

LIC scholarships for EWS students
Hyderabad, Sept.1: Life insurance corporation (LIC) golden jubilee scholarship scheme 2025 has been announced. The scholarship is meant for students from economically weaker sections, who are studying in first year of the Graduation courses like medicine, engineering or in any other discipline; or diploma course in any field, or integrated course. Special scholarships will also be given to girls studying 11th class / Intermediate, or two year diploma course after 10th class.

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Hydraa receives complaints on flood-affected issues
Hyderabad: Residents from various colonies presented a total of 43 complaints to Hydraa Prajavani held at Budha Bhavan on Monday, highlighting issues of flooding and sewage intrusion during the rainy season. The incomplete works of sewage lines have exacerbated the major problem of inundation of their areas, they complain, with photos showing their residential areas submerged during recent rains.

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HANDSHAKE, HUG, PAT ON BACK : How PM Modi's Gestures did the talking at SCO



New Delhi: A hug with Russian President Vladimir Putin, a handshake with Chinese President Xi Jinping, a pat on the back for Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan, and not a glance at Pakistan's Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif-- Prime Minister Narendra Modi's gestures at the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) Summit were as clear as his words in defining who's a friend and who's not. *(Turn to Page 2)*

'Confused' BJP snaps at Rahul Gandhi's 'Vote Chori' Hydrogen bomb remark

New Delhi: Congress MP Rahul Gandhi on Monday rolled out a "vote chori" hydrogen bomb soon" threat as he ramped up pressure on the Bharatiya Janata Party over the opposition's allegations - that the ruling party and the Election Commission are conspiring to commit voter fraud before the Bihar election. The opposition has claimed the Election Commission's 'special intensive revision' in Bihar - a re-verification to weed out illegally registered voters and others not eligible to vote in this year's election - is, in fact, an exercise to disenfranchise over 65 lakh people who might have otherwise voted for them. *(Turn to Page 2)*



"Dirty Political Game": Army removes protest stage, Trinamool slams Centre

Kolkata: A row has broken out after the Army dismantled a Trinamool Congress demonstration stage in Kolkata's Maidan area. The stage was put up to protest the alleged harassment of Bengali migrants. The Trinamool Congress has accused the Centre of deploying the Army to muzzle its voice. The Army has responded that the stage was not removed despite repeated reminders. The Army today started dismantling the stage next to Mahatma Gandhi's statue in Maidan. The Maidan area comes under the authority of the Army and the Eastern Command headquarters are at Fort William nearby. *(Turn to Page 2)*



"Ladke Nahi Hai, Ladte Hai" : Mohan Yadav's Jab At Rahul-Tejashwi-Akhilesh

New Delhi: Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Mohan Yadav today launched a counter to the Opposition's allegations of "vote theft" in elections and took direct aim at three key faces of the INDIA alliance -- Congress's Rahul Gandhi, Rashtriya Janata Dal's Tejashwi Yadav, and Samajwadi Party's Akhilesh Yadav. Emerging Business Conclave, Mr Yadav dismissed the charges and sought to

turn the spotlight back on the Opposition's own track record. Asked about the "teen ladke (three boys)" in Bihar, in reference to the three opposition leaders' recent bonhomie during Mr Gandhi's 'Voter Adhikar Yatra' in Patna, Mr Yadav interjected: "Woh 'ladke' nahi, 'ladte' hai (hey are not boys, they are fighting. They will keep fighting, and the BJP will keep winning." Mr Yadav further sought to deflect

allegations of electoral malpractice, describing them as "hypocrisy" from leaders who themselves face corruption charges. "The meaning of the word 'stealing' is hidden in their own bail orders. What is the accusation against Rahul Gandhi? Why is he on bail? What is the National Herald case? There are cases against the mother, the daughter and the son-in-law, what more can I say?" Mr Yadav said. *(Turn to Page 2)*



Bathukamma festival to transform Telangana into a grand carnival: Jupally



From Our Staff Reporter Hyderabad, Sept. 1: Minister for Tourism Jupally Krishna Rao announced that the Bathukamma festival will be celebrated as a grand carnival in Telangana from September 21 to 30. During a press conference at the Secretariat on Monday, Jupally Krishna Rao, along with Endowments Minister Konda Surekha and Panchayat Raj Minister Seethakka, re-

vealed that the festivities would kick off on September 21 at the Thousand Pillar Temple in Warangal. "In an effort to set a Guinness World Record, the government plans to host an elaborate Bathukamma celebration at LB Stadium on September 29. Special events will also be organised with women's self-help groups at People's Plaza, and colleges throughout the state will engage in celebrations with

student participation. Moreover, an agreement have been signed with several airlines to promote Bathukamma on a national level," Jupally said. Minister Seethakka noted that the festival, which symbolises God's connection with flowers, is unique globally, highlighting that Bathukamma is not just a festival but also a celebration of Telangana's dignity and pride. *(Turn to Page 2)*

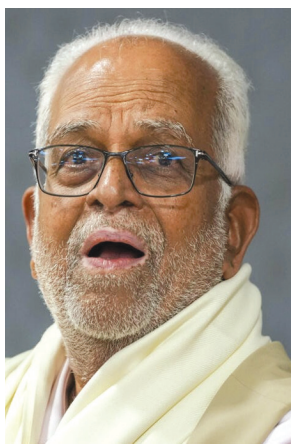
Revanth calls for unity to rally behind Vice President candidate Sudershan Reddy

From Our Staff Reporter Hyderabad, Sept. 1: Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy emphasised that leaders from all political parties should set aside their differences to support the candidacy of Sudershan Reddy for the Vice President of the INDIA alliance. The introductory event for Justice Sudershan Reddy, the INDIA alliance Vice Presidential candidate, took place at a hotel in Hyderabad on Monday. *(Turn to Page 2)*



Electoral process under threat : Justice Sudershan Reddy

From Our Staff Reporter Hyderabad, Sept. 1: Justice Sudershan Reddy, the Vice President candidate of the INDIA alliance, expressed concerns about the threats facing India's electoral process. He met Chief Minister Revanth Reddy and Congress MPs at a hotel on Monday. During the meeting, Justice Sudershan Reddy stated that he is running for the vice-presidential position to defend the constitution. "Many have questioned my decision to engage in the challenging world of politics. I want to clarify that I am not affiliated with any political party and do not plan to be. My focus will be on civil rights and social justice. I have dedicated 53 years to the Indian Constitution, which is now under threat. My goal is to protect it. I am devoted to the Constitution—not only in principle but through action," he affirmed.



From Our Staff Reporter Hyderabad, Sept. 1: Leaders from all political parties have called on Telangana Governor Jishnu Dev Varma to endorse the Bill advocating for a 42 percent reservation for Backward Classes (BC). During a meeting at Raj Bhavan on Monday, they pressed for the immediate approval of this

legislation. The delegation included TPCC president Mahesh Kumar Goud, Ministers Ponnampallabharathi and Seethakka, Government Whips Adi Srinivas and Birla Ilaiah, as well as BRS MLA KP Vivekananda Goud and CPI leaders Narayana and MLC Nellikanti Satyam. *(Turn to Page 2)*



Swachh Andhra Awards are the priority: AP CM



From Our Staff Reporter Amaravati, Sept. 1: The Andhra Pradesh government is taking steps towards development. Preparing the necessary activities for it and fulfilling them one

by one.. Under the leadership of CM Chandrababu, it is working with sincerity.. and is running towards achieving the goal. The government, which has already started many programs to this end.. is about to launch another program. This time, it is ready to raise awareness among the leaders as well as the people. It is known that the government is already engaged in the work of making cities, towns and villages clean in the name of Swachh Andhra.. However, now as

part of the Swachh Andhra program.. the AP government has decided to introduce Swachh Andhra Awards at the state and district levels. However, the government has already announced that the awards will be selected based on department-wise reports on sanitation as part of the Swachh Andhra program. It has been decided to recognize those who have worked at the state and district levels and give them awards. It has been said that awards will be given in 13 cate-

gories. It has been said that NGOs and clean residential schools will be recognized and awards will be given on the nomination of the district collector. It has been explained that it is planned to give 52 awards at the state level and 1421 awards at the district level. It has been announced that it has been decided to organize the Swachh Andhra Awards on October 2. It has been revealed that the Swachh Andhra Corporation will be the nodal agency for the award ceremony and selection.

Telangana Miss & Mrs Belleza 2025 grand finale celebrated in HYD

From Our Staff Reporter Hyderabad, Sept. 1: The Telangana "Miss and Mrs Belleza" season 2 grand finale lit up the stage at a star hotel in the city with a dazzling display of talent, elegance and empowerment. The evening commenced with a ceremonial lamp lighting by retired district judge Nerella Malyadri, Belleza founder Vandana Dasari, India Asia Pacific and socialite Sudha Jain, team

members Gurjeet and Samreen, along with Nandani, Woman Empowerment Advocate and Strategic Business Advisor. The finale featured 20 finalists across Miss and Mrs categories, representing diverse fields such as medicine, IT, fashion, and homemaking. Contestants competed in three rounds - Tradition, Indo-Western and Gown - showcasing grace, confidence and in-



dividuality. Winners of Telangana Miss & Mrs Belleza 2025: Under the 'Miss' Category, the winner

is D. Kavyanjali, while the 1st and 2nd runner-up are Kandakatla Prathyusha and V. Janaki Devi, respectively.

'Confused' BJP snaps at Rahul Gandhi's 'Vote Chori' Hydrogen bomb remark

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A legal challenge to the voter list revision is being heard by the Supreme Court. The BJP hit back swiftly, condemning the Congress leader's statement as "demeaning himself" and insulting the nation's voters. The party also mocked claims Mr Gandhi's rallies had been widely attended, alleging 20,000 'participants' had been brought in from Uttar Pradesh's Deoria. Former Union Law Minister Ravi Shankar Prasad told reporters, "Whenever I listen to Rahul Gandhi, inside or outside Parliament, it takes time to understand what he is trying to say... How are the atom bomb and the hydrogen bomb related to elections? Rahul Gandhi is irresponsible." This morning, wrapping up his cross-state 'Voter Adhikar' rally in Patna, Mr Gandhi said Bihar had answered the call of the opposition Mahagathbandhan - the Congress and the Rashtriya Janata Dal - by turning out in large numbers and raising the slogan 'vote chor, gaddi chhor'. "We will not let them (i.e., the BJP) murder the Constitution... that is why we took out the yatra and we got a tremendous response. People came out in large numbers and raised the slogan 'vote chor, gaddi chhor'," Mr Gandhi, the Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha, said. "The slogan 'vote chor...' is echoing everywhere. It has now reached China also," he said, taking a swipe at the fact Mr Modi is in China today for the two-day Shanghai Cooperation Summit. "I want to tell the BJP people. Have you heard of anything bigger than an atom bomb? It is a hydrogen bomb. BJP people, be ready, a hydrogen bomb is coming," he declared. "I guarantee. After the hydrogen bomb Narendra Modiji won't be able to show his face..." Led by Mr Gandhi, the opposition, in Bihar and across India, has been targeting the BJP and Prime Minister Narendra Modi over 'collusion' with the Election Commission. In theatrical, but powerful, moment this month, he made PowerPoint presentations with data about 'voter fraud'. One of the claims made was about Bengaluru's Mahadevapura neighbourhood, part of a Lok Sabha seat in the city the Congress was widely expected to win but lost instead. Mr Gandhi cited poll records showing 80 people living in a one-room house as proof of voter fraud. Today Mr Gandhi referred to those allegations as the 'atom bomb' and warned of more explosive allegations, i.e., the 'hydrogen bomb' to follow. The 'theft of the right to vote', he said, referring to the opposition's take on the Bihar voter list row, is the theft of jobs, education, and democracy.

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In a very public display of bonhomie amid US President Donald Trump's tariff offensive, PM Modi and Putin carpooled as they headed to the venue of their bilateral meeting on Monday. Sources said the Russian leader waited for about 10 minutes for PM Modi to join him on the ride from the SCO conference venue to the bilateral meeting held at the Ritz Carlton. Both leaders, said sources, spent another 45 minutes in the car even after reaching their destination, conversing on various issues before the bilateral meeting that was over an hour long. PM Modi was also seen in huddles and laughing with Putin and Xi Jinping. In a viral video, Pakistan PM Sharif watched from the sidelines as PM Modi and Putin walked past, deep in conversation. PM Modi's easy camaraderie with the two leaders stood out against the backdrop of geopolitical tensions amid US tariffs, putting a global spotlight on the high-profile gathering at the SCO Summit. If the viral snub to the Pakistan PM was not a message enough, PM Modi, while addressing the SCO, urged nations to act in unison on terrorism, separatism, and extremism threatening global peace and prosperity. He raised the terror attack in Jammu and Kashmir's Pahalgam in Shehbaz Sharif's presence and said the Pahalgam "attack was not just an assault on India's soul, but also a challenge to those who believe in humanity". PM Modi also called on the SCO members to reject their "double standards" on terrorism after he shared a rare moment with Turkey's Tayyip Erdogan, greeting him with a handshake and a pat on the back. The cordial exchange was significant when contrasted with tensions between New Delhi and Ankara over Turkey's support for Pakistan in the aftermath of Operation Sindoor. Later, the SCO's Tianjin Declaration echoed PM Modi and "strongly condemned" the April 22 Pahalgam attack, extending "deepest sympathy and condolences" to the victims' families.

"Ladke Nahi Hai, Ladte Hai" : Mohan Yadav's Jab At Rahul-Tejashwi-Akhilesh

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Mohan Yadav, the BJP's first Chief Minister from the Yadav community in Madhya Pradesh, also addressed questions about whether his elevation was strategically aimed at wooing Yadav voters in Bihar -- a key demographic historically aligned with Lalu Prasad Yadav's RJD. Taking a jab at dynastic politics, Mr Yadav said, "They (Mulayalam Singh Yadav's family in Uttar Pradesh and Lalu Yadav's family in Bihar) cannot look beyond their own houses. This is what Prime Minister Narendra Modi saw. This is an example of 'Sabka Saath Sabka Vikas Sabka Vishwas Sabka Prayas'." "You will talk about the rest of the society. But you will not make anyone other than your own family members the Chief Minister," he added. The exchange comes at a time when Tejashwi Yadav, former Deputy Chief Minister of Bihar and heir to Lalu Prasad Yadav's political legacy, has made the clearest indication yet that he will be the Opposition's chief ministerial face in Bihar. At a rally during the final phase of the Congress's 'Voter Adhikar Yatra', Mr Yadav directly targeted

"Dirty Political Game": Army removes protest stage, Trinamool slams Centre

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The Eastern Command said in a statement that the Indian Army gives permission for events in the Maidan area for up to two days as directed by the Supreme Court. "Permission for events greater than 3 days needs to be obtained from the Ministry of Defence, Government of India. Permission for conduct of events was provided for two days. However, the stage has been put up of almost a month, several reminders have been sent to the organisers for the removal of the temporary structure; however, it was not removed. Thereafter, the Kolkata police was informed and the structure was being removed by the Indian Army," the statement said. Hitting out at the Centre, Trinamool leader and West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee said, "When (Prime Minister Narendra) Modi comes to Kolkata, he should take permission from us. They cannot stop our voice. If the atrocities against Bengalis continue, we will protest every day," she said. "The Army is not guilty. They have been directed by BJP. It's a dirty political game," she added, directing party leaders to shift the protest site. She termed it "political vendetta" and "misuse of the Army" by the ruling BJP. Party spokesperson Kunal Ghosh said the Centre has deployed the Army to muzzle Trinamool's voice and its right to protest. "The Chief Minister instructed us to hold the dharna. We want to say, our voice will not be muted. We will shift the venue and people will see how the Centre is conspiring against the Mamata Banerjee government." Mr Ghosh alleged, "The BJP government has brought in the Army after the Enforcement Directorate and the Central Bureau of Investigation." BJP, the main opposition in the state, has welcomed the Army's move. BJP leader and former MP said the Trinamool was holding the protest without proper permission. "BJP has always been denied permission to protest. Action taken by the Army against Trinamool is right," she said.

Debate Would Take Place If Both Candidates Speak: Opposition's Veep Pick

Hyderabad: Alleging that his rival and ruling NDA nominee C P Radhakrishnan is "not speaking", INDIA bloc's Vice Presidential candidate B Sudershan Reddy on Monday said a healthy debate would have taken place had he spoken. Addressing a press conference, which was also attended by Telangana Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy and the ruling Congress leaders, Sudershan Reddy said he favoured a healthy debate and that his intention is not to speak lowly about his rival. "Every day I am speaking to the media. I made the comment with the view that a healthy conversation would have taken place if he (Radhakrishnan) also spoke," he said. Asked what the most pressing Constitutional challenge that India faces in the present circumstances, Reddy said the most critical challenge the Constitution now faces is the "deficiency" in the functioning of the great Constitutional institution -- Election Commission of India. "If it continues in the same direction, the democracy in this country would be in peril... That's what I believe", he said. He said he has got support from non-INDIA bloc parties like AAP. Sudershan Reddy, a former Supreme Court judge, said the contest for Vice President's post is part of his long journey with the Constitution.



Revanth calls for unity to rally behind Vice President candidate Sudershan Reddy

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The programme was attended by Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, TPCC President Mahesh Kumar Goud, Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka, senior CPI leader Narayana, CPM State Secretary John Wesley, Telangana Jana Samithi President Kodandaram, Karnataka Rajya Sabha Member Nasir Hussain, along with various State Ministers, Congress MPs, and MLCs. During the event, the Chief Minister remarked that the Telugu community now has a significant opportunity. He urged leaders from the Telugu States, including Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu, Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan, former Chief Ministers K Chandrababu Naidu and Jagan Mohan Reddy, as well as AIMIM President Akbaruddin Owaisi, to put aside their political differences and rally behind Sudershan Reddy in the upcoming election. He emphasised that the election for the Vice President is critically important. The NDA has nominated a candidate with intentions to alter the Constitution and eliminate reservations, while the India Alliance has nominated Justice Sudershan Reddy to safeguard the Constitution and uphold democracy, he stated. The Chief Minister highlighted Justice Sudershan Reddy's extensive professional experience and his dedication to upholding the principles of the Constitution in various roles. "Justice Sudershan Reddy is not affiliated with any political party. He is the first to align himself with a party that upholds the Constitution. His commitment to safeguarding the Constitution should be supported by all parties without any hidden agendas or biases," Revanth Reddy said. "Protecting the Constitution is akin to protecting the nation; failing to do so will lead to harm for the country," he added.

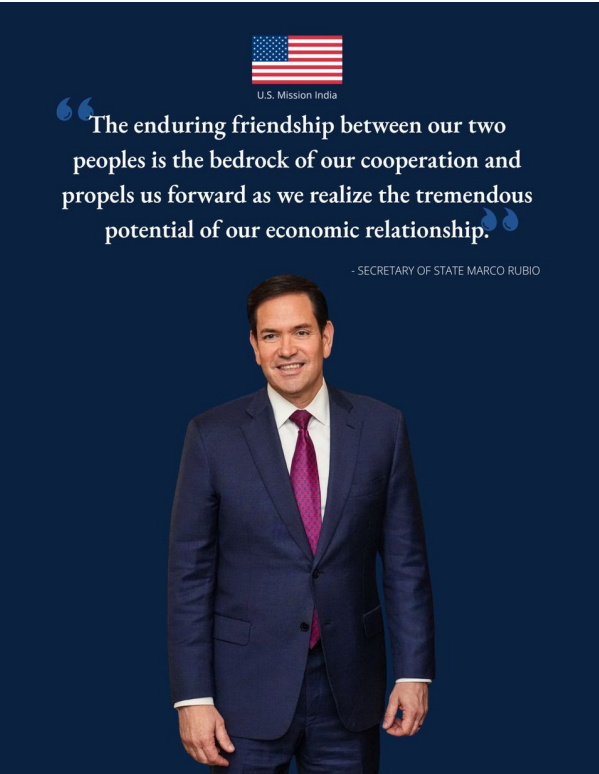
Bathukamma festival to transform Telangana into a grand carnival: Jupally

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"It is a festival with significant women's involvement that unites families and the community. We will commemorate it in a manner that showcases our connection to nature, the environment, and flowers," she mentioned. Minister Konda Surekha emphasised that this festival is of great importance, transcending the heritage passed down by our ancestors, and should be preserved and shared with the world. It is truly enjoyable to organize government-level initiatives around it, she added. She expressed her support for the inaugural Bathukamma celebrations in Warangal, which are being organised by the tourism department. Konda Surekha acknowledged the remarkable women like Ranirudrama, Sammakka, Sarakka, Chakali Ilamma, and Hazare Mangamma, who have made significant contributions. She further said that the government is determined to showcase Telangana's culture and traditions at an international level. Highlighting the significance of Bathukamma, she described it as a festival that reflects harmony with nature, flowers, and the environment, spreading fragrance in every household across the state. Minister Surekha expressed confidence that with the support of the Tourism Department and the people of Warangal, the festival will be celebrated on a grand scale and become a memorable event. Tourism Corporation MD Valluri Kranthi (IAS), Cultural Department Director Mamidi Harikrishna, and Bathukamma festival organiser Dillishwari were also present.

All party leaders urge Governor to approve 42 percent BC reservation Bill

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They informed the Governor about the recent passage of the Panchayati Raj Act-2018 Amendment Bill in the Assembly, which lifts the previous 50 percent reservation limit in Telangana and increases the reservation for BCs in local bodies. They emphasised that the Bill was unanimously approved by the Assembly. During the meeting, the Governor asked for information regarding the BC population in Telangana. After the meeting with the Governor, TPCC chief and MLC Mahesh Kumar Goud addressed the media, stating that the State government is dedicated to ensuring 42 percent reservation for backward classes (BCs) in body elections. He noted that the previous 50 percent reservation cap has been removed and the relevant law has been revised. Mahesh Kumar Goud mentioned that this law for BC reservation is based on the findings of the caste census survey, which indicates that BCs make up 56.33 percent of the population in Telangana. He further explained that leaders from all political parties urged the Governor to endorse the Bill, taking the caste census survey report into consideration. Goud explained that the law was based on the caste survey, which showed BCs form 56.33 percent of Telangana's population. He pointed out that BC associations had long pressed for 42 percent reservations in local bodies. The government, he said, had finally acted on that demand. Goud added that leaders from all parties urged the Governor to give assent. He said the request reflected the survey's findings and the unanimous stand of the Assembly.

Minutes Before PM-Putin Meet, US' "Defining Relationship" Signal To Delhi

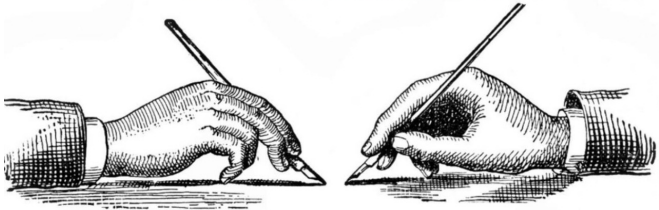


New Delhi: As Prime Minister Narendra Modi exchanged hugs and handshakes with Russian President Vladimir Putin and Chinese premier Xi Jinping at the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) summit in China's Tianjin, a key member of US President Donald Trump's team has termed New Delhi-Washington DC ties a "defining relationship of the 21st century". Marco Rubio, US Secretary of State, has said the relationship between US and India continues to reach new heights. "This month, we're spotlighting the people, progress, and possibilities driving us forward. From innovation and entrepreneurship to defense and bilateral ties, it's the enduring friendship between our two peoples that fuels this journey," the US Embassy quoted Rubio as saying. The post on X came minutes before Prime Minister Modi's meeting with President Putin on sidelines of SCO. The remarks are significant at a time when key Eurasian powers India, China and Russia are meeting at the SCO summit against the backdrop of Trump's tariff war against India. The US President has slapped 50 percent tariffs on Indian exports over its refusal to stop buying Russian oil. India has long maintained that its decision to buy oil from Russia, which faces heavy sanctions from the West



over its war against Ukraine, is aimed at ensuring energy security for its 1.4 billion people. India has described the US tariffs as "unfair, unjustified and unreasonable" and said it will take "all actions necessary to protect its national interests". The SCO summit in Tianjin saw Prime Minister Modi, Russian President Putin and Chinese premier Xi exchanging smiles, hugs and handshakes. Prime Minister Modi and Russian President Putin were seen walking hand in hand, indicating that US threats won't make India capitulate and ruin its long-time ties with Moscow. The two leaders then approached Chinese President Xi, and the trio is seen sharing a laugh. The animated chat triggered speculation about the subject they discussed. But their body language showed an ease that will keep the US guessing. In a diplomatic win for India, member states of SCO condemned the Pahalgam terror attack and echoed Prime Minister Modi's message that "double standards in the fight against terrorism are unacceptable". Pakistan Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif was present at the summit and the declaration echoing Prime Minister Modi's words is being seen as a major diplomatic victory. Significantly, the declaration also condemned the military strikes by Israel and the US against Iran in June. "Such aggressive actions against civilian targets, including nuclear energy infrastructure, which resulted in the death of civilians, are a gross violation of the principles and norms of international law and the UN Charter, and an infringement on the sovereignty of the Islamic Republic of Iran. They undermine regional and international security and have serious implications for global peace and stability," it said.

Editorial



Challenges are stepping stones to development

India has always pursued an independent foreign policy. It prioritizes national interests and manages relations with world powers. However, recent statements and policies of US President Donald Trump are testing this balance. Trump has repeatedly claimed that he prevented a war between India and Pakistan during his second term. This has led to questions about India's sovereignty. The weakness of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's inability to respond to these statements has surprised and saddened the countrymen. Modi's silence has led to criticism from the opposition. Historically, India has never accepted third-party interference, even in sensitive issues like 'Kashmir'.

Indira Gandhi rejected American pressure in the 1971 Indo-Pak war and achieved Bangladesh's independence. Similarly, the independent non-aligned policy during Nehru's era brought India a special place and respect in the world during the 'Cold War'. It maintained diplomatic relations with both the Soviet Union and the United States on an equal footing. It protected India's needs and prestige. Now, in 2025, Trump's policies have brought new challenges to India. Dissatisfied with Russian oil purchases, the United States has imposed 50 percent tariffs on Indian products. First 25% from August 1, and another 25 percent from August 27. This is having a serious impact on Indian exports. India exported \$87 billion worth of goods to the US last year. Economists estimate that 55% of this will be affected by these tariffs. The textile industry, gems and jewellery, chemicals, marine products and labour-intensive sectors will be hit hard. According to the Crisil report, micro, small and medium enterprises (MS, MES) handle 45% of exports. Of these, textiles MSMEs could lose up to 70% of their exports. As a result, India's GDP growth could fall by 0.2 to 0.6 percentage points, and unemployment is likely to rise. The unemployment rate was 5.2% in July 2025. But these tariffs will increase frustration among the youth. Especially in the wake of 'IT layoffs' and MSME closures. These issues raise many questions about the Modi government's foreign policy. In the last 11 years, foreign relations under the BJP regime have relied more on personal ties. The 'Howdy Modi' rallies in Houston in 2019 and the 'Namaste Trump' rallies in Gujarat in 2020 showcased the friendship between Modi and Trump. But, these only served the BJP party's image instead of the national interest. Now, cheap oil purchases from Russia have provoked the US. India has purchased \$53 billion of oil from Russia in 2024. This is 20-30 percent lower than global market prices. However, these profits have not reached the common man at all. Even when the price of crude oil was 80 dollars per barrel, petrol was Rs. 110 per liter. In the previous UPA government, it was 60 rupees for a price of 150 dollars. Analysts say that the Modi government is distributing this difference in profits to private refineries like Reliance and Nayara, while the central government is looting the people of India for their development. This leads to criticism that the Modi government is in favor of bringing profits to the companies of business cronies Adani and Ambani. The foreign policy of the Congress governments is completely opposite to this. Nehru kept India in a respectable position through non-alignment. Manmohan Singh signed a nuclear deal with the US in 2008 and brought economic reforms.

Then, relations with foreign countries continued for the development of the masses, just like Russia and America. However, tensions with neighboring countries increased during Modi's rule. Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, and Maldives have soured relations with India. They are completely hostile towards India. Recently, Trump's tariffs have pushed India towards China and Russia. The Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) summit, Modi-Putin, and Xi-Jinping meetings are evidence of this. This shows India's independence in a multipolar world. But now it is crucial that Modi does not succumb to American pressure. These tariffs may become an opportunity for India.

'Make in India' should be strengthened and focus on the domestic market. Instead of the US, Asian and African markets should be explored and exports should be diversified. Russian oil purchases should be gradually reduced and alternatives should be looked at. This may increase India's oil bill by \$9-12 billion. But it will bring long-term stability. The Modi government should shift foreign policy from personal image to domestic economic interests. To become the world's third largest economic power, it is necessary to learn from tariff wars and formulate comprehensive strategies. This will strengthen India's independence. But our country should not be in a state of being held hostage due to the incompetence of its rulers.

The 'Inner Circle' That Runs America, And Why India Needs To Court It

US President Donald Trump has undone the painstaking efforts that went into building the US-India relationship. With ebbs and flows, both countries have cultivated a strategic partnership since the end of the Cold War. But recent turbulence in bilateral ties underscores the risks of over-reliance on government-to-government engagement. Though Trump, with his laser focus on tariffs, has put almost every US relationship under strain, countries like Israel, China, and even Pakistan have weathered the storm. New Delhi has to change its approach if it wants to create a more sustainable relationship. While the UPA government once leaned on academics and think tanks, has the current government overestimated the sway of the diaspora and official bureaucratic engagement? Neither has translated into real policy leverage in times of diplomatic crises. Why is that so? The answer lies in understanding the mechanics of the American political system.

The Power Brokers

Unlike Westminster-style democracies, the US polity is unique. There is an underclass of permanent bureaucrats, but they function largely as middle managers. The real decision-makers emerge from a revolving door linking the private sector, academia, and policy circles. Power is concentrated in the hands of secretaries and undersecretaries whose tenures typically last 18 to 36 months. After that, they return to their professional homes, only to circle back into future administrations. These figures shape US policy at home and abroad, and it is here that sustained engagement should be targeted by any state seeking



to fortify its US relationship against black swans. This involves constant interaction with industry leaders, particularly when they are out of the office. Potential office-holders form their views on the job, after which their positions harden. Early engagement allows influence; late engagement meets resistance. Such outreach should be comprehensive - through government channels, but equally via the private sector.

A Different Kind Of Lobbying

Industry associations play a vital role in this framework. They bring together a conglomeration of companies to lobby for favourable policies and include the full spectrum of influence: niche experts, policy practitioners, corporate leaders, and owners. A sustained engagement programme by Indian industry associations - firms backed by the government - could generate immense political capital. Investing in the right individuals on the American side will eventually

translate into influence. Every country has some fundamental strength and presence in the American system. The durability of any relationship in Washington depends on how well those strengths are leveraged. Overreliance on diaspora and ethnic second-generation groups will backfire if not integrated into a strategic ecosystem situated in a country's inherent advantage.

Those Who Have Cracked The Formula

Israel and China have both cracked the formula. Israel remains the most successful practitioner of the art. Beyond historical ties, Israel has relentlessly cultivated influence. Under the umbrella of the American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC), it has engaged with every major US industrial vertical. In the finance, insurance, and real estate (FIRE) sector, Israel's dominance is so unparalleled that Israeli donors contribute nearly half of the funding for pro-Israel super PACs. China, too,

plays to its strengths. Wall Street is Beijing's most powerful ally in the US and is rewarded with red-carpet treatment in Shanghai and Beijing. These ties go so deep that China amended its rules to allow Goldman Sachs full ownership of its joint venture. One just needs to listen to how Mike Bloomberg or JP Morgan's Jamie Dimon talk about China. Hollywood is also entangled through China's control over the world's second-largest box office, along with Disney's investments in Shanghai and Hong Kong theme parks. In technology, Nvidia, Apple, and Tesla do China's bidding for market access. Similarly, Pakistani strategic analysts consistently fearmonger nuclear armageddon in the region to constrain India's crisis response options. Whether facilitating CENTCOM's General Kurilla with state honours or advancing the Trump family's interests through cryptocurrency investment, Pakistan has managed to play

the lobbying game well. **India Needs To Play To Its Strengths**

India must realise its own assets. Digital technology and defence manufacturing offer a solid foundation for deepening ties. American Big Tech is among India's strongest champions, given the vast user base and seamless stream for techies. A case in point is Apple's Tim Cook, who did not budge under Trump's pressure and is keeping iPhone production units in India intact. The US military-industrial complex can be a potential partner for integrating India's private defence manufacturing supply chains. For India, this is the path to "Trump-proofing" its relationship with the United States - anchoring it not just in diplomacy, but in the deeper, institutional mechanics of American power. Only institutionalised, money-backed lobbying can withstand the churn of US domestic politics and forge a truly bipartisan consensus in its favour.

Great American Exodus: Indian Scholars Are Fleeing US - But To Where?

As American politics casts a long shadow over its reservoir of scientific talent, India, a talent exporter to the world's technology and research centres for decades, might be poised for a wave of reverse migration of scientific talent from the US. Immigration restriction anxieties, reduced federal grants and the anti-science ideology of US President Donald Trump are persuading early-career Indian scientists and engineers already in the US to rethink their careers and the bleak futures they face. International post-doctoral researchers and PhD students - a significant number of them Indian - are seriously considering leaving the United States due to dwindling job prospects and reduced research budgets, especially in federally funded fields such as climate science, reproductive health, and AI control.

Tamil Nadu Takes The Lead

Grasping this opportunity, the Tamil Nadu government has undertaken one of the strongest and best-framed reverse migration schemes in recent history to entice them back. The open-ended initiative offers globally competitive pay, startup research grants, relocation allowances, including residence, and expedited visa processing. A new "Tamil Talents Plan" will create a database of foreign scholars and organise an annual conclave to match them with Indian institutions of learning. The state also plans collaboration between returning scholars and state universities in the shape of co-supervised PhDs, joint research labs, and long- and short-term research. State universities such as the University of Madras and Madurai Kamaraj University are preparing to host returning talent in basic and applied sciences,

particularly in AI. In its latest budget, the government also sanctioned Rs 100 crore for two new research centres in collaboration with the Indian Institute of Science (IISc) and the Tata Institute of Fundamental Research (TIFR).

Can India Regain This Talent?

Nowhere is the reverse migration rhetoric more urgent than in the field of Artificial Intelligence (AI). Indian-origin computer scientists and engineers have driven AI's Silicon Valley boom, but the sector is now inescapably tied to the political turbulence under Trump. Biden had launched the AI Safety Institute in 2023 to fund early-stage AI safety research and set standards for emerging risks. But under the second Trump administration, that initiative was swiftly dismantled. Biden's executive order was rescinded, the institute was rebranded with a narrower mandate, and funding pipelines were cut. The institute was later rebranded as the Center for AI Standards and Innovation, shifting its focus to national security threats rather than comprehensive safety and transparency. These shifts have left early-career researchers - many dependent on such grants - facing cancelled projects, frozen opportunities, and mounting uncertainty about their future in the US. The chilling atmosphere in the US research community is evident in the restrictions placed on Chinese-origin researchers with targeted FBI (Federal Bureau of Investigation) raids and deportations. These actions have driven hundreds of Chinese scientists out of American institutions. Meanwhile, the Trump administration's Department of Justice distributed memos and executive orders to



compel the removal or defunding of DEI (Diversity, Equity, Inclusion) programmes from federally funded institutions and initiated probes into universities that adopted such programmes. Together, these trends have generated a climate that limits AI ethics research, algorithmic justice, and socially valuable technologies, all fields disproportionately led by early-career international researchers. India, however, is slowly building a robust AI ecosystem. From the INDIAai mission to the establishment of Centres of Excellence in Telangana and Karnataka, the intent is evident. However, intent needs talent. This ecosystem is underpinned by infrastructure and institutional capacity. For example, India's PARAM Siddhi ranks among the world's top supercomputers, and the Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) and IISc are building AI-focused research clusters. The Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) has initiated AI ethics frameworks to balance innovation with accountability. These are not just signals of intent but

scaffolds that can absorb world-class AI talent. To lure AI engineers back, India must act fast and in a focused manner. First, other state governments must follow Tamil Nadu's initiative by creating single AI researcher fellowships with competitive pay, computing infrastructure, and equity in public-private research spinoffs. Second, India must introduce visa-on-arrival for spouses and dependents, similar to Canada and Singapore's tech-talent policy. Third, to avoid a mismatch of expectations between returnees and domestic institutions, the government must establish AI talent liaison offices that handle onboarding, lab matching, and IP conflict.

Global Competition, National Strategy

Unlike many other countries, India can combine policy incentives with large-scale computational resources and research ecosystems that are already in place. The expansion of national supercomputing facilities, AI hubs at IITs and ethical AI initiatives position India as not just a follower but a leader in shaping the future of responsible AI.

India, however, is not alone in enticing American-trained scientists with lucrative repatriation packages. China, South Korea and several EU countries are also extending similar repatriation packages, usually coupled with fast-tracked residency, seed money and tax incentives. India's only relative advantage is emotional and ideological: it is still the homeland of a majority of these scientists. The question is whether it can also be the cradle of their research. To this end, the Ministry of Science and Technology must introduce a national diaspora scientist policy. This could include one-window returnee portal, expedited ethics clearances for impactful science, and cross-institutional mentorship schemes for early-career scientists. The Indian Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) and the Indian Council for Social Science Research (ICSSR) can co-host biennial "reverse migration roundtables" on US campuses with large Indian graduate enrolments. Above all, the state needs to protect returning scholars from local gatekeeping.

CM warning to netizens in social media

Rayachoti, September 01: Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister

Nara Chandrababu Naidu has advised netizens to think ten times before posting on social media. CM Chandrababu Naidu has warned netizens that strict action will be taken if the self-respect of women is hurt on social media platforms. Speaking in Boyanapalle as part of his tour of Annamaya district, CM Chandrababu Naidu recalled that we have faced many difficulties after the bifurcation of the state. In that process, Andhra Pradesh has shown development that has not happened anywhere else in the country between 2014-19. He said that after the coalition government came to power, people got freedom again.

He said that they had supported the mango farmers who were in trouble. However, he was angry that the YSRCP had played a drama by throwing mangoes on the roads, saying that there was no support price for the mango farmers. He wished for the linking of rivers from Ganga to Cauvery. On this occasion, he announced that the Godavari, Krishna and Penna rivers will be linked from Vamsadhara. CM Chandrababu Naidu made it clear that if the people bless it, even the hills will be crushed. He explained that the Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD) has adopted Ontimitta and has undertaken many programs. In his view, politics is different and development is different, CM Chandrababu made it clear.

Jagan reaffirms support to NDA in V-P polls



From Our Staff Reporter

Tadepalli, Sept. 1: Justice Sudarshan Reddy, retired Supreme Court judge and the INDIA bloc's candidate for the Vice-President post, spoke over phone with YSRCP president and former Chief Minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy. On this occasion, he requested YS Jagan's support in the Vice-Presidential election. Responding, YS Jagan recalled that even before the INDIA bloc had announced its candidate, the NDA had approached him seeking support for their nominee. He said he had already assured the NDA of his backing.

YS Jagan added that he holds Justice Sudarshan Reddy in great personal respect and said his services to the nation through the judiciary are invaluable. He praised him for his significant contribution towards protecting the Constitution and safeguarding the spirit of democracy. However, he made it clear that since he had already committed to the NDA candidate, he would not be able to support the INDIA bloc candidate in this election and requested that it not be misunderstood.

Chandrababu's mark on the development of Telugu states is memorable: Pawan

From Our Staff Reporter

Amaravati, Sept. 1:

Deputy CM Pawan Kalyan has praised Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu as a visionary who undertakes development programs with a planned and far-sighted vision. He said that the programs and reforms he has undertaken with administrative efficiency have accelerated the development of the Telugu states. He praised his mark on the development of the two Telugu states as memorable. He extended his heartfelt greetings to CM Chandrababu on the occasion of completing exactly 30 years on September 1, 2025, after he took oath as the Chief Minister for the first time. Chandrababu is a visionary leader. No matter how many adversities he faced during his rule, he took them as challenges and took the lead. In the 90s, IT employees came from remote villages in the Telugu states because of his visionary focus on IT. He is credited with turning the hills in the Madhapur



area of Hyderabad into a hot spot for the IT sector. He made many new innovations like setting up farmer's markets, establishing Dwakra associations, launching the Velugu project for the poor, and setting up Meeseva centers. He said that he implemented development schemes with foresight and vision and improved the living standards of the people. Pawan Kalyan praised him for effectively

facing the adversities faced during his rule and leading the state on the path of development.

Chandrababu took charge as the Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh at a difficult time after the bifurcation of the state. He took a planned approach to lead AP, which was a state without a capital, towards development. He started his rule in 2014 with the goal of industrial development, including Amaravati as the

people's capital and the Polavaram project, which is the lifeblood of the state. Later, he took over the reins of governance in 2024 in even more difficult circumstances. Despite facing tough challenges, he is taking the governance system forward with a firm resolve. As the Chief Minister of the state, he is maintaining good relations with the Center and taking development work to the next level. Chandrababu's leadership

qualities are reflected in the fact that he has secured large amounts of funds for various projects.

He is using technology in administrative affairs to ensure that the people are provided with prompt services. Pawan Kalyan stated in the letter that the cabinet is working with commitment for the development of Andhra Pradesh under the direction of the visionary Chief Minister.

With a clear roadmap ahead, 'Jana Sainiks' look forward to becoming future leaders

From Our Staff Reporter

Visakhapatnam, Sept. 1:

Neglecting party workers would cost the leader dearly and it has been realised much early by Jana Sena Party (JSP) chief K Pawan Kalyan. Along with expressing gratitude to the 'Jana Sainiks' for their unconditional support to the party chief during the rough phase he had endured, this is probably one of the main agendas behind a three-day-long 'Senatho Senani' programme organised in Visakhapatnam where the JSP chief connected with the party cadre.

From the inception, party activists have been a strong force for the Jana Sena. For any other party, mobilising masses for public sabhas is a tedious task. But it is not so for the Jana Sena Party as people volunteer to arrive in droves and listen to their leader's speech they look up to. However, Pawan Kalyan failed to cash in on his charisma and convert them into votes before 2024 elections. But, strategies changed a little ahead of the 2024 elec-



tions. It is a known secret that Pawan Kalyan played a key part in bringing the alliance parties together on to a platform, ensuring that the YSRCP is dethroned and the NDA government

is formed in Andhra Pradesh. After a little over a year in power, the JSP chief laid his attention to strengthening the Jana Sena Party from the grassroots level. As part of the exercise, the party organised a three-day long 'Senatho Senani' in Visakhapatnam and the party chief received feedback from the key leaders and activists of each constituency. An action plan has been readied wherein the

Deputy Chief Minister not only intends to organise meetings with the party cadre at regular intervals but also stay in their houses during his future visits.

Interacting with the party key leaders, Pawan Kalyan laid emphasis that the party would extend all possible support to the workers against whom the previous YSRCP government levelled false cases. Back then, the YSRCP came to power in 2019, winning 151 seats in Andhra Pradesh. But after coming to power, the YS Jagan Mohan Reddy government did not give much importance to the party workers. Even as the YSRCP introduced the vil-

lage and ward volunteer system for the first time in Andhra Pradesh, it only ended up widening the already existing gap between the party workers and their chief. Apparently, it's one the prime reasons for the YSRCP to face a severe drubbing in the 2024 polls as the party secured a mere 11 Assembly seats. However, the serious defeat faced by the YSRCP is certainly a lesson for the other political parties to learn from. On the contrary, Pawan Kalyan not only interacted with the party cadre and received their feedback but also laid out a structured framework for the party members whom he

values the most. His endeavour 'Trishul', set to be rolled out after Dasara, aims to groom the party workers at the grassroots level and help them become future leaders. Also, Pawan Kalyan assured the Jana Sainiks and Veera Mahilas that they will be trained in various skills based on their interest. With the assurance of empowering the party workers from membership to leadership, Pawan Kalyan infused confidence in them as they look forward to a bright future.

Waltair Division marks National Sports Day

Visakhapatnam: Marking the National Sports Day, Waltair Division organised activities from the Fit India Mission that advocate for at least one hour of daily physical exercise. Sports competitions were held by the East Coast Railway Sports Association, Waltair (ECORSA-Waltair), followed by the felicitation of outstanding athletes and spouses of railway employees who have attained national and international recognition, led by president of ECoR Women's Welfare Organisation of Waltair Jyotsna Bohra. As part of it, a cycle rally was organised by the division, led by Divisional Railway Manager Lalit Bohra and joined by sports officer K Hamath, ADMR (Op) Manoj Kumar Sahoo, along with many officers and sports enthusiasts.

Collaboration to conduct EBUS training for doctors across India



From Our Staff Reporter

Visakhapatnam, Sept. 1:

To conduct Endobronchial Ultrasound (EBUS) training for doctors across India, Medivoc Hospital announced its col-

laboration with Olympus Medical System. This initiative aims to enhance the skills of medical professionals in diagnosing and treating lung diseases. The training programme, designed for pulmonologists, will cover the fundamentals of EBUS, including its applications, benefits, and hands-on training. This will enable participants to gain practical experience and improve patient outcomes. Speaking on the occasion, Dr Prem Kumar and Dr. Sudheer Tale, consultant pulmonologists of the hospital said, "By partnering with Olympus Medical System, we intend to bring cutting edge training to India. Our goal is to empower medical professionals with the latest knowledge and skills, benefiting patients nationwide."

Indian Navy warship visits Port Moresby

From Our Staff Reporter

Visakhapatnam, Sept. 1:

Reaffirming the growing friendship and maritime partnership between India and Papua New Guinea, the Indian Navy's indigenous ASW Corvette INS Kadmatt arrived at Port Moresby to participate in Papua New Guinea's 50th Independence Day celebrations. The goodwill visit symbolises India's commitment towards strengthening its engagement with Pacific Island nations under the Act East Policy and promoting peace, stability, and inclusive growth in the Indo-Pacific region.

The key highlights of the visit include participation of INS Kadmatt in PNG's official Independence Day Parade and cultural events, honouring the shared democratic values and heritage of both nations. The ship's



crew will engage with the Papua New Guinea Defence Force (PNGDF) to explore avenues for cooperation in maritime security, humanitarian assistance and disaster relief operations. The ship that arrived at Port Moresby on August 30 will host the PNG Chief of Defence Forces onboard to showcase the Indian Navy's journey of 'Aatma Nirbharta' in the defence landscape. The visit also follows the momentum created by Prime

Minister Narendra Modi's landmark visit to Papua New Guinea in 2023, where both the nations committed to deepening bilateral relations, expanding development partnerships and enhancing defence cooperation. The Indian Navy remains steadfast in fulfilling its diplomatic role of building 'bridges of friendship', connecting nations through goodwill port calls, capacity-building initiatives and collaborative maritime efforts.

YSRCP to launch a protest, round table conference

From Our Staff Reporter

Visakhapatnam, Sept. 1:

YSR Congress Party leaders decided to organise a round table meeting soon along with a protest march condemning the coalition government's attitude towards privatisation of the Visakhapatnam Steel Plant. The party general body meeting was held at the party office here on Sunday under the chairmanship of district president KK Raju. Attending as chief guest former minister and YSRCP MLC Botcha Satyana rayana mentioned that there is a need to fight against the privatisation of the VSP and failures of the NDA government. They pointed out that on one hand, the NDA leaders were assuring that the VSP would not be privatised, but the VSP management is handing over all the



critical departments to private agencies.

The YSRCP key leaders said that it would launch another agitation to save the VSP. The party senior leaders decided to hold an all-party meeting with other party leaders and trade union representatives who would extend support to their protest. Further, the

party leaders discussed the land allotments to private companies by the state government at throwaway prices. A protest will be organised opposing the allocation of government lands worth crores of rupees belonging to Visakhapatnam to private companies like Lulu Mall, Botcha Satyanarayana said.

The party leaders advised the Greater Visakhapatnam Municipal Corporation corporators to submit petitions to the Visakhapatnam District Collector MN Harendhira Prasad and GVMC Commissioner Ketan Garg regarding how the development programmes slowing down in their wards.

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[Appendix - IV-A] [See proviso to rule 8(6) & 9 (1)]
PUBLIC NOTICE FOR E-AUCTION FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY
DATE OF E-AUCTION: September 23, 2025
E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with provision to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.
Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s)/ Guarantor (s)/ Mortgagor (s) that the below described immovable property (Secured asset (s)) mortgaged/ charged to the Secured Creditor i.e. Omkara Assets Reconstruction Pvt Ltd. (OARPL) which is a Company incorporated under the provisions of the Companies Act, 1956, and duly registered with Reserve Bank of India (RBI) as an Asset Reconstruction Company under Section 5 of the Securitisation And Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (54 of 2002) ("The SARFAESI Act, 2002"); having CIN No U67100TZ2014PTC020363 and its registered office at 9, M.P. Nagar, 1st Street, Kongu Nagar Extn, Tirupur - 641607 and Corporate office at Kohinoor Square, 47th Floor, N. C. Kelkar Marg, R. G. Gadkari Chowk, Dadar (West), Mumbai - 400028, acting in its capacity as Trustee of Omkara PS-33/2021-22 Trust. It has acquired all rights, titles & interest of the entire outstanding of Borrower(s)/Co-borrower(s)/ Mortgagor(s) along with the underlying securities from IREP Credit Capital Private Limited under section 5 of Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Asset and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 vide Assignment Agreement dated 25-01-2022.
Further, the physical possession of the secured asset (s) has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Secured Creditor and the said asset (s) will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" basis on below mentioned date, for recovery of the below mentioned dues due to Secured Creditor from Below mentioned Borrower(s)/ Guarantor(s)/ Mortgagor(s). The Reserve Price, Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) and other details are mentioned below.

Name of Borrower and Co-borrower	Outstanding Dues in Rs.	Date of Demand Notice	Date of Physical Possession
1. Mr. KASHIM PEERA SHAIK (Borrower/Mortgagor)	Rs.24,73,165/- (Rupees Twenty Four Lakhs Seventy Three Thousand one hundred and sixty five only) as on 31.07.2025	04-07-2022	12-10-2022
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Description of the property	Reserve Price	EMD
All that pertaining to Residential open plot bearing No. 39 admeasuring 61.00 Sq. yards, situated in Survey No. 728/2 at Anantapur Registration, Bukkara Samudram Village Panchayat, Anantapur, District Andhra Pradesh- 515001	11,07,000/-	1,10,700/-

Inspection Date and Time	Date: 10.09.2025, Time: 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM.
Auction Date and Time	Date: 23.09.2025, Time: 3:00 PM – 05:00 PM.
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Chief Minister Sukhvinder Sukhu Declares Himachal Disaster-Hit Amid Heavy Rain Damage

Dharmashala: Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu declared in the state assembly that the hill state has been declared disaster-hit due to the extensive damage caused by cloudburst, flash floods and landslides over the past few weeks. According to data from the India Meteorological Department (IMD), this August, Himachal Pradesh saw 68 per cent more rainfall than normal across the state, making it the 9th-highest August rainfall since 1901 and the highest since 1949. The monsoon season has left a trail of devastation in the state, with 320 lives lost and total damage estimated at over Rs 3 lakh crore, according to the State Disaster Man-



agement Authority (SDMA). District-wise data shows that Mandi (51 deaths), Kangra (49 deaths), and Shimla (29 deaths) are among the worst-hit. Rain-related deaths were highest in Mandi (29), followed by Kangra (30) and Chamba (14). Road acci-

dent deaths were most reported in Chamba (22), Mandi (22), and Kangra (19). The scale of loss of property is staggering -- 1,280 houses fully damaged, 27,640 houses partially damaged, and heavy destruction to both private and public assets. Authorities warn that

continued rainfall could trigger more landslides and road blockages, urging residents to avoid unnecessary travel and stay alert to weather advisories. The weather office's long-range forecast indicates that September rainfall is also likely to remain above normal in the state.

Jagdeep Dhankhar moves to farmhouse as he waits for keys to Government Bungalow

New Delhi: Jagdeep Dhankhar vacated his official residence and moved to a private farmhouse in the Chhatrapur area of South Delhi today, more than a month after he resigned as vice president. The private home belongs to Indian National Lok Dal (INLD) leader Abhay Chautala. Mr Dhankhar's stay in the farmhouse in the Gadaipur area is an interim arrangement until he is allotted a type-8 bungalow, entitled to a former vice president. He has been staying at the Vice-President's Enclave near Parliament House till now. Although he has been allotted a bungalow at 34

APJ Abdul Kalam Road, it will take about three months for it to be ready. The 74-year-old has already written a letter to the Urban Development Ministry for government housing, seeking allotment of a government bungalow given to a former vice president as per the rules, sources said.

According to the information given by Central Public Works Department (CPWD) officials to the Vice President's Secretariat, it will take three months to repair and decorate the Abdul Kalam Marg bungalow. As per rules, former Presidents, former Vice Presidents and former Prime Ministers are

given a type-8 bungalow in Lutyen Zone or 2 acres of land at their ancestral place. In a surprise move, Mr Dhankhar resigned from his post on July 21, the first day of the Monsoon session, citing health reasons. His term was to end on August 10, 2027. An election to pick his successor is scheduled to take place on September 9. In the vice-presidential election, NDA candidate CP Radhakrishnan, the governor of Maharashtra, has been fielded against opposition nominee B Sudershan Reddy, a former Supreme Court judge.

Entitled To 3 Pensions Mr Dhankhar also applied

for a pension as a former legislator in Rajasthan recently. He represented the Kishangarh Assembly constituency as a Congress MLA from 1993 to 1998, and received a pension as a former legislator until July 2019. It was discontinued after he was appointed the governor of West Bengal. As per officials, Mr Dhankhar is entitled to three pensions - as a former vice president, ex-MP and former member of the Rajasthan Assembly. The pension for a former MLA in Rajasthan starts at Rs 35,000 per month for a single term, and goes up with additional terms and age.

'Mumbai at Standstill': Bombay High Court On Manoj Jarange, Maratha Quota Row



Mumbai: The Maratha quota protest led by Manoj Jarange - supposed to be limited to Mumbai's Azad Maidan, where Jarange is on an 'indefinite fast' - has spun out of control, causing traffic jams and chaos, and bringing the city to a standstill, an irate Bombay High Court said. The court took a dim view of Jarange's undertaking to city police - that his army of protesters and he would abide by laws governing large public gatherings or protests - and called it 'lip service'. In a special hearing this afternoon a bench of Justice Ravindra Ghuge and Justice Gautam Ankhad also expressed its fury after Jarange's protesters "surrounded" the court building.

"We can see how 'peaceful' this protest is... the High Court building has been surrounded and entry gates for judges and lawyers have been blocked. The entire city has been blocked." Disturbances were also reported from Churchgate and Marine Drive. "The situation is grim... Mumbai has been practically brought to a standstill," the court said, underlining the non-peaceful nature of the agitation and the fact that pre-conditions attached to police permission for Jarange to hold a 'peaceful protest' at Azad Maidan had been violated. The

court also said that since Manoj Jarange and his supporters no longer have, prima facie, permission to continue this protest, it expects the state government to take necessary action.

Jarange's protest, the state told the court, was only given permission till August 29. The government shall therefore ensure no more protesters enter the city, the court said, responding also to Jarange's claims about a 'fast till death'. "He is giving a clear threat... why is the state government not getting roads cleared? Why are protesters loitering everywhere?" Nevertheless, the court offered Jarange a chance to rectify the situation. "We are giving Jarange and his supporters

an opportunity to rectify the situation immediately and ensure the streets are vacated and cleaned up by Tuesday noon," the court said.

Visuals through the day showed traffic jams on main roads, particularly around the Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus, or CSMT, which is less than a kilometre from Azad Maidan. Reports said thousands, maybe tens of thousands, of 'protesters' had been bussed in for the agitation. One widely shared video seemed to show men, in Jarange's colours, taking items from a shop without paying for them, while there were also allegations thugs claiming to be part of the protest misbehaved with women reporters. There

were also reports of excessive littering. Jarange is leading a campaign to include all Marathas in the Other Backward Class category, which gets quotas in education and government jobs, and prior to this round of protests, warned the state government "it will be dangerous (for them)" if it denies him that claim.

"If the government remains adamant, it will be dangerous... People's resentment against Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis is growing because of his rigid stance. If we are not given a reservation, the government will face consequences," he said. "I can overturn the government if the quota is not given. I will not listen to anyone..."

Heavy Rain Leads To Severe Waterlogging In Delhi, Gurugram

Gurugram: Huge traffic jams, heavily waterlogged roads, vehicles breaking down, scores of people stuck threw life out of gear as heavy rain hit Gurugram. NH8 Jaipur Expressway, Badshahpur, Manesar and Sohna were the worst-hit. Several parts of Noida, Ghaziabad, Gurugram, and Delhi received heavy showers accompanied by strong winds, leading to a sharp drop in temperature. The India Meteorological Department (IMD) had earlier issued a yellow alert for September 1, warning of rain, thunderstorms, lightning, and gusty winds in the afternoon and evening. The forecast proved accurate, with heavy rainfall turning the skies dark during daylight and forcing commuters to switch on headlights. Gurugram traffic police said its personnel responded swiftly to multiple calls where vehicles were stranded in deep water. A video showed a policeman and two others pushing a mini truck stranded on a flooded street in Gurugram. Armed with an umbrella, a traffic policeman, with his trousers rolled up, was seen directing vehicles amid the chaos. Scores of cars were seen navigating the flooded roads. While the showers provided relief from sweltering conditions, they also caused widespread disruption.

West Bengal's Priests, drummers fear travelling to other states for Festivities

Kolkata: The festive season that once promised mobility, joy, and cultural exchange for Bengal's dhakis and purohits is now tinged with dread. As the sound of the dhak (drum) reverberates through villages ahead of Durga Puja, the very custodians of Bengal's traditions - priests and drummers - say their journeys to other states are being overshadowed by fear of identity-based harassment, linguistic prejudice, and alleged administrative scrutiny in several BJP-ruled regions. Reports of Bengali-speaking migrants being allegedly harassed in Maharashtra, Gujarat, Delhi, and Rajasthan have cast a long shadow over the season of celebration. For hundreds of dhakis (traditional drummers) and purohits (priests), the choice is stark: risk humiliation for a livelihood or stay back in economic uncertainty.

In rural Bengal, where the rhythmic beats of dhakis usually signal festive anticipation, the mood this year is clouded with anxiety. "When we hear about atrocities against Bengali migrant labourers in other states, it frightens us and our families. We have received several invitations from various Puja committees in other states, and since we have already received advance money, we will travel despite being apprehensive. However, some of my teammates are in two minds, whether to go or stay back," says Bapi Das, director of a dhaki troupe. Das' troupe of nearly 100 skilled drummers has received invitations from organisers in Delhi, Mumbai, Hyderabad, Chennai and Guwahati. The assignments,



stretching for nearly a week of Durga Puja, promise earnings of Rs 20,000-Rs 25,000 per person, which is crucial for families dependent on seasonal incomes. "Performing outside the state helps us buy clothes, books for our children, even pay off loans," says a seasoned female dhaki of another Dhaki troupe in North 24 Paragana Ashoknagar, who supplements her income by rolling bidis during the off-season. "But now, I wonder if I will be stopped or harassed for speaking Bengali?" Her colleague Mitali Barui echoed the same concern. "We used to prepare with joy. Now, even rehearsals feel tense. We have been instructed that whoever travels to other states from our troupe, should keep all their IDs, including copies of their parents' IDs, and if needed, property papers and local panchayat certificates, too," she added.

Many dhakis recount their friends being harassed in the last few months, accused of being "illegal" or "outsiders", simply for speaking from their mother tongue. A similar unease grips Ghatal in West Midnapore, a historic

town known for its Brahmin households that send priests across the country for Durga Puja. "Earlier, we carried only our sacred texts and lists of rituals. This year, we have advised all priests travelling outside Bengal to carry Aadhaar cards, voter IDs, and even property papers," says Ashok Mishra, a priest who has performed Durga Pujas in various parts of the country for the last 12 years. "We are religious professionals. It is deeply humiliating to be treated like suspects when all we carry are our scriptures and devotion," says Arun Bhattacharya of North 24 Parganas, who has officiated Durga Puja rituals in Mumbai for over 15 years. "Still, I can't afford to lose this year's income. My family depends on it." The growing sense of alienation among Bengali cultural emissaries has sparked political outrage in Bengal. Leaders of the ruling Trinamool Congress accuse the BJP of fostering an atmosphere hostile to linguistic and regional minorities. "It is unacceptable that people providing cultural and religious services are made to feel unsafe and un-

welcome. Such developments are deeply disturbing and unconstitutional," a senior TMC leader said. Opposition parties allege that the harassment is part of a broader push to impose a homogenised cultural narrative, sidelining regional identities in favour of a singular, majoritarian ethos. BJP leaders, however, insist that increased ID checks are routine law-and-order measures, not targeted harassment. "Security checks are a routine part of managing large gatherings. There is no instruction to target Bengalis or any linguistic group," a state BJP leader said. Despite such reassurances, ground reports suggest otherwise. Cultural workers, who often double up as migrants working in various states, recount stories of being taunted, detained, or profiled for speaking Bengali. And so, as conch shells blow and the sound of drums reverberate in Bengal's villages, their echo carries not just the rhythm of festivity but also an unspoken plea for dignity, security, and the right to keep traditions alive without fear.

Activist's "Muslim Right" Post After Javed Akhtar's Kolkata Event Postponed

New Delhi: Activist Shabnam Hashmi has come out in support of legendary poet-lyricist Javed Akhtar after a cultural event he was invited to was postponed due to objections by the Muslim outfit Jamiat Ulema-e-Hind. Ms Hashmi, the sister of playwright and activist, late Safdar Hashmi, has hit out at those legitimising platforms "run by the Muslim right" and offered to host an event for Mr Akhtar in Kolkata if he is open to it. This comes after the West Bengal Urdu Academy announced that its four-day cultural event, scheduled to start on Sunday, had been postponed. While the Academy cited unavoidable circumstances, multiple reports said Jamiat Ulema-e-Hind's Kolkata unit had objected after Mr Akhtar was invited as the event's chief guest. Confirming the opposition, Jamiat Ulema-e-Hind's Kolkata unit's general secretary Zillur Rahman

said they wrote to the Academy and flagged the invitation to Mr Akhtar. "Javed Akhtar has spoken a lot of bad things against Islam, against Muslims, and against Allah. This person is not a human but a devil in human guise. Do not include Javed Akhtar in this programme," he said, elaborating on the content of the letter. "There are many good poets, writers, and journalists in the Urdu world who can be invited to this programme," the letter said. Soon after, the Academy announced that the programme had been postponed. The event, titled 'Urdu in Hindi Cinema', was aimed at showcasing the contribution of Urdu to Indian cinema. Discussions, poetry recitations, and cultural performances had been planned. Mr Akhtar was to preside over a key mushaira today. In a sharp response to the developments, Ms Hashmi said she had been



telling activists to stop legitimising the "Muslim right""This is the beginning. I have been shouting from the rooftop, telling my fellow senior activists and the young ones to stop legitimising platforms run by the Muslim right," she said in a post on X. The well-known activist said she had been cornered within Delhi's civil society because of her stand. "I have been systematically pushed to a corner within the Delhi civil society because I refused to share platforms with Muslim right-wing orgs while a large number of senior activists are

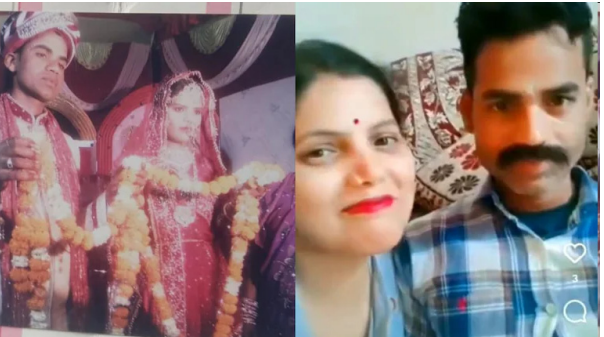
fooling themselves in the name of fighting against majoritarian politics," she said. Ms Hashmi added that the struggle for the dignity of minorities can be fought only within the framework of the Constitution. "Struggle for democracy, equality, dignity of minorities- Muslims, Christians, Jains, Sikhs can be fought only within the framework of the Constitution." Tagging Mr Akhtar, she said, "If you are open to it, I will organise the program in Kolkata. Dekhti hoon kiski himmat hai jo rok de (Let's see who dares to stop it)."

Married UP Man Missing Since 2018 Seen On Instagram Reels With Another Woman

Lucknow: He got married, had a child with his wife and then disappeared for years until being spotted on a random Instagram reel with another woman. Jitendra Kumar, from Atamau village in Uttar Pradesh's Hardoi, married Sheelu from Muramagar in 2017. When he went missing soon after the birth of their son, a police complaint was filed in April 2018, searches were conducted, but he couldn't be traced. His relatives even accused Sheelu's family of being involved in his disappearance. And now Sheelu, who has been living in her maternal home with her son, saw Jitendra on social media reels in Ludhiana with an-

other woman. Several reels have since gone viral. She claimed her husband has remarried and is living with the other woman. She added that even his family was aware of the situation, but did not reveal anything.

"I got married in 2017 according to all rituals and customs. I have a son," Sheelu told. "My husband went missing. His family had filed an FIR, which I was not aware of, nor were my relatives. Now, I have found out through reels that he is living in Ludhiana, making reels with another woman, and has even married her." Sheelu added, "His family had accused my family of killing their son, but the truth is that



his family conspired against me. They played a game with me and are misleading me even today." Assistant Superintendent of Police Nripendra Kumar said, "They were married. One year after the wedding, he left home without informing anyone, following which an FIR was filed at the

police station." He added that Sheelu recently submitted a petition at Sandila police station, where the original missing complaint was filed, after confirming her husband was alive through the videos. "An investigation is underway, and appropriate legal action will be taken," he said.

Defence Summit 2025: Women Officers From 2 Different Generations Trace Changes In Armed Forces



New Delhi:Two women officers of the armed forces who represent different generations explained the leaps and bounds in the services and the generational progress that has taken place. At the NDTV Defence Summit 2025, Vice Admiral Arti Sarin, the Director General of Armed Forces Medical Services, and Colonel Anshu Jamwal, Commanding Officer, Indian Army, shared insights into a range of topics linked to women in the armed forces including challenges, highs and lows, and even their role in operations. On how the armed forces have

evolved and made it possible and aspirational for women to join them, Vice Admiral Arti Sarin said she is from the Armed Forces Medical Services which began as early as 1953, and they have had women leaders."The first lady General, the first Two Stars, was in 1987 who commanded Command Hospital Lucknow, followed by two Three Stars in 2007. So they paved the path for us. I joined in 1987. I saw changes then. I did not find any difference in the treatment of me or my fellow interns when I was doing my internship or when I went

to join the army and when I went forward to do my courses or any other thing," Vice Admiral Arti Sarin said. **She said everything was based on meritocracy and it was gender-neutral.** "How well you do in your academics and how well you are marked. So it is absolutely, I would say, gender-just and gender-neutral. In 1998, the government allowed women in other arms and services... There was further progress. Women started joining NDA over the years. They started getting Permanent Commission. And now they have a whole lot of representation,

whole new roles, leadership roles. As you can see, she's commanding a unit. I'm extremely proud of her, this young lady here. So she represents the next generation who are the non-medical officers who have joined the armed forces as women," Vice Admiral Sarin said, referring to the much younger Colonel Jamwal. Recalling her experience, Colonel Jamwal - who joined the Corps of Army Air Defence in 2006 - said she was the first woman officer in her unit when she got commissioned. "When I joined, I think there were apprehensions on both fronts, men also and me also I realised. But once they know what you are capable of doing, they ultimately recognise you and then when you put that lens of gender aside, it becomes smooth. It becomes a home. My unit since then has been a second home for me," Colonel Jamwal said. She said some challenges do exist, sometimes in terms of physical standards and juggling home and professional fronts. "But I believe that the army bakes up the genes in you to take on challenges, be it the battle-

field or in any facet of life. I have been surviving and thriving and I wish to continue doing so," she said. Sharing her work-life balance experience in the service, Vice Admiral Sarin said she was fortunate due to having a lot of family support. "But one moment was very daunting when I was suddenly asked to go to the [Kashmir] valley. My son was three years old. I had to leave him behind in Mumbai and my parents had to come down to look after him. I was away for three and a half months. You could speak only once a week... We were there to look after the civilian population at that point in 1998. So that was daunting, but it's basically daunting because you're in a very forward area," Vice Admiral Sarin said. "We found a way of getting over it. I had support. The armed forces family is the greatest support. Your unit supports you. There were people from my department who would handle my family, the problems that I had. My parents were there. People would check on them. So we get by with a little help from our friends and colleagues from the armed forces family," she said.

Forces Worked In Complete Synergy During Op Sindoor: Air Force Ex-Chief



Operation Sindoor was an example of all three armed forces working in "complete synergy", former Indian Air Force chief Air Chief Marshal Vivek Ram Chaudhari has said. Speaking at the Defence Summit, the former IAF chief was asked about the coordination and communication between the three armed forces, the Army, Air Force and Navy - which has been a common complaint in the past - during the key operation. The former Air Chief Marshal emphasised that there was no lack of coordination between the forces and all of them worked jointly towards achieving the strategic objectives. "What we witnessed was complete synergy and a complete understanding of each other's strengths and weaknesses. The effort that came out finally was a joint effort from all the three services and, of course, the higher defence organisation of the country. So there is no doubt, in my mind at least, that there was no lack of coordination or synergy

between the armed forces," he said. The former Air Chief Marshal was part of a panel with former Chief of Army Staff General Manoj Pande and former Chief of Naval Staff Admiral Arun Prakash and all three officers agreed that Operation Sindoor had been carried out with precision and had achieved its objectives. Earlier in the day, Vice Chief of Air Staff Air Marshal Narmadeshwar Tiwari had said that fewer than 50 weapons were fired by the Indian Air Force during the Operation and that was enough to get Pakistan to ask for a ceasefire. "The key takeaway for us (was) that in less than 50 weapons, we were able to achieve conflict elimination. So this is the essential part which I want you to take away... It is very easy to start a war, but not easy enough to end it. And that was an important consideration to keep in mind so that our forces were activated, they were deployed, and they were ready for any eventuality that would have come

about," he said. Operation Sindoor was India's response to the Pahalgam terror attack in April. In the early hours of May 7, India struck terror bases in at least nine locations in Pakistan and Pakistan-Occupied Kashmir, including the headquarters of the Lashkar-e-Taiba in Muridke and Jaish-e-Mohammed in Bahawalpur. Pakistan responded by attempting to attack Indian military installations and civilian locations by launching drones and missiles on three successive days, but was thwarted by India's air defence systems. India, in turn, first took out some of Pakistan's air defence systems, including in Lahore, and then struck key military bases like the all-important Nur Khan airbase, also known as the Chaklala airbase. Pakistan then sought a ceasefire and India agreed to a pause in hostilities. India has made it clear, however, that it will respond decisively to any terror attack which has its origins in Pakistan.

Maratha Quota Protesters Claim Poor Facilities At Mumbai Protest Site

Mumbai: Protesters gathered for the Manoj Jarange-led Maratha quota agitation at Mumbai's Azad Maidan complained about a lack of basic amenities, and non-availability of water and food at the venue, while the civic body said adequate arrangements for sanitation and other facilities have been made. Mr Jarange's indefinite fast to seek a quota for the Maratha community entered its second day on Saturday. He is demanding a 10 per cent reservation for Marathas under the Other Backwards Classes (OBC) category. Mumbai has been witnessing continuous rainfall since Friday morning, due to which protesters, especially those who arrived in the city by train and other means of public transport, have been facing difficulties. As puddles formed at the sprawling protest venue due to overnight showers, agitators gathered at the junction outside the Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus (CSMT), bringing

traffic to a standstill. Many of them have complained of food scarcity, alleging that the government had shut down shops around the protest site. They also claimed that the ground lacked adequate facilities to ensure their safety and hygiene. A large number of protesters are camping in and around the CSMT, located close to the protest site. Many of them are seen cooking food by the roadside. The Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) on Saturday afternoon claimed that it had put 2 truckloads of gravel in Azad Maidan and provided necessary civic amenities. Puddles of mud at the protest site have been cleared, and two truckloads of gravel have been spread on the access route to level the path. Regular cleaning is being carried out at the protest site and its surrounding areas by the sanitation workers, and a medical help desk has been set up to provide healthcare services. Four medical teams and two ambulances



are operational 24/7 in the area, it said. "To ensure sufficient lighting in the Azad Maidan area, high-intensity floodlights have been installed with the help of the Mumbai fire brigade," the civic body said. Eleven tankers to provide drinking water to the protesters have been made available, it said, adding that more tankers have also been requested. It also said that 29 toilets have been made available inside the Maidan at no

cost. Three mobile toilet units with 10 seats each are stationed on the Mahatma Gandhi Road, and 12 portable toilets are available near the Metro site. All 'pay-and-use' toilets in and around Azad Maidan were made free for the protesters, it said. During his media briefing on Saturday morning, Mr Jarange blamed that under the influence of the chief minister, BMC commissioner and state-appointed administrator

Bhushan Gagrani has stopped food and water for protesters. "The Brihan mumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) has an administrator, and under the influence of the chief minister, he has stopped food and water for protesters. We won't forget this. You have closed public toilets and hotels. Let's see how many days you harass poor Marathas," he said. Protesters are angry because they have been denied basic facilities, he added.

Stigma Has To Be On Perpetrator, Not Victim": Delhi High Court On Rape Case



"New Delhi:The Delhi High Court has termed as "obnoxious" the submission of an accused that quashing rape proceedings against him would be in the interest of the minor victim who otherwise would have to face "stigma".The stigma has to be not on the victim of the wrong but on the perpetrator of the wrong, the high court said, and imposed Rs 10,000 costs on the man."The counsel for the petitioner contends that quashing the present proceedings would be in the interest of the prosecutrix; otherwise, she would have to face stigma. I find this argument obnoxious, to say the least."The stigma has to be, not on the victim of the wrong, but on the

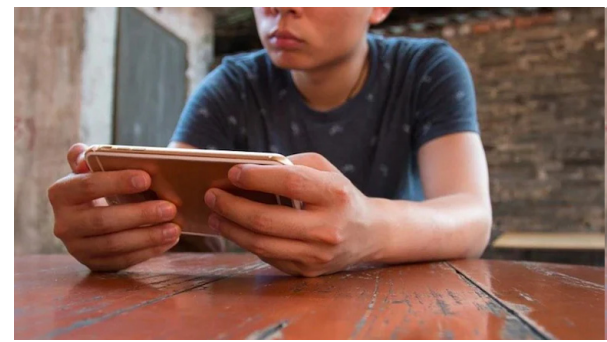
perpetrator of the wrong. There has to be a paradigm shift in societal mindset by attaching stigma to the accused and not to the girl who underwent the horrid suffering by way of rape," Justice Girish Kathpalia said in a judgment passed on August 29. The court refused to quash rape proceedings against the man and directed him to deposit Rs 10,000 costs with the Delhi High Court Legal Service Committee. The court rejected the contention of the counsel for the accused that the parents of the victim had "settled" the matter with him. "This argument is also completely devoid of merit. For it is the minor girl, and not her parents, who was wronged and suffered

because of the alleged act on the part of the petitioner (accused). "It is only the prosecutrix who could have pardoned the wrongdoer, that too in certain specific conditions. As mentioned above, the prosecutrix continues to be a minor girl," Justice Kathpalia said. According to the FIR lodged in 2024, the girl was blackmailed into a physical relationship by the accused after making her video. A case of rape was registered against the man under the provisions of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act and the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS). The man was on the run and has been declared a proclaimed offender.

Karnataka High Court Seeks Centre's Reply On Plea Against Online Gaming Act

Bengaluru: The Karnataka High Court on Saturday sought the Union government's response to a petition challenging the Promotion and Regulation of Online Gaming Act, 2025, which petitioners argue threatens to wipe out the livelihood of thousands of people overnight. MThe matter was heard by Justice B M Shyam Prasad, who granted time to the Centre to file its reply while allowing the petitioners to submit detailed arguments in support of their plea for an interim stay on the Act's operation.Senior counsel representing the petitioners contended that although the Act had received Presidential assent, it had not yet been

notified. He argued that immediate implementation would deal a severe blow to the industry."If this industry is shut down overnight, the consequences will be serious. The government should either withhold notification until we are heard, or at least provide one week's notice so we can approach the court," counsel submitted. Appearing for the Union government, Solicitor General Tushar Mehta said this was the first time a court would be scrutinising the competence of such legislation, given its cross-border implications. He added that once Parliament passes a law and it receives Presidential assent, notification is part



of the constitutional process. "Courts may not interfere at this stage. Merely because an individual feels aggrieved, it does not mean the government is required to give advance notice before notifying the law," he argued. When asked whether the Centre intended to notify the law immediately, the SG said he would seek instructions.

The court then adjourned the matter, directing the Union to place its response along with the petitioner's submissions seeking interim relief. The petitioners have challenged the Online Gaming Act because it was enacted without consultation or deliberation, despite the government's earlier promotion of the online skill-

gaming industry. They contended that the sudden shift risks crores of rupees in investments and threatens the livelihood of over two lakh employees in the sector. The plea relies on Supreme Court precedent affirming that skill-based games involving stakes are a legitimate business under Article 19(1)(g) of the Constitution. It argues that a blanket ban is neither proportionate nor the least restrictive means available, and is therefore unconstitutional. The petition further alleges that the Act is arbitrary and violative of fundamental rights under Articles 14, 19(1)(a), 19(1)(g), and 21, including freedom of expression, the right to livelihood, and the right to carry on trade.

'Sinister, Shameful': Fury Over US Trade Official's 'Profiteering Brahmins' Remark



White House trade advisor Peter Navarro's "Brahmins profiteering" remark - with reference to Donald Trump's 25 per cent tariff for buying Russian oil - caused outrage in India Monday, with many calling the remark 'casteist' and 'sinister', and denouncing an 'anti-Hindu and anti-India narrative'. Navarro's comment has also been seen as further sign of strained diplomatic relations between Washington and New Delhi, over tariffs and an apparent breakdown in India-US trade deal talks. Since Donald Trump dropped his tariff bomb-

shell, US government officials have spoken sharply of India continuing to buy crude oil from Russia, arguing it amounts to funding Vladimir Putin's war on Ukraine, a war Trump has failed to end despite boasting last year he could do so within hours. Navarro's statement was, perhaps the sharpest so far, prompting pushback from Sanjeev Sanyal, a member of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Economic Advisory Council, and opposition leaders, including the Congress' Pawan Khera and Shiv Sena's Priyanka Chaturvedi. Sanyal said Navarro's words revealed who, in the United States controls the narrative about India. "This is derived directly from 19th century colonial jibes going back to the likes of James Mill. Edward Said's point about Orientalism is perhaps more correct for India than his original thesis on Middle East." Priyanka Chaturvedi also ripped into the 'profiteering Brahmins' remark. "Peter Navarro's invocation of a particular caste identity in India to make his point, even if it is to imply the 'privileged lot' vis-a-vis the rest, is shameful and sinister," she said, simultaneously scorning "sermons on the usage of the word Brahmins in the American context". She acknowledged a different use of the word 'brahmin' in the US, i.e., it refers to a class of wealthy elites, and has no link to the caste system as it exists in India, but pointed out also that for a senior member of Trump's administration to use the term "is deliberate". The Congress' Pawan Khera said the United States can-

not make such "baseless statements". Meanwhile, Trinamool MP Sagarika Ghose offered an insight into the American context. In her post on X she said, "Boston Brahmin" was once a widely used term in the US to refer to the American New England wealthy elite. 'Brahmin' is still a term used in the English-speaking world to denote social or economic "elites" (in this case, the rich)." However, her post invited several cutting counters, with many suggesting Navarro using that word in this context, i.e., 'brahmin' while referring to India, was not a coincidence. Many also accused her of trying to defend the trade official's statement. Last week Navarro dubbed New Delhi a "laundromat for the Kremlin" and slammed the country's elite for profiteering "at the expense of the Indian people". "India is nothing but a laundromat for the Kremlin... You got Brahmins profiteering at the expense of the Indian people," he said, alleging that Indian refiners were buying discounted Russian crude, processing it, and exporting it at a premium. He also tried to defend Team Trump's punitive tariffs on Indian exports - which are significantly higher than those on China and Turkey, who also import Russian crude - and claimed Delhi's ties with Moscow and Beijing were undermining global stability. The attack came as Modi was in China - his first visit in seven years - for the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation summit in China. The PM met China's Xi Jinping and Putin while in Tianjin.

Putin Wanted To Travel With PM Modi After SCO, Spoke For 45 Minutes In Car

Beijing: Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Russian President Vladimir Putin on Monday travelled in the same vehicle to the destination of their bilateral meeting after the proceedings at the SCO Summit venue in Tianjin, China-- a visual statement amid US President Donald Trump's tariff onslaught against New Delhi's oil trade with Moscow. "After the proceedings at the SCO Summit venue, President Putin and I travelled together to the venue of our bilateral meeting. Conversations with him are always insightful," PM Modi said in a post on X, sharing his picture with the Russian leader. Sources to NDTV that President Putin wanted to travel together with PM Modi from the SCO conference venue to the bilateral

meeting held at the Ritz-Carlton hotel. He apparently waited for about 10 minutes for PM Modi so that he could join him. "Then both leaders travelled together in his car, conversing on various issues. They spent another 45 minutes in the car even after reaching the bilateral meeting venue. After this, both leaders had a full bilateral meeting which went on for over an hour," they said. **Significance Of Putin's Gesture** President Putin's gesture holds significance as it comes amid the United States' public condemnation of India's oil trade with Russia, with President Donald Trump accusing New Delhi of funding Putin's war in Ukraine. Last month, Trump imposed 50 per cent tariffs on Indian goods bound for the US, the highest in Asia, to penalise it for those energy purchases. Despite US pressure, India has not stopped its oil trade with Moscow and said its national interests will guide its energy import policies. New Delhi also labelled US levies as "unfair, unjustified and unreasonable". India and Russia have been among the steadiest of the major relationships in the world after the Second World War. New Delhi became one of the biggest Russian oil buyers since the Ukraine war broke out in 2022, and Western nations shunned energy imports from Moscow and imposed price caps on Russian crude trade. However, there is no blanket prohibition on the purchase of Russian oil if the deals meet the param-

eters of the Western sanctions. The two nations are also making efforts to simplify the rupee-ruble trade mechanism, aiming to reduce reliance on the US dollar amid growing global financial complexities. **Russia's Acknowledgement** Earlier, PM Modi met President Putin at the Tianjin summit, where the Russian leader addressed India's role in Ukraine peace efforts. Putin said he "appreciates China and India's efforts to resolve the crisis in Ukraine," highlighting the growing role of Asian powers in conflict resolution, traditionally dominated by Western nations. This is PM Modi and President Putin's first in-person meeting since October 2024, when they met on the margins of the BRICS summit in Kazan. PM Modi last spoke on a call with Putin after the Russian leader's summit with Trump in Alaska to seek a peace deal. **Strengthening Ties?** Earlier in the day, striking photos of PM Modi's informal interaction with Chinese President Xi Jinping and Russian President Putin surfaced, capturing a light moment shared between the three leaders on the sidelines of the SCO Summit. The images showed all three leaders smiling and conversing, reminiscent of a similar photo taken during the BRICS Summit in Kazan, Russia. In the latest photo, Putin is seen on the left, Prime Minister Modi at the centre, and Xi Jinping on the right, walking together in a relaxed manner to pose for a SCO family photo.



other image with Russian President Putin, where the two leaders were seen shaking hands and hugging. PM Modi shared the photo on social media and captioned it, "Always a delight to meet President Putin!" Additionally, the Prime Minister and Russian President were seen walking past Pakistan Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Monday, who appeared isolated, as both leaders engaged in an informal conversation.

Shehbaz Sharif Snubbed? Pak PM On Sidelines As PM Modi, Putin Walk Past



Beijing: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday engaged in a warm exchange with Chinese President Xi Jinping and Russian President Vladimir Putin at the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) summit in Tianjin, China-- a moment that drew global spotlight for its strong geopolitical implications, especially as President Donald Trump ratchets up trade tensions with New Delhi. Photographs and videos from Tianjin showed visible camaraderie among the three heavyweight leaders, while several world leaders observed them from the sidelines. In one of the videos going viral from the summit, Pakistan Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif was seen looking on with a grim expression as Prime Minister Modi engaged in an animated informal chat minutes ahead of the plenary session in Tianjin. This came after PM Modi was seen standing several places apart from Sharif in the first family photo from the summit. Later, PM Modi posted photographs of himself with President Putin and President Xi, highlighting the friendly exchange and wrote, "Interactions in Tianjin continue! Exchanging perspectives with President Putin and President Xi during the SCO Summit." He also shared his photos with the Russian leader and wrote, "Always a delight to meet President Putin!" This came against the backdrop of heightened tensions between New Delhi and Islamabad

Ties With India "One-Sided Disaster": Trump After PM Modi Meets Xi, Putin

New Delhi: Hours after Prime Minister Narendra Modi and China's Xi Jinping met - on the sidelines of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation summit in China, at which the two, and Russia's Vladimir Putin, discussed global trade and geopolitical challenges arising from the United States' tariffs - US President Donald Trump grumpily doubled down in defence of his 50 per cent tariff on India. Mr Trump blamed, once again, his country's a "one-sided relationship" with India and its continued purchase of Russian oil and military equipment for the high import duties. And as Indian and American trade officials scramble to resolve the tariff problem, he also served up a 'warning', declaring Delhi had offered to cut import duties - there, however, is no talk of any such move by the Indian government - but that concessions might be 'too late'. In a post on Truth Social, Mr Trump complained that 'few people understand' India-US trade as he does, and said, "... they do a tremendous amount of business with us... they sell us massive amounts of goods but we sell them very little. Until now, a totally one-sided relationship." He also doubled down on criticism of India as a 'tariff abuser', a claim he made last year while campaigning, and said "our business are unable to sell to India". The American President has been particularly put off by India refusing to open price-



sensitive agriculture and dairy markets. "Also, India buys most of its oil and military products from Russia... very little from the US. They have now offered to cut their tariffs to nothing... but it's getting late. They should have done so years ago. Just some simple facts for people to ponder!" he declared ominously. Mr Trump's post comes after scenes of bonhomie from Tianjin in China, where the SCO summit is being held. Prime Minister Modi, Xi Jinping, and Vladimir Putin reportedly had several productive meetings, and pictures of broad smiles and handshakes being shared have been seen as a strong message to the US - that the SCO will stand together against the tariffs. India and China, in particular, have seen a remarkable thawing of relations since Trump's taxes spree, with Beijing sending Foreign Minister Wang Yi to Delhi last month for the first time in three years. More significantly, Mr Modi's visit to China is his first in seven years. Improved India-China ties also include talk of mutually beneficial trade arrangements to offset the

800 Killed, 2,500 Injured In 6.0 Earthquake In Afghanistan Near Pak Border

Kabul: A massive rescue operation was underway in Afghanistan Monday, after a strong earthquake and multiple aftershocks flattened homes in a remote, mountainous region, killing more than 800 people, the Taliban authorities said. The earthquake struck just before midnight, shaking buildings from Kabul to neighbouring Pakistan's capital, Islamabad. More than 1.2 million people likely felt strong or very strong shaking, according to the US Geological Survey (USGS). Near the epicentre in the east of Afghanistan, around 800 people were killed and 2,500 injured in remote Kunar province alone, chief Taliban government spokesman Zabihullah Mujahid said. Another 12 people were killed and 255 injured in neighbouring Nangarhar province, he added. "Numerous houses were destroyed," interior ministry spokesman Abdul Mateen Qani told AFP. The majority of Afghans live in low-rise, mud-brick homes that are vulnerable to collapse. Some of the most severely impacted villages in remote Kunar provinces "remain inaccessible due to road blockages", the UN migration agency warned in a statement to AFP. The Taliban authorities and the United Nations mobilised rescue efforts to hard-hit areas. The defence ministry said 40 flight sorties had so far been carried out. A member of the agricultural department in Kunar's Nurgal district said people had rushed to clear blocked roads to isolated villages, but that badly affected areas were remote and had limited telecom networks. "There is a lot of fear and tension... Children and women were screaming. We had never experienced anything like this in our lives," Ijaz Ulhaq Yaad told AFP. He said that many living in quake-hit villages were among the more than four million Afghans who have returned to the country from Iran and Pakistan in recent years. **"They wanted to build their homes here."** The quake, which struck at a relatively shallow depth of eight kilometres, was 27 kilometres from the city of Jalalabad in Nangarhar province, according to the USGS. Nangarhar and Kunar provinces border Pakistan, with the Torkham crossing the site of many waves of Afghan returnees deported or forced to leave, often with no work and nowhere to go. UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres added his condolences to those shared by the Taliban government and several nations. "I stand in full solidarity with the people of Afghanistan after the devastating earthquake that hit the country earlier today," he said. **Frequent quakes** After the initial quake, a series of at least five aftershocks followed throughout the night, with the strongest being one of magnitude 5.2 just after 4:00 am (2330 GMT Sunday). Afghanistan is frequently hit by earthquakes, especially in the Hindu Kush mountain range, near the junction of the Eurasian and Indian tectonic plates.

Hyundai records 60,501 units sale in August 2025

Chennai: Passenger car makers Hyundai Motor India Limited (HMIL) has achieved total monthly sales of 60,501 units in August 2025. This included domestic sales of 44,001 units and exports of 16,500 units, a HMIL release said today. Strengthening its position as the global manufacturing hub of HMC, HMIL has already exported 1,18,840 units during January-August 2025. Commenting on the sales performance, Mr. Tarun Garg, Whole-time Director and Chief Operating Officer, said, "Transcending geographical boundaries, we at Hyundai Motor India take immense pride in 'Make in India' and continue delivering world-

class, value-driven products that are tailored for global markets." "Our goal is to establish India as a strategic manufacturing base for emerging economies and to become Hyundai's largest export hub outside South Korea.

Lenovo will introduce a laptop with rotating display in upcoming IFA consumer tech trade show

New Delhi:Lenovo is expected to come with a laptop with a screen that rotates from horizontal to vertical at IFA Berlin consumer tech trade show as per the social media post of Evan Blass, a

seasoned hardware leaker.Evan Blass said on X "Lenovo has a habit of showing off concept devices at trade shows, some of which are precursors to shipping products--a la the

ThinkBook Plus Gen 6 w/rollable display--while others will never see the light of the day.'"At next week's IFA/Innovation Week, that concept will be a laptop whose screen rotates between portrait



and landscape orientations, known internally (and cheekily) as Project Pivo." the post added.

Ashok Leyland to invest Rs 5,000 cr in battery ecosystem for Sustainable India



Chennai, Sep 1 (UNI) CV makers Ashok Leyland, the Indian flagship of the Hinduja Group, today announced its plans to invest in development and manufacturing of next-generation batteries, for both automotive and non-automotive applications, including energy storage systems, en-

Ashok Leyland and Mr. Jacky Liu, CEO, CALB (HK) Co., Ltd, in the presence of Mr. Shom Hinduja, President, Alternative Energy and Sustainability Initiatives, Hinduja Group. Ashok Leyland will invest in battery localization in India, which will not only provide for Ashok Leyland and Switch's own electric vehicle portfolio, but will also cater to non-captive demand in the entire automotive sector as well as in energy storage sector. This business would entail investments over Rs. 5000 crores over the next 7-10 years, the statement said. Mr. Dheeraj Hinduja, Chairman, Ashok Leyland said, "Ashok Leyland is deeply committed to shaping the future of sustainable mobility in India in full alignment with Government's vision. Our strategic partnership with CALB is a significant step towards creating a localised battery supply chain in India to accelerate

Technopark retains ISO certifications for quality, environment, safety

Thiruvananthapuram, Sep 1 (UNI) In a significant achievement, Technopark has retained the ISO Standards recertification on multiple counts including quality, environment and safety management. An ISO 9001-certified organization since 1998, Technopark has now been re-certified with ISO 9001 (Quality Management System), ISO 14001 (Environmental Management System), and ISO 45001 (Occupational Health and Safety Management System) by TÜV SÜD South Asia, a renowned Germany-based global leader in Certification, Advisory, Testing, Inspection and Training. These certifications mark a new milestone for Technopark in the areas of Quality, Environment, and Safety standards reaffirming its adherence to globally recognized standards. Commenting on this achievement, Col Sanjeev Nair (Retd), CEO of Technopark, said that these ISO certifications underscore the park's unwavering commitment to maintaining the highest standards in quality, employee safety, environmental responsibility, project man-



agement and operational excellence. "This recognition highlights our dedication to maintain global standards and provides significant momentum to the robust IT ecosystem in Kerala. Technopark has met the stringent requirements of the ISO standards through sustainable practices, which has grabbed the attention of global (IT) firms," he said. This is a result of proactive concerted efforts by Technopark team that ensures all sustainable parameters like sustainable

and green initiatives are followed diligently to get this coveted ISO standards. The ISO 9001 certification recognizes Technopark's ability to consistently deliver high-quality services, driving customer satisfaction and operational efficiency. ISO 4001 highlights the park's sustainable operations and commitment to environmental preservation, while ISO 45001 acknowledges the proactive measures taken to ensure a safe and healthy work environment for all employees.

NSE and BSE impose fine on MTNL due to non-compliance of SEBI norms

New Delhi, Sep 1 (UNI) State-run Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Ltd. (MTNL) has been fined by NSE and BSE for non-compliance to meet SEBI (LODR) regulations 2015 as per the filing submitted by the company. The SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations 2015 are a set of rules by the Indian Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) that mandate listed companies to maintain corporate governance standards and transparently disclose important information to investors and the public. Listing out the violations, the filing stated, "Non-compliance with the requirements pertaining to the composition of the



Board including failure to appoint a woman director, Non-compliance with the Constitution of Audit Committee, Non-compliance with the Constitution of Nomination and Remuneration Committee, Non-compliance with the Constitution of Stakeholder Relationship Committee and Non-compliance with the Constitution of Risk Management Committee." "In this regard, both NSE and BSE have imposed fines on MTNL amounting to Rs 673,780 (inclusive of basic fines amounting to Rs 5,71,000 and GST amounting to Rs 1,02,780) respectively," the filing added. On fine imposition, MTNL said in a filing,

SAVE Microfinance raises USD 3 mln to empower women entrepreneurs across India



New Delhi, Sep 1 (UNI) SAVE Microfinance Private Limited has successfully raised USD 3 million through Non-Convertible Debentures (NCDs) from Impact Investment Exchange's (IIX) flagship Women's Livelihood Bond 7 (WLB7). The WLB7 is a part of IIX's award-winning Women's Livelihood Bond Series focused on empowering women and girls in emerging markets by mobilising capital for impact. Ajeet Kumar Singh, co-founder and CEO, SAVE group, said, "This finding from Impact Investment Exchange's WLB7 is a strong validation of our commitment to promoting financial inclusion and women's empowerment. This capital will enable us to expand our outreach and provide sustainable livelihood opportunities to more women entrepreneurs across India." This investment marks an important step in bolstering SAVE Microfinance's mission of empowering underserved communities, particularly women from low-income households, by enhancing their access to affordable credit. Pintu Kumar Singh, CFO, SAVE Microfinance Private Limited, said, "This investment strengthens our

balance sheet and further diversifies our funding sources. The association with IIX through WLB7 reinforces global confidence in SAVE Microfinance's robust business model and impact-driven mission." SAVE Microfinance Private Limited is a part of SAVE Group, committed to drive financial inclusion in India.

Exports, three-wheeler demand fuel Bajaj Auto growth

Chennai, Sep 1 (UNI) A strong boost in two-wheeler exports and higher sales of three-wheelers helped Bajaj Auto Ltd register positive sales growth in August. In a regulatory filing, the company said it sold 4,17,616 units last month (domestic: 2,32,398 units; exports: 1,85,218 units) compared to 3,97,804 units (domestic: 2,53,827 units; exports: 1,43,977 units) in August 2024. Within this, Bajaj Auto reported sales of 3,41,887 two-wheelers (domestic: 1,84,109 units; exports: 1,57,778 units), against 3,35,178 units (domestic: 2,08,621 units; exports: 1,26,557 units) in the same period last year. Similarly, sales of three-wheelers and commercial vehicles rose to 75,729 units (domestic: 48,289 units; exports: 27,440 units) in August 2025, up from 62,626 units (domestic: 45,206 units; exports: 17,420 units) a year ago.

Gross GST collections rise 6.5pc in August 2025, net revenue up 10.7 pc

New Delhi, Sept 1 (UNI) Goods and Services Tax (GST) gross collections in August 2025 rose to Rs 1,86,315 crore, recording a 6.5 per cent increase over Rs 1,74,962 crore collected in the same month last year as per the data shared by the Ministry of Finance. Net GST revenue after refunds in August stood at Rs 1,66,956 crore, marking a sharper 10.7 per cent rise compared to Rs 1,50,791 crore in the same month last year. According to official data, the cumulative gross GST collection for April-August 2025 reached Rs 10,04,414 crore, compared to Rs 9,13,855 crore in the corresponding period of 2024, reflecting a robust 9.9 per cent year-on-year growth. The rise was primarily driven by domestic GST



revenue, which grew 9.6 per cent in August to Rs 1,36,962 crore. In contrast, GST collected from imports showed a slight contraction of 1.2 per cent, amounting to Rs 49,354 crore against Rs 49,976 crore in August 2024. However, on a cumulative basis, import collections remained strong with a 12.4 per cent growth in April-August 2025. During April-August 2025, net collections touched Rs 8,78,096 crore,

TCA Kalyani assumes charge as 29th Controller General of Accounts (CGA)

New Delhi, Sept 1 (UNI) TCA Kalyani today assumed charge as the new Controller General of Accounts (CGA) in the Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance. Kalyani, a 1991-batch officer of the Indian Civil Accounts Service (ICAS), became the 29th officer to hold this prestigious position. Academically, she has done a BA in political science from University of Delhi and also completed her M.A. in International Politics and M.Phil in West European Studies from Jawaharlal Nehru University. Before assuming the

charge of CGA, she served as the Principal Chief Controller of Accounts (Pr. CCA), Ministry of Home Affairs, where she oversaw budgeting and accounting functions. With over 34 years of service, Kalyani has worked in key ministries including Defence, Telecom, Fertilizers, Finance, Social Justice and Empowerment, Information and Broadcasting and Home. Her leadership was pivotal in initiating the Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) scheme for fertilizer purchase assistance from the government of India.

BSNL extends its 'Freedom Plan' by 15 days

New Delhi, Sept 1 (UNI) BSNL said it is extending its 'Freedom Plan' by 15 days due to its overwhelming customer response. The plan was launched on Aug 1 at a token of Rs 1 with an aim to provide complementary 4G mobile services for 30 days to new activations. This plan was originally available for activations up to August 31, 2025, but now the offer window is extended through September 15, 2025. Announcing the extension plan, A Robert J Ravi, CMD, BSNL, said, "BSNL has recently deployed a Make-in-India, state-of-the-art 4G mobile network across the country, advancing the vision of Aatmanirbhar Bharat. The



Freedom Plan — free of service charges for the first 30 days — gives customers a proud opportunity to experience our indigenously developed 4G network." "We're confident that the service quality, coverage, and the trust associated with the BSNL brand will encourage customers to stay with us well beyond the introductory speed," Ravi added.

India now accounts for 21 out of 121 Bio-Companies globally: Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh



New Delhi, Sept. 1 (PIB): Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Science and Technology; Earth Sciences and Minister of State for PMO, Department of Atomic Energy, Department of Space, Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions, Dr. Jitendra Singh launched the High-Performance Biomanufacturing Platforms under the BioE3 (Biotechnology for Economy, Environment and Employment) Policy, calling the initiative a key step in positioning India as a global hub for biotechnology-led growth. Speaking at an interactive meet of the Department of Biotechnology (DBT) and BIRAC with industry stakeholders at India International Centre here, Dr. Jitendra Singh said, “India now accounts for 21 out of the 121 Bio-Companies globally. This is not a

small achievement for a country that once followed others; today, we are among the first movers in institutionalising biomanufacturing policy,” he said. The Minister said, the government’s focus on biomanufacturing was part of a larger vision to make India self-reliant in critical sectors and reduce dependence on imports. “BioEnablers are the foundation of India’s next wave of biotechnology-led growth. By providing world-class platforms, tools, and infrastructure, BioEnablers empower our scientists, StartUps, and industry to move faster from ideas to innovations, and from laboratories to markets,” he said. The newly launched platforms bring together 21 advanced bio-enabler facilities across

the country. These facilities will offer shared infrastructure for startups, small and medium enterprises, industries, and academic institutions to test, scale, and commercialise technologies. The scope of work spans microbial biomanufacturing, smart proteins, sustainable agriculture, functional foods, carbon capture, marine biotechnology, and next-generation cell and gene therapies. Highlighting India’s recent strides, the Minister noted that the country’s bioeconomy has grown from about \$10 billion to nearly \$100 billion today, with a target of reaching \$300 billion in the coming years. He also underlined the expansion of biotech startups, which have risen from just 50 a decade ago to over 13,000 today, supported by nearly 100 incu-



bators under BIRAC. “India now accounts for 21 of the 121 bio-companies globally. This is not a small achievement for a country that once followed others; today, we are among the first movers in institutionalising biomanufacturing policy,” Dr. Jitendra Singh said. The Minister linked the initiatives to India’s broader strategic goals, pointing out that biomanufacturing not only drives innovation in health, agriculture and environment but also contributes to reducing petroleum imports and strengthening the country’s geopolitical standing. He added that “BT” (Bio-Technology), much like IT in the 1990s, is set to become a defining buzzword of India’s growth story in the decades ahead. DBT Secretary Dr. Rajesh S. Gokhale described the launch as a “pioneering

step” that would accelerate India’s leadership in the global bioeconomy and enable sustainable solutions across multiple sectors. The facilities announced include pilot-scale plants for specialty chemicals, fermentation hubs for functional foods and drug intermediates, GMP-grade facilities for gene delivery vectors, and state-of-the-art setups for monoclonal antibodies, enzymes, and mRNA-based precision medicines. Dr. Jitendra Singh also stressed the importance of strong communication and outreach to engage stakeholders and the youth, recalling Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s reference to the BioE3 Policy in his Independence Day address. He said such visibility signals the importance of biotechnology in shaping India’s future. As India looks ahead

to its centenary of independence, the Minister said biotechnology would be a cornerstone of the “Viksit Bharat” vision. “Just as IT once became a buzzword, biotechnology will be the torchbearer of the coming decades,” he said. Industry leaders and researchers participating in the event highlighted the critical role of government-backed facilities in enabling frontier technologies such as CAR-T cell therapy, mRNA platforms, marine biofoundries, synthetic biology, and probiotics. Several entrepreneurs noted that while early-stage support from DBT and BIRAC has been instrumental in giving them a “break,” long-term sustainability will depend on strong clinical validation, international collaborations, and private investment.

Union Minister Jyotiraditya M. Scindia Launches AI-Powered India Mobile Congress 2025 App with the theme “Innovate to Transform”



New Delhi, Sept. 1 (PIB): In a significant move to enhance IMC 2025 engagement and provide a seamless, intelligent experience for attendees, Hon’ble Union Minister for Communications and Development of North East Region, Shri Jyotiraditya M. Scindia today launched the AI-powered interactive mobile application for India Mobile Congress (IMC) 2025 with the theme “Innovate to Transform”. Present on the occasion were Dr. Chandra Sekhar Pemmasani, Minister of State for Communications and Rural Development; Dr. Neeraj Mittal, Secretary (Telecom); Lt. Gen. Dr. S.P. Kochhar, Director Gen-

eral, COAI; Shri P. Ramakrishna, Chief Executive Officer, India Mobile Congress; and several other dignitaries. The 9th edition of IMC will be held from October 8 to 11, 2025, at the Yashobhoomi Convention Centre, Dwarka, New Delhi. Speaking on the occasion, Shri Jyotiraditya M. Scindia said that India Mobile Congress is not just an event but a platform of possibilities. He stated that the app has been designed to turn those possibilities into connections, collaborations, and outcomes. He further highlighted that the IMC 2025 app reflected their vision to blend tech-

nology with accessibility, ensuring that every attendee—from students to CEOs—could experience the future of digital innovation, instantly and at their fingertips. The IMC 2025 app brings a suite of next-generation features designed to streamline access and supercharge the participant journey. The app will allow the users to live-stream sessions in real time, ensuring participants can engage from anywhere in the world. A standout innovation in this year’s app is IMC Suggests, an AI-powered concierge that tailors recommendations based on user interests, suggesting sessions, networking op-



portunities and F&B zones to optimize engagement and comfort. Meetings and schedules are seamlessly integrated with personal calendars to keep attendees organized throughout the event. The app also amplifies networking possibilities, enabling real-time connections, chats and meeting scheduling among participants, exhibitors, startups and partners. The startups will receive exclusive opportunities to connect with investors and mentors through the new application, amplifying collaboration and innovation at the forum. Featuring the new Snippet tool, IMC 2025 leverages artificial intelli-

gence to curate and generate shareable short video highlights from popular sessions, enhancing the event’s reach and impact across social media platforms. The Co-Pilot chatbot serves as a personal assistant providing instant answers regarding session details, speaker bios, venue logistics, parking, Wi-Fi access, transportation and nearby attractions, ensuring participants have all crucial information at their fingertips. Adding interactive fun, attendees can capture moments with the in-app photo booth, instantly share photos on social media and explore them later using AI-powered face rec-

ognition in the gallery. Live polls and contests embedded in the app foster continuous engagement and excitement throughout the event. As innovation becomes the backbone of the country, the IMC 2025 app is designed to be student and youth-friendly, offering seamless guidance for an immersive experience. IMC 2025 will actively engage young minds, providing access to cutting-edge technologies that can inspire their future endeavours and also ensure meaningful opportunities for them to participate, learn and connect with industry leaders and emerging digital platforms.

India Post Payments Bank Celebrates 8th Foundation Day (IPPB Day)

New Delhi, Sept. 1 (PIB): New Delhi, September 1, 2025: India Post Payments Bank (IPPB) today celebrated its 8th Foundation Day, known as IPPB Day, marking another milestone of transforming the banking landscape by delivering inclusive, accessible, and affordable services at the last mile. Since inception, IPPB has emerged as one of the largest financial inclusion initiatives globally, leveraging the un-

matched reach of more than 1.64 lakh Post Offices and more than 1.90 lakh Postmen and Gramin Dak Sevaks (GDS). The Bank has successfully onboarded over 12 crore customers, processed billions of digital transactions, and enabled doorstep banking services in rural, semi-urban, and remote regions. Recent innovations have further strengthened IPPB’s portfolio. The Bank has expanded into

end-to-end DBT disbursements, pension payments, credit facilitation through referral tie-ups and insurance & investment products in collaboration with partner institutions. New offerings like DigiSmart (Digital Savings Accounts), Premium Aarogya Savings Account (Bank Account with Healthcare Benefits), Aadhaar-based Face Authentication has added newer dimensions of customer

convenience and on-demand availability of digital banking services. The RuPay Virtual Debit Card, AePS (Aadhaar-enabled Payment Services), cross-border remittances, and Bharat BillPay integration had already made IPPB a truly comprehensive financial services provider at the grassroots. •Ms. Vandita Kaul, Chairman, IPPB, said “IPPB has demonstrated that financial inclusion is not just a vision but a

deliverable reality. With our unique model of postal banking, we have empowered millions of Indians, particularly in rural and underserved regions, by taking banking to their doorsteps. Our journey sets a global benchmark for last-mile financial service delivery. This 8th Foundation Day is even more special as IPPB has crossed the 12 Crore Customer milestone.” Shri R. Viswesvaran, MD & CEO, IPPB, added, “On

our 8th Foundation Day, we reflect with pride on IPPB’s role in reshaping access to financial services for over 12 crore customers. Our Postmen and GDS have become bankers for the common citizen, enabling transactions worth lakhs of crores right at people’s doorsteps. With the addition of digital payments and various customer-centric services, we are building a robust and inclusive financial ecosystem. The future of banking is at the last mile, a

Secretary, DPIIT chairs review meeting on mega infrastructure projects across southern States

New Delhi, Sept. 1 (PIB): Secretary, Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), Shri Amardeep Singh Bhatia chaired a high-level meeting to review key issues affecting mega infrastructure projects in the States of Karnataka, Kerala and Telangana. The meeting was attended by senior officials from Central Ministries, State Governments and project proponents, and focused on expediting issue resolution through enhanced inter-ministerial and State coordination facilitated by the Project Monitoring Group (PMG). In Karnataka, 05 issues across 05 significant projects with a total project cost of INR 3,658 crore were reviewed. In Kerala, 02 issues across 02 projects amounting to INR 5,002 crore were examined, while in Telangana, 06 issues across 03 projects with a cumulative cost of INR 1,934 crore were discussed. The Trivandrum–Kanyakumari railway line doubling project, spanning Kerala and Tamil Nadu, was among the key projects reviewed. With an estimated cost of INR 3,785 crore, the project aims to double the existing single-line track to reduce travel time, enhance train frequency, and improve passenger and freight movement across the region. Once completed, the project is expected to significantly strengthen regional connectivity, ease road congestion, and promote tourism and local economic activity. Challenges related to land acquisition, environmental clearances and localized resistance were highlighted, and concerned authorities were advised to expedite their resolution to ensure timely execution and maximize socio-economic benefits.

The 5G/4G network expansion initiative of Reliance Jio was also reviewed. Discussions with the Government of Telangana focused on early resolution of pending forest and wildlife clearance matters. The project aims to extend 5G mobile connectivity to uncovered and remote regions across the country, while simultaneously strengthening the existing 4G infrastructure. Once implemented, the initiative is expected to substantially improve digital connectivity nationwide, including in strategically sensitive and geographically remote areas, thereby advancing the Government’s vision of a digitally empowered India. The Secretary, DPIIT reaffirmed the Government’s commitment to strengthening the institutional framework for project monitoring and directed the concerned authorities to adopt a proactive approach in addressing pending issues. He also emphasized the importance of private proponents leveraging the specialized mechanism of the Project Monitoring Group (PMG) (<https://pmg.dpiit.gov.in/>) to expedite project implementation and ensure timely resolution of concerns through collaboration among the Central Government, State Governments and private stakeholders.

IEPFA Launches “Niveshak Didi- Phase II”: An initiative accelerated for Financial Literacy of Women by Women



New Delhi, Sept. 1 (PIB): The Investor Education and Protection Fund Authority (IEPFA), under the aegis of the Ministry of Corporate Affairs, successfully launched Phase II of its flagship financial literacy initiative – Niveshak Didi at Hyderabad. The initiative is aimed at deepening financial awareness and empowering rural communities, particularly women. The launch was marked by a financial awareness camp held at Patelguda Panchayat, in the presence of Ms. Anita Shah Akella, CEO, IEPFA, and Shri Krishna Kumar L, Region Head, India Post Payments Bank (IPPB), Telangana Circle. Ms. Anita Shah Akella emphasized the importance of equipping women and rural households with financial knowledge to make informed decisions, safeguard their hard-earned money, and actively participate in the nation’s financial ecosystem. She noted that Niveshak Didi serves as a catalyst for bridging knowledge gaps and building confidence in communities. The camp was held in the local language telugu to facilitate ease of understanding. Krishna Kumar L highlighted the crucial role of IPPB’s vast reach across villages and panchayats in ensuring last-mile delivery of financial education and services, enabling citizens to access secure and transparent financial solutions. The Niveshak Didi Phase II program builds upon the success of its first phase by expanding outreach, introducing more interactive training modules, and collaborating with grassroots organizations to maximize impact. It particularly focuses on women-led financial empowerment, savings, investment safety, prevention of frauds, and the use of digital platforms for secure transactions. IEPFA remains committed to its mission of fostering financial literacy and investor protection, working in collaboration with strategic partners to create a more informed and financially resilient society.

About IEPFA

The Investor Education and Protection Fund Authority (IEPFA) was established by the Government of India under the Ministry of Corporate Affairs to promote investor education, awareness, and protection. Through nationwide outreach initiatives, IEPFA continues to empower citizens with financial knowledge and safeguards against fraudulent practices.

India defeat Japan in a thrilling 3-2 contest to reach Super 4s

Rajgir: The Indian men’s team continued their winning form in the Asia Cup with a 3-2 victory against Japan in their second Pool A fixture at the Rajgir Hockey Stadium in Bihar on Sunday. With this win, India have secured a spot in the Super 4s stage as they progress ahead in the tournament. Captain Harmanpreet Singh (5’, 46”) and Mandeep Singh (4’) scored goals for India while Kosei Kawabe (38’,59”) scored a brace for Japan. The match also marked an important milestone for Indian goalkeeper Krishnan B Pathak as he celebrated his 150th international game.India made a bright start to the first quarter, scoring two back-to-back goals in the first five minutes to assert their dominance. In the fourth minute, Sukhjeet Singh collected the ball on the baseline and played a perfect pass to Mandeep Singh (4’) as he beat his marker in front of the goal and finished it into the net to open the scoring. In the very next minute, India won their first Penalty Corner of the day and after two retakes, captain Harmanpreet Singh (5’) fired a powerful shot that struck the Japanese goalkeeper’s foot and went into the goal to increase the home side’s lead. Japan too won a Penalty Corner in the 13th minute, however, it didn’t amount to anything. Japan improved upon their performance in the second quarter as we saw end-to-end action between the two sides, but India’s resilient defence ensured the lead re-



mained intact. In the 19th minute, Japan came close to scoring as Ryosuke Shinohara dribbled down the middle and fired a backhand shot, which went narrowly wide. Japan won their 2nd Penalty Corner in the 24th minute but Jarmanpreet saved it on the line and cleared it away for a retake which was eventually stopped by India. India won their 2nd Penalty Corner towards the end of the first half, but Amit Rohidas couldn’t find the target with his dragkick. Japan found their first goal in the third quarter as Kosei Kawabe (38’) did well to collect a difficult pass inside the circle and followed it with an angular shot, finding the bottom right corner past the

keeper. After the goal, Japan had a spring in their steps as they started attacking aggressively in search of an equaliser, but India ensured their controlled the possession and tempo of the game to not give away another goal. With just seconds left in the quarter, India won a crucial Penalty Corner which was converted beautifully by Captain Harmanpreet Singh (46’) through the goalkeeper’s legs to reclaim the two-goal cushion for India. In the opening minutes of the final quarter, Japan won a Penalty Corner but were met with two incredible back-to-back saves by Indian goalkeeper Suraj Karkera. Moments later, Abhishek did well to find space

inside the circle from the right as he struck a strong backhand shot towards goal, but it was saved well by the Japanese keeper. In the dying moments of the match, Japan’s Kosei Kawabe (59’) struck his second goal of the day as he won the ball on the rebound inside the circle and scored past the keeper to reduce the deficit. Captain Harmanpreet Singh was given a yellow card in the final minute as India were down to 10 men, but they slowed down the proceedings and held their ground to protect the slim lead and emerge victorious. India will aim to continue their winning momentum in their final Pool A clash against Kazakhstan.

Vansh Dev-Shravani Walekar, Aanya Bisht-Angel Punera claim gold at India Junior Grand Prix



Pune: It was a golden day for India at the Late Sushant Chipalkatti Yonex Sunrise India Junior International Grand Prix, held at the P. E. Society’s Modern PDMBA Sports Complex, as young Indian shuttlers Vansh Dev-Shravani Walekar and Aanya Bisht-Angel Punera secured two titles in doubles events. Kazuma

Kawano of Japan claimed a memorable double crown, winning both the U-19 men’s singles and doubles. The tournament was organised by the Poon District Metropolitan Badminton Association (PDMBA) under the auspices of BWF, BA, BAI, and MBA. In an all-Indian mixed doubles final, the unseeded duo Vansh

Dev and Shravani Walekar produced a commanding display to defeat second seeds C Lalramsanga and Taarini Suri in straight games 21-12, 21-13. The pair sealed the gold in just 28 minutes, marking a memorable triumph. In U-19 women’s doubles, another unseeded Indian pair, Aanya Bisht and Angel Punera, fought back in style

to overcome Japan’s fifth seeds Aoi Banno and Yuzu Ueno. After conceding the opening game 21-23, the Indian duo bounced back with a dominant 21-12 win before holding their nerve in a tense decider to secure the gold 21-17 in a thrilling 70-minute battle. total prize money of USD 15,000 (Rs 13,50,000) was awarded at the event. In the all-Japanese final, ninth-seeded Kazuma Kawano upset second-seeded Hyuga Takano 23-21, 18-21, 25-23 in a one-hour and nine-minute match. Meanwhile, Yuzuno Watanabe managed to edge out tenth-seeded Yurika Nagafuchi 16-21, 21-13, 21-17 to win the U-19 Women’s singles title. In the U-19 Men’s Doubles, Kazuma Kawano teamed up with Shuji Sawada to get past another Japanese pair of Shunsei Nemoto and Nagi Yoshitsugu 21-15, 21-18. With the two Indian victories, India shone brightest in the doubles category with its emerging teenage talents, concluding the tournament with two gold medals, one silver, and four bronze medals.

Ashu Malik credits Fazel Atrachali, Surjeet Singh for Dabang Delhi’s strong PKL campaign

Hyderabad: Captain Ashu Malik, leading Dabang Delhi in the Pro Kabaddi League, said the presence of stalwarts like Fazel Atrachali and Surjeet Singh would make a big difference to the team’s campaign in the ongoing Season 12 being held in Visakhapatnam. In a chat with ‘Telangana Today’, Malik said that the duo had 10-11 seasons of experience. “For Dabang Delhi, it is as much about trust as it is about tactics. Even though I am the captain, they take big responsibilities. When a raider is off the mat for seven or eight minutes, senior players ensure the team stays composed and knows how to handle situations,” he said. Head coach Joginder Narwal, who led Delhi to its maiden title as captain, echoes

this sentiment. “Fazel and Surjeet are very disciplined. They lead by example, guide the juniors, and share insights. Their presence makes a big difference because young players benefit from their experience,” Joginder remarks. Ashu admits captaincy has brought out his best. “The team trusted me with this role, so I give my 100% every single minute. I never lose focus and always keep my teammates motivated,” he says. Joginder agrees, calling Ashu “a well-disciplined boy who plays for the team, not for himself.” The new PKL format, allowing eight teams in the playoffs, excites Ashu. “It’s a great move. Sometimes, despite doing well, a couple of losses keep you out.



ICC announces four-fold increase in Women’s World Cup prize money



HYDERABAD: The International Cricket Council (ICC) on Monday announced a staggering four-fold increase in prize money for the ICC Women’s Cricket World Cup 2025 to be hosted by India from September 30 to November 2. The overall prize money at the eight-team tournament totals \$13.88 million, which is a rise of 297 per cent from the \$3.5 million at the last edition held in New Zealand in 2022. The total prize pot eclipses the prize money at the ICC Men’s Cricket World Cup 2023, which had total prize money of \$10 million. The winners of the 13th edition of the tournament, which is being held across five venues – Guwahati, Indore, Navi Mumbai and Visakhapatnam in India and Colombo in Sri Lanka – will receive \$4.48 million, a massive 239 per cent increase from the \$1.32 million awarded to Australia when they won their seventh title three years ago. The winners’ purse at the last Men’s

World Cup was \$4 million. The increased prize money aligns with the ICC’s strategy to focus on the growth of the women’s game and a decision to introduce pay parity was announced ahead of the ICC Women’s T20 World Cup 2024. ICC chairman Jay Shah said this was another step in the right direction as the world body prioritizes women’s cricket. Jay Shah, ICC Chairman, said: “This announcement marks a defining milestone in the journey of women’s cricket. This four-fold increase in prize money is a landmark moment for women’s cricket and reflects our clear commitment to its long-term growth. Our message is simple, women cricketers must know they will be treated on par with men if they choose this sport professionally. The uplift underscores our ambition to deliver a world-class ICC Women’s Cricket World Cup and to inspire the next generation of players and

fans. Women’s cricket is on a remarkable upward trajectory, and with this step we are confident the momentum will accelerate. We call upon all stakeholders, fans, media, partners, and Member Boards, to join us in championing the women’s game and ensuring it receives the recognition and respect it deserves.” The prize money has increased for each stage of the tournament as well as the guaranteed purse. The runners-up this time will receive \$2.24 million, an increase of 273 per cent in comparison to the \$600,000 England received for reaching the final at the Hagley Oval while the two losing semi-finalists will take home \$1.12 million (up from \$300,000 in 2022) each. Each group-stage win will get the victors \$34,314. The teams finishing fifth and sixth will take home \$700,000 each and those in seventh and eighth place will earn \$280,000. Each participating team is guaranteed \$250,000.

Szoboszlai’s late stunner seals 1-0 win for Liverpool against Arsenal



Liverpool: Dominik Szoboszlai’s stunning late free-kick kept Liverpool’s perfect start to the 2025/26 Premier League season intact, sealing a hard-fought 1-0 win over title contenders Arsenal at Anfield. In a clash between last season’s top two sides – both defending flawless records – it was always likely to be decided by fine margins. That moment of brilliance arrived in the 83rd minute, when Szoboszlai unleashed a curling effort from over 30 yards out, bending the ball past David Raya and in off the post to spark wild celebrations at the Kop End. Arsenal came into the game understrength, missing

Bukayo Saka due to a hamstring injury and choosing to bench captain Martin Ødegaard. Their problems worsened just five minutes in, when key defender William Saliba limped off and was replaced by Cristhian Mosquera. Despite the disruption, Mikel Arteta’s side managed to frustrate Liverpool for large stretches. The first half offered little in terms of clear chances, with both sides struggling to create rhythm. Arsenal’s best opportunity came from a volley by Noni Madueke that forced a sharp save from Alisson, while Virgil van Dijk opted to pass rather than shoot from a promising position

at the other end. Liverpool thought they had broken the deadlock on the hour mark when Hugo Ekitike found the net following a rebound from a Florian Wirtz strike, but the goal was ruled out for offside against Cody Gakpo in the buildup. Late substitute Eberechi Eze, making his Arsenal debut alongside Ødegaard, showed flashes of his potential with a surging run into the Liverpool box, only to be crowded out by Joe Gomez. Szoboszlai – deployed unusually at right-back – was outstanding throughout and ultimately delivered the decisive moment, extending Liverpool’s Premier League scoring streak to a club-record 37 consecutive matches. Though Arne Slot’s men haven’t yet hit top gear, they head into the international break top of the table with three wins from three. With potential new signings like Marc Guehi and Alexander Isak on the horizon and a trip to Burnley up next, the early signs are promising for the reigning champions.

Brighton edges Manchester City 2-1 with late winner after Haaland’s first-half goal

London: Brighton came from behind to beat Manchester City 2-1 on Sunday in the Premier League for the second straight season, highlighting the vulnerabilities still present in Pep Guardiola’s once-dominant team. Brajan Gruda surged through an open defense, rounded the goalkeeper, and slotted into an empty net for an 89th-minute winner for Brighton, which trailed to Erling Haaland’s first-half strike — his 88th goal in 100 Premier League appearances since moving to England in 2022. City conceded an equalizer in the 67th minute after Mathews

Nunes raised his arm in the area to block a shot, with James Milner converting the penalty for Brighton. With City noticeably fading, Brighton created a succession of chances before Gruda converted one. After opening with a 4-0 win at Wolverhampton, City has lost 2-0 at home to Tottenham and now caved at Amex Stadium. West Ham eased the pressure on manager Graham Potter with a 3-0 win at Nottingham Forest, secured by late goals by Jarrod Bowen, Lucas Paqueta (from the penalty spot), and Callum Wilson. West Ham lost its first two games in the league, conceding eight goals in the process, and also was eliminated from the English League Cup in midweek. Later Sunday, Liverpool hosts Arsenal in a meeting of two likely title contenders, and Crystal Palace visits Aston Villa.

Box-Office On Sep 5th : ‘Sweet Little’ Clash

After a long time, Sweet Little Anushka Shetty is returning to the box office with her new film, Ghaati. Directed by Krish Jagarlamudi, the action thriller is showing promise to revive the box office after a long time. However, the film poses a threat to a small film titled Little Hearts. Starring Mouli and Sivani in the leads, the small film is showing great potential to become a hit at the box office. It will be an interesting clash this time, with Anushka commanding the box office with her towering presence, and the obvious choice of the moviegoers will be Ghaati. Director Krish also has a good following, and the audience liked the film’s trailer too. The family audiences, especially the ladies, might also grab the opportunity to witness Anushka on the big screen. On the flip side, Little Hearts is not a competition to Ghaati in any manner. However, there is a slight chance that Little Hearts could get an edge if Ghaati’s word of mouth is discouraging. Although Little Hearts is primarily targeted at the youth and



the Gen Z audiences, the success of a show like 90s on ETV Win and those who like Amrutham serial kind of subjects may not miss the film, if it attracts a positive word of mouth. Recently, we have seen small films with strong content

overtaking big movies with weak content. The scenario could get repeated here as well, provided the content of Little Hearts must be strong enough to gain a unanimous positive response. There are also chances for both the

films equally satisfying the different section of audiences. But, it will be a ‘Sweet Little’ clash at the box office. However, Siva Karthikeyan’s dubbing film Madharaasi will also join the box office race on September 5th.

Vijay Deverakonda and Rashmika Mandanna’s Film Goes on Floors Today



Vijay Deverakonda has been waiting for a solid success for some time now. His last film Kingdom did not impress fans or audiences. It has been a while since he scored a big hit, and naturally, all eyes are on his upcoming projects. One of

the most talked-about films is with director Rahul Sankrityan. The two earlier worked together on Taxiwaala in 2018, which was a success. Rahul later directed Shyam Singha Roy with Nani, which brought him good name. After spend-

ing more than three years preparing his next story, Rahul is now teaming up with Vijay again for a film tentatively called #VD14. The movie officially started shooting today in Hyderabad. It is produced by Mythri Movie Makers on a big scale. The story is set during the British rule in India, between 1854 and 1878. Vijay will be seen in a rural character from Rayalaseema, something he has never done before in his career. The makers say it will be a mix of strong emotions and action. Rashmika Mandanna has been finalized as the heroine. This will be her third film with Vijay after Geetha Govindam and Dear Comrade. The technical crew also adds weight to the project. International cinematographer Eric Gautier, who worked on The

Motorcycle Diaries and Into the Wild, will handle the camera. Popular music directors Ajay-Atul, known for Sairat and Agneepath, are composing the music. Hollywood actor Arnold Vosloo, who played the antagonist in The Mummy, is part of the cast in an important role.

The first schedule will take place in Hyderabad, and later the team will shoot in the Rayalaseema region. For Vijay, this film is very crucial as fans are waiting for him to bounce back with a strong performance. For Rahul Sankrityan, it is a chance to prove himself again with a larger-than-life story. With a powerful cast, international crew, and a unique period backdrop, #VD14 is one of the most awaited Telugu films in the coming months.

After RRR, Baahubali Documentary in the Works, Confirms Anushka

Baahubali fans are going to rejoice with the release of the franchise in two parts. Titled Baahubali: The Epic, the film is scheduled to hit the screens on October 31st. Meanwhile, the team also plans to release a documentary on the film, which will basically throw us some insights into the making of the film. During the promotions of Ghaati, Anushka Shetty revealed that the documentary is in the offing. She mentioned that she has completed a shoot for it. Earlier, a critic turned producer was planning to script a book around the making of Baahubali, with excerpts from many technicians who worked on the film. Now, the idea seems to have changed, after the making of RRR went viral and garnered a huge attention on social media. Visually, it will be beneficial to bring a documentary on the making of Baahubali, especially, ahead of the release of the big film, Baahubali: The Epic. As of now, the timing of the documentary’s release is unknown but the documentary is sure to grab the eyeballs. More details along with a formal announcement is expected to be out soon.



Ram Charan’s Peddi Musical Fest To Begin



Global Star Ram Charan is hectic with the shoot of his latest flick Peddi, a rustic sports action drama where he will be seen in distinctive looks. He plays a first-of-its-kind role, and is devoting all his energies for the movie. Directed by Buchi Babu Sana, the film is being made on a majestic scale under Vriddhi Cinemas, with Venkata Satish Kilaru as the producer. Meanwhile, the makers shared a photo of Ram Charan along with Buchi Babu Sana, Venkata Satish and also the music director AR Rahman. Their intention is to make the announcement that, the first single of Peddi will be released soon. So, we need to wait for little longer for the musical fest of Peddi. The team is presently filming a lavish introduction song shoot in Mysore. Peddi will be gracing the cinemas for Ram Charan’s birthday on March 27, next year.

Did Mahesh Babu Play Lord Rama in Mirai? Teja Clarifies!



Teja Sajja’s Mirai is scheduled for a grand release on September 12th. Most likely, the film will be having a solo release. Directed by Karthik Ghattamaneni, the film also features Manchu Manoj, Jayaram, Jagapathi Babu, Sriya Saran and others in crucial roles. There is a Lord Sriram’s character that becomes crucial in the film’s plot. In a recent press interaction in Chennai, the media asked Teja about who played the role in the movie. There have been speculations that Superstar Mahesh Babu played this role but Teja issued a clarity on the same. Teja hoped that it would have been good if Mahesh did it but in reality, he did not do that. There have been reports that the team created Lord Ram’s character in AI like how team HanuMan created Lord Hanuman’s character in the film. Earlier, HanuMan director Prashanth Varma and Bollywood casting director Mukesh Chhabra expressed a wish to see Mahesh as Lord Sri Ram. The rumor in the tinsel town is that Mahesh was approached to play Lord Ram in Nitesh Tiwari’s Ramayana. Later, Ranbir was brought in for this film. On the work front, Mahesh is currently working for a film, directed by SS Rajamouli.

‘Box Office Is for Producers’ – Lokesh’s First Reaction on Coolie’s Result

Star Kollywood director Lokesh Kanagaraj’s Coolie, starring Superstar Rajinikanth, Nagarjuna, and an array of pan-India stars in lead roles, was released on August 14 and had a decent run at the box office. Coolie’s theatrical run is almost over, and it has managed to enter the Rs 500 crore club, dashing the hopes of fans and trade circles who expected it to be Kollywood’s first-ever Rs 1,000 crore movie. In a recent interview after Coolie’s average performance at the box office, Lokesh Kanagaraj gave his definition of success. “Success is not giving crores and crores of money at the box office. Success is when you present the film to the audience. As a filmmaker, what matters is how sincere and how honest you are to your job,” Lokesh said. He also emphasized that the box office is for producers, not Directors. Reflecting on the mixed response to Coolie, Lokesh said, “I can’t criticize audience expectations. For Coolie, I didn’t say if it’s a time travel film or part of LCU, but audiences expected that. I can never write stories for their expectations. I write a story, and if it meets their expectations, I’m good, if not, I’ll try,” he concluded. Incidentally, Lokesh’s stance on box office success remained the same before and after Coolie’s release. Even before Coolie’s release, he has said



that if he does justice to the Rs 150 audiences spend on their ticket, it will be his Rs 1,000 Cr achievement. Well, that’s definitely an impressive take on success and box office numbers.