

Police suspect family relative in rape and murder of six-year-old girl in Andhra

Naguluppalapadu (Andhra Pradesh): A six-year-old girl was allegedly raped and murdered by a relative in Naguluppalapadu in Prakasam district on Monday, a police official said. The crime occurred in the early hours of Monday, police said. “Yes, a six-year-old girl was raped and murdered in Naguluppalapadu. He (the accused) also happens to be a relative of the family,” the official told PTI. The accused was also injured, and police were in the process of arresting him, the official said.

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Over 50,000 nominations validated for MPTC, ZPTC polls in Andhra

Amaravati: Nominations of over 50,000 candidates were found valid for MPTC and ZPTC elections in Andhra Pradesh, scheduled to be held on November 3. According to the State Election Commission (SEC), after scrutiny of nominations, a total of 50,815 nominations were found valid. As many as 46,045 nominations were valid for 9,829 Mandal Parishad Territorial Constituencies (MPTCs). The nominations of 4,770 candidates were filed valid for 659 Zilla Parishad Territorial Constituencies (ZPTCs). For MPTCs, 19,760 candidates of the Telugu Desam Party (TDP) have filed nominations. Its ally Jana Sena Party (JSP) has filed 4,330 nominations.

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Andhra CM Naidu directs advance precautions, coastal evacuations over Cyclone Arnab

Amaravati: Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu on Monday directed officials to continuously monitor Cyclone Arnab’s movement, take precautionary measures in advance and ensure there was no loss of life or property. Naidu reviewed cyclone preparedness with officials and instructed them to alert people based on the likely impact of the weather system and take all necessary steps to minimise damage. “Officials must continuously track Cyclone Arnab’s move-



ment, take precautionary measures well in advance and ensure that there is no loss of life or property,” Naidu said in an

official press release. The Chief Minister stressed the need to assess rainfall intensity, wind speeds and flood flows caused by the cyclone and take appropriate measures based on the evolving situation. He also directed officials to analyse information from previous cyclones and issue timely warnings to farmers and the public to help them take necessary precautions. Naidu instructed district collectors to shift people living in vulnerable coastal areas to cyclone shelters as a precautionary measure.

Deep depression intensifies into Cyclone Arnab, likely to turn very severe by Oct 27

Amaravati: The IMD on Monday said a deep depression over the Bay of Bengal has intensified into Cyclone Arnab and is likely to strengthen into a very severe cyclonic storm by October 27 before crossing the Andhra Pradesh coast the following morning. The cyclone lay centred over the eastcentral and adjoining westcentral Bay of Bengal at 5.30 am on Monday, moving westwards at 15 kmph during the preceding six hours, according to the IMD’s National Bulletin No. 8. “The deep depression over the Bay

of Bengal has intensified into Cyclone Arnab and is likely to strengthen further into a very severe cyclonic storm by October 27 before crossing the Andhra Pradesh coast on the morning of October 28,” said the Met department in an official press release. The system was located about 590 km northwest of Sri Vijaya Puram in the Andaman Islands, 650 km east-southeast of Visakhapatnam, 730 km east-southeast of Kakinada, 830 km east of Machilipatnam and 910 km east of Bapatla, it said. The



weather system is very likely to move west-northwestwards and intensify into a severe cyclonic storm over the westcentral Bay of Bengal by midnight on Monday, before strengthening further into a very severe cyclonic storm on October 27. Thereafter, it is likely to move northwestwards and cross the Andhra Pradesh and Yanam coasts between Bapatla and Visakhapatnam by the forenoon of October 28, with maximum sustained wind speeds of up to 125 kmph and gusts

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Pournami Garuda Seva held Dusi Venkateswara Rao Created On: 27 Oct 2026

Tirumala: The monthly Pournami Garuda Seva was held with utmost devotion in Tirumala on Monday evening, with Vice-President CP Radhakrishnan participating in the religious event. Sri Malayappa Swamy atop Garuda Vahanam paraded along the four mada streets. Minister Anagani Satya Prasad, TTD EO M Ravichandra, a few Board members, Additional EO Ch Venkaiah Chowdary and others were also present.



Three institutions plan roadmap to bridge academia-industry gap



Tirupati: IIT Tirupati, IISER Tirupati and Dalhousie University, Canada, organised a Round Table Industry Conclave on Monday, as part of the Tri-Institutional Global Innovation Campus initiative. IIT Tirupati Director Prof KN Satyanarayana introduced the initiative and IISER Tirupati Director Prof Santanu Bhattacharya spoke about the partnership, while Matt Hebb, Vice-President (Strategic Engagement) at Dalhousie University, presented an overview of the university and its vision for the campus. During the inau-

gural roundtable on ‘Strengthening Industry-Academia Interaction for Innovation’, industry leaders called for academic programmes that meet industry requirements, support start-ups and bridge the gap between educational qualifications and employers’ expectations. They stressed the need to update curricula in line with industry needs, improve students’ problem-solving skills and give greater importance to product development alongside manufacturing. They also recommended collaboration in skill development, validation

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Collector unveils ACB helpline 1064 awareness posters

Nandyal: Emphasizing that public vigilance is crucial for establishing transparent governance, Nandyal District Collector G Rajakumari has called upon citizens, educated sections, and youth to actively participate in eliminating corruption from public administration. Inaugurating the district-wide Anti-Corruption Awareness Week (October 26–31) at her Collec-

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The death of modesty:
How political entitlement
is rotting the republic

Humility is the solid foundation of all virtues-Confucius There was a time when public power was approached not as a personal inheritance, but as temporary, fragile stewardship. From the dusty fields of ancient Rome to the founding of modern constitutional democracies, the benchmark of political greatness was defined by restraint—the noble willingness to surrender authority for the greater good of the nation. Leaders were expected to approach power with a degree of reverence, an acute awareness of their own limitations, and a solemn sense of responsibility to the citizens who entrusted them with authority. Today, that sentiment feels like an artifact of a bygone era. Across modern political landscapes, a quiet tragedy is unfolding. The humility that once anchored democratic leadership is vanishing, replaced by a virulent, unchecked culture of entitlement. When politicians view high office not as a privileged duty granted by the electorate, but as an inherent right owed to them, the moral fabric of a nation begins to fray at its very seams. Also Read Bringing the scourge of famine to the spotlight is a good augury Advertisement From stewardship to ownership: The erosion of political humility is far more than a stylistic shift in public discourse; it represents a fundamental breakdown in the implicit social contract between those governed and those who govern. Historically, the democratic ideal rested on the concept of the citizen-statesman—individuals who entered public life reluctantly out of civic obligation, served with distinction, and returned to private life without expecting lifelong deference or institutional privilege. In the contemporary arena, however, political office is increasingly viewed as an asset to be owned, expanded, and protected at all costs. Modern politicians routinely operate as though they are immune to the very standards, economic burdens, and laws they impose on the citizenry. Whether through the self-serving perks of insider privilege, the blatant misuse of public resources for personal branding, or an absolute refusal to accept accountability for policy failures, the underlying message sent to the public is unambiguous: there is one set of rules for the governed, and another for the rulers. When leadership morphs into an untouchable aristocracy, public trust—the ultimate currency of a free society—evaporates.

What we have lost: This rampant entitlement becomes even more stark when measured against the giants of history who understood that real political strength lies in self-restraint. History repeatedly demonstrates that a nation’s long-term moral strength depends on leaders who deliberately subordinate their ego to institutional duty. These leaders understood a fundamental truth that modern politicians have forgotten - political authority gains its true legitimacy not through force, vanity, or perpetual tenure, but through moral integrity and voluntary restraint. The corrosive mechanics of modern entitlement: This behavioral transformation did not occur in isolation; it is actively nurtured and incentivized by modern political architecture. Driven by hyper-partisan media environments, campaign finance structures that reward performative outrage, and algorithmic echo chambers, politicians are insulated from genuine accountability and dissenting perspectives.

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reaching 140 kmph, it said. Under the influence of the system, thunderstorms accompanied by lightning are likely at isolated places over Coastal Andhra Pradesh, Yanam and Rayalaseema. Heavy to very heavy rainfall, with extremely heavy rain at isolated places, is forecast over Coastal Andhra Pradesh and Yanam on October 27 and 28. Heavy rainfall is also likely in parts of these regions on October 29. Meanwhile, Andhra Pradesh State Disaster Management Authority (APSDMA) Managing Director Prakhar Jain said the next three days were extremely crucial and urged people to remain alert and strictly follow safety precautions. Jain cautioned people against lowering their guard as the cyclone continued to develop over the Bay of Bengal. He advised residents, particularly those in coastal areas, to comply with official advisories and take necessary precautions.

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tions, while another ally, BJP, has filed 1,049 nominations. The partners in the ruling NDA have not reached a formal seat-sharing agreement for these elections. Several aspirants from all three parties have filed their nominations. The leadership of the three allies are trying for an understanding to put up a united fight. A total of 17,726 candidates from the YSR Congress Party have filed nominations. For MPTCs, 1,693 candidates from TDP have filed nomination papers. JSP and BJP have filed 587 and 227 nominations, respectively. YSRCP has fielded 1,445 candidates. Appeals against rejection of nominations were filed on October 25 before the concerned Revenue Divisional Officer (RDO) in the case of MPTCs and before the District Collector in the case of ZPTCs. The appellate authority will dispose of appeals on October 26. According to the SEC, October 27 will be the last day for withdrawal of candidatures. The same day, a final list of candidates will be published. Polling, wherever necessary, will be conducted on November 3. Repolling, if any, will be held on November 4. Counting of votes will be taken up on October 5. About 2.81 crore voters are eligible to cast their votes in elections to be held in 28 Zilla Praja Parishads. Out of the total 663 ZPTCs, polling will be held for 659 ZPTCs. Similarly, polling will be held for 9,829 MPTCs out of 9,858 MPTCs in the state.

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and risk management. The participants highlighted the role of academic institutions in building long-term industry partnerships. They also called for initiatives to address agricultural needs and train farmers to become entrepreneurs. Industry representatives from Suprajit Engineering, Centum Electronics, Biological E, Sea6 Energy, HiMedia Laboratories and other organisations took part in the discussion. Representatives of the three institutions thanked the industry leaders for their suggestions and said a roadmap would be prepared to translate the ideas into changes in academic programmes. The conclave was coordinated by faculty members from IIT Tirupati and IISER Tirupati.

Collector unveils ACB
helpline 1064
awareness posters

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torate chamber on Monday, Collector Rajakumari unveiled official promotional posters highlighting the Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) toll-free helpline number 1064. Terming corruption a formidable barrier to social development, she stressed that public participation and strict administrative accountability are essential to ensure efficient government service delivery. Outlining the week-long campaign schedule, the Collector announced that awareness posters would be displayed across all state government offices. Educational institutions will host interactive seminars and student competitions focused on ethics, honesty, and integrity. To maximize outreach, a dedicated publicity campaign promoting the ACB helpline 1064 will be broadcast on FM radio on October 30. Furthermore, to strengthen anti-corruption mechanisms at the grassroots level, mandal-level coordination meetings involving citizens, Tahsildars, and Mandal Parishad Development Officers (MPDOs) will be conducted on October 31. Reiterating that eradicating corrupt practices is a collective societal responsibility, Rajakumari appealed to the public to utilize the 1064 helpline without hesitation to report bribery. ACB Circle Inspector Ram Anjaneyulu, Sub-Inspector Subbarayudu, and other departmental officers were present during the unveiling programme.



Emphasis on peaceful
conduct of polls

Vijayawada: Election officials must work in close coordination to ensure the transparent, impartial and peaceful conduct of local body elections, General Election Observer S Nagalakshmi and Expenditure Observer B Vijaya Kumar said on Monday. They were speaking at a comprehensive review meeting on election preparedness and arrangements held at the Pingali Venkaiah Conference Hall in the NTR District Collectorate here under the chairmanship of District collector Dr G Lakshmisha. Nodal officers, returning officers, police officials and representatives of various departments attended the meeting. Nagalakshmi stressed that all election personnel, including those working at the field level, must have a thorough understanding of the rules and guidelines issued by the State Election Commission. She directed officials to conduct the elections impartially and transparently, without allowing scope for arbitrary decisions. She instructed teams monitoring violations of the Model Code of Conduct, election expenditure and field-level complaints to respond promptly and provide appropriate information to complainants to maintain public confidence in the electoral process. Also Read The right to vote is not a gift from the government Advertisement The general observer also emphasised proper training for election personnel and directed officials to ensure adequate transport, quality food and accommodation during polling and counting. She called for the timely completion of postal ballot distribution, arrangements at facilitation centres and printing of ballot papers. Expenditure Observer B Vijaya Kumar instructed Flying Squads (FSTs) and Static Surveillance Teams (SSTs) to treat the public courteously and exercise restraint while conducting vehicle checks. Any seizure of cash or other items suspected to be linked to electoral malpractice must be carried out strictly in accordance with the prescribed rules and supported by proper evidence, he said. He also called for regular coordination meetings with political party representatives and candidates to explain the rules governing nominations, campaigning, polling and counting. Collector Dr G Lakshmisha and the observers directed officials to discharge their responsibilities with dedication and ensure that the entire election process was conducted smoothly, with no scope for irregularities.

Applause for drama
by Drusya Vedika



Vijayawada: Drusya Vedika, an audience club promoting theatre and cultural activities, staged the social drama ‘Idi Pramadaaniki Sanketam’ at Hanumantharaya Grandhalayam Hall here on Sunday evening. The play explored the conflict between material ambitions, family relationships and human values. Written by Akurati Bhaskarachandra and directed by SK Misro, the drama revolves around Rama Rao and his wife Ramadevi, who incur debts to send their son Kailash to America for higher education, hoping that he will support them in their old age. However, their dreams are shattered when Kailash marries and settles abroad. An unexpected turn of events brings him back to India, while his wife Roopa and daughter remain in America. Buy Maps As Kailash struggles to find a way to reunite with his daughter, his maternal uncle Venkatachalam, a man committed to social welfare, offers to donate his kidney to an American woman suffering from a kidney ailment. In return, he hopes to secure a job in America for Kailash. However, an inhuman act by Kailash takes the story in a shocking direction, exposing the darker side of selfish ambition and testing the family’s moral values.

INTERNATIONAL NEPAL-BASED MURDER FOR GAIN GANG BUSTED BY HYDERABAD POLICE

AMEER HUSSAIN CRIME BEURO CHIEF :In a major operational breakthrough, the Hyderabad City Police—through a joint operation by the Special Investigation Team (SIT - Nepal Gang) and the Jubilee Hills Police—have busted a notorious international gang from Nepal, apprehending four members, including a woman accomplice. The gang was responsible for the sensational 'murder-for-gain' of a retired IPS officer's wife, registered under Cr. No. 307/2026, U/S 103(1), 310(3) BNS at Jubilee Hills Police Station.

Facts of the case: -
? On the intervening night of 07/08-05-2026, a brutal murder-for-gain occurred at Prashasan Nagar within the limits of Jubilee Hills Police Station, Hyderabad. The victim was Smt. Tanuja Ranjan, wife of Sri Ray Vinay Ranjan, IPS (Retd.).

? On 08-05-2026 at about 10:58 hours, the victim's daughter lodged a complaint stating that her mother was found dead in her bedroom with her hands tied and a cloth stuffed into her mouth.

? The bedroom was completely ransacked, wardrobes were broken open, and valuables were found missing. The domestic maid, Dharma @ Kalpana, a native of Nepal, was found absconding, and her mobile phone was switched off.

? During the investigation, it was established that the accused persons criminally trespassed into the house with common intention, smothered the victim to death, and decamped with 225 grams of gold jewellery and other valuables.

Initially, the Jubilee Hills Police, in coordination with the Task Force and CCS teams, analyzed extensive CCTV footage to track the entry and exit movements of the suspects. Based on CDR analysis and technical leads, police teams conducted Pan-India searches. Consequently, on 22-05-2026, the Task Force teams apprehended a prime accused, Sunil Bahadur Aauji @ Sunil Pariyar, along with the receiver, Dilip Bahadur Mijar @ Sonar, and recovered 26 grams of the stolen property from their possession by Sri Raghavender Inspector, Khairatabad TF and Sri Yadendra Inspector, Jubileehills TF and their teams.

Formation of Special Investigation Team: -

In view of the rising property offenses committed by Nepali gangs across the three Police Commissionerates of Telangana State, the Hyderabad City Police constituted a dedicated Special Investigation Team (SIT) on 19-05-2026. The team comprised one Inspector, two Sub-Inspectors, and 16 personnel, drawing expertise from both field operations and technical analysis.

The SIT functioned under the overall supervision of Sri Gaikwad Vaibhav Raghunath, IPS, Deputy Commissioner of Police, Commissioner's Task Force, and was led on the ground by Sri G.S. Daniel Shanti Kumar, Inspector of Police, IT Cell, Hyderabad City.

Apprehension of Accused by the SIT: Following sustained efforts, round-the-clock technical surveillance, and continuous tracking of the suspects across states, the Special Investigation Team (SIT), acting on credible intelligence along with the Jubilee Hills Police, apprehended four key absconding accused near Nampally Railway Station on 26-10-2026. The police also seized incriminating material and net cash of Rs 51,130/- from their possession. Their particulars are as follows:

1. Dharma Tiruwa @ Kalpana @ Bhimla Bishwakarma W/o Surender Tiruwa, age: 26 yrs, Occ: Maid Servant, N/o Bolo, Ward No. 2, Chakune, Surkhet, Nepal.

2. Ganesh B.K. @ Ganesh Bishwakarma @ Dinesh Thapa, S/o Sagune Kami, aged 31 years, Occ: Labour, C/o Priyadarshini Apartments, Hadapsar, Pune, Mahara shtra, N/o Birupati, Rakam Nagar Palika, Aathabisa, Ward No. 7, Dailekh, Nepal.

3. Chandra Bahudur Tamang @ Ranjeet Thapa @ Shanker Chandra Lama @ Kancha S/o Dik Bahadur Shahi @ Maan Bahadur Thapa, age: 44 Years, Occ: Cook, Aadhar Address:- Sector 52, Gurgoan, Haryana N/o Bulung, Bigu Gav Palika -3, Dolakha District, Nepal.

4. Ganesh Bahadur Shahi S/o Bishnu Bahadur Shahi, age: 37, Occ: Watch Man R/o, Dehu Road, Pune N/o Burawa Village, Lamki Chowa Ward No: 1, Kailali, Nepal.

Investigative Efforts of the SIT:

? To track down the suspects, the SIT conducted extensive field operations across multiple states, visiting Bengaluru, Mumbai, Pune, Surat, Patna, Delhi, Lucknow, and Uttarakhand.

? The team travelled to India–Nepal borders and camped there for over five months, carrying out intensive field inquiries in remote and hilly terrains for gathering crucial intelligence for the accused persons.

? The team developed reliable local informers across various regions to gather real-time intelligence regarding the hide-outs, travel routes, employment, and local contacts of the accused.

? The seamless coordination between ground teams, technical analysts, and local informers ultimately enabled the police to pinpoint the movements of the suspects and apprehend them successfully.

? Dedicated special police teams are continuing sustained field and technical efforts to track down and apprehend both the absconding accused at the earliest.

Execution of offence

? In June 2025, Dharma Tiruwa @ Kalpana migrated to Hyderabad through her relative, Jogi, and was employed as a domestic maid at a residence in Jubilee Hills on a monthly salary of approximately ?20,000/-.

? During her employment, she remained in close contact with Bikas, a Nepali national based in Pune. Bikas persistently inquired about her employer, the household assets, and available valuables, eventually proposing a planned robbery in exchange for a share in the booty.

? In April 2026, Dharma visited Pune to attend to her ailing father. There she came into contact with the gang members.

? On 04-05-2026, when Dharma's employer left for Bengaluru, she alerted the gang members.

Travel to Hyderabad:

? On 04-05-2026, Ganesh Shahi, Shanker Lama, and Sunil Pariyar met at Kalamboli and traveled to Pune in a self-drive Maruti Ertiga hired in Sunil Pariyar's name.

? On 05-05-2026, they met Bikas, Ganesh B.K., and Dileep Bishwakarma @ Akash in Pune, where Suresh Shahi and Netra Shahi (arriving from Bengaluru) joined them. After finalizing the plan, the gang proceeded toward Hyderabad.

? During transit, Shanker Lama deboarded at Solapur and traveled separately to Hyderabad, while Ganesh Shahi arrived by bus, and others traveled by car.

? On 07-05-2026 at about 07:30 AM, Ganesh B.K. and Suresh Shahi met Dharma near her workplace, conducted a recce of the premises, and instructed her on how to facilitate their entry. Later that evening, all members assembled at



Ravindra Bar near MGBS, Hyderabad.
? As per the plan devised by Sujan Shahi @ Suresh Shahi, the gang split into two teams:

- Group-I (Execution Team): Ganesh B.K., Suresh Shahi, and Shanker Lama (tasked with breaking in and committing the robbery).

- Group-II (Lookout Team): Ganesh Shahi, Sunil Pariyar, and Netra Shahi (stationed near Nampally Railway Station).

? In the intervening night 07/08 May 2026 as per plan Dharma opened the door. The other gang members entered the house.

? The victim suddenly woke up. Sujan Shahi immediately gagged her and assaulted her, while Ganesh B.K. restrained and tied her limbs, causing death by suffocation.

? The accused ransacked the almirahs and looted gold jewellery, and other valuables.

Escape & Sharing of Loot:

? After committing the crime, the accused escaped through the rear gate, proceeded to Nampally Railway Station, and joined Group-II.

? The entire gang traveled toward Kazipet, retreated to an isolated hilly terrain, and divided the stolen property into nine equal shares.

? To evade police detection, they split into three smaller groups, fled to Nepal, and disposed of the stolen valuables across various locations in Nepal. Previous Crime History of apprehended accused persons

1) Chandra Bahudur Tamang @ Ranjeet Thapa @ Shanker Chandra Lama @ Kancha

- Cr.No.219/2022 U/s 459,342,395,397,120b IPC of PS Karni Vihar. (NBW is pending)

- Cr.No.180/2025 U/S 305 306 331 123 317(2) 61(2) 3(5) BNS OF PS Vasant Kunj South, Delhi (BW issued against Accused)

2) Ganesh Bahadur Shahi - Cr.No.28/2020 U/s 457, 380 IPC of PS Banasawadi, Karnataka. (NBW is pending)

Other Achievements of the SIT:

? During the course of the cross-border operation, the SIT executed 5 pending Non-Bailable Warrants (NBWs) against absconding Nepali nationals.

1) Lokesh Gopi Sharma@ Lokesh Sharma@ Lokraj S/o. Gopi Sharma, Age: 32 yrs, Occ: Watchman at RajputhResidency, Near Fever Hospital, Nallakunta, HyderabadR/o. Gopika Village, Kailali District, Ward No. 8, Lamki Chhua Nagarpalika, Acham, Nepal. Cr.No. 313/2019 U/s 457,380,109, 411 r/w. 34 IPC of PS Narayanaguda.

2) Thapa Vishal Kumar S/o Gambhir Singh thapa, Age: 35 yrs Occ: Chinese fast food R/o Hno; lalDarwaza Mode, Shah Ali banda, Hyderabad N/o Dhangiri(v)Kailali (M) Seti State, Nepal. Cr.No. 200/2020 U/s 457, 380 IPC of PS Musheerabad.

3) Prakash Khatri S/o Late Khadak Singh Khathri Age: 27 yrs Occ; Catering Work R/o Hno: near Parsigutta Grave yard, Ram nagar, Musheerabad Hyderabad N/o Nepal Gunj, Kathmandu, Nepal. Cr.No. 200/2020 U/s 457, 380 IPC of PS Musheerabad.

4) Amar Bahadur Chand @ Amjam, S/o. Ganesh Bahadur Shahi Chand, Age: 24 yrs, Occ: Watchman, R/o. Sector – 19, Vittalwadi Apartment, Koperkhairane,

Wasi, Mumbai, Maharashtra & N/o. Gairakhet Village, Rakam Kamali, Dailkeh District, Bheri Zone, Central Nepal. Cr.No. 471/2021 U/s 307, 395, 212, 412, 120 (B) IPC of PS Saifabad.

5) Kamal Pariyar S/o Karna Pariyar, Age: 28 years, Occ: Watchman, R/o Sai Moral High School, Ram Gopal Colony, Old Bowenpally, Secunderabad. Permanent Address: Near Nepal Telecom Tower, Bethani, Bardiya Dist, Nepal. Cr.No. 52/2022 U/s 332,353 IPC of PS RGI Airport.

? The team also apprehended Jeevan Chand @ Jiban, a notorious habitual property offender from Nepal who had been absconding for a prolonged period, involved in 08 property offenses registered across Saifabad, Jubilee Hills, Kushaiguda (Telangana), Bengaluru City (Karnataka), and Gujarat State.

1. Cr.No. 67/2026 – Jubilee Hills Police Station.

2. Cr.No. 471/2021, Saifabad PS

3. Cr.No. 558/2020 Kushaiguda PS and also involved in other places i.e.,

4. Surat, Gujarat State

5. Thane, Bombay (Mumbai), Maharashtra State

6. Kalyan, Bombay (Mumbai), Maharashtra State

7. Dombivli, Bombay (Mumbai), Maharashtra State

8. Bengaluru City (Karnataka)

Again, these gang members planned to commit the similar offences in Bangaluru and Delhi by employing the domestic servants, by arresting the said gang members prevented commission of new offences.

The arrests were made under the supervision of Sri Vaibhav Raghunath Gaikwad, IPS, DCP (Commissioner's Task Force, Hyderabad City), Sri A. Ramana Reddy, DCP (Jubilee Hills). The operation was executed by a joint team comprising Sri G.S. Daniel, Inspector of Police, SIT (Nepali Gang), Sri D. Ashok, Inspector of Police, Jubilee Hills PS, along with SIs C. Raghavendra Reddy, S. Karunakar Reddy, and the staff of both the SIT and Jubilee Hills Police Station.

Appeal to General Public:

In light of recent sensational property offences, the Hyderabad City Police strongly urge citizens, apartment welfare associations, and gated communities to exercise the utmost caution and vigilance while employing domestic helps, cooks, watchmen, and caretakers—particularly individuals hailing from outside country and other states. Criminals often exploit opportunities created by negligence, and no one should hire domestic staff without proper background checks and police verification. When you hire non-locals who are not long-time residents of the same locality for many years, you are actually allowing a stranger without local roots and connections into your house. Given the fact that increasingly households only have elders left along in the house throughout the day, it is extremely important that before you employ a non-local, some minimum safety checks are carried out. Such safety steps include:

1. Collection and verification of Identity Documents:

a. It is not just important to collect copies of ID documents such as Aadhar or Voter card or National Identity Card in case your house-help is a Nepali citizen, it is also critical to verify that the documents are accurate.

Andhra Pradesh State Disaster Management Authority, Scrolling: 26-10-26, 8:30 AMDeep Depression intensifies into Cyclone

Named as Cyclone 'Arnab'Cyclone moved at speed of 15 km per hour in last 6 hoursCurrently centered at 650 km from Visakhapatnam, 730 km from Kakinada, 830 km from Machilipatnam, 910 km from Bapatla: Prakhar Jain, MD, State Disaster ManagementArnab to intensify into Severe Cyclone by tonight midnight, Very

Severe Cyclone by tomorrowLikely to cross coast between Bapatla - Visakhapatnam by day after tomorrow morningThese three days are most crucialPeople must necessarily take precautions: Prakhar Jain, MD, State Disaster Management

K kUMAR SWAMI GRAM PANCHAYAT SECRETARY SHAYAMPET(V) WARANGAL DISTRICT CONVICTED IN ACB CASE



AMEER HUSSAIN CRIME BEURO CHIEF :SRL KURRU KUMARA SWAMY, PANCHAYAT SECRETARY, GRAM PANCHAYAT, SHAYAMPET (V) & (M), WARANGAL DISTRICT CONVICTED IN ACB CASE““On 26.10.2026, Smt. Kshama Deshpande, Hon'ble Special Judge for SPE & ACB Cases cum-III Additional District and Sessions Judge, Warangal, pronounced judgment in Cr.No.10/ACB-WRL/2008, vide C.C. No. 05/2024, convicting the Accused Officer, Sri Kurru Kumara Swamy, Panchayat Secretary, Gram Panchayat, Shayampet Village and Mandal, Warangal District, for the offences punishable under Sections 7 and 13(2) read with Section 13(1)(d) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988. The Accused Officer was sentenced to undergo Rigorous Imprisonment for two years and to pay a fine of Rs. 10,000 Earlier, on 06.09.2008, the Accused Officer, Sri Kurru Kumara Swamy, Panchayat Secretary, Gram Panchayat, Shayampet



Village and Mandal, Warangal District, demanded and accepted a bribe of Rs. 4,000 from the complainant for showing official favour, namely, preparation of a house rent bill for approximately Rs. 25,500/- in respect of the building in which a Veterinary Dispensary was functioning and issuance of a cheque for the said amount in favour of the complainant. CELL PHONE NUMBER-1064 (TOLL FREE NUMBER): In case of demand of bribe by any Public Servant, the public are requested to contact Toll Free Number of ACB ie, 1064 for taking action as per Law. ACB Telangana can also be contacted through social media platforms whatsapp (9440446106), facebook (Telangana ACB), X/formerly twitter (Telangana ACH). The QR Code of ACB is displayed in all Government offices and prominent public to contact ACB, Telangana. The name and details of the victim/complainant will be kept secret. 726/4/26. PRO Anti-Corruption Bureau, TG, Hyderabad

Continuous Monitoring on Implementation of Election Rules District Collector Dr. G. Lakshmisha Inspects Functioning of MCMC, MCC TeamsOrders to Be Vigilant in Implementation of Model Code of Conduct

Vijayawada, October 26: District Collector Dr. G. Lakshmisha suggested that local body election duties in district should be carried out in most transparent, accountable manner as per guidelines, rules of State Election Com



mission.“He inspected functioning of Media Certification and Monitoring Committee (MCMC), Model Code of Conduct (MCC) implementation and other departments set up in Collectorate Sri AVS Reddy Hall. He reviewed measures being taken regarding monitoring of advertisements, broadcasts related to election campaign along with certification, implementation of Model Code of Conduct. He suggested concerned officials should work in coordination as per Election Commission guidelines, be vigilant in dis-

charge of duties and implement election rules strictly. He said should work in coordination with Expenditure Monitoring Officers. He said focus should be on proper formulation, submission of reports from time to time. Collector Lakshmisha ordered concerned departments to continue continuous monitoring to ensure election process is transparent, impartial. DIPRO KV Ramana Rao, DPRO T. Nageswara Rao, Divisional PRO K. Ravi, AVS VV Prasad and others participated in program.

Entrepreneurship, Marketing, Health and Nutrition Sessions Empower Lakhpati Didis at National SARAS Mela-2026



Vijayawada, October 26, 2026:“Entrepreneurship development, marketing strategies, and health and nutrition awareness took centre stage at the National SARAS Mela-2026 in Vijayawada, with special sessions organised for Lakhpati Didis at the Entrepreneurship and Knowledge Pavilions. The sessions focused on strengthening women’s entrepreneurial skills, improving market access for SHG products, and promoting healthy dietary practices through natural farming and household-level nutrition interventions. “BRAC International Trains Lakhpati Didis in Entrepreneurship and Marketing “Ms. Sruthi from BRAC International, the technical partner to the National Rural Livelihoods Mission (NRLM) for the Lakhpati Didi initiative, conducted a training session on Entrepreneurship and Marketing at the Entrepreneurship Pavilion. The session focused on helping SHG women transition from being product makers and sellers to confident entrepreneurs who understand customer needs, create value and build sustainable businesses. Drawing on the themes presented in the training material, participants were sensitised to the importance of identifying customer needs, communicating the unique value of their products, and sharing the stories behind their products rather than focusing on sales alone. The training highlighted three essential pillars of entrepreneurship: quality, financial strategy and marketing. The session emphasised maintaining product quality through appropriate standards for appearance, safety, consistency and packaging, along with relevant registrations and certifications. Women were also encouraged to calculate the complete cost of production, including raw materials, manufacturing, packaging, transportation, labour and other expenses, before fixing selling prices and profit margins.“Particular attention was given to protecting seed capital, reinvesting profits in raw materials and business expansion, and avoiding the use of business funds for household expenses. Participants were introduced to practical marketing techniques for physical stalls, including attractive product displays, allowing customers to experience products where appropriate, and explaining product uniqueness clearly and confidently. The session also highlighted digital marketing opportunities through WhatsApp Business, Instagram, Facebook, Meesho, Amazon, Flipkart, YouTube and other online marketplaces. These platforms can help women-led enterprises reach wider customer groups, receive orders, strengthen brand visibility and expand beyond local markets.“RySS Promotes Health and Nutrition through Natural Farming“At the Knowledge Pavilion, Ms. Nagalatha and Ms. Devika from Rythu Sadhikara Samstha (RySS), Andhra Pradesh, conducted a session on Health and Nutrition for Lakhpati Didis. The session highlighted the integration of health and nutrition with Andhra Pradesh Community-Managed Natural Farming (APCNF), emphasising the close relationship between soil health, plant health and human health.“The presentation underscored the principle that healthy soil is the foundation of nutritious food. APCNF promotes natural farming practices based on biological inputs rather than synthetic

chemicals, diversified and multi-tier cropping, year-round green cover and water conservation. These practices are intended to support sustainable agricultural production while contributing to food safety and nutritional security.“The participants were sensitised to the importance of improving household dietary diversity by including millets, pulses, vegetables, fruits and other nutrient-rich foods in daily meals. The session highlighted the role of kitchen gardens and nutrition gardens, backyard poultry, small livestock and fisheries in ensuring regular access to fresh and nutritious food at the household level.“The training also covered the importance of connecting natural-farming farmers and SHG women with schools, Anganwadi Centres and hostels to supply safe and nutritious local produce. Farmer Nutrition Schools, cooking demonstrations, nutrition counselling and awareness on water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) were highlighted as important approaches for improving food and nutrition practices among rural households.“SHGs as Partners in Nutrition Security and Rural Enterprise Development“The session further emphasised the role of SHGs, Village Organisations and community institutions in promoting nutrition-sensitive livelihoods. Women can contribute by encouraging household food production, identifying gaps in food-basket diversity, supporting local procurement of nutritious foods and developing nutrition-based enterprises such as rural marts and healthy snack-processing units.“The APCNF approach also promotes convergence among farmers, SHGs, health and ICDS departments, educational institutions and local governance bodies to improve access to nutritious food and strengthen community participation. Such initiatives can create opportunities for women to improve household nutrition while developing sustainable income-generating activities.“Building Women’s Confidence, Enterprises and Healthy Communities“Together, the entrepreneurship and health and nutrition sessions highlighted the importance of combining business skills with improved household well-being. While entrepreneurship training equips Lakhpati Didis to improve product quality, manage finances and access wider markets, nutrition interventions encourage women to adopt healthier food practices and explore livelihood opportunities linked to natural farming and nutritious food products.“The sessions at the National SARAS Mela-2026 reinforced the vision of empowering rural women not only as successful entrepreneurs but also as leaders in promoting healthier households, stronger community institutions and sustainable rural livelihoods.“The National SARAS Mela-2026 is being organised by the Ministry of Rural Development, Government of India, in collaboration with the Andhra Pradesh State Rural Livelihoods Mission (APSRLM/SERP), providing a national platform for SHG women to strengthen their skills, showcase their products and explore new opportunities for enterprise development and livelihood enhancement.

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Shreyas Iyer’s India aim to clinch series against depleted New Zealand

Wellington: New Zealand will be without two of their most potent fast bowlers, Matt Henry and Lockie Ferguson, when they take on a rampant India in the third T20I at Hnry Stadium on Tuesday. Trailing 2-0, New Zealand must win the match to keep the series alive. Henry, who bowled only two overs in the second match at Hagley Oval in Christchurch on Saturday, one of them a maiden, is unavailable for the rest of the series to manage his workload ahead of the other formats. Ferguson, meanwhile, will sit out the match in Wellington. Neither bowler completed his allotted overs in the previous match. Henry had a calf complaint, while Ferguson also left the field as a precaution. Their absence leaves New Zealand relying on Adam Milne and Blair Tickner, who are available for the remainder of the series, along with Kyle Jamieson, who will feature in Wellington before playing a Ford Trophy match to prepare for the Test series. India, by contrast, have barely put a foot wrong so far, despite having just one training session before the series opener in Christchurch. Sharper execution with the bat has helped them chase down a record 226 and a tricky target of 181.

India have also benefited from some generous fielding and bowling by New Zealand. However, the visitors will want veteran seamer Bhuvneshwar Kumar to improve his performance after conceding 99 runs in just eight overs in the series while taking only one wicket.

Wellington, however, will present a different challenge. Hnry Stadium, also known as the ‘Cake Tin’, is a multi-sport venue that is usually windier. With a drop-in pitch and square boundaries of only around 60 metres, India’s bowlers will have to adjust their plans accordingly. With Ishan Kishan yet to recover fully from a low-grade right adductor strain, teenage batting sensation Vaibhav Sooryavanshi is set for another opportunity at number three. India are therefore expected to retain the same playing XI combination as in the previous match. According to CricViz, India head into the third T20I with both momentum and the numbers firmly in their favour. India have won 21



of their 33 T20Is against New Zealand, lost 11 and tied one. They have won nine of their 14 T20I matches in New Zealand. Left-handed batter Tilak Varma has emerged as India’s go-to finisher. He averages 51.6 in T20Is while chasing, compared with 39.7 when batting first. India have won all 12 T20Is in which he has remained unbeaten, while all 26 of his not-out innings in T20 cricket have ended in victories.

Since the start of 2025, Varma has scored 1,282 T20I runs in 52 matches at an average of 41.4 and a strike rate of 141.7. New Zealand’s biggest weapon could be skipper Mitchell Santner, who claimed four wickets in the previous match. India averaged 58.2 against finger spinners in 2025, losing a wicket every 39 balls. However, that average has fallen to 27.3 in 2026, with a wicket falling every 18 balls.

When: October 27, 2026, at 12.30 pm
Where: Hnry Stadium, Wellington

Where to watch: The match will be telecast live on Sony Sports Network channels, with live streaming available on the Sony LIV app and website.

Squads

India: Shreyas Iyer (captain), Sanju Samson (wk), Ishan Kishan, Abhishek Sharma, Tilak Varma, Shivam Dube, Nitish Kumar Reddy, Naman Dhir, Prince Yadav, Vaibhav Sooryavanshi, Axar Patel, Kuldeep Yadav, Varun Chakaravathy, Arshdeep Singh, Mayank Yadav, Bhuvneshwar Kumar and Kumar Kushagra.

New Zealand: Mitchell Santner (captain), Devon Conway (wk), Tim Seifert, Finn Allen, Bevon Jacobs, Glenn Phillips, Daryl Mitchell, Michael Bracewell, Josh Clarkson, Nathan Smith, Adam Milne, Jacob Duffy, Kyle Jamieson, Matt Fisher and Blair Tickner.

Rashmika defends her choices, says feminism means freedom to choose

Mumbai: Actor Rashmika Mandanna has responded to online criticism over her relationship with Vijay Deverakonda, saying the reaction of some netizens felt less like an opinion and more like an “angry mob looking for someone to vent at”. Speculation about the couple’s relationship has continued since their appearance on Koffee with Karan Season 9. “Somewhere along the way, the whole point got lost. Maybe it didn’t fit your lens. Maybe some of you simply don’t want to see it (sic),” Rashmika wrote in an Instagram post. She said she had decided to speak out to protect those who still believed in love. Addressing claims that she had spent an entire year proposing to Vijay, Rashmika said neither of them had been looking for a grand proposal.

“But neither of us was looking for a grand proposal. The conversation was about him wanting both of us to take the time and space to understand each other, to be sure that despite all the highs and lows, the joys and stresses of life, this was what we wanted and the right time for it. And we did. We chose each other,” she wrote. Rashmika also described Vijay as a major source of support in her life. “When I snap a bone, you aren’t there. He is. When my stomach hurts every month, you aren’t there. He is. When I need to go to the hospital, you aren’t there. He is. When I wake up in the middle



of the night with anxiety, you aren’t there. He is,” she added.

The Pushpa actress also made it clear that she would not tolerate anyone speaking ill of her family.

“Bitch about me all you want. I can take it. But talking about my family without knowing them? That’s not feminism. That’s bullying dressed up as feminism,” she wrote. Rashmika added that feminism was not about putting others down or establishing superiority, regardless of whether one was a man or a woman. For her, she said, feminism meant having the freedom to choose one’s own life and take charge of it. “I took charge of mine and it rewarded me with immense love,” she added.

‘Scene’: Suriya’s DSP Inbaraj asks crowds to shoot reels vertically

Chennai: The makers of director Jithu Madhavan’s eagerly awaited film ‘Scene’, featuring actor Suriya in the lead role, on Monday released a glimpse video of DSP Inbaraj, the character played by the actor. Sharing the video, titled ‘Glimpse of DSP Inbaraj’, on his X timeline, Suriya wrote, “Hello Dear All, With love, DSP Inbaraj.” The film is scheduled for a worldwide theatrical release on November 6, coinciding with Deepavali. The glimpse video shows DSP Inbaraj (Suriya) arriving at a crime scene, where he is greeted by a constable named Sibi. Inbaraj exchanges pleasantries with Sibi, who is confused about whether to address him as “sir” or “anna” (elder brother). Inbaraj eventually advises him to stick to “sir”. As they make their way through a crowd gathered outside the crime scene, Inbaraj asks people to maintain “one-arm distance”. He questions Sibi about the crowd gathering during the COVID period. When a worried Sibi offers to disperse the crowd, Inbaraj stops him, saying that crowds make it more fun to watch reels. He asks Sibi to tell those recording videos on their phones to shoot them vertically.

In another sequence, Inbaraj advises someone not to smoke, warning that smoking could affect fertility. However, the glimpse also shows Inbaraj himself smoking a cigarette. The video suggests that Suriya plays a street-smart policeman who is markedly different from conventional on-screen cops. The makers



have already revealed that Naslen plays the antagonist, Eeswaran. A video introducing his character portrayed him as a “faceless, emotionless, inhuman predator”. In one scene, Eeswaran is heard telling someone, “Don’t be scared. I won’t kill you. Get the vehicle started.” The film went on floors with a traditional pooja in Chennai in December last year. Produced by Zhagaram Studios, it had been tentatively referred to as ‘Suriya 47’. The project has generated considerable anticipation since the collaboration between Suriya and Jithu Madhavan was first announced. Suriya plays the lead role, with Nazriya Nazim as the female lead. Besides Naslen, the film also features John Vijay and Anandaraj in pivotal roles. The film’s technical team includes cinematographer Vineeth Augustian, music composer Sushin Shyam, production designer Ashwini Kale and editor Ajmal Sabu. Chethan D’Souza is the stunt choreographer. The film has generated high expectations among fans and audiences.

Venkatesh-Trivikram collaboration ‘Aadarsha Kutumbam’ gets U/A certificate

Hyderabad: Director Trivikram’s upcoming film, Aadarsha Kutumbam House No. 47 – AK 47, starring Venkatesh in the lead, has been cleared for release by the Central Board of Film Certification (CBFC) with a U/A certificate. Production house Haarika & Hassine Creations announced the development on social media, saying, “‘U’nmisssable ‘A’ll-Out family entertainer! #AadarshaKutumbam is certified U/A! Bringing you crime, comedy, action, and family fun, all under one roof! #AK47 In cinemas worldwide from OCTOBER 30th! #AK47FromOct30th | #Venky77 | #VenkateshXTrivikram.” The film is scheduled for a worldwide theatrical release on October 30. The makers had initially announced October 2 as the release date before postponing it to October 9. They later rescheduled the release to October 30. A few months ago, the makers released a video introducing actress Srinidhi Shetty’s character in the film. Haarika & Hassine Creations shared the introductory video of Swarna, played by Shetty, on its X account. “Ee Aadaliiki Attitude thapa Gratitude undadhu! – Chittibabu (These women only have attitude and no gratitude – Chittibabu). Meet the beautiful @SrinidhiShetty7 as ‘Swarna’ from the world of #Aadarsha Kutumbam #AK47OnOCT2nd | #AK47 | #Venky77 | #VenkateshX Trivikram,” the production house said. In the video, Chittibabu (Venkatesh) complains about his wife to another person, saying, “These women only have attitude and no gratitude.” He then looks up and notices a woman standing on the balcony opposite his home, smiling and waving at him. “A woman ought to be like her. See how she smiles at me like a flower as soon as I saved her? On the other hand, look at my wife. She last smiled during our wedding when the photographer said, ‘Smile please!’ After that, she hasn’t



smiled and always has a serious face,” he says. The video then shows Swarna (Srinidhi Shetty) shyly smiling at another man. The makers recently announced that actor Rohith Nara had joined the film’s cast. They also shared a poster featuring him, which appeared to suggest that he plays a police officer. The film’s title was announced in December last year. The title poster showed Venkatesh standing in the middle of a road, smiling and holding a leather bag in his left hand, with his right hand raised. Initially referred to as #Venky77, the film has generated considerable interest as Venkatesh teams up with director Trivikram. Venkatesh’s most recent release, Sankranthiki Vasthunam, was a blockbuster. This is the first time Trivikram has directed a film starring Venkatesh in the lead, although he previously worked with the actor as a writer. Trivikram penned the story and dialogues for the hit film Nuvvu Naaku Nachav, directed by K Vijaya Bhaskar and starring Venkatesh and Aarthi Agarwal. The film also marked Agarwal’s debut in Telugu cinema.

Sheetal Devi rates individual gold her most special medal at Asian Para Games

New Delhi: India's star para archer Sheetal Devi is keeping her focus firmly on her game and tuning out the social media buzz as her consistent medal-winning performances continue to raise expectations. Her latest success came at the



Asian Para Games in Japan. Sheetal returned to New Delhi on Sunday to a rousing welcome along with her fellow Indian archers after winning two gold medals and a silver in the compound individual, mixed team and women's team events. "I focus on my game. I do not look at social media much. But I feel very happy when I win a medal and people come to see me. Many children, even young children, watch, so it feels wonderful," she told PTI. The para archery sensation defended her individual title with a hard-fought win over Singapore's Nur Syahidah Alim, renewing their rivalry from the 2023 Hangzhou Asian Para Games final. The 19-year-old from Jammu rated the individual gold as the most special of her three medals. "The individual event. The others are special too, but my focus was more on the individual event to return as a champion. With the grace of God and everyone's wonderful and lovely support, I won," she said. Paris Paralympics gold medallist Harvinder Singh said India's recurve team handled the pressure of heightened expectations well to clinch gold at the continental event. "Indeed, higher expectations bring pressure, but I am glad we handled that pressure. Our practice was excellent, the federation's support was wonderful, and we received a week of training there, all of which benefited us in archery," said Harvinder, who partnered Vijay Sundi in the men's recurve team event. India recorded its best-ever campaign in archery at the Asian Para Games, returning with three gold and an equal number of silver medals. "It feels wonderful when the entire team wins medals. In 2018, only I had won an individual medal, but this time I am happy that many more medals have come. For those few play-

ers who did not win, we hope that next time our entire team will bring home medals," he said. Para shooter Mona Agarwal described her campaign at the Asian Para Games as a dream come true after clinching two gold medals and setting five records, including a world record.

Mona, who was named India's flag bearer for the closing ceremony in Nagoya, emerged as the country's most successful athlete in its campaign that yielded 114 medals. "I would like to say that in a very short time, I have brought back a lot of happiness from Japan. I was expecting a medal, but when five records were created together and I became the flag bearer, it is a very big achievement for me," she said upon her return. "Winning a medal, setting records, and becoming a flag bearer are all connected; they cannot be separated. It feels like a dream. When I left for Japan, I went thinking I would bring back two medals, but I did not think I would return with two gold, five records, and become the flag bearer," she added. Indian shuttler Nitesh Kumar clinched gold in the men's singles SL3 category after defeating compatriot and veteran Pramod Bhagat in an all-Indian final. "Winning against Pramod in two sets is, of course, very special. Winning the final against him is a very rare thing, and the final match was quite good and interesting," the Paris Paralympics gold medallist said. Nitesh said his ultimate goal was to defend his Paralympic title at the Los Angeles Games in 2028. "We are hoping for the same (Paralympics gold), but two years is a long journey. First, we have to get through qualifications, and the target will remain the same — to defend my title in LA," he said.

Amit Sadh-led 'Pratap' to hit theatres on November 20

Mumbai: The makers of the upcoming crime drama 'Pratap', starring Amit Sadh and Esha Deol, unveiled the film's trailer on Monday. The film sees Amit Sadh playing Pratap, a police officer who, after spending a major part of his life putting people behind bars, suddenly finds himself in the same position. Juggling between his past and present, the trailer raises questions about the circumstances that led to the imprisonment of a police officer. Talking about his upcoming film, Amit Sadh said, "Pratap is not your conventional cop story. What interested me was the journey of a man who has spent his life enforcing the law, only to find himself on the other side of it. There are so many emotions and contradictions within this character, and as an actor, that made him interesting to portray. The trailer gives you a glimpse of his world, but there is a lot more to his story than what meets the eye." Esha Deol added, "What I liked about Pratap was that the story isn't as straightforward as it may seem. There are several layers to the narrative, and as the story unfolds, you begin to see the characters and their circumstances differently. Working with Amit and Sachin has been a wonderful experience, and I'm looking forward to audiences discovering what the film has in store." Writer-director Sachin Saraf said,



"With Pratap, I wanted to tell a story about a man whose life changes completely when he finds himself in a situation he never imagined. It's a film about choices, consequences, and the fine line between right and wrong. We have tried to keep the storytelling grounded while bringing in the action and emotions that the narrative demands. The trailer is only the beginning of what unfolds in the film." Written and directed by Sachin Saraf, 'Pratap' is backed by Pradeep Rangwani and presented by UV Films. The film is scheduled to release in theatres on November 20, 2026.

Hyderabad's 14-year-old martial artist reportedly lands 330 punches in a minute

Hyderabad: Fourteen-year-old martial artist Balabhadrapatruni Yashwwanth has reportedly secured his 10th world record after delivering 330 single-hand punches in one minute, surpassing the previous teenage record of 292 punches. Born on December 7, 2011, Yashwwanth achieved a rate of 5.5 punches per second using one hand, according to information provided about his feat. Beyond his speed records, Yashwwanth has also demonstrated endurance by completing 59 consecutive full-contact karate kumite rounds. He is also reported to be the first teenager globally to complete the Senkoukai 50-Fight Challenge. Yashwwanth trains in Senkoukai Karate under the supervision of his coach, Grandmaster Hanshi Shaswat Kumar, who is described as the "Grandmaster of the Century". Yashwwanth said, "Reaching my 10th world record is a dream come true. This milestone is a testament to rigorous training, perseverance, and the effectiveness of my coach's advanced training systems.



Breaking the previous record of 292 pushes me to test human limitations even further." Kumar praised the young martial artist's dedication, saying Yashwwanth's punching speed and biomechanics were comparable to those of elite adult fighters.

SAI felicitates Asian Games medallists and their coaches in Kolkata



Hyderabad: The Sports Authority of India (SAI), Kolkata, felicitated archers Sahil Rajesh Jadhav and Kirti Sharma for their gold-medal-winning performances at the 2026 Asian Games in Aichi-Nagoya, Japan. Rower Satnam Singh was also felicitated for winning bronze in the men's double sculls event. Their coaches Haresh Kumar, Udham Singh and Inderpal Singh were also present on the occasion. Haresh Kumar coaches Sahil at SAI's National Centre of Excellence (NCOE) in Kolkata, while Udham Singh coaches Kirti at SAI's Sports Training Centre (STC) in Hazaribagh. Arjuna Awardee Inderpal Singh, a coach at SAI Jagatpur, guides Satnam. Sahil thanked his coach, Haresh Kumar, and acknowledged SAI's role in his success. "I want to thank my coaches at SAI for their guidance. It is important to stay grounded and continue to work hard after achieving success," he said. Satnam recounted the hard work and mental challenges he faced before winning what the organisers described as India's first-ever Asian Games medal in the men's double sculls event. "I was confident of winning a medal in the men's quadruple sculls. But at the last moment, I was told to compete in the double sculls. I was not confident initially, but was determined to give my best," he said. "We had never won a medal in that event earlier. Now that me and my partner

Salman Khan have removed that psychological barrier, it has opened the road for more medals in the double sculls in the future," he added. SAI NCOE Regional Director Sibananda Mishra praised the athletes and their coaches for making India proud on the international stage. "The achievements of Sahil Rajesh Jadhav, Kirti Sharma and Satnam Singh are a matter of immense pride for the country. Their performances at the Asian Games 2026 reflect the dedication, perseverance and competitive spirit that define Indian sport. SAI congratulates the athletes and their support teams and wishes them continued success in their future endeavours," he said. Sahil won two gold medals in archery, emerging champion in the men's compound team and mixed compound team events. Kirti was part of the team that won gold in the women's recurve event. Sahil also secured a quota spot for India in the mixed compound event at the 2028 Los Angeles Olympic Games, marking a significant milestone in the country's preparations for the Summer Olympics. Satnam's bronze-medal-winning performance in the men's double sculls further highlighted India's presence in Asian rowing. His achievement was hailed as a testament to the discipline, resilience and hard work required to excel in the physically demanding sport.

Apple unveils new iPad mini with 8.5-inch OLED display, A20 Pro chip

New Delhi: Apple on Monday introduced the next-generation iPad mini, featuring a redesigned thinner and lighter form factor, a larger OLED display, the new A20 Pro processor, and enhanced artificial intelligence capabilities powered by iPadOS 27.

The new iPad mini comes with an 8.5-inch OLED display, larger than its predecessor while maintaining a similar overall footprint due to significantly slimmer bezels.

Apple said the Super Retina XDR display offers more than twice the peak brightness of the previous-generation model, deeper blacks, a 2,000,000:1 contrast ratio, and support for the P3 wide colour gamut. The tablet is also available with an optional nano-texture display designed to reduce glare in bright environments. At just 5.4 mm thick, the latest iPad mini is Apple's thinnest mini tablet yet. It is available in midnight and starlight finishes and carries an IP67 rating for water and dust resistance, making it suitable for outdoor and on-the-go use. Powering the device is Apple's new A20 Pro chip, built using a 2-nanometre process. The company claims the processor delivers up to 60 per cent faster multithreaded CPU performance, up to 2.7 times faster graphics performance, and up to 4.5 times faster AI processing compared with the previous generation. The chip features a 7-core GPU with Neural Accelerators integrated into each GPU core, while the top-end 512GB variant includes a Dual 16-core Neural Engine for advanced on-device AI workloads. Apple has also enhanced the device's multimedia capabilities with an Acoustic Display system that integrates specially designed woofers and tweeters into the display structure to deliver improved audio quality, higher volume levels, and stronger bass response. On the camera front, the iPad mini now features a 12MP Center Stage front camera positioned on the landscape edge for video calls and online meetings. The rear houses a 12MP Wide camera with Smart HDR 4, support for 4K video recording at up to 60 fps, and an Adaptive True Tone flash aimed at improving photography and document scanning. Connectivity has also received a major upgrade. The tablet is equipped with Apple's new N1 wireless networking chip, enabling support for Wi-Fi 7, Bluetooth 6, and Thread technology. Cellular variants feature Apple's next-generation C2 modem, which the company says delivers up to 50 per cent faster cellular data speeds while improving power efficiency. The new iPad mini runs iPadOS 27 and introduces the latest version of Apple Intelligence and Siri AI. Apple said Siri AI can understand personal context, analyse on-screen content, assist users across messages, emails and photos, and answer questions across a broad range of topics. The software also includes upgraded AI-powered photo editing tools, a new Image Playground app, and Safari's Notify Me feature for tracking changes on websites.



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Hyundai BAYON launched in India at starting price of Rs 9.99 lakh

Hyderabad: Hyundai Motor India Limited (HMIL) on Monday launched its new utility vehicle, the Hyundai BAYON, in the Indian market with prices starting at Rs 9.99 lakh (ex-showroom). The vehicle marks HMIL's first model equipped with an in-built Generative AI voice assistant. Developed using



technology from Perplexity and SoundHound AI, the system supports natural language interaction for real-time information such as travel itineraries, weather updates, and news. Speaking at the launch, HMIL Managing Director and CEO Tarun Garg stated that the BAYON signals the start of the automaker's next product cycle in the country. He added that the model will be manufactured in India and exported to over 50 global markets. The BAYON is powered by Hyundai's 1.5-litre four-cylinder MPi petrol engine, which delivers 115 PS of power and 143.8 Nm of torque. Buyers can choose between a 6-speed manual transmission and an Intelligent Variable Transmission (iVT). Built on the Global K Enhanced Platform, the vehicle comes with more than 80 safety features. Stan-

dard equipment across all variants includes six airbags, Electronic Stability Control (ESC), and Hill-start Assist Control (HAC). Higher variants feature the Hyundai SmartSense Level 2 Pro ADAS suite, incorporating 23 driver-assistance functions supported by camera and radar systems. Inside, the cabin features a dual-curved 12.3-inch panoramic display powered by NVIDIA graphics, integrated with Hyundai's Bluelink connected car system.

The vehicle measures 4,245 mm in length, offers a 2,600 mm wheelbase, a boot capacity of 505 litres, and a ground clearance of 205 mm. The BAYON will be available in multiple trims across manual and automatic options, alongside 10 exterior colour choices including monotone, dual-tone, and matte finishes.

SBI Funds Management shares fall 7 pc after Q2 profit misses estimates

Mumbai: Shares of SBI Funds Management plunged to a record low in Monday's intra-day trade after the asset manager reported weaker-than-expected earnings for the September quarter, prompting investors to dump the stock despite brokerages maintaining a positive long-term outlook. The stock fell as much as 7 per cent to Rs 433.55 on the BSE, its lowest level since listing on July 21, 2026. It was trading at Rs 445.65, down 4 per cent, during noon trade. The stock is currently trading about 24 per cent below its issue price of Rs 574 per share. Trading activity remained robust, with nearly 2.52 million shares changing hands across the NSE and BSE, nearly double the average volume. The sharp decline came after the company reported a weaker-than-anticipated performance for the second quarter of FY27. According to Equirus Securities, SBI Funds Management posted a profit after tax (PAT) of Rs 701 crore, down 6 per cent year-on-year. The earnings shortfall was primarily attributed to operating expenses, which rose 24.3 per cent year-on-year to Rs 301 crore. The brokerage also noted that revenue yield declined by 0.6 basis points quarter-on-quarter to 36.1 basis points, while non-mutual fund yields excluding advisory remained in the 35-40 basis point range. SBI Funds Management's equity quarterly average assets under management (QAAUM) increased 5.6 per cent sequentially, lagging the industry's 6.6 per cent growth rate. As a result, the company's market share declined by 12 basis points quarter-on-quarter to 12.53



per cent. The firm's share in monthly systematic investment plan (SIP) inflows also weakened, falling to 12 per cent in September 2026 from 12.65 per cent in June. SIP assets under management remained largely unchanged at Rs 2.07 trillion, while market share edged lower to 11.59 per cent from 11.64 per cent. New SIP registrations stood at 1.9 million during the quarter, with market share declining to 9.94 per cent from 10.6 per cent in the previous quarter. Despite the near-term pressure, analysts highlighted that the company's core mutual fund franchise remains healthy. More than half of its equity and hybrid assets under management continued to deliver competitive performance over the three-year period ended September 2026, while equity net inflows remained resilient. Equirus Securities said it expects the company to deliver a 13 per cent compound annual growth rate (CAGR) in mutual fund average assets under management and a 10 per cent EBITDA CAGR between FY26 and FY29. The brokerage retained its "Long" rating on the stock with a target price of Rs 540 per share, citing the company's strong brand, extensive distribution network and growing alternatives business.

Rupee loses 84 paise in three sessions, closes at 95.22 against dollar

Mumbai: The rupee depreciated for the third consecutive session, settling 29 paise lower at 95.22 (provisional) against the US dollar on Monday, weighed down by elevated crude oil prices and geopolitical tensions in the Middle East. Forex traders said the rupee weakened amid a stronger dollar and a slight rise in US Treasury yields, while a recovery in domestic equity markets cushioned the decline. At the interbank foreign exchange market, the rupee opened at 94.92 against the dollar before losing ground to touch an intra-day low of 95.26. It finally settled at 95.22 (provisional), down 29 paise from its previous close. On Friday, the rupee had depreciated 12 paise to close at 94.93 against the US dollar. Over the last three trading sessions, the rupee has lost 84 paise against the US dollar. "We expect the rupee to trade with a negative bias due to risk aversion amid an escalation of geopolitical tensions in the Middle East and between Russia and Ukraine. "Elevated crude oil prices amid supply concerns and selling pressure by FIIs may also pressurise the rupee. However, any intervention by the RBI may support the rupee at lower levels," said Anuj Choudhary, Research Analyst at Mirae Asset Sharekhan.



The USD-INR spot price is expected to trade in a range of 94.90 to 95.50. The dollar index, which measures the greenback's strength against a basket of six currencies, was trading 0.01 per cent

higher at 101.82. Brent crude, the global oil benchmark, was trading 1.41 per cent lower at USD 115.08 per barrel in futures trade. "The immediate USD/INR range to monitor is 94.30-95.50. A sustained move above Rs 95.50 would indicate renewed depreciation pressure, whereas a break below Rs 94.30 could extend the rupee's recovery. "Overall, the currency outlook remains cautious, with oil supply risks and the direction of global interest rates likely to outweigh short-term support from central bank measures," said Gaurav Garg, Head of Research at Lemonn.

On the domestic equity market front, the Sensex climbed 482.92 points to settle at 73,606.75, while the Nifty rallied 153.20 points to close at 22,753.20. Foreign Institutional Investors (FIIs) purchased equities worth Rs 887.65 crore on a net basis on Friday, according to exchange data. Meanwhile, data released by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on Friday showed that India's forex reserves declined by USD 5.011 billion to USD 721.016 billion in the week ended October 16. In the previous reporting week, the reserves had fallen by USD 8.578 billion to USD 726.027 billion.

National SARAS Mela-2026 Records Rs1.38 Crore Sales in a Single Day Despite Heavy Rain

Odisha's Dhemsa and Sambalpuri Dances, 'Srinivasa Kalyanam' Theatrical Presentation Draw Huge Crowds

Vijayawada, October 26, 2026:“The National SARAS Mela-2026 at Punnami Ghat, Vijayawada, continued to witness impressive sales and strong public participation despite heavy rainfall on October 25. The day recorded sales of ₹1.38 crore, with 73,610 products sold. Cumulative sales as of October 25 reached ₹9.65 crore, covering approximately 4.52 lakh products.“Despite the adverse weather, more than 87,000 visitors thronged the Mela on October 25, with large crowds gathering at the exhibition stalls and food court. The strong turnout reflected the growing public interest in products made by Self-Help Group (SHG) women and rural entrepreneurs from across the country.“Cultural Performances Add to the Mela's Festive Spirit“The cultural programmes emerged as a major attraction, drawing visitors and adding to the vibrant atmosphere of the Mela. Traditional Dhemsa and Sambalpuri dances from Odisha

captivated audiences with their distinctive folk traditions and energetic performances.“The cultural programme was another major highlight of the event, featuring the theatrical presentation of 'Srinivasa Kalyanam' by Abhinaya Art, Vijayawada, devotional performances of 'Mahaganapathim' and 'Vedhamathram' by Diyasri of Artistic Skates Fusion Dance, Vijayawada, a soulful singing performance by Sri Nagaraju of Bhimavaram, and a Kuchipudi dance performance by Kanakadurga Nritya Mandali, Vijayawada. The performances attracted considerable public attention and added to the vibrant atmosphere of the Mela. The programme was also attended by Sri S. B. L. Mishra, Retired IFS officer. These cultural presentations entertained visitors, encouraged them to explore the exhibition stalls and food court, and contributed to the strong sales recorded during the day.“SHG Products Receive Strong Market Response“The



encouraging sales performance demonstrates the growing popularity of products showcased by women-led Self-Help Group enterprises. The Mela provides artisans and SHG entrepreneurs with an opportunity to display their products, interact directly with customers, understand market preferences and expand their customer base.“The sale of 73,610 products in a single day, taking cumulative sales to ₹9.65 crore, highlights the potential of such national-level exhibitions to strengthen market linkages, promote rural enterprises and improve livelihood opportunities for women.“The National SARAS Mela-2026 is being organised by the Ministry of Rural Development, Government of India, in collaboration with the Andhra Pradesh State Rural Livelihoods Mission (APSRLM/



SERP). The event brings together rural women entrepreneurs, artisans and SHG members from different states, providing them with a common platform to showcase their products, celebrate India's cultural diversity and access wider markets. Issued by:“APSRLM/SERP, Andhra Pradesh

'People Should Be Alert in View of Cyclone 'Arnab'

Tight Measures to Prevent Loss of Life and Property... NTR District Collector Dr. G. Lakshmisha.



Vijayawada: October 26, 2026.District Collector Dr. G. Lakshmisha said NTR district administration is fully alert as Cyclone 'Arnab' formed in Bay of Bengal has turned into severe cyclone and likely to cross coast at Yanam between Bapatla - Visakhapatnam on 28th of this month.After video conference conducted by State Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu on Monday, Collector reviewed with officials and issued several key orders, instructions to district people. He said in wake of strong gusty winds, heavy rains, people should avoid road travel and stay safe in homes. People in landslide-prone, inundation-prone areas should move to rehabilitation centers. Pregnant women, lactating mothers, elderly, patients should be shifted to hospitals in advance. He said movement of boats, tourist boats, game parks should be completely stopped across district. He said not to take shelter under trees, dilapidated buildings, temporary sheds. He warned not to go near electric poles, transformers, or near canals, tanks flowing heavily under any circumstances. He said keep livestock in safe sheds and not tie them to trees, poles. He suggested farmers to immediately move harvested paddy to safe places. He said in view of severe cyclone, holidays are being declared for



Anganwadis, government, private schools, colleges on October 27, 28. He ordered educational institutions to strictly follow these orders. Children should be kept completely at homes during holidays given to educational institutions, should not go on excursions. He warned stern action if rumors, false propaganda about cyclone are spread on social media. He said Control Room number 91549 70454 has been set up to function 24 hours at Collectorate for cyclone-related information and relief measures.

NTR District Forms AgriStack Task Force Under Collector Lakshmisha

District-Level Task Force on AgriStack.. To Function with District Collector Dr. G. Lakshmisha as Chairman Action Plan to Provide Better Services to Farmers with Modern Technology Formulation of Innovative Proposals According to District Needs



Vijayawada, October 26, 2026: District Collector Dr. G. Lakshmisha said district-level Task Force on AgriStack will function in NTR district with objective of further expanding digital services in agriculture sector, providing better services to farmers. He ordered officials of coordinated departments to work for good results through it.“Newly formed Task Force meeting was held on Monday in Collectorate Sri AVS Reddy Hall under chairmanship of Collector Lakshmisha. Speaking on this occasion, Collector explained that District Agriculture Officer will be Member Secretary/Convener, similarly DRO, DPO, DCO, DHO etc. will be members. He said main objectives of this Task Force are to digitize agriculture-related information as per Central, State Government guidelines, to effectively utilize available information, to identify innovative, feasible digital agriculture programs suitable for district. He said Task Force will focus on aspects like registering AgriStack information fully in coordination with various departments, re-



fying innovative programs suitable for district, formulating proposals needed for their implementation. He said proposals formulated on identified aspects have to be uploaded in Dashboard.. therefore suggested to provide information quickly. He ordered to focus on action plan that strengthens digital agriculture services and enables providing more efficient services to farmers. Collector Lakshmisha suggested to focus on district strengths in agriculture sector, identified problems, proposals for solving problems, use of innovative use cases, pilot projects etc. DRO M. Lakshmi Narasimham, District Agriculture Officer CH Tirumala Devi, CPO Y. Srilatha, Markfed DM Nagama Ilika and others participated in meeting.