerned officials to complete all advance arrangements foolproof to conduct Municipal, local body elections transparently, in peaceful atmosphere.*Collector suddenly visited several polling stations, strong rooms, counting centers in Tiruvuru Municipal limits on Thursday and minutely inspected field level arrangements. First Collector inspected polling stations set up in Tiruvuru local ZP High School premises. He suggested officials to set up clear indicator boards at each booth so that voters can easily identify their polling centers. He said ensure no lapses in minimum basic facilities like drinking water, electricity, ramps for disabled. He clarified to take strong security measures at polling centers and give high priority to maintenance of law and order.Afterwards Collector Dr. G. Lakshmisha thoroughly inspected strong rooms, counting centers being set up for ZPTC, MPTC elections at Tiruvuru Sri Vahini Institute of Science and Technology Engineering College. Speaking on this occasion Collector said security of strong rooms is most crucial and issued clear orders to completely close windows not temporarily with wood but with bricks, cement walls. He said separate entry, exit routes should be set up for staff coming to counting centers, political party agents, public without any confusion. He ordered that huge sign boards must be there at



each section indicating whose route is allocated. Collector ordered RDO, Municipal Commissioner, MPDOs to give complete comprehensive training on procedures to officials, polling staff participating in election duties. He warned to keep strict vigilance so that there is no scope for election code violations. He suggested to create awareness on election rules to political party representatives, candidates. He called upon all department officials to coordinate and complete all election arrangements within prescribed deadline and make successful. District Collector requested Tiruvuru people to extend full cooperation so that these elections like festival of democracy are held peacefully, impartially within Election Commission rules.In this inspection programme local Tiruvuru Revenue Divisional Officer A. Kumar, Municipal Commissioner Manogna, Tahsildar D. Chandramouli, MPDO CH Ravibabu, Tiruvuru SI Shatakarni, Survey Department officials, Engineering Department officials, Municipal staff, others participated.

49 nominations in Kamavarapukota Bandobast under CI Subhash



Kamavarapukota, October 22:“Election Returning Officer V Mahendar Nath said that on second day Thursday 45 nominations were filed for MPTC elections in Kamavarapukota mandal. He said as per election code nominations will be received till 5 pm Friday. ARO and MPDO Ameer, Tahsildar Elisha and others participated in this programme. He said total 49 nominations were filed in two days. Further Mahendar said Congress - 1, Janasena 3, TDP 19, YSRCP 21, Independent 1 nominations were filed. Jangareddygudem CI Subhash inspected nomination center being conducted in Mandal Parishad of-



fice on Thursday. Bandobast was conducted with police staff along with Tadikalapudi SI Valli Padma. He said everyone should follow election code, being in groups as per election rules is prohibited. He suggested people, political party leaders should cooperate with police otherwise stern action will be taken. Meanwhile along with MPTC candidates dummy candidates also filed nominations. From alliance party as MPP candidate Koyyagura Venkatesh, Nallamalli Mohanarao, from YSRCP as MPP candidate Maddiramayya filed nominations on Thursday.

Three nominations as ZPTC candidates



Kamavarapukota, October 22,“ Three have filed nominations as Kamavarapukota ZPTC candidates from Kamavara pukota mandal. In this, from Telugu Desam Party Chintalapudi former MLA Ganta Murali daughter Mandalapapu Jahnavi, Kamavarapukota Mandal Party former President Eluri Hari wife Ramadevi, from Janasena Party Sadanala Prasad mother Subbalakshmi filed nominations. Meanwhile former MP, former Minister Telugu Desam Party senior leader Maganti

Babu wife Padmavalli Devi will file nomination on Friday, Babu close aides said. From YSR Congress Party YCP senior leader Devarapalli Ramamohanrao (Bujanna) daughter-in-law Devarapalli Radhika filed nomination. However Maganti Babu wife Padmavalli Devi, former MLA daughter Jahnavi are announced to be in Zilla Parishad Chairman race. As three filed nominations in alliance, party leaders, fans, activists are in thought not knowing what will happen.

Measures should be taken to ensure no law and order problem arises in nomination process - District Collector K. Vetriselvi

Eluru, October, 22 : District Collector K. Vetriselvi said to take measures so that law and order problem does not arise anywhere in nomination receiving process related to ZPTC, MPTC elections. Collector reviewed via tele conference on Thursday evening with ROs, AROs, officials, staff on receiving, scrutiny processes of nominations related to ZPTC, MPTC elections. On this occasion Collector Vetriselvi speaking said guidelines issued by Election Commission must be followed in receiving nomination papers. In nomination receiving first come first basis should be taken and every one who comes to nomination center within prescribed time should be taken nomination. Along with nomination paper certificates to be filed should be checked through check list, if any



certificate not attached, said matter should be informed to candidates. As 23rd of this month is last date for nominations in view of possibility of filing large number of nominations Returning Officers should make strong bandobast arrangements at nomination receiving centers. If there is possibility of any untoward incidents, if necessary by discussing with police officials drone cameras should be arranged. Election conduct is most important, Re-

turning, Assistant Returning Officers should have full awareness on nomination receiving process related to ZPTC, MPTC elections, Collector warned officials that if mistake made anywhere they will have to face stern action.District Joint Collector Dr. M.J. Abhishek Goud, Nuzvid Sub Collector B. Vinutha, Assistant Collector CH. Shravan Kumar Reddy, Zilla Parishad CEO M. Krishna Mohan, RDOs Lakshmi Prasanna, Ramana, ROs, AROs participated.

Local body elections should be conducted transparently, in peaceful atmosphere

District General Election Observer Nagalakshmi S, IAS inspects arrangements at field level



Orders to take additional security measures in problematic areasCC camera surveillance mandatory at nomination, polling, counting centersNandigama/ Tiruvuru: October 22, 2026.District General Election Observer Nagalakshmi S, IAS ordered officials to complete all advance arrangements to conduct Municipal, ZPTC, MPTC elections in peaceful atmosphere, impartially, with utmost transparency.Tiruvuru, Kanchi kacherla, Veerulapadu, Nandigama etc areas on Thursday District General Election Observer Nagalakshmi S extensively toured and directly inspected election arrangements at field level. On this occasion she reviewed nomination centers, CCTV functionality, basic infrastructure, staff appointment details. She said Po-

lice, Revenue machinery should work in coordination to ensure no untoward incidents occur during elections. She said problematic, highly problematic areas in district should be identified in advance and additional police forces should be deployed. She said arrangements for videography along with extensively CC cameras should be made at nominations receiving centers, polling booths, counting centers. She said functionality of technical equipment should be continuously monitored. Comprehensive training should be given to officers, staff participating in election duties on election rules, problem solving. They should act alertly without any scope for negligence in discharge of responsibilities. All facilities should be provided so that every eligible voter can exercise their right to vote peacefully without any fear. She clarified that officials should work to build complete confidence among people about election process.In this inspection tour, high officials, staff belonging to local Revenue, Police, Municipal and Election departments participated.



NTR District ZPTC Nominations** Mandal: A.KONDURU , ZPTC** Party: CPI** Name: GOGULAMUDI BABY SWARNA KUMARI



NTR District ZPTC Nominations** Mandal: A.Konduru, ZPTC** Party: TDP** Name: Anne Kamala Kumari



NTR District ZPTC Nominations** Mandal: REDDY GUDEM , ZPTC** Party: TDP** Name: VANKALAPATI ARUNA SESA KUMARI



NTR District ZPTC Nominations** Mandal: NANDIGAMA , ZPTC** Party: YSRCP** Name: UPPILLI SUDHARANI



NTR District ZPTC Nominations** Mandal: CHANDARL APADU , ZPTC** Party: YSRCP** Name: PONNAM HEMA LATHA



NTR District ZPTC Nominations** Mandal: KANCHIKACHARLA , ZPTC** Party: INDEPENDENT** Name: CHINTHAMALA NAVEEN AMBEDKAR

Dattirajeru Alliance ZPTC Candidate Mittireddy Venkata Rama Simhachalam Nomination

Vizianagaram October 22In view of Vizianagaram District Praja Parishad elections, Mittireddy Venkata Rama Simhachalam filed nomination as Telugu Desam Party ZPTC candidate for Dattirajeru mandal. He submitted nomination papers to Election Returning Officer at District Praja Parishad office under leadership of State MSME, SERP, NRI Empowerment Department Minis-

ter Kondapalli Srinivas. On this occasion Minister Kondapalli Srinivas speaking said they will take development done in Dattirajeru mandal during Alliance government tenure to people, and expressed confidence they will win ZPTC seat with huge majority. Party cadres, alliance leaders, workers participated in large numbers.



NTR District ZPTC Nominations** Mandal: PENAGANCHPROLU , ZPTC** Party: YSRCP** Name: MARKAPUDI GANDHI

Keerthy Suresh, Radhika Apte explore power and revenge in Netflix’s ‘Akka’



Mumbai: Netflix unveiled the trailer of ‘Akka’ on Thursday. Keerthy Suresh and Radhika Apte will lead the highly anticipated gangster saga driven by power, legacy and revenge. Backed by YRF Entertainment and written and directed by Dharmaraj Shetty, ‘Akka’ revolves around two formidable women, Bhavani (Keerthy Suresh) and Rudra (Radhika Apte), whose conflicting ambitions and beliefs lead to a gripping rivalry. The ensemble cast of ‘Akka’ also includes Tanvi Azmi, Mahesh Manjrekar, Anshuman Pushkar and Monica Panwar, among others. Sharing her experience of playing Bhavani, Keerthy Suresh said, “Bhavani is a woman who knows what she stands for and will go to great lengths to protect her legacy. What makes her interesting is that beneath her strength and authority are choices that are never easy, especially when the stakes are so high. The trailer offers a taste of the world she inhabits and the challenges that come her way. Working with Radhika was amazing because Bhavani and Rudra bring such different energies to the story, and their dynamic adds another layer of tension to

Shahid Kapoor completes ‘Farzi 2’ shoot, Raj & DK praise his performance

Mumbai: Shahid Kapoor has wrapped up the shoot of the second season of his crime thriller series ‘Farzi’. Filmmaking duo Raj & DK marked the occasion by sharing a behind-the-scenes video of the actor on the sets, in which he is seen being goofy. Sharing the video, the directors wrote: “It’s a wrap on the Artist and he promptly breaks out of character! Fantastic job @shahidkapoor. We got some crazy shit done this time! To the Fakers!” In the video, the ‘Jab We Met’ actor is seen making funny expressions and breaking into some crazy dance moves. When Raj & DK ask him what is happening, Shahid responds with a goofy expression, saying, “Mera khatam,” before continuing with his playful antics. The filmmakers also praised the actor’s performance and expressed their excitement about the work they have done for the upcoming season. ‘Farzi’ features Shahid in the role of an artist drawn into the world of counterfeiting. It also stars Vijay Sethupathi, Kay Kay Menon, Raashii Khanna and Bhuvan Arora. The eight-episode series was released on Amazon Prime Video on February 10, 2023. A few days ago, Shahid Kapoor reflected on his character Sunny as the shoot of his upcoming series ‘Farzi 2’ neared completion. On October 15, the ‘Kabir Singh’ actor shared a series of pictures showcasing his looks from the sets of the second season. He also spoke about how deeply the character had become a part of him. “As the shoot on Farzi 2 is coming to a close, it only reminds me of how much Sunny lives in me. I am him



and he is me. We both started as just a kid off the Mumbai streets with a fire in his heart to tell the world.... look at me. I am an artist,” he wrote in the caption.

Every penny is accounted for, says Poonam Dhillon amid CINTAA fund row

Mumbai: Actress Poonam Dhillon who currently serves as Cine and TV Artists’ Association’s (CINTAA) president, has responded to allegations surrounding the association’s fixed deposits (FDs) worth around Rs 90 lakh. The actress, reverting to the accusations made by Upasana Singh and Nagma, Poonam stated that every expense is accounted for and that the organisation’s financial records are accessible to its executive committee members. Responding to the allegations, Poonam said the association had been unable to operate normally after its bank accounts were frozen, affecting its administrative and welfare activities.

Karan Johar opens up about his love life, reveals whether marriage is on the cards

Mumbai: Filmmaker Karan Johar has opened up about his love life. He expressed his wish to find a partner with whom he can share life’s everyday moments, celebrate his achievements, and raise his children together. During an episode of his chat show ‘Koffee With Karan 9,’ Karan spoke about his hopes for companionship while engaging in a conversation with actor Vijay Deverakonda. The discussion took an interesting turn when Vijay asked Karan what he wished to manifest in his life. Before answering, the filmmaker invited Vijay to share his own wish. The ‘Dear Comrade’ actor spoke about his relationship with actress Rashmika Mandanna, saying, “I’m going to hold Rashmika’s hand, and you know with me she’s safe.” Vijay then asked Karan to share his own wish while sitting on the iconic couch of the celebrity chat show. Responding candidly, Karan said he hoped to find someone with whom he could build a meaningful relationship, although he felt marriage might not be a practical possibility for him. “I would like to have a partner. I would like to be in a relationship. Marriage, I think, technically may not be a possibility,” he said. Explaining what he expected from a relationship, Karan said he wanted someone with whom he could share the little de-



tails of his day, celebrate life’s important moments and experience a sense of belonging. He also expressed his wish for a partner who would share parenting responsibilities for his twins, Yash and Roohi. “So somebody who can share the nothings of my day with, something who I can celebrate the somethings of my life with, someone who can be an equal parent to my twins who are now ten, and somebody who I can call mine and yet feel loved and respected and also complete my life with me,” he added. Vijay then wished that Karan’s desire to find a partner would come true, saying, “Let’s pray to the old gods and the new and the coffee gods and the couch gods to make this happen.” Karan seemed touched by his words and replied, “Yeah. I think your prayer felt real.” Vijay Deverakonda and Rashmika Mandanna appeared together on ‘Koffee With Karan 9,’ where they made several interesting revelations.

Mommy-to-be Kiara Advani flaunts new look in mirror selfie

Mumbai: Mommy-to-be Kiara Advani seems to be living her best phase. The actress, who is expecting her second child with husband Sidharth Malhotra, recently flaunted her new hairstyle in a mirror selfie, sporting a baggy and loose brown shirt paired with



grey trousers. Kiara took to her social media account to share a glimpse of her new look, and wrote, “Something about a haircut just makes you feel lighter.” The actress looked effortlessly stylish in the brown button-down shirt, which she paired with comfortable grey trousers and was seen posing for the mirror selfie. The actress seemed to have deliberately chosen a loose and baggy outfit to avoid her baby bump being seen. For the uninitiated, the actress and husband Sidharth Malhotra announced that they are set to embrace parenthood once again. On October 7, Kiara and Sidharth announced their second pregnancy through an ador-

able social media post. The couple shared a picture of their daughter, Saraayah Malhotra, holding a pair of ivory knitted baby booties, hinting at the newest addition to their family. “Blessed once again with the greatest gift of all... Our hearts are so full of love and gratitude,” read the caption. Talking about Kiara and Sidharth’s love story, they fell in love while working together on their film Shershaah, which was released in 2021. After dating for some time, the couple tied the knot in February 2023 in a traditional wedding ceremony in Rajasthan. The actors welcomed their first child, daughter Saraayah, in June 2025.

Every penny is accounted for, says Poonam Dhillon amid CINTAA fund row

“They thought they would close all our funds and make it difficult for us since our committee was working on something. We haven’t been working for ourselves. It’s not like Poonam Dhillon, Padmini Kolhapuri or anyone else has taken a single rupee from the CINTAA account. All the money that has been spent is accountable. Every penny is accountable. And we give those accounts every month.” “Even now, September accounts have been presented every month. The expenses are always mentioned. No one has hidden anything. The accounts are always given to every member of the EC. It is kept on our website. And anyone can



see it,” she said. Poonam also addressed questions surrounding the association’s decision-making process and constitutional amendments, explaining that such decisions are taken at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) and follow the prescribed procedure.

WPL auction: RCB must fix middle-order gaps, says Reema Malhotra

New Delhi: Former Indian cricketer Reema Malhotra believes defending champions Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB) will look to sign Indian batters and all-rounders at the WPL 2027 auction, scheduled to take place in Kochi on October 28. She added that the franchise needs to plug gaps in its middle order and find a reliable number seven. RCB will enter the mini-auction with just five slots to fill after retaining most of the squad that won them the title last season. They will be aiming for a second successive crown and their third overall. The fifth season of the WPL will take place from January 14 to February 7. “RCB will be very busy at the mini-auction for Indian players, especially batters and all-rounders, and they have a decent auction purse too. They need an Indian batter because Smriti Mandhana as the opener and Richa Ghosh in the middle order are the only specialist batters in the playing XI for now, and they need someone to fill the number four spot. “I feel they should make Richa bat at number four, which would solve their middle-order problem. If Richa bats at four, the number five spot opens up, and that can be filled by Radha Yadav. She played there last season and did well too, so that would be a great option for RCB to repeat. “Nadine de Klerk will play the role of the finisher at six, but they need another batter at seven. They can try Pooja Vastrakar there, but if she is not going to bowl, I don’t see the point in playing her just for her batting. So, RCB will need an Indian all-rounder and a backup wicketkeeper for Richa, a role that can be filled by Sushma Verma or Uma Chetry,” Reema said on JioStar. Among overseas players, Reema named Australian duo Grace Harris and Sophie Molineux, who previously played for the franchise, as RCB’s likely targets at the auction. “RCB can definitely look to buy back Grace Harris, and that should be at the top of their to-do list because she scored 237 runs with the bat, and those runs were crucial to the team’s success. “Yes, she was playing in place of Ellyse Perry, and now that Perry is back, Grace will be pushed down the batting order if



RCB get her. But the kind of knocks she played last season will make RCB bid for her again. If they don’t get her, they can target Sophie Molineux, a player who was crucial in helping them lift their first-ever title back in 2024. “Both these players will be in high demand at the auction, and RCB don’t have a big purse, so they will have a tough time getting either of them. They need luck to be on their side, and if they get lucky, I would like to see RCB secure the services of Sophie Molineux over Grace Harris.” Reema further said that mini-auctions require careful preparation from franchises and felt the pressure would weigh more heavily on two-time champions Mumbai Indians (MI), who finished fourth last season, than on RCB. “Teams feel the pressure in a mini-auction because you have to do your homework. When your purse isn’t that huge, you go after a limited number of players, but only those you feel will solve your problems. A franchise knows whom to bet on and whom to save money for. “MI struggled a lot last season because they didn’t have a settled opening pair, and that was the biggest reason they failed to win the title, along with the lack of a star wicketkeeper-batter. I feel the pressure will be greater on MI than on RCB because they are MI. You expect them to win the trophy every season. They finished fourth, and they would want to bounce back strongly. “RCB will feel less pressure because they won the title, and when a team lifts the trophy, it doesn’t make many changes to its core group of players. But RCB need to fill a few slots, and one of them is the finisher’s role. They need an Indian all-rounder to fill the number seven spot if they make Richa Ghosh bat at number four, along with quality backups,” she concluded.

New ‘Sonic’ DRS technology to debut in India-New Zealand series

Christchurch: ‘Sonic’ technology will be used for the first time as part of the Decision Review System (DRS) during the multi-format series between New Zealand and India, starting Thursday, New Zealand Cricket (NZC) said. NZC added that the approval applies to the upcoming BlackCaps v India series in New Zealand, with any future use of the technology remaining subject to the ICC’s ongoing accreditation and approval processes. The addition of New Zealand-designed edge-detection technology means Virtual Eye, which has been ICC-accredited for ball-tracking since 2008, will now provide the full suite of DRS technology to assist umpires and enhance the viewing experience during the upcoming three-series tour. Sonic uses advanced audio analysis technology to assist third umpires when reviewing potential bat-ball contact. NZC said the approval follows an extensive programme of testing, validation and independent assessment conducted in consultation with the International Cricket Council (ICC) and has been supported by the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI). “The integrity of decision-making is fundamental to the game, which is why such a comprehen-



sive testing and assessment process has been undertaken. The technology has been subject to extensive validation and independent review, and we’re pleased with the outcome of that process. We’d like to thank the ICC, BCCI, Sky and Virtual Eye for their collaboration and commitment throughout,” NZC Chief Marketing and Commercial Officer Glenn Critchley said. Ben Taylor, Chief Executive Officer of Virtual Eye, added, “Our team has worked tirelessly developing and refining this technology, with a strong focus on accuracy, consistency and meeting the standards expected at the highest level of international sport.” India commence their all-format tour of New Zealand on Thursday with a five-match T20I series, followed by five ODIs. The tour will conclude with two Tests, with the second red-ball game set to end on December 1.

Iva Jovic defeats Jasmine Paolini on Ningbo Open debut

Ningbo: American teenager Iva Jovic made a strong start to her Ningbo Open debut as she defeated two-time Grand Slam finalist Jasmine Paolini in the round of 16 at Centre Court here on Thursday. Jovic, seeded fourth, received a bye in the first round and recovered from 1-3 down in the first set to beat Paolini 6-4, 6-3 and march into the quarterfinals. The 18-year-old Jovic was broken early and trailed 1-3 in the opening set. However, she recovered from the slow start to break Paolini in the fifth and ninth games and win the opening set. The Italian struggled with her serve in the second set as well, with Jovic breaking her four times. The 18-year-old American also lost her serve twice but managed to win the second set to seal a straight-sets victory. The win levels Jovic’s head-to-head record against Paolini at 2-2. It was also her second consecutive win over the Italian, having beaten her at the Australian Open earlier this year. The American has now reached her seventh quarterfinal of the season and has advanced to the semifinals in five of her previous six appearances in the last eight. Jovic has now recorded her 20th win over a top-50 opponent, with Paolini ranked No. 35. This is



also her 42nd tour-level win of the year, making it her most successful season yet. She will next face either Alexandra Eala or French Open semifinalist Diana Shnaider. Jovic has an unbeaten record against both players, leading Eala 3-0 in their head-to-head encounters and Shnaider 1-0. Jovic has been in good form this season. She successfully defended her Guadalajara Open title last month, having also won it in 2025. She also enjoyed a breakthrough run at the US Open, reaching the fourth round for the first time.

Sheetal-Toman win India’s first archery gold at Asian Para Games; Swati scripts history with W1 medal

Nagoya: Sheetal Devi and Toman Kumar struck gold with a commanding display in the compound mixed team event, while Swati Chaudhary scripted history by winning India’s first ever W1 medal with her women’s individual silver at the Asian Para Games’ archery competition here on Thursday. Sheetal and Toman’s top finish was India’s first gold in archery at the ongoing Games, following a silver in the women’s compound doubles event, in which the armless Sheetal partnered quadruple amputee Payal Nag. Thursday’s gold was Sheetal’s second successive in mixed team, having won the title alongside Rakesh Kumar on her Games debut at the 2023 Hangzhou edition. The reigning world champions in their respective individual categories, Sheetal and Toman produced an improved show in the final to defeat Indonesia’s Teodora Audi Ayudia Ferelly and Ken Swagumilang 151-148. The top seeds, who shattered the world record in qualification by two points, edged ahead 38-37 in the opening end before extending their advantage to 77-73 in the second, dropping just one point. The Indonesians clawed back by a point in the third end, but the Indians retained a three-point cushion. Both pairs scored 38 in the final end, but India sealed the gold thanks to their established lead. Sheetal and Toman had survived a major scare in the semifinal against Chinese Taipei, where Toman’s final arrow missed the scoring zone to register a zero. The Chinese Taipei pair of Lee Yun-Hsien and Yang Jyun-Kai capitalised on the opening but could not overturn India’s advantage, as Sheetal and Toman scraped



through 142-141. Born without arms, world No. 1 Sheetal uses her feet and legs to position the compound bow and her shoulder and jaw to draw and release the string. Her remarkable accuracy proved decisive in the semifinal, where she dropped just three points across eight arrows, keeping India firmly in contention despite Toman’s misfire. A serving CRPF constable and a former CoBRA commando from Nawagaon village in Chhattisgarh’s Balod district, the 31-year-old Toman has risen to become the world’s No. 1 para archer in the men’s compound category after overcoming a life-changing injury sustained during an anti-Maoist operation. Toman lost his left leg in an IED blast during a joint search operation against Maoists in Jharkhand’s Lohardaga district in February 2022. Critically injured in the explosion triggered by a device planted by insurgents, he underwent an amputation. After taking up para archery, Toman rose through the ranks to become world champion in 2025 and reach the top of the world rankings in the men’s compound category. Swati’s historic W1 silver Earlier, Swati became India’s first ever medallist in the W1 category after losing 4-6 to China’s Cen Mengkan in the women’s individual final. The top-seeded Indian, who won bronze at the World Archery Para Series in Ahmedabad last month, squandered a 4-2 lead in a final of fluctuating fortunes. She won the opening set 25-17 after Cen misfired with one of her arrows, but the Chinese fought back to take the second 22-21 and level the contest at 2-2. Swati regained the lead by edging the third set 22-21. However, the world No. 23 Chinese archer turned the contest around with a 30-20 win in the fourth set, firing three 10s to level the match at 4-4. With the title on the line, Cen held her nerve in the decider, scoring 28 to Swati’s 21 to complete the comeback and claim her maiden Asian Para Games gold. The W1 classification is for archers with significant impairments affecting both the upper and lower limbs.

Economists maintain back-to-back repo rate hike stance



New Delhi: Economists on Thursday maintained back-to-back repo rate hike stance, as the RBI MPC minutes for October revealed more hawkish tone, inclining towards future risk and policy tightening. A report by SBI Research said that it continues to maintain 50 bps rate hike in December, either through a “plain vanilla” 50 bps repo rate hike or an “exotic” 50 bps rate hike with a 25-bps repo rate and a 25-bps asymmetric widening of the Liquidity Adjustment Facility (LAF) corridor (MSF at 6.25 per cent and SDF at 5.50 per cent). “The broadening of inflationary pressures, alongside persistent rupee weakness, calls for close monitoring by the RBI and a calibrated policy response to contain inflation risks and reinforce monetary transmission,” said Dr Soumya Kanti Ghosh, Group Chief Economic Adviser, State Bank of India. “We expect the peak inflation rate by November below 6.5 per cent and with these elevated levels, such generalisation warrants close monitoring by the RBI,” Dr Ghosh added. According to Radhika Rao, Senior Economist and Executive Director, DBS Bank, the minutes from the RBI’s October rate meeting reflected the hawkish pivot, where the repo rate was raised by 25 bp and stance was changed to ‘calibrated tightening’. “Members cited

rising inflationary pressures and firm growth as reasons behind the 25bp hike. Tone of the commentary put two external members in the most hawkish camp, as they emphasised the broadening inflation risks and need for pre-emptive action, while two others were considered mildly hawkish/neutral as they supported only incremental hikes and explicitly rejected signalling a prolonged tightening cycle,” she explained. The RBI Governor Sanjay Malhotra highlighted emerging signs of inflation becoming more generalised. With inflation set to rise to 6 per cent in CY Q4, “the door remains open for a back-to-back hike in December,” said Rao. In markets, bond yields stayed high, while the rupee was appreciated due to forex regulatory measures. As restrictions gained traction, the rupee has strengthened by around 1.5 per cent/USD this month, defying the usual headwinds from rising oil prices and subdued global risk sentiment, while FX forward premiums remain elevated. Inflows towards the country’s biggest-ever equity IPO also contributed to forex gains, said economists. For now, the currency is exhibiting limited reaction to external developments, while bonds are set to remain under pressure as oil supply fears return to the table, said Rao.

Jio Platforms IPO retail quota fully subscribed within hours on Day 2



New Delhi: The retail portion of Jio Platforms’ initial public offering has been fully subscribed, within two hours into the second day of bidding on Thursday, according to BSE data. By 11:00 am, the retail individual investors category got fully subscribed. Qualified institutional buyers led the demand at 9.42 times, followed by non-institutional investors at 2.34 times. The shareholders’ portion was subscribed 2.06 times, while the employees’ quota saw 1.61 times

subscription. Overall, the issue was subscribed 3.47 times at 11:00 am on Day 2, the exchange data showed. On Wednesday, the opening day of the IPO, Jio Platforms Ltd’s Rs 30,213-crore initial public offering was fully subscribed within 100 minutes, making it the fastest-subscribed mega public issue in India, with investors placing bids worth about Rs 69,800 crore for 62.36 crore shares by 5 pm. The offering will remain open until October 23.

Sensex, Nifty open lower as Asian markets tumble, crude oil climbs



Mumbai: Indian equity benchmarks opened lower on Thursday tracking weak Asian markets and concerns over elevated crude oil prices and high US bond yields. Sensex opened 366.36 points or 0.50 per cent lower at 73,343.33, while Nifty began the trading session at 22,687.75, declining 123.60 points or 0.54 per cent. Sector-wise, most indices traded in the red with auto, metal and healthcare shares leading losses in early trade. Nifty Auto, Nifty Metal and Nifty Healthcare declined up to 0.98 per cent. Meanwhile, Nifty Pharma also slipped 0.78 per cent. Broader weakness was also visible across FMCG, realty, cement and financial stocks. Analysts said the recent trend of large-cap stocks outperforming mid and small caps appears to be gathering momentum as valuation concerns emerge in the broader market. “The broader market resilience in recent months has been more a function of liquidity than earnings. This has created a paradox of overvalued mid and small caps coexisting with attractively valued large-caps. This trend is now getting corrected and is likely to sustain,” they said. The experts also pointed to external headwinds, including rising crude prices and elevated US Treasury yields which are encouraging traders to build short positions despite con-

tinued institutional buying. “Sectoral churn towards fairly valued large caps is the ideal investment strategy now. It may take time, but this strategy will certainly be rewarded,” they added. Technical analysts said the recent sharp decline and the breach of the 22,700 level on the Nifty raised the risk of a deeper correction. “Recovery hopes rest on the ability of 22,590 to hold, but a move back above 22,840 will be needed to confirm renewed upside strength,” according to them. On Wednesday, foreign institutional investors (FIIs) turned net buyers and purchased equities worth about Rs 1,022 crore. Domestic institutional investors (DIIs) also remained buyers with net purchases of around Rs 1,614 crore. In Asian markets, major indices remained under pressure. Japan’s Nikkei, Hong Kong’s Hang Seng and South Korea’s Kospi dropped up to 2 per cent in early trading. Overnight, Wall Street ended higher led by technology shares. The Nasdaq advanced around 1 per cent after strong corporate earnings boosted sentiment around artificial intelligence-related stocks, while the S&P 500 gained 0.58 per cent. Meanwhile, Brent crude futures rose more than 1 per cent to trade around \$110 per barrel, adding to inflation concerns and weighing on investor sentiment.

Rupee gains 48 paise to close at six-week high of 94.43

Mumbai: The rupee surged 48 paise to close at a six-week high of 94.43 (provisional) against the US dollar on Wednesday, supported by foreign currency inflows linked to Reliance Industries’ Jio Platforms IPO and RBI intervention to contain dollar demand. However, forex market analysts said weak domestic equity markets and higher crude oil prices were putting pressure on the rupee. At the interbank foreign exchange market, the rupee opened at 94.78 against the dollar. During intraday trade, it touched a high of 94.41 and a low of 94.82 against the US currency. It eventually settled at 94.43 (provisional), up 48 paise from its previous close. The Indian currency last recorded a similar closing level on September 4. On Monday, the rupee settled 2 paise lower at 94.91 against the US dollar. Forex markets were closed on Tuesday on account of Dussehra. “The rupee rose to a six-week high on IPO-driven foreign inflows and a relatively weak US dollar. However, weak domestic markets and elevated crude oil prices capped sharp gains,” said Anuj Choudhary, research analyst at Mirae Asset Sharekhan. He added that the rupee was expected to trade with a positive bias amid overall weakness in the dollar and softening US Treasury yields. “The USD-INR spot price is expected to trade in a range of Rs 94.20 to Rs 94.80.” According to analysts, a stronger rupee can ease imported inflation and reduce currency-related costs for companies importing crude oil,



electronics and other raw materials. It may also benefit sectors such as aviation and oil marketing, although the actual impact depends on companies’ hedging positions and pricing. “Foreign investors participating in large IPOs typically sell dollars to acquire rupees, increasing dollar supply in the domestic foreign exchange market. The RBI has also supported the currency through measures aimed at reducing spot-market dollar demand from oil companies and managing excessive exchange-rate volatility,” said Gaurav Garg, head of research at brokerage platform Lemonn. However, the recovery faces significant challenges, as Brent crude prices climbed above USD 110 per barrel amid renewed tensions in the Middle East and concerns over potential supply disruptions, he added. Going forward, the sustainability of the rupee’s recovery will depend on the continuation of IPO-related inflows, RBI intervention, crude oil prices, foreign portfolio flows and movements in the US dollar, Garg said. The Rs 30,213-crore public offering of Jio Platforms opened for subscription on Wednesday and will close on October 23.

Collector Directs Foolproof Arrangements at Strong Rooms, Counting Centres for ZPTC/MPTC Polls



Eluru, October, 22: District Collector K. Vetrivelu directed officials to make foolproof arrangements at strong rooms, counting centers related to ZPTC, MPTC elections in district. Collector reviewed with officials via Zoom conference on Thursday regarding strong rooms, counting arrangements related to ZPTC, MPTC elections in district. On this occasion Collector Vetrivelu speaking said Returning Officers should be present and inspect strong room, reception center arrangements. She said CC cameras should be installed at reception centers, strong rooms and videography should be done. She said for preserving ballot boxes in strong rooms marking should be done

with each ballot box number. She said tables should be arranged as per number of votes in counting centers, entry, exit routes should be separate for counting staff, political party representatives. She said two-tier security system should be set up at strong rooms. She said along with videography during vote counting at counting centers, CC cameras should be installed. District Joint Collector Dr. M.J. Abhishek Goud, Nuzvid Sub Collector B. Vinutha, Assistant Collector CH. Shravan Kumar Reddy, Zilla Parishad CEO M. Krishna Mohan, RDOs Lakshmi Prasanna, Ramana, ROs, AROs participated. "NIC officials Phani Krishna, Sujatha, etc. participated.

Inspections at Andhra-Telangana border check post

Vigil on illegal liquor, cash transportation.. SI Kranthi Kumar warning
Eluru district..!Police, Excise Department staff conducted inspections at Andhra-Telangana border check posts at Tatiyakula Gudem in Jeelugumilli (M). In this inspection undertaken under Jeelugumilli SI V. Kranthi Kumar officials set up vigil to prevent illegal transporta-

tion of liquor from Telangana into Andhra Pradesh, and to prevent transportation of cash against election code rules. On this occasion SI V. Kranthi Kumar speaking suggested that everyone must follow election code rules. He warned that legal action will be taken if illegally transporting liquor from Telangana, or transporting cash against election rules. He clarified that inspections will be continued continuously in border areas.

Eluru District SP Sri K. Pratap Shiva Kishore inspected nomination centers



Eluru, October 22, "In view of upcoming local body elections in district, District SP Sri K. Pratap Shiva Kishore personally inspected nomination process at field level on Thursday. He visited MPTC nominations center set up at Denduluru Mandal Parishad Development office and reviewed nomination receiving process happening there and security arrangements. He gave several key suggestions to police officers on duty. On this occasion District SP speaking said nomination process across district is continuing very peacefully, and heavy bandobast has been arranged to prevent any untoward incidents. Important instructions issued by District SP to police officers: Staff at nomination centers should be continuously alert and perform duties alertly so

that no disturbance to law and order. "Strict implementation of 100 meters rule: 100 meters distance rule around nomination centers should be strictly implemented. Persons, vehicles without any permission should not be allowed inside. As per rules along with candidate only limited number of permitted persons should be allowed entry into center. Staff should always be ready to respond immediately if emergency situations or tensions arise, and with help of drones in problematic and critical areas, continuously monitor situations, keep special vigil on suspicious movements." He said at places identified as sensitive areas in district, special police forces have been deployed, and patrolling has been intensified.

Dattirajeru Alliance ZPTC Candidate Mittireddy Venkata Rama Simhachalam Nomination



Vizianagaram October 22: In view of Vizianagaram District Praja Parishad elections, Mittireddy Venkata Rama Simhachalam filed nomination as Telugu Desam Party ZPTC candidate for Dattirajeru mandal. He submitted nomination papers to Election Returning Officer at District Praja Parishad office under leadership of State MSME, SERP,

NRI Empowerment Department Minister Kondapalli Srinivas. Speaking on this occasion Minister Kondapalli Srinivas expressed confidence that they will take development done in Dattirajeru mandal during Alliance government tenure to people, and will win ZPTC seat with huge majority. Party cadres, alliance leaders, workers participated in large numbers.

Huge joinings into TDP under Minister Kondapalli leadership



Gajapathinagaram, October 22, YCP got huge shock in Gotlam village of Bondapalli mandal in constituency limits. "50 families belonging to YCP joined Telugu Desam Party in presence of State MSME, SERP, NRI Empowerment Department Minister Kondapalli Srinivas. Minister Kondapalli Srinivas warmly welcomed by draping party scarves. Speaking on this

occasion, he said joinings are happening attracted by development, welfare governance being done by Alliance Government led by Honourable Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu, Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan, Minister Nara Lokesh. He assured that he will stand by everyone who joined party. Local TDP leaders, workers participated in this program.

Cultural hustle and bustle in Saras Mela



Cultural performances held in evening at National Saras Mela premises attracted visitors immensely. Dances presented by children showcasing their talent, other cultural programmes entertained the guests. District Collector Dr. G. Lakshmisha along with officials watched these performances with interest, and congratulated and encouraged children who attracted with their talent. He stated

that such platforms help in bringing out creativity hidden in children along with developing self-confidence in them. He said such programmes play key role in introducing traditional arts, cultural heritage to future generations. Saras Mela is not limited to purchases, display of rural women products, but stands as platform for arts, culture, talent providing pleasant experience to visitors.